

Examples of Local Government Collaboration in Central Iowa

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Region-wide Organizations

- BRAVO
- DART
- Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Metro Advisory Council
- Metro Group Water Utilities
- Metro Library Association
- Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Metro Trails
- Metro Waste Authority
- MIALG
- MICCC Mid Iowa Construction Code Committee
- Mid-Iowa Narcotics Enforcement group
- North/East Polk County Coalition
- Central Iowa Regional Drinking Water Commission (CIRDWC)
- Purple Heart Highway Collaborative
- Contributions to government-sponsored community attractions - Blank Park Zoo, Principal Park, and Convention Complex

Economic Development

- Greater Des Moines Partnership
- Eastern Polk Economic Development Corporation
- Dallas County Alliance
- Warren County Economic Development Corporation
- Joint economic development initiatives – Polk County

Joint Purchasing

- Liquid deicer purchasing – West Des Moines, Waukee, Polk County, Des Moines and Dallas County
- Metro salt storage facility – Metro Communities
- Joint salt purchasing – Metro Communities
- Joint purchasing of EMS supplies – West Des Moines, Newton, Pella, Ankeny, and Dallas County
- Joint equipment purchase – Carlisle and Hartford
- Libraries jointly purchase paper in quantity - Iowa Educ. Consortium and libraries

- Libraries joint purchase processing supplies – State Library and area libraries
- Libraries jointly purchase books etc. from major book jobbers - State Library and area libraries

Public Safety

Fire - Joint Emergency Services

- Westside Fire Station - Clive and West Des Moines
- EMS/Fire Services – Ankeny for Crocker, Delaware, and Douglas Townships
- EMS/Fire Services - Altoona for Bondurant, Prairie City, Baxter and Clay Township
- EMS/Fire Mutual Aid Agreement - Ankeny and Polk City
- EMS/Fire Mutual Aid Agreement – Altoona and Polk County Fire Department
- Mutual aid agreements with Warren and Polk County Fire Departments
- Paramedic agreement for after hours services - Windsor Heights
- MAFIT - Arson investigators group – Metro Communities
- HAZMAT - Des Moines, Polk County and Metro Communities

Fire - Joint Training and Planning

- Emergency Management – Polk and Dallas County entities
- SERT (Suburban Emergency Response Team) Altoona, Clive, Johnston, Urbandale & West Des Moines
- NIMS/EOC Training – Metro Communities, Polk County, Army & Air National Guard, Coast Guard
- Joint fire training - Clive and Windsor Heights
- Joint fire recruit classes - Clive, West Des Moines and Windsor Heights
- Joint fire training efforts - Clive and West Des Moines
- Joint Fire training facility - Clive, Urbandale, West Des Moines and Windsor Heights

Fire - Shared Services

- Administrative support for Dallas County EMS – West Des Moines
- Shared administration of fire and EMS services – Johnston and Grimes
- Collection and disbursement of Fire and EMS taxes for the surrounding townships – Polk County
- Automatic aid agreement with Windsor Heights regarding structure fires - Clive
- Iowa Mutual Aid Compact - Polk County Emergency Management
- MICRN (Metro Incident Command Radio Network) National Weather Service and 40 entities

Police - Partnerships

- Provision of law enforcement services to four local cities – Polk County
- School Resource Officers in four community schools – Polk County
- Joint SWAT team - Clive, West Des Moines and Urbandale
- Central Iowa Traffic Safety Task Force - Altoona, Ankeny, Polk City, Urbandale, West Des Moines
- RAID Training – Response to active shooter training – Altoona, Johnston, Urbandale, Clive, West Des Moines, Waukee, Dallas County and De Soto Police Agencies
- Metro Investigation Team – State, Federal agencies, Local
- Mid-Iowa Narcotics Enforcement (M.I.N.E.)
- Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - Ankeny, Clive, Des Moines, Johnston, Pleasant Hill, Polk County, Urbandale and West Des Moines
- Shooting range use – West Des Moines and Clive
- Iowa Internet Crimes Task Force – State, Metro Communities
- Central Iowa Fraud Investigators -Task Force of fraud investigators from Federal, State, County, Local
- Central Iowa Safe Streets Enforcement Effort_ Involves 18 law enforcement agencies from central Iowa to enforce traffic violations.
- F.B.I. Terrorism Task Force - Representatives from Federal, State, County, Local
- FUSION Center – Homeland Security Intelligence Network - Federal, State, County, Local
- Homeland Security 28E—Des Moines, Polk County, Metropolitan Suburban cities
- Tobacco and alcohol enforcement - State of Iowa and Metro Communities
- Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (LEIN) – Metro Communities
- Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Response team – State and County
- Polk County Mediation Center – Provided by the Polk County Attorney’s Office to mediate local disputes between neighbors.
- Majority Investigation Team – Metro Police Departments
- Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau – State, Federal and Metro Communities
- MOCIC – Midwest Organized Crime Information Center – intelligence sharing service - State, Federal, International and Local
- PLEXA – Shared initiatives, training and other issues - Police Chiefs, Federal, State and Polk County

- Metro Westside Intelligence Meetings – Investigators meet weekly to review metro crime similarities – Metro Communities
- Metro STAR – Metro Communities
- DHS Multi-Disciplinary Team - investigate serious child abuse cases - DHS and Metro Communities
- Urbandale Juvenile Restorative Justice Program - for first time offenders – Urbandale Police, EFR and Polk County Courts
- Polk County Deer Task Force
- Joint Police Training - Des Moines and Polk County
- Police Booking – Polk County and Metro Communities
- Police Ammunition Purchase – Des Moines and Polk County
- Iowa Law Enforcement Academy adjunct instructors – Clive and ...
- Chiefs of Police Monthly Meetings – Polk County
- Chiefs of Police Quarterly Meetings – Dallas County

Police - Communication

- Polk County Dispatch
- Westcom Dispatch Center – Clive, Urbandale, and West Des Moines
- Warren County Dispatch – Warren County, Indianola, Norwalk and Carlisle
- E911 Advisory Board—Polk County Sheriff, Elkhart, West Des Moines
- E911 Advisory Board - Pleasant Hill PD, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Ankeny Fire, Elkhart Fire and West Des Moines Fire
- Dallas County E911 Service Board
- Warren County E911 Service Board
- Interoperable radio system planning - Ankeny, Des Moines and Polk County

Public Works

Regional Partnerships

- CIASSSO - Safety Training Group
- Central Iowa Association of Public Works Officials
- Des Moines Area Regional GIS – Metro Communities and Polk County
- Des Moines Waterworks
- Des Moines Metropolitan Area Utility Coordination
- Metro Group Water Utilities
- ISWEP - Iowa Storm Water Education Program

- SUDAS – Statewide Urban Design and Specifications – Storm water management
- IOWARN – Iowa Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network
- SCCIC - Safety Coalition of Central Iowa Cities- Altoona, Bondurant, Colfax, Mitchellville, Pleasant Hill, Polk City, Norwalk, Carlisle, Newton, Prairie City, Monroe
- Mutual Aid Agreement through IAMU with other municipal Gas Utilities

Joint Training

- Joint training on ESRI – Metro Communities
- Safety training with Des Moines Water Works

Joint Projects

- Joint water tower ownership - West Des Moines, Waukee and Clive
- Joint planning and zoning for the commercial area adjacent to the NW 86th Street at the I-35/80 interchange – Johnston and Urbandale
- Project administration and loans for city road projects – Polk County for Alleman, Bondurant, Elkhart, Mitchellville, Pleasant Hill, and Runnells
- Improvements to the intersection of Birchwood Court and NW 86th Street – Johnston and Urbandale
- Reconstruction of the intersection of NW 100th Street and NW 54th Avenue with Urbandale, Grimes and Polk County
- Reconstruction of NW 54th Avenue and NW 72nd Street – Johnston, Urbandale and Polk County
- Reconstruction of NW 66th Avenue – Johnston and Polk County
- Funding for a sanitary sewer system to serve developments along NW Beaver Drive – Johnston and Polk County
- 142nd Street Paving – Waukee and Clive
- Highway 6 widening – Waukee, Clive, Urbandale, and West Des Moines
- 1999 - R22 Box Culverts Construction – Waukee and Dallas County
- 2004 - University Ave Widening – Storm Sewer – Waukee and West Des Moines
- 2010 Douglas Parkway future paving – Waukee, Clive and Urbandale
- Saylor Creek and Rock Creek Trunk Sewer Projects—Polk County and Polk City
- SW State Street and NW 72nd Place Traffic Signal Project – Ankeny and Polk County
- Douglas Parkway Design and Construction – Waukee, Urbandale and Clive
- Polk County road improvement & storm water control on 24th Avenue
- Mud Creek Sanitary Sewer - Altoona and WRA

- Rock Creek Sanitary Sewer - Polk County, Polk City and Ankeny

Shared Services

- Utility meter readings - West Des Moines for Waukee
- Information Technology - West Des Moines for Waukee (prior)
- GIS Mapping, Salt/Sand, WRA - Warren County and Norwalk
- Maintenance of jointly owned streets - Waukee, West Des Moines, and Urbandale
- Shared use of SE Water Tower - Des Moines Water Works, Pleasant Hill and Altoona
- Snow removal, road repairs, and planning studies - Polk County
- Storage and use of salt and sand - Polk County and Polk City
- Coordination of water lines and pumping stations - Warren Water and Norwalk
- Road maintenance and snow removal Des Moines, West Des Moines, Warren County, Norwalk
- Operational Control and Maintenance of the Former Altoona Wastewater Treatment Plant – WRA for Altoona
- Cooperation on use of salt for brine and joint salt/sand storage - IDOT and Norwalk
- 28E Road Maintenance Agreements - Dallas County and Waukee
- 28E Road Maintenance Agreements - West Des Moines and Waukee
- Shared use of the GIS system – Indianola and Warren County
- Joint fuel facility – Indianola, Warren County and Indianola School System
- Camp Dodge water system back-up – Johnston
- Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement - West Des Moines for Waukee
- Test wastewater, and inspect sanitary system – Norwalk for Cumming
- Gravel road maintenance sharing with county on roads that are more efficient for the city to maintain and vice versa – Indianola and Warren County
- Boundary Road Maintenance Agreements—IDOT and Polk County

Libraries

- Metro Library Association 28E Agreement – Windsor Heights residents access libraries of other communities for a contract price
- Polk County Library Association, including support to rural Polk County residents
- Dallas County Library Association: Twelve libraries rotate audio books and large print books

- WILBOR consortium -downloadable audio books for libraries in the state.
- Open Access agreement and the Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement program – State of Iowa and Metro Communities
- Cooperative laptop computer lab project ensures that 11 laptop computers are on-site for 23 days/year at each library- Polk and Dallas County libraries
- Subscription to electronic data bases - State library and Metro Communities
- Reciprocal borrowing of library materials; shared training; reference assistance to neighboring libraries; partnerships in place to share costs of program providers, such as speakers, storytellers, etc – Metro Communities
- Integrated library system online catalog, cardholder registration files, circulation system – reciprocal material loans, honor each others' cards, shared cost of a delivery of materials, users may return items to either Johnston or Urbandale.
- Library services - Carlisle for Hartford
- Library services for Cumming, Martensdale, Spring Hill - Norwalk
- Library services for Windsor Heights and Polk County - Urbandale
- Library utilizes community service volunteers - Waukee
- Library has provided collections of books to the jail - Waukee

Bike Trails and Greenways

- Central Iowa Trails Association – Metro Communities
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Roundtable – Metro Communities
- Gay Lea Wilson Trail – Polk County, Des Moines and Ankeny
- High Trestle Trail – Five Communities, Three Counties, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
- Trestle to Trestle Trail – Polk County and Metro Communities
- Trail linking Raccoon River Bike Trail at Waukee - Urbandale, Clive, and Waukee
- Trail connection across Beaver Creek – Urbandale and Johnston
- Raccoon River Valley Trail - North Loop - planning, grant writing and construction Dallas County, Dallas County Communities and Waukee
- Coordinate trail and park planning efforts – Metro Communities
- Comprehensive watershed management for Des Moines Parks – Des Moines and the IDNR
- Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers greenway planning – Metro Communities, Counties and State Agencies
- Partner on water quality and management issues at Walnut Creek Hills and Lakeview Pond - Urbandale and ISU Extension

- Idea sharing and meetings to understand and develop a plan for future infestations of the emerald ash borer – Urbandale and IDNR

Recreation

- Joint recreation programming – Urbandale, West Des Moines
- Youth in Parks Program—Urbandale, West Des Moines, Pleasant Hill
- Fishing and Archery Programming – Des Moines and the IDNR
- Olympic Archery Range construction discussion - Des Moines and the IDNR
- Prairie Ridge Youth Sports Complex—Polk County, Ankeny Sports Complex Foundation, private partners
- Host the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association 2010 Fall Workshop - Johnston, Urbandale, Clive, Waukee and West Des Moines
- Outdoor Education Center—Polk County Conservation
- Aquatics – sharing of staff and equipment – West Des Moines and Clive
- Financial support of various area wide sporting events
- Construction of James W. Cownie baseball – Des Moines and Polk County
- Hosting regional sporting events: Junior Olympics, Hy-Vee Triathlon, State Soccer Tournament – Des Moines and other organizations
- Aquatic and Swimming pool Safety and Operation Committee – Metro Communities
- Junior Olympics – Ankeny and the Des Moines Sports Authority
- Partner on the Controlled Bow Hunting Program – Urbandale and the IDNR
- Partner on recreation programs – Urbandale and West Des Moines - Youth In Parks, Brunch with Santa, Skateboard competitions, Nature Education, Middle School Field Trips
- Partner on recreation programs – Urbandale and Clive - Youth In Parks, Middle School Age Youth Service, Skateboard competition
- Partner on recreation programs – Urbandale, Ankeny, Pleasant Hill, SE Polk Schools - Youth In Parks – Middle School Age Youth Service program
- Working on collaborating with the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association (IPRA) to place supply orders to get a better price.
- Collaborating with City of Clive to use their aqua belts while we were testing out the popularity of some of the new water fitness classes.
- Water safety instruction courses – Urbandale and Clive
- Quarterly meetings to discuss projects, trends, issues in the field, budgets, projects, vendors, etc. - Park and Recreation Directors from West Des Moines, Clive, Waukee, Johnston and Urbandale

Housing

- Metro Home Improvement Program—West Des Moines, Urbandale, Clive, Altoona, Grimes, Pleasant Hill, and Windsor Heights
- Building inspection services and with the Polk County Sheriff's Dept. for police protection
- Building inspection services - Waukee for DeSoto
- Building Inspection services contract – Altoona, Bondurant and Mitchellville
- MICCC - Mid Iowa Construction Code Committee
- IABO - Iowa Association of Building Officials

Animal and Mosquito Control

- Partner on animal control services – West Des Moines and Clive
- Animal Control (Pickup) - Polk County for Ankeny
- Animal Control (Care) - Animal Rescue League for Ankeny
- Mosquito spraying services – Altoona for Runnells, Mitchellville and Prairie City
- Mosquito control plan - Polk County and Metro Communities

Miscellaneous

- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant—Urbandale, West Des Moines and Des Moines
- Joint health insurance programs Norwalk, Carlisle and Indianola
- Fiber Optics System - West Des Moines, Urbandale, Clive, West Des Moines Schools and ICN
- Administrative and Financial Support – Ankeny for Polk County Aviation Authority
- Congregate Meals Site—Polk County and Metro Communities
- Coordinate for printing of bi monthly city newsletter - DMWW and Norwalk
- Shared vacant lot mowing of city/county boundaries – Polk County
- Shared construction/utilization of Martin Luther King senior services center – Polk County and Des Moines
- Weatherization Program – Des Moines and Polk County
- Jointly built and own MLK Shelter – Des Moines and Polk County
- Environmental education programs – Des Moines and Polk County

- Partnership on operation, maintenance and management of the Blank Park Zoo – Des Moines and Zoo Foundation
- Environmental Restoration Study – Des Moines and Pleasant Hill
- Environmental Restoration Study – Des Moines and Polk County Cons. Board
- Shared expenses for a comprehensive downtown master plan - Des Moines and Polk County
- Shared expenses for a downtown wayfinding study and signage - Des Moines and Polk County
- Super Block Development Study – Des Moines, Polk County, Des Moines Schools and Blank Park Zoo Foundation
- Joint investment in Neighborhood Finance Corporation to promote neighborhood revitalization - Des Moines and Polk County
- Homelessness prevention and rapid re-entry grant - Des Moines and Polk County
- Annexation Agreement – Ankeny and Polk City
- Central Iowa Public Information Officers – Monthly meetings between law enforcement P.I.O.'s and the local media representatives.
- Des Moines Sisters Cities Commission – Des Moines