

Intergovernmental Collaboration Goals and Objectives

1. Improve relationships among local governments within the region by strengthening communication and identifying opportunities for sharing information.

- 1.1. Promote better understanding among all levels of government on the roles and responsibilities of each.
- 1.2. Formally invite groups, agencies, or entities to public meetings where the topics discussed are of known importance to the invitee.
- 1.3. Encourage communities to become/remain active on regional committees and boards.
- 1.4. Encourage communities to communicate development proposal details to surrounding jurisdictions on a timely basis.

2. Reduce land use conflicts between neighboring jurisdictions including issues concerning annexations, urban and rural development, code compliance, and fringe area development.

- 2.1. Establish fringe area development agreements to resolve conflicts between cities and the county.
- 2.2. Establish fringe area development agreements to resolve conflicts between adjacent cities.
- 2.3. Encourage local governments to adopt a rural model smart code that will promote consistency of development.
- 2.4. Encourage cooperative land use polices that protect agricultural land and open space and allow for cost effective service delivery by encouraging new development to locate within existing cities and established urban fringe areas.

3. Encourage Dubuque County communities to coordinate economic development efforts.

- 3.1. Coordinate regional promotion of local tourist attractions.
- 3.2. Coordinate local business recruitment and retention activities on a regional scale.
- 3.3. Cooperate with local educational institutions to coordinate training/skill requirements to meet the needs of local employers.
- 3.4. Plan for new and maintain housing, transportation, communication, and utility systems to foster walkable cities and promote economic development.
- 3.5. Develop regional strategy to provide adequate supply of vacant, development-ready land for residential , commercial, and industrial use in each community.
- 3.6. Cooperate with businesses, educational institutions, community organizations, and governments to provide information to local businesses.

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- 3.7. Plan and promote multijurisdictional economic development projects that foster cooperation instead of competition.
- 4. Encourage Dubuque County communities to coordinate the planning, programming, and use of personnel, equipment, services, facilities, and infrastructure.**
 - 4.1. Cooperate with businesses, educational institutions, community organizations, and governments to identify and pursue federal, state, and private funding to help accomplish region-wide goals.
 - 4.2. Encourage development to locate within existing cities and establish urban fringe areas where adequate public utilities are planned or can be provided.
 - 4.3. Promote the integration of sound, affordable housing throughout the region.
 - 4.4. Encourage local government participation in school district site selection and facilities planning efforts.
 - 4.5. Continue to work with DMATS, RPA8, and Iowa DOT to plan for transportation infrastructure expansion and maintenance.
 - 4.6. Encourage intergovernmental coordination when selecting sites for community facilities, such as police stations, fire stations, administration buildings, libraries, hospitals, and schools.
- 5. Coordinate regional agriculture and natural resource protection efforts.**
 - 5.1. Cooperate on regional stormwater management planning, education, and enforcement of stormwater and erosion control ordinances.
 - 5.2. Coordinate regional efforts to improve air quality by reducing emissions from both point and nonpoint sources .
 - 5.3. Promote the protection, preservation, and enhancement of the region's bluffs, prairies, wetlands, waterways, scenic views, vegetation, wildlife, and all natural areas.
 - 5.4. Promote watershed planning to improve water quality and mitigate flooding.
 - 5.5. Preserve prime agricultural land using infill development, brownfield redevelopment, and sensible agriculture preservation policies.
- 6. Continue the dialog on comprehensive planning, land use regulation, and boundary issues between local governments in Dubuque County.**
 - 6.1. Work cooperatively with local municipalities to make revisions to zoning, subdivision, building, and other municipal codes to implement the recommendations of the Smart Plan.

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- 6.2. Continue regular meetings of the Dubuque Smart Planning Consortium after the completion of the Smart Plan.
- 6.3. Review Smart Plan bi-annually and update the plan in a timely manner.