

## TIF District Proposal Would Cross Municipal Lines

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The Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, along with local and state officials, unveil a legislative proposal they hope will help grow communities.

It involves creating tax increment financing districts across municipal lines.

City officials hope the creation of these TIF districts will make funding regional development projects easier, particularly in the

titletown district.

"Basically, it's a full blown inter governmental agreement that's going to allow us to do different things to promote the gateways to our community, especially Green Bay, De Pere and Ashwaubenon," says Ashwaubenon Village President Mike Aubinger.

For example, officials say it would allow the creation of a corridor along Ashland Avenue to attract development that would benefit the entire area.

"It's going to allow the municipalities to get together and say, this is the type of business we want on this corridor, this is the type of infrastructure and create an overall vision or plan for that corridor and go and attract those businesses to our area," says state Representative Chad Weinger.

All at no extra costs to taxpayers.

"Instead of having a business go in each municipality and get a little more money from each municipality," says Rep. Weinger. "This will actually create a development tool to prevent that from happening so they actually will save some tax payer money and allow greater growth along the corridor."

"This allows us more flexibility which is what you're looking for in government, more flexibility to get things done," says Aubinger.



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