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The key to remember here is that there is a track record of coordination working at all levels. The lowest unit of government that this has been used successfully with is a cemetery district.

If you are not already fully aware of coordination, you owe it to yourself to learn more. You never know . . . it could be the solution you are looking for.

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COORDINATION
works
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Compare

Cooperating Agency  *vs.*  **Coordination**

1. Must Obtain Permission from Agencies	1. Mandatory to Agencies
2. Found in Regulations	2. Congress Mandated in Statute
3. Local Government Pays for Studies	3. Agencies Pay for Studies
4. Local Government Staffs Studies	4. Agencies Must Use their Staff
5. MOU required/preferred	5. No MOU required
6. Information Confidential	6. All Public Meetings
7. Input Can be Ignored	7. Input Must be Included in Agency Study
8. Litigation may not Help	8. Litigation Available as Last Resort
9. Only Available under NEPA	9. Available for all Management Activities

Nine Reasons for Avoiding Cooperating Agency Status



Rarely does a week go by where we are not faced with explaining the difference between "cooperating agency" and "coordination." Yet, there are extraordinary differences between these two, and inevitably local governments asserting coordination will be confronted with this issue.

Why? Because the agencies favor cooperation over coordination. That should be your first clue that cooperation is a road you do not want to take.

The coordination process works by giving local governments a meaningful seat at the table when federal and state agencies plan to implement a regulatory process such as endangered species listings, forest plan revisions, wilderness plans, transmission lines and super corridors, to name a few. The agencies literally must sit down with each local government during their planning process and continue doing so all the way through actual implementation.

Coordination is a mandate set forth by Congress to ensure that the local position is taken into account before actions are taken that harm the area. Best of all, coordination is not optional. If a local government asserts their coordinate position, the agency must work to make its plans consistent with the local plans.

The five criteria of coordination are found in the Federal Land Management and Policy Act (FLPMA). These are:

1. Local governments must be given prior notice of agency activities;
2. Agencies must keep apprised of local plans;
3. Agencies must consider local plans;
4. Federal governments must be given notice of the involvement;

Read Fred Kelly Grant's latest update on the coordination process in Logan County, Kansas
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