INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CREATING REGION 1 JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the Boards of Winnebago County, Illinois and Boone County, Illinois (together, the "Members")

WHEREAS, the Members are public agencies within the meaning of the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 et seq.) and are authorized by Section 3 of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/3), Section 2-5009(n) of the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/2-5009(n)), and Article VII, Section 10 of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois to enter into intergovernmental agreements of cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Division 5-14 of the Illinois Counties Code authorizes the establishment of regions embracing more than one county and gives the several County Boards the power to define the boundaries of such region situated in more than one county, and to cooperate in the creation and organization of one joint regional planning commission; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of each Member has passed a resolution approving and authorizing that County's membership in Region 1 Joint Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and desire of the Members to have this Intergovernmental Agreement establish the Region 1 Joint Regional Planning Commission for the purpose of guiding and accomplishing coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the region, and of public improvements and utilities therein in accordance with the needs of the region to promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, efficiency and economy in the process of development and the general welfare of said region, and any further purpose as permitted by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Members agree as follows:

Section 1: Official Name of Joint Regional Planning Commission.

The regional planning commission created herein shall be named the Region 1 Joint Regional Planning Commission.

Section 2: Members.

The Members of the Region 1 Joint Regional Planning Commission initially shall be the County Boards that have executed this Intergovernmental Agreement.

Section 3: Boundaries of Joint Regional Planning Commission.

All territory within the Counties of Winnebago and Boone Counties, Illinois are hereby defined as the territory of the Region 1 Joint Regional Planning Commission. The territory of any additional members added pursuant to Section 2 above shall become part of the Region 1 Joint Regional Planning Commission.

Section 4: Purpose of Joint Regional Planning Commission.

The Joint Regional Planning Commission acting by and through the Board shall have the authority to accomplish the purposes guiding and accomplishing coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the region, and of public improvements and utilities therein in accordance with the needs of the region for, efficiency and economy in the process of development and the general welfare of said region, and for any other purpose as permitted by law.

Section 5: Representatives to the Joint Regional Planning Commission.

The County Board Chairmen of the Members, or his or her designee, shall be the representative of that Member to the Joint Regional Planning Commission.

Section 6: Financial Obligations of Members.

Notwithstanding any statutory authority or agreement otherwise, the Joint Regional Planning Commission shall have no authority to levy any fee or payment upon its members without an affirmative vote of the Member's County Board nor may the Regional Planning Commission financially obligate a Member without the prior consent of the Member's County Board.

Section 7: Amendments.

The Members may, upon an affirmative vote on a resolution of their respective county boards, amend this Intergovernmental Agreement.

Section 8: New Members.

From time to time Members may choose to add new members or to terminate the membership of Members as set forth in the Joint <u>Regional Planning Commission's Bylaws</u>.

Section 9: Termination.

A member may withdraw from the Joint Regional Planning Commission upon the affirmative vote of the Member's County Board and upon 90 days' written notice to the other Members of the Joint Regional Planning Commission.

Section 10: Headings.

Section and other headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and are not intended to describe, interpret, define or limit the scope, extent or intent of this Agreement or any provision hereof.

Section 11: Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be considered to be one and the same agreement, binding on all Parties hereto, notwithstanding that all Parties are not signatories to the same counterpart.

Section 12: Term.

The initial term of this Agreement shall be one (1) year commencing as of the last date a Party has executed this Agreement set forth below. Thereafter, the term of this Agreement shall automatically renew for up to four (4) additional one (1) year terms unless one Member provides written notice to the other Members at least ninety (90) days in advance of the end of the then existing term that it does not wish to renew the term of this Agreement.

WHEREFORE, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their authorized representatives on the dates set forth below.

County Board of Boone County, Illinois

County Board of Winnebago County, Illinois

County Board Chairman Karl Johnson

Date)

County Board Chairman Frank Haney

(Date)