

Project: The City of Bloomington West Side Area Analysis

Client: The City of Bloomington

Term: Spring 2012

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Summary:

The City of Bloomington and businesses on the West Side Area of the City engaged in a Payment in Lieu of Annexation (PILOA) agreement, first signed in 1979 and renewed three times. The third agreement expired in 2012. The SPEA Capstone group was tasked with analyzing the City's two viable options: annexation of the area or renegotiation of the PILOA agreement. An in-depth analysis of the impact on Bloomington's expenditures and revenues, as a result of annexation, was performed, along with a thorough review of the terms of the possible renegotiation agreement. The analysis concluded with best practices for either of the options the City decided to pursue.