

**TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL
COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT
(For Township Road Districts Only)**

I. Unit of government submitting this report:

NAME OF ROAD DISTRICT: CHANNAHON TOWNSHIP

II. Information about our Road District

- A. We are located in Will County. There are 24 townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is 13,383, as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have 5 employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
- D. Our annual budget for 2024 is: \$2,035,703.00.
- E. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2024 is \$307,894,666.00

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Highway Commissioner	Steve Troutman
Township Supervisor	Judy Wooten
Township Trustee	Mike Rittof
Township Trustee	Brian Jackson
Township Trustee	David Nelson
Township Trustee	Christine Drumm
Township Resident	Mark Scaggs
Township Resident	Rita Duchene-Hughes

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B.	<u>Dates that our Committee Met</u>	(50 ILCS 70/20)
	First (Organizational) Meeting	May 22, 2023
	Second Meeting:	May 20, 2024
	Third Meeting:	August 26, 2024

IV. Programs Offered by our Township.

A. Our Township offers the following services and programs:

- Compactor
- Electronic Recycling
- Food Trucks
- Senior Christmas Food Boxes, and Trips
- Veteran Sponsorship Programs (K-9, PTSD Memorial, Breakfast)
- Village of Channahon and Minooka Bike Path Sponsorship
- Maintain Willard Grove Cemetery (Trees and Drive)

V. Social Service Agreements

A. We partner with the following not for profits to offer social services:

<u>Entity:</u>	<u>Services Provided:</u>
1. Goldeneers Senior Club	Luncheons/Day Trips
2. Three Rivers Fest	Parade/Senior BINGO
3. Local Food Pantry	Provide location/volunteers for Food Trucks
4. Will County Green	Electronic Recycling
5. Channahon Park District	All-inclusive Playground
6. Channahon Fire Protection District	Touch-a-Truck

B. Our residents have benefitted from these agreements in the following ways:
Nutrition, Entertainment, and Youth Development.

VI. Awards and Recognitions

Our Township Road District has received the following awards, distinctions, and recognitions:

1. Channahon Park District
2. Will County Green
3. Goldeneers
4. Three Rivers Fest

VII. Intergovernmental Agreements

A. We partner with, or have Intergovernmental Agreements, with the following other Governments:

<u>Entity:</u>	<u>Services Offered:</u>
1. Will County Green	Electronic Recycling
2. Village of Channahon	Maintenance
3. IPWMAN	Disaster Relief
4. Village of Minooka	Maintenance

B. Our Township's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way: No duplication of services.

VIII. Review of Laws, Township Policies, Township Rules and Procedures, Township Training Materials, and other Documents for Road District

We have reviewed the following, non-exhaustive list of laws, policies, training materials, and other documents applicable to the Township to evaluate our compliance and to determine if any of the foregoing should be amended.

State laws applicable to Townships, including, but not limited to the Township Code (60 ILCS)

Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)

Policy on public comment

Designation of OMA officer (5 ILCS 120/1.05(a))

All Elected Officials have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))

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Schedule of All Township Regular Meetings for Calendar or Fiscal Year (5 ILCS 120/2.03)

Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

Designation of FOIA officer (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))

FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b))

Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))

Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))

List of Types or Categories of FOIA Records under Township's Control (5 ILCS 140/5)

Periodic Meetings to Review Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2.06(d))

Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1)

All our Elected Officials have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5)

Sexual harassment prevention training (775 ILCS 5/2-109(c))

Our Intergovernmental Agreements

Our Social Service Agreements or Contracts

Our budget and financial documents

State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1)

Our budget and financial documents

IX. What Have We Done Well?

Prudent management of Township Road and Bridge funds maximizing interest returns; Budget constraints to avoid levy increases; Intergovernmental agreements to utilize services and facilities that are already available; Provide programs and services for Township seniors and veterans; Partnering with numerous social service agencies to maximize programs and services for residents.

X. What Inefficiencies Did We Identify/What Are our Next Steps?

Based on this review, our social services and intergovernmental agreements have proven to be efficient for equipment, personnel, and costs. Our auditor ensured accountability by verifying the policies and procedures. The current IGAs and services will be kept in place. The ability to partner with other agencies to save taxpayer's money will be explored.

XI. Studies on Governmental Efficiencies

In preparing this report, we reviewed several studies on local government efficiency. These studies show that:

- The average local government in Illinois serves 1800 residents compared to the national median of 2850 individuals
- Most townships in Illinois have no bonded indebtedness. Together with road districts they are an integral element of local democracy. Township expenditures have grown at a lower rate than those of any other level of government since 1992.
- Townships have lower labor costs and employ mostly part time employees.

XII. Our committee's recommendations regarding Increased Accountability and Efficiency:

Encourage our counties, states, and federal governments to minimize or eliminate unfunded mandates. Many times, they are an unnecessary expenditure and use of resources including - but not limited to - time, money, and talents. Questions such as "Is this worthwhile?", "Will it yield tangible results?" and "Who will benefit?" need to be asked prior to any unfunded mandate being put in place.

Submitted by: _____


Judy Wooten

Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Channahon Township Road District

Date: 08/26/2024