

Action Plan

Cooperation Between Governments Team

Strategy I: Re-energize the Intergovernmental Committee to focus on cooperation.

Key Action Steps:

1. Exploratory meeting with townships, villages, city and county to determine purpose of the intergovernmental committee – and request volunteers to be part of planning sub-committee.
2. Report back to Cooperation Between Governments team to : 1) get their input/ideas, and feedback and, 2) request additional sub-committee members.
3. Sub-committee creates plan to revitalize the Jackson County Intergovernmental Committee.

Strategy II: Conduct an inventory of existing intergovernmental cooperative arrangements.

Key Action Steps:

1. Develop survey.
2. Determine the best distribution method for the survey.
3. Personally call (not email) all survey respondents to request their commitment to complete the survey.
4. Send out survey.
5. Compile results and summarize findings.
6. Send all survey respondents a link to the survey results and thank them for their participation.

Strategy III: Get input from constituents (e.g. businesses, citizens, community leaders, etc.) to identify where and how government can cooperate.

Key Action Steps:

1. Conduct a focus group luncheon with businesses to identify government “red tape” obstacles they encountered when starting their business in Jackson.
2. Determine the best method for gaining citizen input on government “red tape” issues; then create and implement plan.
3. Conduct a focus group with community leaders to explore challenges and generate ideas for more intergovernmental cooperation.

Strategy IV: Develop communication tools to assist local units in the means necessary to collaborate and communicate.

Key Action Steps:

1. Get input from all six strategic planning teams to identify areas of collaboration.
2. Create a communications plan.
3. Identify resources and needs and request funding for implementation of the plan.