

Genesee County

Shared Services Tax Savings

2023 PLAN



GENESEE COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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INTRODUCTION

The Countywide Shared Services Initiative (CWSSI), established by the Governor in the FY18 State Budget, was a statewide initiative initially requiring the chief executive officers in the 57 counties outside of New York City to convene Shared Services Panels for the purpose of identifying and developing shared services projects. Effective January 1, 2021, Section 239-bb of Article 12-I of General Municipal Law did eliminated the requirement of participation for municipalities. While no longer mandated, it has been found the CWSSI is an opportunity for intergovernmental cooperation and advancement.

Genesee County's Shared Services Panel consist of the Managers of the County and City, Town Supervisors and Village Mayors. This has created a working Shared Services Panel of at least 21 officials. It is understood that the panel could be expanded to include any school district, board of cooperative educational services, fire protection or special district representatives.

The CWSSI requires the County Manager convene at least two (2) panel meetings and three (3) public hearings in advance of a submission of the Shared Services Plan to New York State. The process is organized and administered by the County and the inter-governmental panel is chaired by the County Manager, L. Matthew Landers.

The goal of the CWSSI is to save property taxpayers money, by identifying collaborative opportunities for shared services between as many local governments as possible. Prospects for both short-term and long-term savings are considered.

SHARED SERVICES PANEL

Must consist of a representative from the County (CEO, Administrator, or Manager), city (Manager), each town (Supervisor) and village (Mayor):

County of Genesee	
L. Matthew Landers, County Manager	
City of Batavia	
Rachel Tabelski, City Manager	
Town of	
Alabama	Robert Crossen, Supervisor
Alexander	David Miller, Supervisor
Batavia	Greg Post, Supervisor
Bergen	Ernest Haywood, Supervisor
Bethany	Carl Hyde, Supervisor
Byron	Peter Yasses, Supervisor
Darien	Stephen Ferry, Jr., Supervisor
Elba	Donna Hynes, Supervisor
LeRoy	James Farnholz, Supervisor
Oakfield	Matthew Martin, Supervisor
Pavilion	Rob LaPoint, Supervisor
Pembroke	Thomas Schneider, Supervisor
Stafford	Robert Clement, Supervisor
Village of	
Alexander	Jason Breton, Mayor
Bergen	Joseph Chimino, Mayor
Corfu	Thomas Sargent, Mayor
Elba	Norm Itjen, Mayor
Leroy	Greg Rogers, Mayor
Oakfield	Dave Boyle, Mayor

The County may opt to invite any school district, board of cooperative educational services, fire district, fire protection district, or special improvement district in the county.

KEY ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Role of the County Manager's Office

- Staff the panel and represent the County and its residents
- Commence meetings and consult with the required panel members
- Organize public hearings and topical meetings with key strategic partners
- Develop and submit the plan, estimated Cost Savings Certification for County Legislature review
- Submit the final approved plan with certification to the NYS Division of the Budget
- Present the final approved plan to the public

Role of Municipal Partners (City, Town and Village Representatives)

- Represent their local government and residents on the Shared Services Panel
- Participate in plan development and provide local costs and savings estimates
- Collaborate with other panel members and recommend actions for implementation
- Determine if their municipality should opt-out of any actions proposed in the plan
- Vote on the plan and provide written reasons for their vote

Plan Contents

The plan must contain new, recurring property tax savings from actions such as, but not limited to:

- Elimination of duplicative services;
- Shared Services, such as joint purchasing, shared highway equipment, shared storage facilities, shared plowing services, and energy and insurance purchasing cooperatives;
- Reductions in administrative overhead; and
- Better coordination of services.

Savings from each new plan action implemented in the applicable match year must be related to activities supported by property taxes. Net savings from services supported solely by fees are not eligible for matching funds from the state.

The final approved plan will include a certification of savings to be achieved through implementation of the shared services actions. For Genesee County's plan that will be submitted for 2023, the certified savings will be tracked and documented for **new actions taken on and after January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.**

PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION

PROPOSAL ONE: Mutual Aid Bunk-in Program

Participating Municipalities: Bergen Fire Department (FD), Brockport FD, Hamlin FD, Churchville FD, Murray FD

Anticipated Annual Savings: \$480,000

Projected NYS Match: \$480,000

The participating agencies will work together to purchase and renovate a house/complex for the needs of implementing a multi-department bunk-in program targeting local schools and universities with the goal of bringing in students that are mutual aid firefighters.

Savings is expected to be realized thru increasing the number of volunteer firefighters by offering housing to students at local colleges in return for work as volunteer firefighters, thereby avoiding the cost of paid professional services.

PROPOSAL TWO: Countywide Broadband Initiative

Participating Municipalities: County of Genesee and Genesee County Towns/Villages

Anticipated Annual Savings: \$291,000

Projected NYS Match: \$291,000

Genesee County municipal leaders are collaborating in a large-scale countywide project that will bring broadband access to every mile of the County. This project is was anticipated to begin in 2023, however, delayed due to ongoing contract negotiations with the service provider. This project is anticipated to begin in 2024.

The savings is being recognized through collaboration. Pooling the projects together will result in a lower cost from the vendor rather than implementing these improvements individually.

PROPOSAL THREE: Grants Writing Services

Participating Municipalities: County of Genesee and City of Batavia

Anticipated Annual Savings: \$100,000

Projected NYS Match: \$100,000

Genesee County and the City of Batavia are exploring sharing resources for grant writing services, thereby eliminating and/or reducing duplication.

Savings would be recognized with cost avoidance. Historically, the County contracts with an agency for grant writing while the City employs an individual for these services. The County is underserved and has a need to expand to bring more attention and effort to function. The two entities are looking at sharing the services of the employee, thereby avoiding the cost of the County adding another position.

PROPOSAL FOUR: Information Technology Services (ITS)

Participating Municipalities: County of Genesee and City of Batavia
Anticipated Annual Savings: \$125,000
Projected NYS Match: \$125,000

Genesee County and the City of Batavia are exploring sharing resources for ITS, thereby eliminating and/or reducing duplication.

Savings would be recognized through the merger of programs. Currently, the City contracts for ITS. The two entities are looking at pulling the City under the County's network umbrella, thereby eliminating the need for outside contract services.

PANEL MEMBER VOTE

County of Genesee		
County Contact: Tammi Ferringer		
Contact Telephone: 585-344-2550, ext. 2200		
Contact Email: tammi.ferringer@co.genesee.ny.us		
Partners		
Participating County	Panel Representative	Vote Cast (Yes or No)*
1. Genesee	L. Matthew Landers	Yes
(1) City in Genesee County		
Participating City	Panel Representative	Vote Cast (Yes or No)*
1. Batavia	Racheal Tabelski	Yes
(13) Towns in Genesee County		
Participating Towns	Panel Representative	Vote Cast (Yes or No)*
1. Alabama	Robert Crossen, Supervisor	Yes
2. Alexander	David Miller, Supervisor	Yes
3. Batavia	Greg Post, Supervisor	Yes
4. Bergen	Ernest Haywood, Supervisor	Yes
5. Bethany	Carl Hyde, Jr., Supervisor	Yes
6. Byron	Peter Yasses, Supervisor	--
7. Darien	Stephen Ferry, Jr., Supervisor	Yes
8. Elba	Donna Hynes, Supervisor	Yes
9. LeRoy	James Farnholz, Supervisor	Yes
10. Oakfield	Matthew Martin, Supervisor	Yes
11. Pavilion	Rob LaPoint, Supervisor	Yes
12. Pembroke	Thomas Schneider, Supervisor	Yes
13. Stafford	Robert Clement, Supervisor	Yes
(6) Villages in Genesee County		
Participating Villages	Panel Representative	Vote Cast (Yes or No)*
1. Alexander	Jason Breton, Mayor	Yes
2. Bergen	Joseph Chimino, Mayor	Yes
3. Corfu	Thomas Sargent, Mayor	Yes
4. Elba	Norm Itjen, Mayor	Yes
5. Leroy	Greg Rogers, Mayor	Yes
6. Oakfield	Dave Boyle, Mayor	--

*Panel meetings were held on June 29, 2023 and August 14, 2023. A panel member vote was held on November 28, 2023.

PLAN SAVINGS SUMMARY

ROW 5 2022 Local Government Property Taxes	The sum total of property taxes levied in the year 2023 by the county, cities, towns, villages, school districts, BOCES, and special improvement districts within such county
	\$125,850,706
ROW 6 2022 Participating Entities Property Taxes	The sum total of property taxes levied in the year 2023 by the county, any cities, towns, villages, school districts, BOCES, and special improvement districts identified as participating in the panel.
	\$47,997,131
ROW 7 Total Anticipated Savings	The sum of net savings in such plan certified as being anticipated in calendar year 2024.
	\$996,000
ROW 8 Anticipated Savings as a Percentage of the Participating Entities Property Taxes	The sum total of net savings in such plan certified as being anticipated in calendar year 2024 as a percentage of the sum total in Row 6.
	2.0%
ROW 9 Anticipated Savings to the Average Taxpayer	The amount of the savings that the average taxpayer in the County will realize in the calendar year 2024 if the net savings certified in the plan are realized.
	TBD
ROW 10 Anticipated Costs/Savings to the Average Homeowner	The percentage amount a homeowner can expect his or her property taxes to increase or decrease in calendar year 2024 if the net savings certified in the plan are realized.
	Less than 1%
ROW 11 Anticipated Costs/Savings to the Average Business	The percentage amount a business can expect its property taxes to increase or decrease in calendar year 2024 if the net savings certified in the plan are realized.
	Less than 1%

PANEL MEMBER VOTER FEEDBACK

Municipality	Panel Representative	Comment
County of Genesee	L. Matthew Landers, County Manager	It's an incredible opportunity for our community to explore new initiatives and reap further benefit when done. I look forward to seeing these projects come full circle.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The schedule of Public Hearings was set by the Genesee County Legislature under resolution number 348-23. Hearings were held open to the public on Thursday, September 29, 2023 at 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 4:00 pm at the Old Courthouse, 7 Main Street, Batavia, NY.

**CERTIFICATION OF PLAN AND PROPERTY TAX SAVINGS TO THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

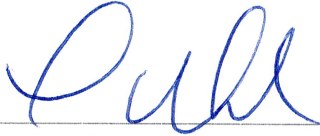
By my signature below, I hereby certify that the County-Wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plan submitted herewith is final, that it was completed in accordance with the requirements of Article 12-I of the General Municipal Law, and that the savings identified and contained herein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. Matthew Landers

County Manager

(Print Name)

(Title)



12/11/23

(Signature)

(Date)

CERTIFICATION

I hereby affirm under penalty and perjury that information provided is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. This is the finalized county-wide shared services tax savings plan. The county-wide shared services property tax savings plan was approved on November 28, 2023, and it was disseminated to residents of the county in accordance with the County-wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Law.

L. Matthew Landers

County Manager

(Print Name)

(Title)



12/11/23

(Signature)

(Date)

RESOLUTION NO. 348

**SET PUBLIC HEARING—COUNTY MANAGER/
SHARED SERVICES PLAN – APPROVAL OF**

Legislator Clattenburg offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Shared Services panel has agreed to file a 2024 Shared Services Plan with the New York State Department of State by December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, part of the process for discussing and developing the Shared Services plan is to have public meetings/opportunities for citizen input and to take suggestions on possible public sector shared services opportunities that have not already occurred and are in place, and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Ways and Means does recommend setting public hearings for shared services discussion. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Public Hearings on the 2024 Shared Services Plan will be held on Friday, September 29, 2023 at 9:00am, 11:00am, and 4:00pm at the Old Courthouse, 7 Main Street, Batavia, NY.

Budget Impact: None

Legislator Maha seconded the resolution, which was adopted by 175 (Dibble absent – 25) votes.

State of New York
County of Genesee

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Genesee County Legislature on the 12th day of September 2023. Dated, Batavia, New York, September 13, 2023



Clerk of the Genesee County Legislature

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Batavia Daily News

State of New York,

County of, Genesee,

The undersigned is the authorized designee of **Batavia Daily News**, a **Daily** Newspaper published in **Genesee County, New York**. I certify that the public notice, a printed copy of which is attached hereto, was printed and published in this newspaper on the following dates:

September 21, 2023

This newspaper has been designated by the County Clerk of **Genesee** County, as a newspaper of record in this county, and as such, is eligible to publish such notices.

Christina Henke Rea

Signature

Christina Henke Rea

Printed Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

This 22 day of September 2023

Mary Beth Alescio Walling

Notary Signature

MARY BETH ALESCIO WALLING
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
Registration No. 01WA0003427
Qualified in Saratoga County
My Commission Expires 3-23-27

Notary Public Stamp

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Batavia Daily News

GENESEE COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that Genesee County shall
conduct three public
hearings on the mandated
public sector shared
services plan. NOTICE IS
FURTHER GIVEN that the
public hearings will be held
on Friday, September 29,
2023, at 9:00 am, 11:00 am
and 4:00 pm at the Old
Courthouse, 7 Main Street,
Batavia, NY. Written
comments will be accepted
upon delivery to: Clerk,
Genesee County
Legislature, 7 Main Street,
Batavia, NY 14020 prior to
the scheduled hearing date.
The hearing location is in
compliance with
accessibility standards
under the Americans with
Disabilities Act. Lisa Casey,
Clerk to the Genesee
County Legislature