

# Economic Vitality Incentive Program Cooperation, Collaboration, and Consolidation Plan as of: December 2011

Local Unit Name: Bessemer Township  
County: Gogebic

Plan Available to the Public (check all that apply):  In Municipal Offices  Internet Website  Other \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Previous Service Consolidation(s)</b>					
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<b>Service Consolidation</b>	<b>Date Consolidated</b>	<b>Jurisdictions Involved</b>	<b>Realized Savings/(Loss)</b>	<b>Description of Cost Savings/(Loss)</b>	<b>Other Consolidation Benefits</b>
1. Bessemer Area Sewer Authority (BASA)	1985	Bessemer Township & City of Bessemer	Consolidation of efforts as to not duplicate administrator/labor force	To provide for sewage collection & treatment in both jurisdictions under one administration	System operated by trained professionals & administration w/oversite by board consisting of members from both entities
2. Gogebic Range Water Authority (GRWA)	1977	Bessemer Township, Ironwood Township, Wakefield Township, City of Bessemer, City of Wakefield	Savings in total costs of system creation/repair/upkeep as shared expenses	Consolidation of efforts in having the water service system for 5 entities under one administration \$376,000 to each entity over the 34 years of existence of the GRWA in administration costs alone.	
3. Powderhorn Area Utility District (PAUD)	2001	Bessemer Township & Ironwood Township	Savings to each until since 2001: administrative \$135,000/labor \$153,000 (2040 hrs. x \$15 x 5 years)	Consolidation of efforts in having system under one administrator and labor force.	

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4. Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority (GRSWMA)	1988	Bessemer Township, Marenisco Township, Wakefield Township, Ironwood Township, City of Bessemer, City of Wakefield	\$100,000/year	Shared costs having to do with up keep of transfer station	Board members representing all entities in shared decision making
5. Gogebic/Ontonagon Community Economic Development	2011	Gogebic & Ontonagon Counties	(\$1200/yr)	Shared cost of administrator position working for all entities	Board members representing all entities in shared decision making
6. Emergency 911 Committee		Gogebic County	Avg. \$1500/year	Supply Radios, Pages and Mic. Fees to Township	Board members representing all entities in shared decision making
<p><b>Additional Information:</b></p> <p>Consolidation #1:</p> <p>Consolidation #2:</p> <p>Consolidation #3:</p> <p>Consolidation #4:</p> <p>Consolidation #5:</p>					

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1. GRWA	Bessemer Township	\$28,000/year	GRWA assuming ownership/administration/maintenance of the township water system. Savings in salaries currently paid to Treasurer and Clerk.	Cost of water purchase from \$3.89/M to \$1.49/M
2. GRSWMA	Bessemer Township, Marenisco Township, Wakefield Township, Ironwood Township, City of Bessemer, City of Wakefield (possible County wide)	Undecided, would be a shared cost. 2010-11 costs incurred were \$19,453 for waste removal, plus labor at \$11,064 and gas charges at \$9750	Consolidation of garbage collection services	Vehicle cost consolidation, labor & gas costs would be consolidated also. Would also open up more time for DPW to provide other services around Township
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Consolidation #2: This is currently still in the planning and surveying portion of the process.

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