

CHAPTER 4

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 services with other BACOG members, 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 jurisdictions should be minimized.
5. Service provision should be periodically reevaluated and modified as necessary to meet changing community needs.
6. Costs for new services and facilities should be allocated fairly among BACOG jurisdictions, and between the public and private sectors.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

The Village of Barrington should continue to evaluate its capacity for supplying area-wide services. 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. The Village of Barrington should consider shared services, to the extent that they are not disadvantageous to the Village.

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).

Principal areas of municipal services, which may require ongoing study, are general administration, GIS, water and wastewater service, recreation and public safety.

General Administration

The Village of Barrington has the largest professional staff in the BACOG area and has the resources to provide a self-sufficient administrative organization. To the extent possible, Village staff should assist the various committees of BACOG in research activities leading to proposed courses of action.

Workshops covering municipal administration for representatives from all BACOG units of government could be an effective means of improving the capability of BACOG governments while achieving a degree of uniformity throughout the area.

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 such as police cars, fire engines, ambulances, trucks, electronic equipment, arms, etc., 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.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

In 2000, the Barrington Area Geographic Information System (BAGIS) was established by the Village and has been administered by BACOG since 2001. The BAGIS program effectively facilitates data access and improves intergovernmental coordination among BACOG communities on cooperative issues. BAGIS provides basic mapping and data support using local GIS resources, provides training and support for local staff in GIS software and technology, and has assisted the Village in implementing digital data standards. In 2007, the BACOG GIS Direct Services Consortium was developed. Through the Consortium, the Village is able to purchase valuable GIS services from BACOG at a cost-effective rate. Continued participation with BAGIS and the Consortium is recommended.

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 [Figure 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.

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, the Village provides multiple subdivisions outside of its corporate limits with water and sewer service including Paganica and Abbey Woods in Barrington

Hills and Braymore, Sanctuary, Glencrest, Estates at Inverness Ridge, and Weatherstone in Inverness. The Village also provides the Barrington Hills Country Club with sewer service.

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 this comprehensive plan. No increase in capacity is contemplated at this time.

The Village currently participates in BACOG's water study 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. Additionally, a collection contract to serve all SWANCC communities should be explored.

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. In recent years, the Barrington Park District has developed the multi-award winning Citizens Park and has made several enhancements to the existing Langendorf and Beese Parks. 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 Village bikeways plan, (see Addendum, Bikeways and Figure 7, Bikeways Planning Map) 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 bicycle planning to ensure consistent planning and connectivity throughout the region.

Fire Protection

In the foreseeable future, it is anticipated that the Village of Barrington will continue to provide fire, emergency medical, and specialized rescue services to the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District. As a member of BACOG, the Village should encourage an expanded use of neighboring fire departments in the form of automatic aid as a means of containing rising costs and improving services to the entire Barrington area.

Police Services

In 2009, the Village of Inverness formed its own Police Department, terminating its contract with the Village of Barrington. Since then, the feasibility of shared police services with adjacent municipalities has decreased significantly. However, the Village of Barrington continues to have the capacity to provide a regular Police patrol service under contract to other villages.

Shared Services among Public Safety, Emergency Management and Public Works

Shared services on an individual municipal basis can be continued and/or expanded if economically feasible for the following services:

Communications and Dispatching

As a means of meeting the high level of service demands and mandates of law, the Village of Barrington participates in a central dispatch for both police and fire service. As communications technology has advanced, the Village has taken advantage of the shared costs associated with a central dispatch center to provide for state-of-the art equipment, modern facilities and optimum staffing levels.

Training

Interagency training between Village of Barrington Police, Fire, Public Works, and Emergency Management departments as well as outside agencies should be encouraged in order to maintain the highest standards of public service, utilizing state-of-the-art techniques and area resources to meet those unusual service needs.

Facilities

The facilities of the Barrington Public Safety Building might be utilized by other Villages for the temporary detention of such persons who cannot be taken directly to county detention facilities.