

Metro West—Communities Working Together

“Metro West has gone above and beyond my expectations and is working cooperatively and regionally to achieve our many goals and best practices in land use, water resources and other areas.”

-President Marilyn Michelini, Village of Montgomery

“By being a member of Metro West, we have added new legislative resources to our municipality at a fraction of the cost.”

-President Sean Michels, Village of Sugar Grove

Accomplishments

- Developed a Water Conservation Task Force and led in the formation of the Northwest Water Planning Alliance, a cooperative water supply planning initiative between municipalities and counties in the northeastern Illinois area that is served by ground water and inland surface water sources
- Provided educational seminars to keep members updated on changes to legal requirements such as the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts
- Performed a leading role in protecting the Local Government Distributive Fund from attempts to divert those funds for state use
- Strengthened strategic alliances with the Counties, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, the Illinois Municipal League and other Councils of Government
- Increased our visibility and level of influence in Springfield
- Provided task forces and study groups to share information and investigate topics such as wind energy and financial strategies for surviving in difficult economic times

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Why You Should Join

- Metro West is a strong advocate for municipalities on issues at the county, state and federal levels.
- We provide a united voice for municipalities.
- We are responsive to the needs of our members.
- Metro West has tackled many issues ranging from road impact fees and pension reform to protecting local revenues.
- We offer a forum for mayors and managers to discuss common challenges and opportunities.



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METRO WEST

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

Who We Are

Metro West Council of Government

is an association of municipalities serving a population of more than 750,000 residents in Kane, Kendall and DeKalb Counties. Metro West fosters intergovernmental cooperation to address regional issues including managing growth and promoting sustainable economic development. In addition, Metro West provides a united voice for municipalities.

We serve our members and the region by:

- Serving as a strong advocate for municipalities
- Evaluating the impact of pending state and federal legislation on municipalities
- Articulating municipal concerns on local, regional, state and national issues
- Providing research and technical assistance in the development of solutions to local problems
- Addressing growth, transportation and water conservation issues affecting the region

“Metro West provides us the means to deal with an ever-changing environment, quickly and efficiently. It continually demonstrates the very real power of collaboration.”

-Mayor Tom Weisner, City of Aurora

“I encourage all communities large and small to join Metro West. Through monthly meetings and correspondence, members are kept abreast of legislation and concerns affecting their communities. Metro West has helped us be proactive and not just reactive.”

-President Jim Davis, Village of Newark

Membership



DUES

Metro West dues are calculated on a per capita basis.

COMMITTEES/TASK FORCES

Metro West committees and task forces include the Legislative Committee, the Finance Committee, the Strategic Plan Committee, the Transportation Task Force, the Water Conservation Task Force, the Membership and Programs Committee, the 911 Task Force and the Kane County Animal Control Task Force. Short term study groups are formed as needed to address issues as they arise.

PROGRAMS

Special programs and events include the Legislative Breakfast, the Springfield Drive-Down, the State of the Counties Luncheon, Orientation Seminars for Newly-Elected Officials and the Legislative Barbecue and Session Review.

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

Metro West works closely with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, other Councils of Government, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Illinois Municipal League to strengthen legislative initiatives and coordinate regional planning efforts. Metro West members play leading roles in these organizations.

“Metro West has provided its member municipalities the opportunity to negotiate public issues by approaching them in a coordinated and cohesive manner. As a member, we have a greater degree of leverage and a stronger voice because of Metro West.”

-Administrator Mary McKittrick, City of Geneva

BUSINESS PARTNERS

Metro West’s Business Partners Program is open to private-sector businesses that share a common commitment to the well-being of municipalities in our area. Business partners enjoy heightened visibility among member communities’ elected officials and staff by participating in annual events, workshops, publications and sponsorship opportunities.