

## **9.0 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION**

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There is a new interdependence of communities, counties, regional and state governments and agencies. Scarcity of public monies and economics of joint ventures necessitate open lines of communication and coordination of activities by all levels of government.

The City has a series of agreements that serve to provide economical and efficient municipal services to the community. These include the joint powers agreements for fire and police protection as well as the septic collection system. The City works with Three Rivers Parks to cooperatively deal with the County and regional parks in the City. Hennepin Soil and Water Conservation District, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, or Pioneer-Sarah Creek WMO review development proposals that involve drainage and water quality issues. The multiple school districts and working agreements with Corcoran, Delano, Franklin Township, Greenfield, Loretto, Maple Plain, Medina, Minnetrista, and Orono provide a constant flow of information between municipalities and public agencies.

The City has agreements with Greenfield and Medina to use trunk sewer of those cities to reach the Metropolitan sewer system. The City has received initial conceptual approval from the City of Maple Plain relating to the possible extension of wastewater services to service the Urban Residential Area in the future. An agreement with the City of Greenfield or Delano may occur to service the Urban Commercial area in the western part of the community.