



## Seneca County

John Sheppard

County Manager

Sep 12, 2017

Whole County Shared Services Panel  
1 DiPronio Drive  
Waterloo, NY 13165

Honorable Panel Members:

Please accept this document and affiliated attachments as Seneca County's Countywide Shared Services Plan (CWSSP) in compliance with Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2017, Part BBB.

### **Introduction:**

Seneca County will comply with Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2017, Part BBB. A Shared Services Panel was convened, possible property tax reductions were contemplated and it is the intent of Seneca County to implement the following plan;

- A. Snow removal of county roads
  - a. A snow removal agreement (Attachment A) is authored and available for the Towns of Seneca County to be compensated by the County to remove snow and ice from county roads.
  - b. At the date of this plan, the Towns of Fayette and Lodi have made verbal commitments to join with the County in this effort.
  - c. Benefit analysis;
    - i. Little to no source data is available to accomplish a specific cost analysis of this benefit. Seneca County and the Towns have little historical data of actual expenditures for snow and ice removal. The annual costs of removing snow and ice is highly variable and inclusive of; weather, fuel, labor, equipment and commodities (salt, sand, etc.) There is, however, a defensible method of benefit analysis using opportunity costs. If the County's total compensation to the joining towns is less than what it will cost the County, the net difference is a property tax benefit. Fayette and Lodi plan to better utilize existing personnel and equipment to clear 36.09 county road-miles. Both Fayette and Lodi are not expected to increase property taxes as a result of this effort. Please reference the following;

Seneca County Manager  
1 DiPronio Drive  
Waterloo, NY 13165  
(315) 539-1705  
jsheppard@co.seneca.ny.us



## Seneca County

John Sheppard

County Manager

Item	County 2018 Expense
1. (2) Full Time MEOs, no-fill vacancy	(\$100,000)
2. Part Time MEO, no-hire	(\$10,000)
3. Truck Operations	(\$20,000)
4. (2) Deny scheduled truck replacement	(\$440,000)
5. Compensate Fayette for snow removal	\$90,023
6. Compensate Lodi for snow removal	\$76,355
7. Net 2018 county property tax benefit	\$403,622

### B. Roadside mowing of county roads

- a. A roadside mowing agreement (Attachment B) is authored and available for the Towns of Seneca County to be compensated by the County to mow county roads.
- b. At the date of this plan, the Towns of Fayette and Covert have made verbal commitments to join with the County in this effort.
- c. Benefit analysis;
  - i. The roadside mowing agreement reimburses the Town for personnel expenses and equipment expenses. The potential for efficiencies and property tax reduction relies on the better utilization of existing equipment and denying the purchase of replacements. It is assumed that the compensation for personnel and equipment to the towns is commensurate with the costs of the same effort of the County. Please reference;

Item	County 2018 Expense
1. Deny scheduled mower replacement	(\$75,000)
2. Part Time MEO, no-hire	(\$10,000)
3. 2018 county property tax benefit	\$85,000

### C. County renting unique highway department equipment to towns

- a. A rental agreement for unique highway equipment (Attachment C) is authored and available for the towns of Seneca County.

Seneca County Manager  
1 DiPronio Drive  
Waterloo, NY 13165  
(315) 539-1705  
jsheppard@co.seneca.ny.us



## Seneca County

John Sheppard

County Manager

- b. The cost of ownership of this equipment is substantial. While the availability of possession (considering weather, labor, and project scheduling) justifies ownership, efficiencies can be gained by increasing the utilization of the equipment.
- c. County property tax reductions can be realized by supplanting levy requirements of ownership with rental fees. Town and Village property tax reductions can be realized by renting County owned equipment below market prices. It is assumed the demand for this equipment (10 wks) exceeds the availability of the equipment. Please reference;

	County 2018
Item	
1. Tracked excavator, annual ownership	\$11,350
2. Tracked excavator rent @ 10 wks	(\$5,000)
3. Boom mower, annual ownership	\$9,500
4. Boom mower rent @ 10 wks	(\$5,000)
5. Net 2018 county property tax benefit	\$10,000
	Towns 2018
6. Tracked excavator rent at market, 10 wks	\$16,222
7. Tracked excavator rent from Cnty, 10 wks	(\$5,000)
8. Boom mower rent at market, 10 wks	\$7,666
9. Boom mower rent from Cnty, 10 wks	(\$5,000)
10. Net 2018 Town property tax benefit	\$13,888
Total 2018 cnty/twn/village property tax benefit	\$23,888
D. Total 2018, WCSS, property tax benefit	\$512,510
E. Future property tax benefit of this plan	
a. It is assumed; with the current heavy-truck fleet of 10, a useful life of 10 years/truck and snow removal being contracted through the towns at 20 additional road-miles/year, \$133,622 of property tax savings will be recognized in 2019 and annually thereafter.	

Seneca County Manager  
1 DiPronio Drive  
Waterloo, NY 13165  
(315) 539-1705  
jsheppard@co.seneca.ny.us



**Seneca County**

**John Sheppard**

County Manager

- b. It is assumed; \$85,000 annual property tax benefit is a conservative figure when more towns mow county roads and reduce the necessity of replacing county owned equipment (mowers, AG tractors, staff transportation vehicles, fueling vehicle, etc.)
- c. It is assumed; the property tax benefit of renting unique County Highway Department equipment will continue and at least provide an annual property tax benefit of: \$23,888
- d. CY2019 benefit: \$242,510
- e. Annual benefit: \$242,510

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "John Sheppard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Sheppard

Seneca County Manager  
1 DiPronio Drive  
Waterloo, NY 13165  
(315) 539-1705  
[jsheppard@co.seneca.ny.us](mailto:jsheppard@co.seneca.ny.us)