



**City of New Buffalo
Berrien County, Michigan
Economic Vitality Incentive Program
Certification of Consolidation of Services
December 22, 2011**

Previous Consolidation of Services

The City of New Buffalo has not participated in a consolidation of services with another unit during the last ten (10) years.

Current Cooperative/Collaborative/Consolidation Plans

The City of New Buffalo does not have cooperative, collaborative or consolidation plans in process since the passage of the EVIP program on June 21, 2011.

The City has been meeting to discuss and assess areas of cooperation within the region to include in the City's section of New Cooperative/Collaborative/Consolidation Plans for Calendar Year 2012 with the Village of Three Oaks, Three Oaks Township, New Buffalo Township and Chikaming Township.

New Cooperative/Collaborative/Consolidation Plans for Calendar Year 2012

The City of New Buffalo will negotiate with the Village of Three Oaks for Police Service Consolidation. The City will be seeking to save funding of the City's Police Chief and Office Assistant as part of our negotiating with the Village of Three Oaks to provide police services.

The City of New Buffalo will have discussions with the Village of Three Oaks and area townships on the formation of a cooperative purchasing consortium. The consortium would be to realize collective purchase savings.

The City of New Buffalo has been asked to discuss the use its City Mechanic by the Village of Three Oaks. The City would seek to reduce its costs of the City Mechanic's benefit package if services were utilized by the Village of Three Oaks.

The City of New Buffalo, New Buffalo Township, New Buffalo Community Schools, Galien River Sanitary District and possibly the Pokagon Band of Pottawatomini Indians will seek to create a collaborative fuel depot that would realize approximately \$6,000.00 a year savings for the City from its current fuel purchasing process.