



CHAPTER 12 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

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Shoreview works in partnership with other municipalities, agencies and levels of government to provide service delivery in a cost efficient and effective manner. This Chapter summarizes our coordination efforts with multiple levels of government and varying agencies. To ensure that these coordination efforts continue into the future and meet our community needs, goals, policies and recommended actions are also set.

GOVERNMENT AND AGENCIES

State of Minnesota

The State of Minnesota provides a variety of services to community residents with two of the State agencies impacting residents more than others. These include the Department of Transportation and the Department of Natural Resources. The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over the two interstates, I-694 and I-35W, within the City limits. The Department of Natural Resources is visible with respect to activities pertaining to the City's lakes, lakeshore areas and wetlands.

Regarding the State Legislature, Shoreview is represented in Senate Districts 50, 53 and 54 and House Districts 50B, 53A and 54B. The City Council does meet annually with the State representatives to discuss local issues and concerns that are affected by State policy.

Metropolitan Council

The Metropolitan Council is the regional policy-making body, planning agency, and provider of essential services for the Twin Cities metropolitan region. Essential services include public transit, wastewater treatment services, regional park system, planning and affordable housing. The City continues to work with the Metropolitan Council to ensure that our planning efforts and public service delivery are consistent with and compliment the efforts of the Metropolitan Council. In the past, the City has been the recipient of several grants to assist with redevelopment projects (Livable Communities Demonstration Account) and stormwater management (Stormwater Re-use, Rice Creek Fields).

County Agencies

Ramsey County

Shoreview is located in Ramsey County which is governed by a seven-member County Board of Commissioners that represent seven districts throughout the County. With a population of 508,640 it is the most fully-developed and densely populated county in the State, as well as one of the most diverse.

While land use falls within the jurisdiction of the municipalities, Ramsey County provides services and programs for public safety, recreation, public works, health services, cultural, human services, vital statistics, and tax assessment and collection. Ramsey County's enterprise funds, nursing home, home for developmentally disabled residents, sports complexes, and community contracting services also serve residents.

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County services that are most visible in the community include:

- » **Public Works** – The City’s main thoroughfares are under the jurisdiction of Ramsey County. When improvements are planned and constructed on these roadways, the City has the opportunity to influence the outcome by participating and authorizing consent for certain projects. In some cases, joint agreements are executed that address funding and maintenance. The City also seeks input from the County when land development impacts the County’s road system.
- » **Public Safety** – Law enforcement services are provided by the Ramsey County Sheriff Department. Shoreview, along with several other Ramsey County communities has an agreement with Ramsey County for the provision of services including patrol and police protection, investigation, traffic enforcement, crime prevention (including neighborhood watch) and animal control. Volunteers assist the Sheriff’s Department in areas such as neighborhood and park watch, crime prevention and special events.

In addition, the Sheriff’s Department provides patrol and police protection of the County parks and open space areas in Shoreview through its Lake and Trails division. To ensure safety on Shoreview’s lakes, the City contracts for additional lake patrol hours during peak use periods (weekends and holidays between Memorial Day and Labor Day). Citizen reserve unit and volunteers assist with monitoring lake and trail users through the County Lakes and Trails Watch program.

- » **Parks and Recreation** - Ramsey County owns and manages the regional open space, parkland and trails located in the City and is one of ten implementing agencies for the regional park system in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. When improvements are proposed to these areas, the City and our residents are involved in the master planning process. The City has also worked with the County on trail improvements along County roadways and clears snow from the County trails during the winter months.
- » **Library** – In 2016, Ramsey County constructed a new library in the Shoreview Commons area at the northeast corner of Highway 96 and Victoria Street (4560 Victoria Street North). The City facilitated the acquisition of and demolition of two homes near the intersection to provide the land area needed for the new library. This regional library serves patrons in the northern section of Ramsey County and provides reading and learning programs and other services. The previous library located immediately to the north at 4570 Victoria Street is leased to the Mounds View School District for administrative offices.

The facilities and services that are provided by the County contribute to the high quality of life in the community. With this recognition, the City will continue to work closely with the County to provide services and facilities that meet the needs of our residents.

Anoka County

Anoka County abuts Shoreview on our northern border along County Road J and is impacted by development projects, road and trail improvement projects. While development is regulated by the adjoining communities, Anoka County has jurisdiction over some of the road and trail networks that

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connect Shoreview with the abutting communities. The City has been involved in discussions on projects that impact these connections.

Lake Johanna Fire Department

Fire protection services are provided by the Lake Johanna Fire Department, which also serves the Cities of Arden Hills and North Oaks. A contractual agreement has been executed for the Fire Department to provide a range of services including fire suppression and investigation, medical response, and public fire education and prevention. Two of their three stations are located in and owned by the City of Shoreview.

The Fire Department has also entered into an Automatic Aid Agreement with fire departments in the adjoining communities of Vadnais Heights and Roseville. In addition, the Department engages in closest unit dispatching and responds to structure fires and major medical emergencies for incidents in surrounding communities that are in close proximity to the Department's fire stations.

School Districts

There are two public school districts that serve resident: Independent School District No. 623, Roseville Area Schools, and Independent School District No. 621, Mounds View Public Schools. Land use decisions can have an impact on the school district's ability to provide quality educational services to their students. The school districts are informed of development proposals that may have an impact on school population.

The City Council has indicated that they are interested in maintaining a strong relationship with the School Districts. Community surveys have found that one of the key reasons people move to Shoreview is the quality of our public school districts. Maintaining a strong public school system is essential in attracting young families to the community and critical to maintaining property values. In recognition of the benefits a strong school district brings to a community and to ensure City efforts are consistent with maintaining the quality of this system, the City will:

- » Support the School Boards in their efforts to maintain quality education systems, services and facilities.
- » Continue to look at opportunities for joint projects/programs that will benefit residents and community groups.

Adjacent Communities and Other Governmental Agencies

Changes within our adjacent communities and decisions made by other governmental agencies also affect the quality of life within the City. When decisions cross jurisdictional borders or have an impact on an adjacent community, the City will work with other governmental agencies and affected communities to minimize potential impacts.

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GOALS POLICIES AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Goal

To improve the efficiency, effectiveness and delivery of government services through coordination and cooperation with other governmental agencies.

Policies

- A. Partner with other governmental agencies to deliver value driven government services to the community.
- B. Advise affected jurisdictions of projects that may have impacts beyond the City's boundaries.
- C. Participate in efforts that provide opportunities for and promote coordination between governing agencies.

Recommended Actions

1. Advise adjoining communities of land use applications in accordance with State Law.
2. Execute agreements as needed with other governmental agencies when projects involve more than one agency and/or transcends jurisdictional boundaries.
3. Participate in discussions, provide input and respond to other governmental agencies when projects have an impact on the City.
4. Be involved in professional groups, organizations and work groups that focus on regional issues affecting Shoreview.
5. Lead, host and participate in community workshops with other governmental agencies that educate, provide information and solutions on relevant planning issues.
6. Continue the contractual agreement with Ramsey County for the provision of public safety and law enforcement services.
7. Continue the contractual agreement with Lake Johanna Fire Department for the provision of public safety and fire protection services.