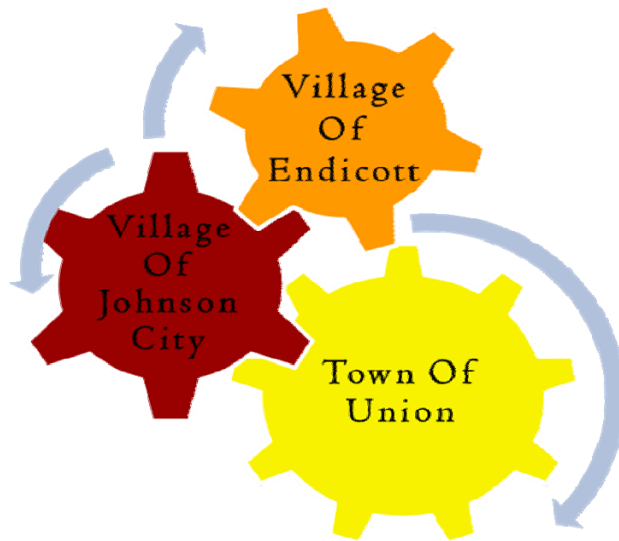


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MISSION STATEMENT: WORK WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AT THE LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL LEVEL TO REVIEW AND ADDRESS ISSUES OF REGIONAL IMPORTANCE AND IMPACT IN A PROACTIVE AND COOPERATIVE MANNER.

By necessity, the Town and Villages have historically worked cooperatively on important infrastructure issues such as public water and sewer. In perhaps the most visible and long-standing example of shared services, the Town and Villages have also entered into formal cooperation agreements for more than thirty years to secure and invest tens of millions of dollars in federal funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The Comprehensive Plan recognizes however that some issues such as housing and labor markets, transportation, emergency preparedness, and economic development sometimes require a much more regional perspective and approach in order to operate efficiently.

Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study (BMTS)

- The Mayors of the Villages of Endicott and Johnson City, as well as the Town of Union Supervisor are members of the BMTS Policy Committee
- The Johnson City Planning Director, Village of Endicott Public Works Director, and Town of Union Commissioner of Public Works are members of the BMTS Planning Committee.

Southern Tier East Regional Planning and Development Board (STERPDB)

- The Town of Union Planning Director and Johnson City Planning Director serve on a number of committees for this organization which covers a six county region.

Broome County Empire Zone

- There are two subzones of the Broome County Empire Zone located within the Town of Union. The Endicott/Union sub-zone encompasses portions of the Village of Endicott and the part town area while the Johnson City/Union sub-zone encompasses portions of the Village of Johnson City and the part-town area.

Broome Tioga Stormwater Coalition

- In addition to Broome and Tioga Counties, there are thirteen communities that are members of the coalition including the Town of Union and Villages of Endicott and Johnson City.

Broome County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

- The Town of Union was only tangentially involved in this effort due to the fact that the Town had previously prepared and adopted the first FEMA approved All Hazard Mitigation Plan in Broome County.
- The Villages of Endicott and Johnson City were among twenty-one municipalities covered under an All Hazard Mitigation Plan coordinated by Broome County funded by a \$75,000 grant from the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program.