

Collaboration Opportunities and Learning Experiences

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Appleton East Underground Storage Project

- Use of AASD land for underground storage
- Annual “rent” payment for the permanent easement areas
- Replace the existing parking lot that is in poor condition so that it meets code

Appleton West Water Utility Building

- Construct building to house interconnection of two water pressure zones needed
- Goal to have engineering needs met with as little disruption to school property
- Location in the new West High School parking lot
- Saved Water Utility thousands of dollars in land acquisition fees

DPW Other Collaborative Efforts

- Safe Routes to School Grant – Worked with three elementary schools to develop safe routes to school plans. Success was greatly dependent upon cooperation/involvement of principal at the school.
- Joint purchase of fuel and salt – purchase enough for both entities. Reduced costs for both and school receives benefit of storage.
- Pilot Composting Project – Wastewater/DPW and Outagamie County

Finance - Short Term Cash Loans from City to AASD

- AASD borrows at lower interest rate
- City receives greater interest rate than can earn currently in market
- Rate agreed to 2% above the average Federal Funds Rate (currently at .25%)
- Flexible repayment terms negotiated

Recreation Collaborations

- Joint Park/School Sites: Allow for shared use of facilities such as playgrounds, ball diamonds, basketball courts, etc.
- Facility use preferential options and maintenance agreements
- Fee Waiver Program: City offers reduced program fees for recreation programs to individuals who qualify for free lunch program through AASD.
- City of Neenah and Menasha Reciprocity Agreement
- Non-profit joint efforts

Education Collaborative Efforts

- Prime Time Family Reading – Literacy program that works with entire families recruited through AASD, Title 1 and other local groups such as Hmong-American Partnership.



Health Collaborative Efforts

- Public Health Emergency Volunteer Planning Model Program – More than 500 school personnel have been recruited and trained to work in a mass clinic setting if needed
- Weights and Measures Services – NE WI Consortium (Eight Communities/155 service days total per year)
- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BFRSS) with area Health Departments and Health Providers

Transportation – Making it Happen

- Valley Transit/AASD /Boys and Girls Club Pass Program
- Tripper Buses – Operates five routes (two in the morning and three in afternoon) serving several schools
- Valley Transit/East Central Regional Planning Commission Federal 5310 Collaboration
- Appleton Downtown Inc Downtown Trolley
- United Way Employment Mobility

Technology Sharing

- Internet Access Services – AASD has a greater bandwidth requirement and allows City to piggyback on their connection
- AAMFON – Fiber connection between all City, FVTC, Grand Chute, AASD owned buildings and many Outagamie County Buildings
- Training Rooms – AASD has allowed us to share their room
- Common strategic planning and equipment sharing in emergencies.
- Outagamie County/City Crime Data Base Sharing

No Fire Walls

- Training Facility
- FoxComm
- Regional Radio Grant – 26 area Fire and EMS Agencies
- Public Education Programs
- State of Wisconsin Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS)
- FEMA Grant – Smoke Detector Program

Breaking Down Silos

- Interior Inspections – Assessors and DPW Building Inspections
- Customer Service Centers
- Forestry/DPW Laborers
- Water Meter and Recycling Cart Joint Purchases
- New Uniform/Clothing Policies
- Appleton Regional Partnership (Ignite Fox Cities)