

Section 12: Regional Coordination

Background

In addition to supporting MC Rec, municipalities in the Region coordinate on a variety of public services, though much of this coordination is done informally. The Penn and Rapho Township Roadmasters frequently utilize each other's equipment and laborers. They first started working together in this way in the 1980s on a joint bridge project. Rapho often partners with other adjacent municipalities on joint bridge projects since most of its boundaries are delineated by creeks. In addition to the recommendations below, a number of existing or potential regional cooperative efforts have been identified in other parts of the Plan.

In addition to the existing and potential regional cooperative efforts described earlier in this Plan, the Region should continue to expand regional coordination as a strategy to reduce the cost and increased the effectiveness of all new initiatives

Regional Coordination Recommendations

Goal 12.1: Provide high-quality, cost effective public services for the Manheim Central Region.

Objective

- Identify and pursue future opportunities to coordinate service provision

Strategies

12.1.1. Continue to evaluate need and cost for local provision of police service in Rapho Township

The Pennsylvania State Police provides service to Rapho Township at no cost. If that changes, Rapho will need to evaluate the cost and service effectiveness of continuing that service or moving to another service model. Options include remaining with the State Police, contracting with adjacent municipal departments, establishing its own police force or some combination of the above.

12.1.2. Formalize existing equipment and staff sharing practices where needed to limit legal liability, ensure a fair burden of cost and facilitate continued coordination as administrations evolve over time

As mentioned above, municipal coordination of equipment and services is managed informally at the staff level. Each municipality will need to consider whether there are areas that need to be formalized through intergovernmental agreements or other tools to limit liability, ensure a fair cost burden and facilitate continued coordination as administrations evolve over time.

12.1.3. Pursue increased sharing and coordination of water and wastewater systems

The most significant opportunity in this area is increased coordination and even potential consolidation of services between Northwestern Lancaster County Authority and Manheim Borough Authority. Please see the Water/Wastewater Element for a discussion of this issue.