

**Economic Vitality Incentive Program
Consolidation Plan as of: August 27, 2015**

Local Unit Name: Gratiot County

County Gratiot

Plan Available to the Public (Check all that apply): **In Municipal Offices** **Internet Website** **Other**

Previous Service Consolidations	Gratiot County	Gratiot			
Service Consolidation	Date Consolidated	Jurisdictions Involved	Realized Savings/ (Loss)	Description of Cost Savings/ (Loss)	Other Consolidation Benefits
1. Gratiot County Central Dispatch Authority	2006	Gratiot County, Alma, Ithaca, St. Louis, Breckenridge, Ashley, Perrinton	\$ 50,000.00	Annual savings. Current Budget is \$1,288,000 if jurisdictions were to maintain separate dispatch costs would greatly increase.	Avoid Duplication of services by each municipality. Create efficiencies of scale.
2. Gratiot County GIS Authority	2007	Gratiot County, Alma, Ithaca, St. Louis, 16 Townships, Drain Commission, Road Commission, Mid-Michigan District Health Department, and Central Dispatch Authority	\$ 80,000.00	Annual savings. Collectively the dues generate almost \$30,000 each year. A major portion of the dues are held ove for collective purchase of 5 year aerial flyover.	Countywide aerial photographs every 5 years, with countywide web based mapping interface.

3. Aerial Photogrp	2010	Gratiot County GIS Authority, State of Michigan Center for Geographic Information, Microsoft	\$ 60,000.00	5 year Savings	Partnership led to better resolution color imagery for the countrywide aerial photos
4. Gratiot Community Airport Authority	1980	Gratiot County , Alma, Ithaca, St. Louis, Pine River and Arcada Townships	\$ 74,000.00	Annual Cost Sharing of operational expenses of the countywide airport	Ancillary economic development benefits of airport infrastructure
5. Greater Gratiot Development	1978	Public/ Private partnership involving municipal jurisdictions county wide and business/ industry/ ag sectors	\$ 200,000.00	Annual savings Countrywide, coordinated, common economic development effort	Greater level of service and marketing available through collaborative effort. Single point of contact allows for consistent retention and expansion efforts.

Additional Information:

Consolidation #1: Funded through voter approved devices surcharge.

Consolidation #2: Each jurisdiction pays annual dues to the GIS Authority based on real property parcel count. Organizations pay an annual membership fee.

Consolidation #3: Entering the partnership between the State of Michigan and Microsoft allowed for cost savings through end product/ data sharing.

Consolidation #4: Current County GF contribution is \$26,000 annually. The operating budget of the airport is \$100,000 annually.

Consolidation #5: Currently The County utilizes PA88 of 1913 to fund the public portion of GGDI. Not only does this serve to alleviate GF pressure on Gratiot County, but to the local municipal contributors as well.

6. Countywide Master Plan	2010	Gratiot County, Alma, Ithaca, St. Louis, Breckenridge, Ashley, Perrinton, and 16 Townships	\$ 20,000.00	5 year savings. Countywide jurisdictions worked together to create one coordinated Master Plan saving each jurisdiction through economy of scale	Complimentary planning across all jurisdictional boundaries. Foundation of multitude of future common projects.
7. Countywide Wind Zoning Ordinance	2009	Gratiot County, Alma, Ithaca, St. Louis, Breckenridge, and 15 Townships.	\$ 5,000.00	One time savings. Adopted common ordinance language for utility scale wind development within the County.	Produced a foundation of common siting requirements for attracting green energy economic development.
8. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority of the County of Gratiot (BRACG)	1999	Gratiot County, GGDI, Alma, Ithaca, St. Louis, Breckenridge, Ashley, Perrinton, and 16 Townships	\$ 15,000.00	Annual Savings common information source and knowledge of accounting and reporting requirements	Expertise in critical cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields
9. MAGNET Drug Enforcement Team	2000	Gratiot County Sheriff's Dept. Michigan State Police, Shiawassee County Sheriff's Dept. Alma PD, St. Louis PD, Corunna PD, Owosso PD	\$ 300,000.00	Annual Savings Team developed to concentrate on narcotics produces efficiencies of scale	Numerous narcotics arrests and significant reduction of available drugs in our community

10. Shared Road Patrol Schedule	2013	Gratiot County Sheriff's Department and Michigan State Police	\$ 8,000.00	Annual Savings. A sufficient amount of road patrol officers to staff area road patrol duties are coordinated among agencies rather than each paying overtime wages to cover.	Increased communication and awareness among agencies
Additional Information:					
Consolidation #6: The countywide Master planning effort was paid through a \$1 per parcel jurisdictional contribution paired with a planning grant from the Land information Access Association					
Consolidation #7: The real economic driver behind the Countywide Wind Zoning Ordinance is the level of development that it has attracted, the addition to the tax base that this development has created and the level of governmental services that are now supported by this increase in taxable value					
Consolidation #8: GGDI is the umbrella organization for the BRACG, maintaining expertise the areas of accounting and reporting of brownfield projects.					
Consolidation #9: Gratiot County currently contributes \$10,000 per year as MAGNET membership dues along with support resources including man power, vehicles, and administrative staff time					
Consolidation #10:					
11. Building Inspection Services	2009	Gratiot County, City of Alma and City of Ithaca	\$ 50,000.00	Annual Savings. Contractual sharing of Construction Code enforcement and administration	Common interpretation of Building Code and education of contractors
12. Polycom Court Video Equipment	2011	Gratiot County Michigan Supreme Court, statewide jurisdictions	\$ 5,000.00	Annual Savings. Travel time and travel costs are saved	Enhanced safety in communication with any court, jail, or other facility statewide with Polycom capabilities

13. Swift and Sure Sanctions Program	2013	Gratiot County and Clinton County	\$ 18,000.00	Annual Savings Estimate.	Potential for savings of county jail and days closer monitoring and detection
14. Tobacco Team	2010	Gratiot County Sheriff's Dept. and Gratiot County Substance Abuse Coalition	\$ 10,000.00	Annual savings. Enforcement and training of tobacco merchants within the county	Annual random compliance checks performed and increased safety of educators
15. Probation/ Parole Compliance	2002	Gratiot County Sheriff's Dept. and Michigan Department of Corrections	\$ 25,000.00	Annual Savings. Assistance with DOC random contact checks of parolees.	Interviews conducted and home searches performed more safety and efficiently.

Additional Information:

Consolidation #11:

Consolidation #12: While originally installed to allow for the conduct of video arraignments with DOC prisoners, local judge has used as acting judge appointed in another county and this equipment allows sentencing and other proceedings from our courtroom. Major savings in travel time and costs.

Consolidation #13: Also allows for consolidation of election advertising, clerk trainings, and voter information.

Consolidation #14:

Consolidation #15:

16. Regional Mental Health Court	Oct-14	Clinton, Gratiot, and Montcalm	\$ 35,000.00	Annual Savings Estimate	Enhanced Services
17. Recovery Court	Oct-14	Clinton, Gratiot, and Montcalm	\$ 50,000.00	Annual Savings Estimate	Enhanced Services

Additional Information:

Consolidation #16: Three County Regional Collaboration- provides increased revenues for electronic monitoring and compliance