

SEMCOG . . . *Creating Success in Southeast Michigan*

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WASHTENAW COUNTY DUES TO SEMCOG...

A Wise Investment in the Future

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Washtenaw County dues to SEMCOG are an investment:

- an investment in the current work of the county,
- an investment in funds the county receives now and in the future, and
- an investment in exercising the leadership role Washtenaw County plays across the seven-county region.

The following chart describes a portion of the return on investment. The cost to the County if SEMCOG were not performing a function recognizes that SEMCOG leverages local dues to receive federal funding.

Benefits Washtenaw County Receives	Funds Affected	Cost to County if not SEMCOG
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INFORMATION FOR DECISIONS

Forecasts of population, households and jobs for County planning and budgeting.		\$50,000
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Employment data for economic analysis.		\$8,000
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Residential/non-residential construction data to track development.		\$5,000
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Transportation data on traffic counts, travel time/speed, screen-line and transit on-board survey that aid County, WATS, and Road Commission planning.		\$275,000
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Joint purchasing of aerial photography including the County.		\$40,000
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Geographic Information System base data files and best practices.		\$25,000
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Implementation of Ann Arbor to Detroit Commuter Rail on which SEMCOG assumed lead from AATA.		\$325,000
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Freight analysis for economic development strategic planning including Aerotropolis.		\$150,000
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Benefits Washtenaw County Receives**Funds
Affected****Cost to County
if not SEMCOG****ADDRESSING FEDERAL/STATE REQUIREMENTS**

Preparation of county **Phase II Stormwater Permits**, training, and education material. \$50,000

Attainment of **air pollution standards** preventing county loss of transportation funds and new business. \$60,000

**MAKING THE COUNTY ELIGIBLE/MORE
ATTRACTIVE FOR GRANTS**

Compliance with Department of Transportation Certification to ensure County is eligible for **federal and state transportation funds**. \$189,569,000 \$200,000

SEMCOG support makes County **applications for TIGER funds more competitive**. \$2,000

Adoption of regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy enables **extra points for Economic Development Administration funding**. \$50,000

Participation under HUD Sustainability Grant Program **adds points to County sustainability and housing grants**. \$35,000

County shares in **unexpended transportation funding from other counties in region**. \$500,000 NA

County better competes for **congestion mitigation/air quality and traffic safety grants**. \$30,000,000

Regional grant reviews ensure flow of **federal grants to County**. \$59,000,000 \$5,000

Benefits Washtenaw County Receives**Funds
Affected****Cost to County
if not SEMCOG****WASHTENAW COUNTY LEADERSHIP IN THE REGION**

SEMCOG membership provides a **major forum for Washtenaw County to demonstrate its leadership and best practices** contributing to the progress of the region and a more prosperous County.

SEMCOG membership grants Washtenaw County voice and vote on **regional decisions affecting the County**.

FREE TRAINING

On site and webinar training saves County money for training required for stormwater permit compliance, best practices in governmental efficiency, transportation, economic development, grant writing, and other County functions.	\$10,000
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DIRECT ASSISTANCE

Technical support for corridor work on Washtenaw Avenue .	\$8,000
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Upcoming summit to address infrastructure needs in County .	\$7,500
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Governmental efficiency team can lead to governmental budget savings of 20%.	\$20,000
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ADVOCACY

Regional advocacy saves County lobbying expense, enhances state and federal funding programs (i.e., asset management funding), and reduces regulatory burdens.	\$30,000
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Cost to Washtenaw County if SEMCOG were not performing function.	<u>\$1,355,500</u>
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