

RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL ENCOURAGE AND INCENTIVIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COLLABORATE

PROPOSED	WHO
Request General Assembly to pass law that would require each county to create a Local Government Services and Collaboration Commission that would include a representative from each local government and each entity, excluding schools, which receive tax dollars. Commission would be required to establish a plan for sharing or collaborating on services and if plan is not adopted, state funds would be withheld	Wolpert
Incentivize municipalities to use a single point collection for income taxes to make it easier for businesses	Local Taxation Subcommittee
Request General Assembly to create a pot of money to be used for economic development purposes and would only be available to multi-jurisdictional entities that work together on regional economic development strategies and revenue sharing from such development	Local Taxation Subcommittee
Incentives for Collaboration and seed funding to assist with the transition and start-up costs to collaborate (ex. Local Government Services and Regional Collaboration Grant Program)	MORPC
Amend Code to provide incentives to those that participate and penalties for those that choose not to in centralized administrative agencies tasked with handling purchasing, payroll and employee benefits	Downing
Create disincentives for political subdivisions that are not willing to cooperate or collaborate by restricting current revenue streams (LGF, grants, etc..) to encourage participation in collaborative efforts	Troy

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOCAL AND STATE TAX STRUCTURE CHANGE WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION OR IMPROVE SERVICE EFFECTIVENESS

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Require single point collection for municipal income taxes	Local Taxation Subcommittee
Encourage ODOT and ODOD to work together to support and incentivize pilot projects involving innovative systems of local revenue sharing to promote economic development - program would have a steering committee to ensure pilot program meets requirements	Local Taxation Subcommittee
Require ODOT and ODOD to create a pilot program for innovative local tax systems inclusive but not exclusive of revenue sharing - program would have steering committee to ensure pilot meets requirements	Local Taxation Subcommittee
Encourage state to establish a grant program to allow municipalities known as “first ring suburbs” to reclaim and redevelop land currently within their jurisdiction	Cochran
Reinstitute municipal income tax reciprocity by voluntary agreement, or if necessary, by legislative directive to address issue of communities fighting to grow tax base	Troy
Alter tax law to limit financial gains/losses when businesses expand or consolidate operations in two neighboring political subdivisions (Brookpark/Fairview Park/NASA issue)	Troy

RECOMMENDATIONS THAT IDENTIFY CURRENT/ALTERNATIVE SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS

PROPOSED	WHO
Provide uniform, consistent method for inspection of electric work throughout the state & make the process for procurement of plan approvals, inspection permits and inspections much faster	Cochran
Alter current state law to permit one or more townships or one or more townships and municipal corporations to join together to form a joint police district	Cochran Weidman Alternative Service Delivery Subcommittee Encourage and Incentivize Subcommittee
Require ODOT to take over road maintenance on all state routes located within a municipal corporation	Cochran Alternative Service Delivery Subcommittee Encourage and Incentivize Subcommittee
Develop informational and educational programs for local officials and citizens that provide relevant and useable knowledge for local officials considering collaboration	Economus
Create regional public transportation districts in Ohio	MORPC
Require county or regional SWAT and HAZMAT teams, 911 dispatch service	MORPC Alternative Service Delivery Subcommittee Encourage and Incentivize Subcommittee
Align Soil & Water Conservation Districts on a watershed-by-watershed basis	MORPC
Encourage increased joint purchasing among jurisdictions	MORPC
Alter state law to permit the use of design build for construction projects by all political subdivisions	MORPC Alternative Service Delivery Subcommittee Encourage and Incentivize Subcommittee
Repeal Ohio law that requires the election of certain county offices including auditor, recorder, clerk of court and other officers that perform professional or administrative services and instead have those positions filled by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services or at the local level by non-elected, qualified professionals as opposed to party or political affiliation	Downing
Eliminate townships in counties with a population over 100,000 by requiring the township to merge with municipalities that surround township or by requiring township, if population is 5,000 + , to become a city	Downing
Mandate county-wide purchasing and administrative services for schools districts located within a county	Downing Troy
Consolidate construction service providers	Roland
Eliminate overlapping public service entities - require smaller jurisdictions to contract with largest or best equipped (ex. road departments)	Troy
Require townships that have a population of 5,000 or more to provide the same services to residents that cities are required to provide	Troy
Require only one health district in each county	Troy
Examine the number of library districts in Ohio - look into making single district	Troy
Allow courts to merge to form a joint court	Alternative Service Delivery Subcommittee Encourage and Incentivize Subcommittee
Eliminate prevailing wage	Weidman

OTHER

Share State Laws that Already Permit Collaboration (Jenkins)

When a commission is created such as this, it is often assumed that local governments are not currently collaborating or that consolidation of services does not happen. However, there are many provisions in the ORC that currently allow for collaboration and/or consolidation. For example:

- *Municipal / Township Merger Laws*
- *Joint Fire / EMS / Police / Health / Solid Waste Districts*
- *Joint construction or management of public work*
- *Cooperative purchasing programs*

State Acknowledgment of Role of Local Governments

Local governments provide basic everyday services to Ohio residents that the State of Ohio cannot or does not provide. Encourage General Assembly to create a permanent commission or position within the state dedicated to local governments

State & Local Government Commission (Murray, Jenkins)

Independent State Office to Oversee Local Government Training (Lopez)

- include fiscal responsibilities, ethics and suggestions for improving service delivery

Best Practices Manual (Cochran, Downing, Economus, Jenkins, Lopez, Murray)

Publicize current Council of Governments in Ohio and what they are doing (Jenkins)

New & Interesting Concepts Utilized in Other States

Many states have recently had similar commissions to this one and have suggested the implementation of unique ideas that Ohio could learn from and potentially implement.

Georgia Collaboration Model (Wolpert)

Indiana

Wisconsin

Pennsylvania

Cost Saving Measures (Alt. Service Delivery Subcommittee) (Encourage and Incentivize Subcommittee)

Encourage the General Assembly to periodically review state laws on the following items so that the costs associated with the items are relative to the real costs of doing business and that technology and modern day practices are taken into account.

Performance Audits

Competitive Bidding

Prevailing Wage (Roland)

Public Notice

Collective Bargaining

Design Build Model for Public Construction Projects

Outsourcing Services (Weidman)