

VILLAGE OF CUBA
PRESS RELEASE

Recently, the Village of Cuba, working in collaboration with the Town of Cuba, completed a Comprehensive Economic Development Plan (CEDP). The planning study was undertaken in order to develop an action plan to revitalize the local economy. One of the components of the planning study involved examining Town and Village municipal operations to identify measures that could be taken to reduce the cost of providing municipal services. The planning study resulted in the following findings at it relates to Town and Village operations.

1. There is virtually no duplication of services. The Village and Town of Cuba collaborate and share services with each other extensively and have already eliminated any duplication of services that may have existed in the past. (See attached Table 3.) [Table 3: Existing Shared Services Agreements](#)
2. The Town and Village have the minimum amount of highway equipment needed to perform their respective work tasks. Highway equipment is not duplicated and the few pieces of specialized highway equipment that one or the other of the municipalities has is shared between the two municipalities and with other neighboring municipalities. (See attached Table 4.) [Table 4: Comparison of Major Equipment](#)
3. Both the Town and Village have few employees. Each municipality staffs its municipal offices and departments with what are essentially skeleton crews, i.e., the minimum number of employees needed to meet its obligations. Furthermore, several Town and Village employees are employed on a part-time basis which enables the Town and Village to avoid paying for the additional cost of fringe benefits. (See attached Table 5.) [Table 5: Village and Town Public Officials and Employees](#)

The planning study demonstrates that Town and Village, working collaboratively, have already implemented a wide range of measures to control the cost of providing municipal services. In fact, the Town and Village are working together to such a great extent that opportunities for additional collaboration to reduce operating costs do not exist. Even a merger between the Town and Village, if it were to occur, could not be expected to result in efficiencies that have not already been achieved through the use of intermunicipal shared services. In addition, any effort to reduce Village or Town staffing from existing levels would inevitably result in reductions in the level and/or quality of municipal services as a merger would not result in any change to the overall workload.

Mayor, Village of Cuba

Date

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