

Intergovernmental Coordination

The following are joint or cooperative efforts between the City of Minnetonka and another unit of government for the purpose of providing services or facilities in Minnetonka or supplementing the City's work. The City will continue to seek ways to reduce costs and improve service through these and similar arrangements that may arise in the future.

I-494 Joint Powers Organization

Seven cities (Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina, Plymouth, Maple Grove, Richfield and Minnetonka) participate in this organization. The group's purpose is to promote the improvement of Interstate 494 from the Minnesota River in Bloomington to I-94 in Maple Grove, in order to increase the highway's capacity, and to improve the productivity and convenience of businesses and residents throughout the region. The group makes recommendations to the City Councils of each community and works directly with the Metropolitan Council, Mn/DOT and transit providers.

Suburban Rate Authority

Thirty-four cities participate in this organization, which functions much like the Public Utilities Commission. The group's main role is to oversee any utility rate increases.

Hopkins - Minnetonka Joint Recreation Board

The advisory board consists of members from both two cities. One of its functions is to review the proposed budget for the Recreation Department, which is a joint department representing both cities.

Southwest Suburban Cable Commission

Five cities participate in this commission (Eden Prairie, Edina, Hopkins, Minnetonka and Richfield). The commission oversees the franchise agreement with Paragon Cable.

Municipal Legislative Commission

Fifteen cities participate in this commission, which serves as a lobbying group for metro second-tier suburbs.

Bassett Creek Watershed Management Association

Nine cities participate in this association, which functions very much like a statutory watershed district. The association reviews proposals for projects affecting drainage and issues permits.

LOGIS

This is a consortium of many cities created to provide joint geographic information system (GIS), data processing and management information services.

Lindbergh Activity Center

This recreational facility was constructed jointly and is operated jointly with the Hopkins School District. It serves residents of the school district and the City.

League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust

Minnetonka is one of several hundred cities that are members of this self-insurance pool formed to address the unique insurance needs of municipalities.

Lake Minnetonka Area Cooperating Communities

A collaborative area of the Lake Minnetonka area cities created to pool resources in areas such as training. In 1998, these cities jointly prepared a study and plan of housing assistance needs in their area, which is referenced in the Housing Plan chapter of this document.

Burwell Historic Site

The City of Minnetonka jointly operates this historic site and park with the Minnetonka Historical Society.

Interfaith Church Association

The City provides space in an unused building for the local food shelf.

Joint Prosecution

The Minnetonka City Attorney's office provides prosecution services for Minnetrista and St. Bonifacius. This initiative provides these services at a more affordable rate and provides backup for Minnetonka.

Shady Oak Beach

This recreation area was jointly constructed and is jointly operated by the cities of Hopkins and Minnetonka.

Sewer and Water Services

Minnetonka provides sewer and water services to portions of adjoining communities where it is easier for Minnetonka to do so. In return some of those same adjoining communities do the same thing for portions of Minnetonka.

Building Inspections

Minnetonka provides building inspection services to the cities of Deephaven, Greenwood, and Woodland.

Southwest Fire Mutual Aid Association

Minnetonka joins with a number of other communities in the southwestern metro area to provide a fire safety house on a trailer, which is used for fire prevention training for children.

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

Minnetonka provides the staff and equipment for the MCWD to maintain the water level at the Grays Bay dam. Minnetonka has a cooperative agreement with MCWD for the installation and maintenance of canoe landings along Minnehaha Creek.

Lake Minnetonka Conservation District

Minnetonka joins with 13 other communities in an organization created by state law to manage the surface of Lake Minnetonka.

Southwest Hennepin Drug Force

A cooperative venture between Hennepin County, Eden Prairie, Edina and Minnetonka, with emphasis on the enforcement of illegal drug activities.

School Liaison Officer

A joint effort between the City of Minnetonka and the Hopkins and Minnetonka School Districts in providing a police officer school liaison for senior high, middle and elementary schools.

Recycling

The City participates in collaborative contracts between Minnetonka, Plymouth, and Golden Valley for recycling services.