

## CHAPTER 3: INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

The Village of Barrington is a member of the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) and should pursue efficiencies that can be gained through mutual cooperation and/or shared equipment/services with other BACOG members or other neighboring communities, where feasible. The Village should also pursue cooperation with other agencies, such as The State of Illinois, Cook and Lake Counties, other municipalities, the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) and others, to maximize efficient delivery of services.

Decisions regarding interagency cooperation in the provision of municipal services should be based on the following objectives:

- 1. Efficient and high level public facilities and services should be provided.**
- 2. Efficient maintenance of public facilities and services should be undertaken.**
- 3. The level of cooperation and communication among BACOG and non-BACOG jurisdictions should be increased.**
- 4. Duplication of facilities, services and expenditures among BACOG and other nearby jurisdictions should be minimized.**
- 5. Service provision should be periodically reevaluated and modified as necessary to meet changing community needs.**
- 6. Costs for new shared services and facilities should be allocated fairly among participating jurisdictions, and between the public and private sectors.**



The BACOG area encompasses approx. 90 sq. miles and has seven (7) member communities.

### MUNICIPAL SERVICES

The Village of Barrington should continue to evaluate its capacity for supplying area-wide services when economically advantageous and feasible for the Village and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the Village and those of neighboring communities. Should the sharing of municipal services be deemed necessary or desirable, such service arrangements should be based on a fully allocated cost structure (including capital costs on a current replacement basis) and cause no adverse impact on service level to the residents of the Village of Barrington.

Partnerships with regional and statewide agencies are critical to effective administration, planning, and emergency response. The Village of Barrington should continue its partnerships with regional agencies, such as the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), BACOG, the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC), and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) to address issues of regional concern, especially those related to transportation, stormwater, and the environment. Moreover, the Village should continue to seek out and utilize arrangements of intergovernmental cooperation to provide for assistance in the event of emergencies, especially with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS), the Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), and the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN).

Joint purchasing and sharing of resources may be highly advantageous to all units of government in the Barrington area. For example, the collective purchase of expensive and sophisticated equipment should be continued and encouraged to reduce the cost to all participants whenever possible. The Village should continue to seek joint purchase opportunities through the NWMC's Suburban Purchasing Cooperative and similar agencies.

The Village should continue to work with BACOG on impact fee policies. On September 13, 2004, the Village adopted Ordinance No. 04-3180, which requires the dedication of required land or cash contributions as a condition of approval for a final plat of subdivision or final plat of planned development. This ordinance, which is based upon certain recommendations from BACOG regarding the administration of the impact fee program, should be maintained and adjusted as needed. This information was incorporated into the Barrington Village Code upon the adoption of the Development Regulations in 2014.

## WATER AND WASTE WATER SERVICE

The operation of an area-wide sewage disposal system is not based upon political boundaries, but rather upon the configuration of natural drainage basins see **Map 2, Wetlands & Floodplains**. The “Flint Creek” basin is very similar in size and shape to the recommended configuration of the Village of Barrington itself. Though the present site of the sewage treatment plant could accommodate additional capacity, it is unlikely that the expense related to the pumping stations and interceptor sewers would justify extending the system beyond the limits of the Flint Creek basin.

The Village water supply is provided by two (2) “well clusters”, each containing two (2) wells, for a total of four (4) shallow wells. The total capacity of this well cluster system is 4,400 gallons per minute (gpm). In addition, the Village has ground storage for 1.5 million gallons and elevated storage for an additional 1.5 million gallons. An iron filtration plant was constructed in 2000 to aid water quality. The 2006 Water Supply Study, conducted by Burns and McDonnell, recommends the Village consider an additional well cluster. This would provide for additional redundancy to the system, particularly as it relates to peak daily demand. As part of this study, the opportunity to extract water from Lake Michigan for use as the Village water supply was explored. The use of water from Lake Michigan was determined to be not feasible or cost effective for the Village; therefore, the Village should continue to pursue the installation of an additional well cluster. Updated water supply and water rate studies are proposed as a part of the Village Capital Improvement Plan so these issues can continue to be evaluated for feasibility and cost effectiveness moving forward. See **Chapter 9: Environmental Sustainability** for additional information relating to the Village’s water supply and enhanced water quality.

It is the policy of the Village not to extend water and sewer beyond its corporate limits, unless there exists a special purpose, district or another municipality with which to enter into contracts specifying terms of payment as well as land use restrictions. Currently, through contract, the Village provides multiple subdivisions outside of its corporate limits with water and sewer service. Additional shared services may be considered based on system capacity, land use considerations and financial feasibility.

A Wastewater Treatment Facilities Plan Analysis was prepared by Huff & Huff Inc. in May of 2007. The study indicated that the hydraulic capacity of the present facilities is adequate for the average flow from both the present population and the growth projected by the 2010 Comprehensive Plan. No increase in capacity is contemplated at this time. A waste water facility assessment is ongoing and will be completed in 2021. This facility assessment will provide recommendations on how to best manage the Waste Water Treatment Plant going forward

The Village currently participates in BACOG’s ongoing water study and monitoring by supplying data, input and resources as needed to complete the study. The Village also participates in several regional groups, providing input on water conservation and sustainable water supply for northeastern Illinois. Such regional partnerships should be continued to ensure adequate Village water resources for generations to follow.

## RECYCLING AND REFUSE COLLECTION

The Village is a member of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). Refuse and recycling collections should continue to be provided through an independent agreement between the Village and a private waste hauler. Area-wide planning should continue with regard to recycling; the location, operation and ultimate capacity of waste disposal sites; and cooperative efforts for waste conversion to alternate uses. Recycling efforts should include electronics, metals, plastics, paper and other materials. Organic composting, the use of native vegetation, and other efforts to reduce the amount of food and yard waste should be encouraged and investigated at the time of agreement renewal. Additionally, a collection contract to serve all SWANCC communities should be explored. The Village of Barrington Environmental Advisory Committee should work to assist in the coordination of efforts amongst local environmental groups to further the educational and environmental sustainability goals of this Plan.

## RECREATION

Local park and recreation services are provided within the Village by the Barrington Park District, a separate taxing entity. The Barrington Park District has developed a park system within the Village that provides for both passive and active park land. The Barrington Park District has developed the multi-award winning Citizens Park and has made significant enhancements to the existing Langendorf and Beese Parks. Continued partnership with this entity is desirable for maintaining high-quality recreational services that meet the needs of Village residents.

Cooperation among neighboring communities will be especially crucial to implementing bikeway routes and greenway corridors. The 2012 Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan recommends connectivity within the Village and to neighboring communities and jurisdictions, including the Cook County Forest Preserve District and the Lake County Forest Preserves. Moreover, the Village should continue to work with the NWMC on multi-modal transportation planning to ensure consistent planning and connectivity throughout the region.