

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

I. Unit of government submitting this report:

NAME OF TOWNSHIP: Winfield Township

II. Information about the Winfield Township

- A. We are in DuPage County. There are nine townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is 45,836, as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have 7 employees in our Township (not including elected officials).
- D. Our annual budget for 2023 is: \$1,989,950.00.
- E. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is \$1,953,110,440.00.

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor Nicole Prater  
Township Trustee Donald Voelz  
Township Trustee Barb Alekna  
Township Trustee Shawn Hacker  
Township Trustee Judi Lucas  
Township Resident Lisa Welch  
Township Resident Eileen Kelly Cagle

B. Dates that our Committee Met (50 ILCS 70/20)

First (Organizational) Meeting  
(must occur prior to June 10, 2023): May 8, 2023

Second Meeting: February 12, 2024

Third Meeting: August 12, 2024

Additional Meetings (List All): October 14, 2024

IV. Programs Offered by our Township.

A. The Township offers an annual recycling program, Emergency and General assistance, Bus Program, WAYS, LIHEAP, Christmas Program, Back to School Program, Thanksgiving Program, Cemetery, Property Assessments

- B. Other services/programs we could possibly provide:  
Shared food pantry program for senior and disabled persons.

V. Social Service Agreements

A. We partner with the following not for profits to offer social services (list all):

<u>Entity:</u>	<u>Services Provided:</u>
1. WAYS	Counseling and Mental health
2. CERT	Community safety
3. Warrenville Youth and family Services	Counseling and Mental health
4. Neighborhood Food Pantry	Community outreach
5. Doodlebug	Counseling and Mental health
6. Midwest shelter for homeless Veterans	Counseling and Mental health and Community Outreach
7. EDUCARE	Education and Community outreach

B. Our residents have benefitted from these agreements in the following ways:  
Counseling and Mental Health, working within the community, feeling a sense of security within the township.

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

VI. Awards and Recognitions

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

- Earth Flag through DuPage County and Scarce

VII. Intergovernmental Agreements

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

1. Pace-RIDE DuPage
2. WAYS-Wayne Township
3. LIHEAP
4. CERT-Milton Township
5. Senior Services-Wayne Township
6. LARPA-DuPage County
7. COVID 19 Reimbursement-DuPage County

B. Our Township's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way (list cost savings, avoiding duplicated services, etc.): Cost Sharing when working together on projects along with sharing equipment and manpower.

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

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.

- X State laws applicable to Townships, including, but not limited to the Township Code (60 ILCS)
- X Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)
- X All of Elected Officials have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))
- X Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)
- X Designation of FOIA officer (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- X FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b))
- X Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- X Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))
- X List of Types or Categories of FOIA Records under Township's Control (5 ILCS 140/5)
- X IMRF Total Compensation Postings (5 ILCS 120/7.3)
- X Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1)
- X All of our Elected Officials have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5)
- X Sexual harassment prevention training (775 ILCS 5/2-109(c))
- X Our Intergovernmental Agreements
- X Contracts
- X Our budget and financial documents
- X State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1)

- X 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).

IX. What Have We Done Well?

The Winfield Township offers General and Emergency assistance. We have a bus program for 55+ and Disabled persons to use withing three-mile radius outside the township. We work and participate in multiple programs to assist people: Access DuPage, Childrens Center, CERT, Doodlebug, DuPage County Senior Citizens, DuPage Veteran Foundation, Educare West DuPage, Multiple food Banks, Healthy west Chicago, Warrenville Youth and family services, WAYS and Midwest shelter for Homeless Veterans.

We partner with the Road District in an annual recycling event to the public.

We attend Health and Neighborhood fairs and HOA meetings to encourage constituents to utilize Township programs.

We have passed Ethics Ordinance 2023-01.

The Township responds to FOIA requests within a timely manner (normally within 24 hours)

The Township has had several Levey freezes in the past decade. We even had a tax abatement in 2022.

Winfield Township also does property assessment.

Our IGA’s include:

- Participation in the Local American Rescue Plan Act (“LARPA”) Program
- Intergovernmental agreement for participation in DuPage County Local government COVID-19 reimbursement Program
- Winfield Township and Milton Township CERT
- Vendor agreement between the County of DuPage and Winfield township for the administration of low-income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP)
- Intergovernmental agreement between Wayne Township and Winfield township for Senior Center
- IGA between Winfield township and Pace

Copies of any of these can be provided upon request.

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

Proper way to fulfill a position when the previous person has died. The board created proper instructions and filled the position.

XI. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?

The Township Mission is Providing services, information and resources benefiting our residents in a responsible and caring manner. We are accomplishing this. Our Vision Statement is A sustainable, innovative and inclusive community built through a legacy of responsible service. We believe our visions are being met and looking for new ways to help the community.

XII. 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.

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

Note: This Report must be filed with your County no later than 18 months after your first committee meeting.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Winfield Township

Date:

