

# GENEVA TOWNSHIP

Van Buren County

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## **SUBJECT: EVIP - Certification of Consolidation of Services**

### **Van Buren County Road Commission & Geneva Township**

Geneva Township has sent letter to the Van Buren County Road Commission to monetarily support refurbishing County Road 380 that traverses 6 miles within Geneva Township, Van Buren County, Michigan. We have offered support of \$75,000 per mile for up to two miles in the 2012 road work season.

Geneva Township must contract all road work through the Van Buren County Road Commission for local road work. County Roads are the responsibility of the Van Buren County Road Commission, but in an effort to fix County Roads within Geneva Township, we have offered, again, in 2012 to support CR 380 refurbishing.

We have been trying for a number of years to get the Road Commission to address this road to no avail, so again we have offered to support the cost of fixing this roadway. This roadway is a main penetrator in our township traversing east to west, west to east.

### **Geneva Township/Van Buren County Road Commission/Bangor/South Haven Heritage Water Trail Association**

Bangor/South Haven Heritage Water Trail Association - Black River - Grant received from Department of Natural Resources to build access for kayaking at CR 384 and 68th Street with the construction of this site will be in 2012 with a joint agreement with Geneva Township and Van Buren County Road Commission and an agreement with Geneva Township and Heritage Water Trail Association.

### **Consolidated Services in place since dates shown and still current:**

Geneva Township currently has consolidated services with surrounding townships and cities which encompass: South Haven Area Emergency Services Authority - 1/1/1996; South Haven Regional Airport Authority 1983; South Haven Community Hospital Authority - September 12, 1961; South Haven Area Senior Services - 1993; Joint Transfer Station operation - 1994; Publishing of Election Notices 8 municipalities - 1992; **Contract Services:** Van Buren County Sheriff Department - Police service - May, 1996; Van Buren District Library Services - 1990; Al-Van Humane Society Services - 1996; MSU - Cooperative Extension Service Household Hazardous Waste Program - 2000.

Van Buren County Road Commission - Cost sharing on new and refurbished bridge construction (percentage match with grant funding & engineering charge): 16th Avenue west of CR 687; CR 380 at 66th Street (CR687); CR 384 and 68th Street; 8th Avenue west of 68th

Street. Safe Intersection grant sharing at: CR 384 and 68th Street; 62nd Street and CR 388. Two more grants pending on safe intersections, one in 2012 and one in 2013-4. Also cost sharing at 50% for: building and paving three (3) miles of CR 384; building and paving three (3) miles of CR 687; replacement of cross tubes under both county and local roads.

Van Buren County Drain Commission - Working with this office has provided much drain work within Geneva Township. The Lacota drain in 2010 was supported by Drain Commission, Road Commission and Geneva Township at \$27,139.12 of which \$10,000 was Geneva Township funds. Our drains at large assessments continues to escalate with more and more work being performed on our drains, due to neglect in the past, with new drain commissioner. In 2011 our drains at large cost is \$11,949.14.

Van Buren County Equalization Department - Working with Ted Thar in 2003 we procured our website through Van Buren County at no cost to Geneva Township. Visit our site for information relative to Geneva Township. [www.vbco.org/geneva.asp](http://www.vbco.org/geneva.asp)

**Scrap tire drives:**

Geneva Township in connection with South Haven and Bangor Townships did scrap tire drives for four years at no cost to property owners in the townships at the Van Buren County Road Commission Building on M-43 in Geneva Township. This resulted in some 20 semi loads of scrap tires to recycling. Van Buren County Work Alternative Program provided assistance along with many volunteers.

Geneva Township will be applying for a Scrap Tire Grant to support a 2012 scrap tire drive and will include other surrounding townships that would participate if grant is received.

**Other:**

As you can see from the above, Geneva Township works to consolidate and provide services for our residents and surrounding townships.

We try to promote services that will benefit the major part of our township for health, safety and welfare. Working together is the **KEY** to consolidation and conservancy. This area of Van Buren County learned this a long time ago.

I am sending you a copy of the 2011 annual report for your perusal. This is published annually and has been in place since 1989.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Yours very truly,

**Geneva Township**

Nancy Ann Whaley

Attached - Economic Vitality Incentive Program - Certification of Consolidation of Services. Geneva Township Annual Report 2011.

**Geneva Township Website: [www.vbco.org/geneva.asp](http://www.vbco.org/geneva.asp)**

<b>Geneva Township</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Savings</b>
<b>Consolidation of Services</b>	<b>Started</b>		<b>if any</b>
South Haven Community Hospital Authority	9/12/1961	.4 Mill	
South Haven Regional Airport Authority	1983	.25 Mill	
South Haven Area Emergency Services Authority	1/1/1996	2.65 Mills	
South Haven Area Senior Services (VB Senior Services)	1993	.25/Mill	
South Haven - Geneva Transfer Station	1994	Clean MI Grant	
Election Notice Publication	2/1/1992		<b>60%</b>
<b>Contract Services:</b>			
Van Buren County Sheriff Department - Police Service	5/27/1977	\$95,000	<b>Cops Grant 97-98-99</b>
Van Buren District Library Services	1990	\$1000 + penal fines	
MSU-Coop Ext. Household Hazard Waste Program	2000	\$500	
Al-Van Humane Society Services	1996	\$2,500	
<b>Other Services</b>			
Van Buren County Road Commission - All road work			
Van Buren Drain Commissioner - All drain work			
Kal-Haven Trail - Open to public at no cost.			
<b>Consolidated services that Geneva Township participates in do not provide cost savings but provides better services for all of us, that any one of us could not provide individually. These services provide for our Health, Safety and Welfare.</b>			
<b>Proposed consolidation with Van Buren County Road Commission will not provide cost savings but will enhance CR 380 which will benefit all the traveling public in Geneva Township. It will decrease the cost of constant repairs with hot mix.</b>			
<b>Proposed Black River access at CR 384 &amp; 68th Street will provide natural environmental opportunities for kayaking for area residents and tourists. Use of all the access is free of charge.</b>			
Nancy Ann Whaley, Supervisor			
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