

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

Mission/Purpose/Vision/Values/Goals

Our Mission: The NWMC consists of geographically related municipalities north and northwest of Chicago that collaborate together and provide leadership and advocacy on matters of mutual concern in the public interest.

Our Purpose: The NWMC will provide for its autonomous members a medium through which they may jointly:

- Study and solve mutual issues at all levels of government;
- Exchange viewpoints and experiences in matters of local government;
- Further intergovernmental cooperation; and
- Whenever deemed necessary, develop a strategy and plan of action for the purpose of achieving common goals.

Our Vision: The NWMC shall be a proactive Council of Government that supports our members to be strong, collaborative, dynamic and professionally managed local governments that combine individual resources for the collective benefit of the State.

Our Statement of Values: The Northwest Municipal Conference carries out its mission and conducts its operations adhering to the following values:

- *We value Transparency and Accountability* – we operate in an open and transparent manner by adhering to the requirements of our public members. We maintain a commitment to honesty, reliability and accountability for all our actions.
- *We value Fiscal Responsibility* – we are caretakers of taxpayer’s dollars and therefore make decisions based on a long term, financially sound perspective with the best interest of our members and constituents in mind.
- *We value a Pragmatic, Data Driven Approach to Solving Problems* – we strive to provide sound reasoning backed by data from the membership when developing and promoting solutions to complex problems.
- *We value Leadership* – we promote and support our member elected and appointed officials, whose stature and expertise drives the work of our organization.
- *We value Exceptional Member Service* – we operate the organization in an efficient, cost effective manner and place a high emphasis on being responsive and professional while delivering high quality programs and services.

Our Organizational Goals:

- Strengthening communities and enhancing intergovernmental relationships and communication in the north and northwest suburbs.
- Promoting excellence in local government.
- Providing leadership development opportunities, research, technical assistance and training to members.
- Evaluating the impact of pending legislation on local government; advocating local government positions on proposed or current regional, state and federal legislation.
- Addressing transportation needs, environmental initiatives and stormwater issues impacting the region.
- Sponsoring and promoting regional and subregional partnerships that reduce local government costs.