

City of

# Wisconsin Dells



## Utilities and Community Facilities Element

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*City of Wisconsin Dells – Utilities and Community Facilities Element*

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The *Utilities and Community Facilities Element* is intended to be a compilation of objectives, policies, goals, maps and programs to guide the future development of utilities and community facilities in the local governmental unit such as sanitary sewer service, storm water management, water supply, solid waste disposal, on-site wastewater treatment technologies, recycling facilities, parks, telecommunications facilities, power-generating plants and transmission lines, cemeteries, health care facilities, child care facilities and other public facilities, such as police, fire and rescue, libraries, schools and other governmental facilities. The element shall describe the location, use and capacity of existing public utilities and community facilities and include an approximate timetable that forecasts the need to expand or rehabilitate existing utilities and facilities or create new utilities and facilities. Future needs for government services in the local governmental unit that are related to utilities and facilities shall also be assessed.



# Introduction

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Community facilities are buildings, lands, services and programs that serve the public. Examples of community facilities are parks, schools and fire and police protection. Public works such as water resources, sewer systems, storm water facilities and power generation and distribution make up the physical components of the City. Together, community facilities and infrastructure allow the City to function and grow and add to the community's quality of life.

The City of Wisconsin Dells operates a number of community facilities and provides infrastructure to support a high quality environment and level of comfort for its residents.

Important to any Comprehensive Plan are goals, policies, and objectives aimed at providing adequate facilities and services for current and future residents and industry. This Plan element will take inventory of existing community facilities and services, identify current needs and desires of the community and evaluate the need for improvements or additional facilities over the next 20-year planning period. Goals, policies and an implementation strategy are also outlined to assist the City in meeting its long-term infrastructure needs. The City's Capital Improvement Plan, which sets forth proposed expenditures for systematically constructing, maintaining, and upgrading community facilities, should reflect those improvements ultimately deemed necessary as presented in this element of the Comprehensive Plan.

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# Inventory and Community Facilities

## Inventory

The inventory divides community facilities and resources into two categories.

- Community Facilities - public buildings and grounds that provide space, services or programs, or from which services or programs are coordinated, that are aimed at improving the quality of life, safety, or general welfare of community residents, and;
- Utilities/Infrastructure – the physical systems, networks and/or equipment necessary to provide for and support the basic needs of urban land uses, including systems, networks and equipment, but excluding transportation infrastructure, which is described within the Transportation Element of this Comprehensive Plan.

Information on the current status, condition and, where available, capacities of these resources will also be provided.

## Community Facilities

### City Hall

Located at 300 La Crosse Street, City Hall provides offices for the Mayor, City Clerk, and other administrative personnel, as well as meeting space for the City Council and its boards and commissions. The building was constructed in 1982 and remodeled in 1998. The re-location of the Community Center in 1998 opened additional space in City Hall.



### Kilbourn Public Library and Community Center

The City recently completed construction of a new library and community center on Elm Street between Washington and Minnesota Streets. A local board oversees library operations and administration of the Community Center is a function of the City Clerks Office. Constructed in 1998, this facility should serve the needs of the community for many years to come.



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## Wisconsin Dells Pool

Located to the south of the Post Office near downtown and constructed in 1949, the City's public pool provides a recreation opportunity for local residents and surrounding communities. The Parks and Recreation Department budget provides for pool maintenance, as do funds from local service organizations. Major remodeling of the pool including plumbing and infiltration system improvements occurred in 1981. Interestingly, the City has a video featuring divers from Northwestern University performing at the pool dedication ceremony in 1949. While there are no known problems with the pool facility, it does not currently meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards. Also, private facilities are becoming more prevalent in the area and, therefore, it is anticipated that demand for the City pool facility may drop as year-round recreation opportunities present themselves. At the same time, the desire for the City's pool to be updated was expressed in the stakeholder interviews conducted at the start of this planning process. Local officials note that the presence of private facilities will factor into any future decision about pool facility upgrades.

## Police/Fire Station

The Police and Fire Departments share space in a building located at the northeast corner of Washington and Oak Streets, which was the former location of City Hall. An addition to the building was made in 1995. However, the departments are outgrowing the current facility and it is not handicapped accessible. A more modern facility is needed. One possibility is co-location with the Court Room to free up space in City Hall.



## EMS/Recreation Center Building

Located on Bowman Road at Michigan Avenue, the former Coke bottling plant serves as the City's EMS Department and Recreation Center. The Police and Fire Commission oversees Fire, EMS and Police Department functions. The recreation center began operating in 1998 and accommodates activities including walking, basketball, skateboarding, roller blading and indoor soccer. An entertainment area provides access to music, television and computers. The center is 8,000 square feet.

## Public Works Garage

Built in 1960, the public works garage is on the east-end of the City and houses the streets department. Some lift station maintenance is performed from this location. The streets department shares equipment with the water and electric utility that is stored here. Due to its metal frame construction, the building consumes a lot of energy. No improvements are planned but ideally the facility would be upgraded at some point in the future.

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## Public Schools

The School District of Wisconsin Dells consists of four schools – Wisconsin Dells high school, Spring Hill K-8, Lake Delton Elementary, and Neenah Creek. Combined enrollment as of January 2002 is 1,729. Enrollment projections obtained from the School District indicate a potential decline in school enrollment with 1,689 students anticipated in 2003 and 1,637 in 2004. These enrollment projections mirror population projections and anticipated overall growth within the City of Wisconsin Dells. As stated in the Issues and Opportunities Element, some new development occurred within the city in the 1990s, but over the last several years the construction of non-seasonal residential housing units has virtually stopped. If this trend continues, it is likely that the Wisconsin Dells population will decline over the next two decades. At the same time, the growth scenario for the Village of Lake Delton may differ, which would impact decisions about the entire school district not just the City of Wisconsin Dells. Lake Delton grew by nearly 36% between 1990 and 2000, while the Wisconsin Dells growth rate was just under 2% during this same period.

The Appleton-based firm Hoffman Corporation prepared an Existing Facilities Assessment Report for the School District of the Wisconsin Dells in 2001. The information from the Assessment Report that follows is intended to address the Smart Growth requirement of describing the location, use and capacity of existing public facilities and providing an approximate timetable that forecasts the need to expand or rehabilitate existing facilities or create new facilities. While the baseline information provide here is sufficient for purposes of the Comprehensive Plan, it will be important to refer to the full report for detail and recommendations regarding site upgrades and maintenance, traffic flow and access along with other observations specific to each facility.

The Facilities Assessment Report notes that areas within the school facilities do not meet current guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) but have been “grandfathered” in because they were present prior to the enactment of ADA in 1994. Meeting the provisions of ADA will be a requirement of any remodeling, addition or facility replacement work in the future.

## Lake Delton Elementary

Lake Delton Elementary is located within the Village of Lake Delton at the intersection of Whitlock and West Delavan Streets. The original structure was built in 1952, with additions in 1962 and 1989 and currently has 51 rooms. The site is located in a primarily residential area with a park to the west.



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## Neenah Creek Elementary

Neenah Creek Elementary is located within the Village of Briggsville at the intersection of State Highway 23 and County Highway X and constructed in 1993. Total area for the school is about 16,010 square feet and the site encompasses approximately seven (7) acres. The site is within a mainly agricultural area with Neenah Creek to the southeast, Highway 23 to the northwest, and County Highway X to the west and southwest. Across County Highway X are several residences.

## Spring Hill K-8 School

Spring Hill Elementary is located on Vine Street within the City of Wisconsin Dells and constructed in 1990-1991. Including the high school and adjacent fields, the entire site is approximately 20 acres. (*verify figure – saw 20 and 120*) The school is within a mainly residential area. The Wisconsin Dells High School is located to the north, and wooded areas are present to the east, south and west. Total area of the school is approximately 117,000 square feet.

## Wisconsin Dells High School

Wisconsin Dells High School is located on Race Street. Estimated acreage of the site, including the High School, athletic fields, and Spring Hill Elementary School is 20 (*verify - have seen 20 and 120*) acres. The site is within a primarily residential area bounded by Race Street to the west and residential properties to the north and south. Directly east of the school is the bus maintenance facility and athletic field. The school was built in 1953 with additions constructed in 1954, 1956, 1961, 1967, 1973 and 1996 and its total area is 127,000 square feet containing 174 rooms.

## Bus Garage/Building and Grounds

The Bus Garage/Building and Grounds facility is located on Race Street. The site encompasses .75 acres. The building was constructed in 1978 with an addition in 1989 and is 3,500 square feet and has six (6) rooms.

## City-Owned Boat Landing

A City-owned boat ramp is located at the west-end of Indiana Avenue on Crandall Bay. Boaters deposit a daily fee at the landing or seasonal passes can be purchased at City Hall. The parking lot on the corner of Indiana and River Road, which serves the boat landing was purchased and improved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and donated to the City. The landing is in relatively good condition but wear and tear cannot be avoided due to heavy boat traffic, particularly in the summer months.

## Eddy Street Municipal Dock

The City owns a boat dock along the Wisconsin River at the end of the Eddy Street right-of-way, just north of Broadway. It is currently leased to a private operator who uses the dock in association with its boat tour operation. The City has discussed the possibility of



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increasing public access and use of the dock with the construction of a plaza within the Eddy Street right-of-way along Broadway. However, until this investment occurs it will likely continue to be leased under the current arrangement.

## **City-Owned Marina**

The Rivers and Bays Committee is responsible for oversight of the City-owned Marina located in Crandall Bay, west of River Road. According to City officials, demand for landing/slip space exceeds what is currently available but the facility is not being used to its full capacity due to sediment build-up. River dredging is necessary for the Marina to operate at its full capacity, and there is the potential for additional boat slips to be added at the same time. If dredging and/or expansion is going to be considered, detailed study should be undertaken to determine cost and the appropriate placing of a new marina and/or boat slips. Contaminated soil around the Marina has been identified and will need to be addressed as well.

## **Public Parking Lots**

With the exception of the lot adjacent to City Hall and the lot associated with the boat ramp on Indiana Avenue, the City of Wisconsin Dells has nine (9) municipal parking lots, which generate revenue for the City. Area parking stalls also generate revenue. In addition, on-street meter parking is available within the District. The City's Parking Board oversees and makes recommendations on parking-related issues. Municipal patrol officers strictly enforce parking around the River District. The City has indicated that there is a need for more parking to support existing businesses and activities in the River District. Additional parking may also be needed to accommodate new development. Local officials will be faced with the need to expand the roadway system and create more parking or develop alternatives to the automobile for meeting local transportation needs.



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## Parks

The Parks and Recreation Department's Long-Range Plan for 2001 through 2006 and contains an inventory of the City's park system and priorities for improvements.

2/25/02 - According to the Long-Range Plan, the City had more than 151 acres of outdoor recreation space available for its 1990 population of 2,398.

*Note to Plan Commission – a thorough inventory of existing parks and analysis of need should be undertaken in conjunction with the updates to the Outdoor Recreation Plan required by the DNR. The Comprehensive Plan should reference and summarize what is outlined in the Outdoor Recreation Plan.*



## DNR Ranger Station

Located on the corner of River Road and Kansas Street, this facility provides storage for DNR fire fighting equipment and office space from which the local ranger operates.

## LaCrosse Street Railroad Depot

In the 1980's, community organizations and individuals raised money and supplied labor to build a new depot in the style of the original station built a century earlier. The City operates and maintains the depot and one part-time Amtrak employee is based at the station. Pursuing opportunities to more fully integrate the station into the City's transportation network is strongly encouraged. The City's Business Improvement District Committee (BID) has been exploring opportunities for expanding multi-modal transportation options.



At one time, daily excursions were offered from Chicago whereby travelers arrived in the City in the morning and departed in the early evening. At present, the train schedule does not allow for this activity.

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## **Baraboo-Dells Airport**

The City of Wisconsin Dells jointly owns and operates this airport with the City of Baraboo, Village of Lake Delton, Town of Delton, and Sauk County. At present, the City's share in the airport is approximately 26%. More detail about the airport can be found in the Transportation Element of the Plan.

## **Visitor and Convention Bureau**

The Wisconsin Dells Chamber of Commerce was incorporated on October 17, 1949 as a not-for-profit corporation. In 1956, an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation changed its name to the Wisconsin Dells Regional Chamber of Commerce. In 1986, its name was officially changed to the Wisconsin Dells Visitor & Convention Bureau.

A private, not-for-profit membership organization, the Visitor and Convention Bureau offers marketing support and a wide variety of other opportunities ranging from employee recruitment and education to publicity and advertising assistance. The Bureau receives a portion of the room tax that is collected by the City.

According to Visitor and Convention Bureau literature, 100,000 people visited the Bureau Information Center in 2000.

## **H.H Bennett Studio & History Center**

H.H. Bennett opened a photography studio in what was then Kilbourn City in 1875. Known for his landscape photography, Bennett was instrumental to the Wisconsin Dells becoming one of the state's first major tourism destinations in the late 19th century. Bennett's photography also captured the lives of the Ho-Chunk Indians, one of Wisconsin's native tribes. His photographs of local Ho-Chunk residents and the beauty of the Dells created wonderful images that attracted visitors from across the Midwest and around the world.

To commemorate his life and work, Oliver and Jean Dyer Reese (Bennett's granddaughter), donated Bennett's photography lab and photo negative collection to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin in 1998. The Reese gift sparked a community-wide fund-raising campaign that brought an additional \$2 million needed to restore the studio and provide an attached exhibition hall and museum shop. It also provided the means to catalog and care for Bennett's historic photographs. Until recently, the studio was the oldest family owned photographic studio in the United States. Dedicated in June 2000, the studio is the State Historical Society's ninth historic site.

## **Dells Country Historical Society**

Located on East Broadway, the Dells Country Historical Society is located in the historic Bowman House. At one time a residence, the Bowman house is an example of Prairie Style architecture and was a vacation home for working women from the late 1930's to the mid 1970's. Housed here is General Joseph Bailey's *Thanks of Congress* and commendation by Abraham Lincoln for his Civil War feats.



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## Post Office

The U.S. Post Office is located downtown near City Hall at the south end of La Crosse Street. The facility was built in the late 1960's and appears to be in relatively good condition. Expansion has been discussed in the past but there are no plans at present. The City is encouraged to continue exploring ways to minimize intersection conflicts around the post office. Signage and roadway modifications could address traffic circulation concerns to some extent.



## Health Care

Located on STHs 16 and 23, the Dells Clinic provides medical service through its family practice in the City of Wisconsin Dells. Pharmaceutical needs may be met locally at Broadway Mobil Pharmacy.

St. Clare Hospital and Health Service is keenly aware of the Wisconsin Dells area and is the primary provider of service to the area. A \$7.5 million renovation of the emergency and medical imaging units was completed in the summer of 2001. This expansion, as well as others underway, is due in large part to business received at the Lake Delton and Wisconsin Dells Clinics.

In addition to the emergency and medical imaging renovation projects, surgery and day surgery program facilities are under construction. This project is scheduled for completion in April 2002. The St. Clare Hospital is also considering expansion of the Lake Delton Dialysis Center and the Dells Clinic facility.

The Emergency Department of the St. Clare Hospital receives approximately 20,000 visits per year, due in large part to the business received from the Lake Delton/Wisconsin Dells area. The development of year-round recreation facilities has resulted in more incidences that require medical attention.

Several other area hospitals and clinics also provide service to City residents and area visitors.

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Divine Savior Hospital	Portage
Lake Delton Clinic	Lake Delton
St. Clare Dialysis Center	Lake Delton
Reedsburg Area Medical Center	Reedsburg
St. Claire Hospital	Barraboo
Mile Bluff Medical Center	Mauston
Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospitals & Clinics	Sauk Prairie

The Dells Clinic is the only health care facility located within the City limits. There appears to be a need to explore expanded health care provision in the area over the 20 year planning period being addressed here, as many residents travel elsewhere in the region for medical services and to purchase basic goods and services. School district representatives as well as local residents have expressed some concern over the current health care options in the City proper. The feeling on the part of the school district is that attracting and retaining teachers and other professionals is hampered to some extent due to the minimal amount of local health care providers. In addition, the ability to serve area residents is somewhat limited due to demand from the tourist/visitor population.

## Wisconsin Dells Health & Rehabilitation Center

Located on Race Street, the Wisconsin Dells Health and Rehabilitation Center is a private nursing home owned by Beverly Enterprises. Long-term, in-patient care as well as short-term rehabilitation is provided. Registered nurses are employed 24 hours per day.

- The Barrington is a privately owned and operated Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF) serving people over age 60 who have been diagnosed with dementia or other cognitive disabilities that require 24 hour care. Some respite care is also provided. Located on STH 23, the Barrington has operated in the City since 1993.
- Colonial Apartments is a public agency owned by the City that provides housing to seniors over age 62 in forty-one (41) independent living units. The agency has been in operation since 1968 and is located on Wisconsin Ave.

## Child Care

The City of Wisconsin Dells does not operate any child care facilities. Existing child care businesses are privately owned and managed as follows:

- St. Cecilia Church
- Sunshine Day Care – located in the Lake Delton industrial park.
- Small World, Inc. and The Pop-In Nanny Agency - Baraboo

# Inventory and Community Facilities

## Cemeteries

There are two cemeteries in the City. The non-sectarian cemetery, Spring Grove, is on USH 23 east and Cavalry Cemetery is on the north side of the City on Indiana Avenue. Other cemeteries outside the City limits also serve area residents.



# Utilities/Infrastructure

## Utilities/Infrastructure

### Wisconsin Dells Water and Light

The City owns and operates its own electric utility from a building on Illinois Avenue that also houses the water utility. There are three electric substations and four water towers fed by six wells that are part of the City's distribution system. Two of six wells are located on Illinois Avenue. The other four wells are located on the northeast corner of Race Street and Washington Avenue (Well 3), the Sauk County substation on CTH H (Well 4), the south side of Unity Drive (5) and the southeast corner of STH 13 and Michigan Avenue (well 6).

This facility was built in 1900 but the City has invested a considerable amount of money in an addition built in 1998. While the Dells Water and Light Utilities has thrived for many years, there is a long-term concern about the ability of the company to remain competitive.

According to local officials, water capacity is adequate to handle future growth.

### Wisconsin Dells Hydropower Dam

The City buys power from Alliant Energy through a 10-year "evergreen contract." The current dam is the fifth, at this site, with modifications, repairs and upgrades having occurred over the last several years. Today, the dam produces enough power to supply 10,000 homes but production levels depend somewhat on the river level.



### Wastewater Treatment Facility

Jointly owned and managed by the Wisconsin Dells-Lake Delton Sewerage Commission, the City's wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) is located at the south end of Bowman Road. Overall, the condition of the facility is very good to excellent but capacity is an issue.

Increasing flows and loads along with existing facilities approaching 20 years of service necessitated preparation of a Facilities Plan to determine the design improvements needed over the next 20 years. MSA Professional Services prepared the Facilities Plan in 2001-2002. The draft states that population in the City of Wisconsin Dells and Lake Delton historically has had a relatively insignificant impact on overall wastewater loading to the WWTF. Rather, the largest impact on wastewater flows is from tourist activity, especially in the summer. From 1990 to 2000, the maximum monthly flows to the WWTF increased by 26%.

# Utilities/Infrastructure

The Facilities Plan reports that, on average, Lake Delton accounts for 61% of the WWTF flow and Wisconsin Dells accounts for 39%. Future loading to the WWTF will be more closely tied to projections of growth in commercial development than resident population growth. Commercial development, particularly in the Village of Lake Delton, has continued to be strong with major projects underway and more anticipated as of 2002. The draft Facilities Plan says that it seems appropriate to be somewhat aggressive in planning for future flows to the WWTF because of the expected growth in Lake Delton. At the same time, the large impact of tourism on wastewater flows makes projection of future design flows more complicated than otherwise would be the case. Projection of future flows would normally involve a close look at resident population growth, per capita flows, and any anticipated commercial/industrial growth. In the absence of any model to predict how or if the tourism industry will continue to grow coupled with the fact that external factors significantly impact the tourism industry, historical data was used to extrapolate potential changes in wastewater flows over time. Since loading is significantly higher in the summer than in the winter, any upgrades need to be designed to treat the maximum flows that are received at the WWTF, according to the Facilities Plan. Any facility will need to be capable of handling peak sustained flows in addition to peak sustained flows. Peak flows increased by 47% over the last decade. At this rate, the peak, sustained flows will be exceeding the WWTFs rated design capacity within approximately three years.

## **Storm Sewer System**

The City is slowly upgrading the storm sewer system in problem areas as street work is performed. The City is in the uplands relative to the Wisconsin River. Therefore, with some exceptions, major flooding problems have not occurred. Storm sewers are directed to natural ravines, which work very well. While the City has experienced some localized problems, the storm sewer system is not perceived to be one of the top problems facing the City as of 2002.

## **Recycling**

The Public Works Department administers the City's Recycling Ordinance, which took effect in 1990. The purpose of the ordinance is to promote recycling, composting, and resource recovery. Enforcement is also addressed within the City of Wisconsin Dells Code.

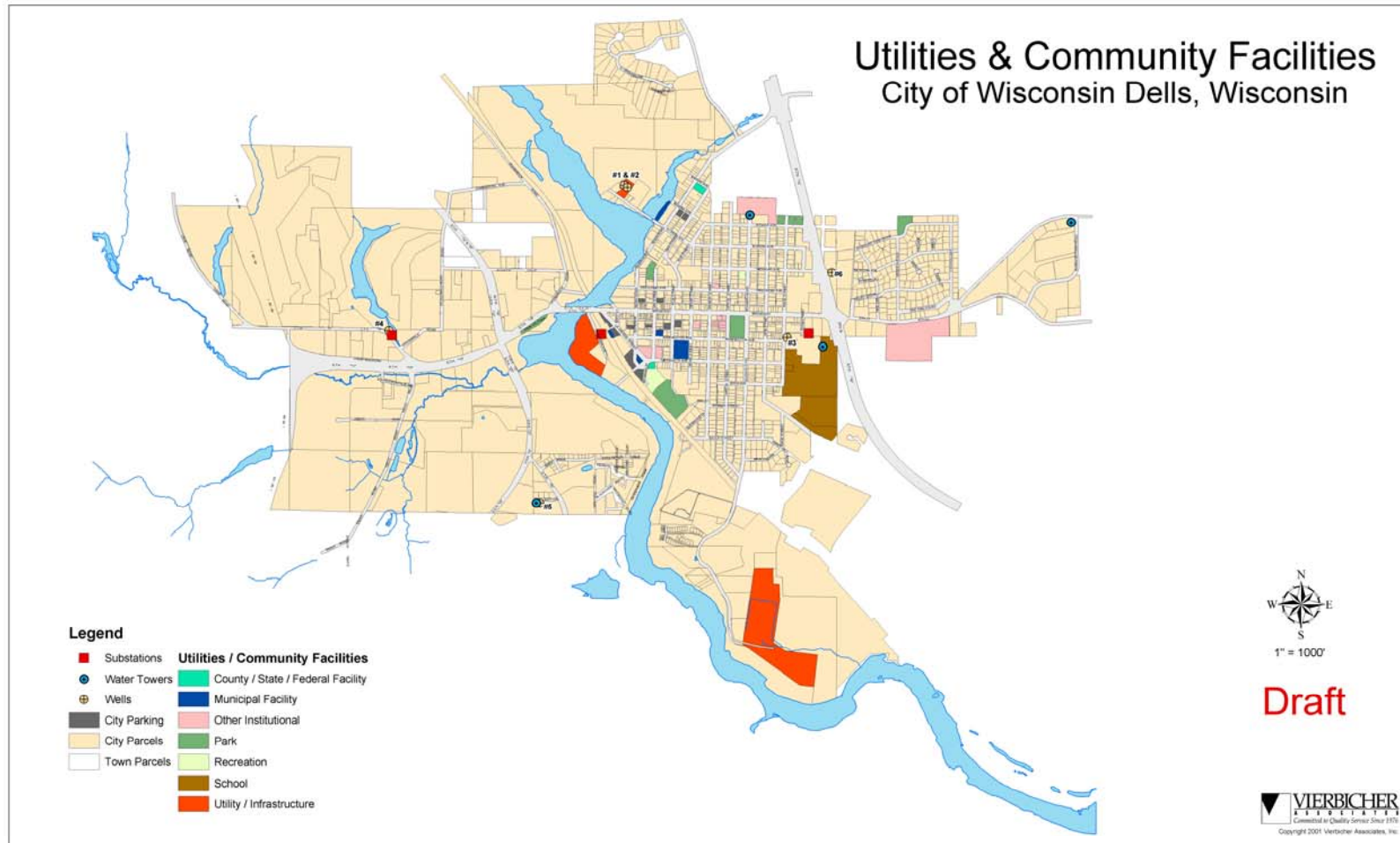
## **Health and Sanitation**

Together with the Director of Public Works, the Health Committee oversees the City's garbage and refuse collection service. The collection districts generally fall into two categories, residential collection areas and business collection areas. The residential area collection schedule provides for not less than one garbage, refuse, and waste collection pick-up per week. The business area receives garbage, refuse and waste collection at least three times per week while persons owning or occupying a place of business keep the sidewalk in front of their business premise free of litter. The garbage and refuse collection service does not prohibit private hauling, nor does it prohibit commercial hauling when the owner complies with the health and sanitary regulations outlined in the City of Wisconsin Dells Code.

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# Community Input on Utility and Community Facilities

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Citizen involvement in the planning process is critical to successful Plan implementation. For this reason, citizens and stakeholders were given the opportunity to express their views about the City today and hopes for the future during the comprehensive planning process.

Facility needs identified through the Stakeholder Interviews conducted at City Hall on January 25 and 30, 2001 appear below. This wish list is not intended to be an action plan. Rather, the items will be taken into account when decisions about community facilities are being made.

- More sports facilities
- Community type gym for public groups, schools
- Community theater – perhaps combine with gym and community center
- Theater or auditorium – could be used as a cultural center
- Exposition hall for festivals, events, trade shows. Could enhance year-round employment opportunities and revenue during the off-season
- Update public swimming pool
- Transportation infrastructure alternatives to funneling all traffic through the downtown
- Development of a public transportation system – trolley or monorail, bike paths
- Public “riverwalk” to provide access to the river from downtown
- Overwhelming seasonal demand for services
- Lack of public restrooms
- Refurbish the old library and reuse
- More pedestrian amenities
- More parks and accessibility to the river
- Marina on the river
- Fix alleys and get rid of potholes
- It would be nice to have a second bridge
- How to deal with cars – parking ramps?
- Trolley or something for transportation, especially seniors
- Think about one-way streets, move non-downtown traffic around the downtown
- Develop another industrial park



# Community Input on Utility and Community Facilities

## Public Works: Priority Needs/Issues (per DPW Mike Horkan)

- A different method of handling solid waste due to the expense. Presently, the City collects waste and transports it to a facility owned by Columbia County that is approximately 17 miles away from the City and is responsible for tipping on-site.
- Exploring alternatives to meet the City's recycling needs
- EMS - losses in revenue
- Increasing cost of providing police protection

# Policies, Goals and Objectives

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The State's *Smart Growth legislation* outlines the following goals related to utilities and community facilities:

- Providing adequate infrastructure and public services and an adequate supply of developable land to meet existing and future market demand for residential, commercial and industrial uses.
- Providing an integrated, efficient and economical transportation system that affords mobility, convenience and safety and that meets the needs of all citizens, including transit-dependent and disabled citizens.

The City of Wisconsin Dells is not only committed to the two above stated State goals, it is also committed to the following local policies, goals and objectives:

## Policies

- The City of Wisconsin Dells is ever striving to create a livable environment. As a benchmark we define our livable community as growing with changing districts while sustaining the environment and our heritage, driving the economy and ensuring community vitality.
- The City of Wisconsin Dells looks to integrate environmental concerns into public works planning, budgeting, operations and the selection of technologies.
- The City of Wisconsin Dells seeks to establish a framework for pollution prevention, including source reduction and all forms of recycling and reuse. We look to pollution prevention as being our frontline of environmental defense, thus decreasing our reliance on the more traditional disposal and pollution treatment methodologies.

## Goals and Objectives

**Goal 1:** Coordinate the siting, building, and redevelopment of public facilities and the sharing of public services when possible.

*Objective:* Maintain lines of communication as new facility planning occurs.

*Objective:* Involve surrounding Towns in infrastructure planning efforts by the City.

**Goal 2:** Provide a cost-effective system of public utilities in the City of Wisconsin Dells



# Policies, Goals and Objectives

*Objective:* Work with Lake Delton to expand upon and/or develop facilities and services where cooperation results in cost savings and efficiencies for participating entities.

*Objective:* Hold coordination meetings with adjacent and nearby municipalities to discuss facilities and services and identify opportunities for beneficial partnerships and sharing of facilities and services.

*Objective:* Encourage redevelopment of underutilized sites and infill developments in appropriate areas where utilities and community facilities are readily available.

*Objective:* Develop new and maintain existing infrastructure to meet current and future demand.

## **Goal 3: Coordinate utility systems planning with land use and transportation planning**

*Objective:* Steer new growth toward identified “smart growth” areas that can be more efficiently served by existing services and utilities.

*Objective:* Identify growth areas that will need to be serviced in the future.

*Objective:* Encourage development of an interconnected street system that minimizes the use of cul-de-sacs in new residential development to allow more efficient delivery of services.

## **Goal 4: Identify and address deficiencies in community facilities.**

*Objective:* Conduct a detailed inventory of utility systems and community facilities to determine the need to expand or rehabilitate existing City utilities and facilities or create new utilities and facilities.

*Objective:* Explore grant resources and public-private partnerships to bring adequate environmental protection while, at the same time, provide recreation and leisure-time opportunities.

*Objective:* Conduct a community-wide facility study to ensure adequate service provision over time.

*Objective:* Consider development of a storm water management plan on a city-wide basis rather than piecemeal as new development occurs.



# Policies, Goals and Objectives

**Goal 5:** Coordinate with the school district, service providers, local agencies and other entities to ensure that the supply of safe, affordable and accessible child care provision is meeting demand.

*Objective:* Explore partnerships with local employers to address the relationship between workforce productivity and appropriate child care services.

*Objective:* Seek funding to continue to explore and foster new avenues for child care provision.

*Objective:* Assess employment levels to ensure adequate service provision.

**Goal 6:** Maintain a high level of library resources.

*Objective:* Work with library officials on a continual basis to identify emerging needs.

*Objective:* Support library efforts to address identified needs.

**Goal 7:** Maintain affordable, accessible utility provision to meet the growing demand for service related to industrial, residential, commercial growth.

*Objective:* Develop a twenty-year Capital Improvement Program to identify needed public improvements, estimate costs, discuss means of financing and establish priorities for systematically constructing, maintaining, upgrading and replacing City utilities and community facilities.

*Objective:* Develop a Capital Improvement Schedule to prioritize and phase-in facility improvements required over the next 20 years.

**Goal 8:** Continue to provide quality health care to Wisconsin Dells residents.

*Objective:* Build upon the City's strong health care system to address the needs of the elderly population.

**Goal 9:** Continue to provide adequate safety services (police, fire, and EMS) protection to protect the safety and welfare of the citizens of Wisconsin Dells.

*Objective:* Review calls for service to ensure adequate levels of protection are maintained.

# Policies, Goals and Objectives

*Objective:* Review facility space needs on a regular basis.

*Objective:* Explore opportunities to coordinate response efforts with County and other area responders.

**Goal 10:** **Maintain the city’s park, trails and open space systems to continue to provide safe, affordable recreational opportunities.**

*Objective:* Review subdivision regulations, open space dedication and fee requirements to ensure that adequate levels of park and open space facilities are maintained as growth occurs.

*Objective:* Update the City’s Park Plan on a regular basis to address merging needs.

*Objective:* Promote the use of city facilities.

*Objective:* Expand community activities and facilities available to youth and seniors.

*Objective:* Pursue maintenance of the City-owned Marina in Crandall Bay

