



Decennial Committee on
Local Government Efficiency
Act Report
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Report Background

Public Act 102-1088 created the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act.

The Act requires certain (not all) units of local government to establish a committee within one year after the effective date, and at least once every 10 years thereafter, to study local efficiencies and report recommendations to the county board in which the governmental unit is located.

The Act applies to units of local government that may levy any tax, except municipalities and counties.

Organization Background

The Golden Prairie Public Library District (GPPLD) serves the 8,252 residents of Arrowsmith, Bloomington, Dale, Dawson, and most of Old Town Townships, all located in McLean County, Illinois.

The GPPLD mission is to provide access to quality library services to residents within the Golden Prairie Public Library District.

Since its inception in 1990, GPPLD has contracted with the Bloomington Public Library for services. Due to this intergovernmental agreement, residents within the district are eligible for Bloomington Public Library cards and can utilize the Bloomington Public Library, the Bookmobile, and Bloomington Public Library's online resources. This intergovernmental agreement also establishes staff support for GPPLD administrative functions.

Decennial Committee Members

The Committee included:

- Ruth Novosad, GPPLD President
- Ary Anderson, GPPLD Vice President
- Stephanie Walden, GPPLD Secretary/Treasurer
- Stephen Peterson, GPPLD Trustee
- Jim Russell, GPPLD Trustee
- Patti Salch, GPPLD Trustee
- Kathy Vroman, GPPLD Trustee
- Carol Carey-Odekirk, Resident
- Tim Ervin, Resident
- Jeanne Hamiton, Library Director

Decennial Committee Meetings

The Committee met on the following dates:

- March 15th
- April 19th
- May 17th

Services Offered by the Library

The Library offers a wide variety of services including the checkout of books, ebooks, movies, music, and other materials; computer access; online resource access; answering reference questions; educational programs; and so much more.

These services are offered at the Bloomington Public Library building as well as in the community, through outreach programs like Pop Up Library stops, Home Delivery, and Bookmobile stops.

Review of intergovernmental agreements and interrelationships with other governmental units and the state

The GPPLD Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency reviewed its interrelationships with other governmental units, such as the Illinois State Library, the Reaching Across Illinois System, and other libraries. The Committee also reviewed its intergovernmental agreement with the Bloomington Public Library for library services.

Review of Laws, District Policies, District Rules and Procedures

The GPPLD Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency reviewed 75 Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS) 16 - Public Library District Act of 1991, 5 ILCS 120 – Illinois Open Meetings Act, all the GPPLD Policies, and the GPPLD annual budget.

Conclusion

The Golden Prairie Public Library Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency ultimately concluded that the library district is extremely efficient. The general nature of libraries allows residents to not only effectively share resources with each other but also with other communities through the cooperation of interlibrary loan programs. GPPLD in particular has taken library cooperation to another level by contracting with the Bloomington Public Library for services, leading to economies of scale.

The Golden Prairie Public Library Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency provides two recommendations for the GPPLD Board:

1. Work with the Bloomington Public Library Board to review and update the intergovernmental agreement for library services as it has not been updated since 1990.
2. Continue to provide access to quality library services to residents within the Golden Prairie Public Library District.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Ruth Novosad

Chairman, Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency