

GREEN GARDEN TOWNSHIP REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT

I. Unit of government submitting this report:

NAME OF TOWNSHIP: GREEN GARDEN TOWNSHIP

Green Garden Township is located in Will County, Illinois, between the villages of Manhattan and Monee and straight south of Frankfort. The center of the Township is the intersection of Manhattan-Monee and Center Roads. From the center, the Township extends three miles (5 km) in each direction; north, west, south, and east, for a total of 36 square miles (93 km).

According to the 2020 census, the Township has a total area of 36.67 square miles (95.0 km), all land. Its major roads are U.S. Route 45, Center Road, Manhattan-Monee Road, and Harlem Avenue. The total population is 3,893 residents and 1,445 total housing units.

Students within the Township attend Peotone Community Schools.

The Township maintains 68.63 miles of road and 22 bridges. We have 5 part-time employees of the Township (not including elected officials).

II. Information about our Township

- A. We are located in Will County. There are 24 townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is 3,893 as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have a few part-time employees of the Township (not including elected officials).
- D. Our annual budget for 2024 is: \$508,500.
- E. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2024 is \$239,581.772.

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor	Donald Murday
Township Trustee	William Wagner
Township Trustee	Cherie Newton
Township Trustee	Ralph Dietz
Township Trustee	Mark Kovar
Township Resident	Robert Schulz
Township Resident	Jerry Wayman

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B. Dates that our Committee Met

First (Organizational) Meeting:	June 12, 2023
Second Meeting:	October 9, 2023
Third Meeting:	July 8, 2024
Additional Meetings (List All):	September 9, 2024

IV. Programs Offered by our Township.

A. Our Township offers the following services and programs: (List programs like general assistance, youth programs, senior programs, community programs, LIHEAP, etc.) (If not applicable, remove this).

- 1) We offer General Assistance, but have not had any appropriate requests in many years.
- 2) We currently do not offer any programs other than a “Will Ride” transportation program for the elderly and disabled.
- 3) We also directed Grant monies to a Food Shelter in the Township.
- 4) Public periodic Township newsletter that provides information to the residents.
- 5) Township Website.

V. Social Service Agreements

A. We do not partner with anyone other than Will County for our transportation program.

B. Our residents have benefitted from these agreements in the following ways:

Usage of subsidized transportation.

C. We have considered possibly offering the following social services or the following additional potential partnerships:

None.

VI. Awards and Recognitions

Our Township has received the following awards, distinctions, and recognitions: (List all).

None.

VII. Intergovernmental Agreements

- A. We partner with, or have Intergovernmental Agreements, with the following other Governments (List all):

Entity:	Services Offered:
Will County	Transportation services for elderly and disabled

- B. Our Township's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way (list cost savings, avoiding duplicated services, etc.):

We benefit from our agreement with Will County to provide affordable transportation services to elderly and disabled.

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

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 of Elected Officials have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))
- 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))
- IMRF Total Compensation Postings (5 ILCS 120/7.3)
- Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1)
- All of 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)
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- Reports on government efficiency, including "Local Government Efficiency and Size in Illinois: Counting Tax Revenues, Not Governments" by Wendell Cox (2016); "Local Democracy and Townships in the Chicagoland Area," by Wendell Cox, (January 2012).
- Others (List Below or Attach):

IX. What Have We Done Well? We have lived within our budget and not overspent.

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

We identified a need for a "Policies and Procedures" guidance for the Township, as well as an Employee Handbook. We are currently assembling and will formalize shortly.

XI. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?

Being a small Township with a minimal budget, we do everything as efficiently as we can. We have no debt.

XII. Studies on Governmental Efficiencies

In preparing this report, we reviewed no studies on local government efficiency.

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

The Committee recommends that we continue to efficiently and effectively live within our budget, and incur no debt.

Submitted by: _____
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Green Garden Township

Date: _____

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Submitted by: Donald A Munday / Supervisor
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Green Garden Township

Date: 12/18/24