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Chapter Seven: Community Facilities & Utilities



Along with residential and non-residential structures provided by the private sector, there are a number of public facilities that contribute to a community's quality of life. This section describes Cottage Grove's utility and community facilities, as well as the Village's goals, objectives, and policies to guide future development of these facilities.

A. Community Facilities and Services

Village Facilities

The Village's municipal building, located at 221 East Cottage Grove Road, was built in 1993. This administrative building houses the Village Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer's Office, Water and Sewer Utility, the Village Board Room, and other municipal staff offices.

Cottage Grove Police Department

The Cottage Grove Police Department was established in December of 1982 by an intergovernmental agreement to jointly serve the Town and Village of Cottage Grove. The department is the primary law enforcement agency for these communities, which consists of a combined population of 10,107 residents, spread over 36 square miles. Currently, the Village makes up 6,230 of those residents.

The department's Mission is: "We the members of the Cottage Grove Police Department are dedicated to keeping our community safe and to enhancing its quality of life through partnership and professional service." The department's Vision is; "We the members of the Cottage Grove Police Department strive to work as a team, to enhance our problem solving and leadership abilities; in order to achieve excellence in our service to the community and each other, as well as, to achieve our mission."

Since February 2006 the department has operated from a rented building located at 2560 Nora Road, in the Township. The building was remodeled and contains offices for operational and administrative personnel, squad room for officers, interview rooms, evidence processing and storage, conference room, garage and storage. It is the objective of the department to eventually be housed in its own building specifically designed to meet the operational and administrative needs of the department.

The department is dispatched by the Dane County Public Safety Communication Center in Madison. The department has a fleet of 6 patrol and 2 administrative vehicles. The department provides various services and programming to the communities on a 24 hour a day, 365 days per year basis. These include but are not limited to: preventive patrols, investigations, vehicle lockouts, traffic safety and crime prevention initiatives/public presentations. The department also partners with RSVP of Dane County and TRIAD of Cottage Grove to address the issues specific to the seniors in our communities. Finally, the department partners with the Monona Police Department and the Monona Grove School Dis-

trict to provide a part-time school resource officer to help provide services to the schools in the Village.

As of 2012 the department has a staffing level which consists of a Chief, Sergeant, Detective, and 9 full-time Police Officers, as well as, a civilian staff consisting of a full-time Administrative Services Manager and 2 part-time administrative assistants.

In late 2013, the Village informed the Town of Cottage Grove that it would be conducting a study to examine the feasibility of creating a Village only police department. As of this writing, the study is still underway. Pending the results of the study, the Village may investigate long-term options for housing the Police Department.

Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department

The Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department is located at 4030 CTH N on the south side of the Village in a new facility. The building is home to the Fire Department, Deer-Grove EMS, and Emergency Government Operations. The Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department serves the Town and Village of Cottage Grove and a portion of the Town of Pleasant Springs in Dane County, Wisconsin. The Fire Department is staffed entirely by volunteers, with a current staff of 42 fire fighters and 6 honorary members. The Towns and Village jointly pay for this service based on property valuation. The current fleet includes two tankers, engine, rescue squad, brush truck, and ladder truck.

Deer Grove Emergency Medical Services

Deer-Grove EMS provides 911 Emergency Medical Services to the Village and Town of Cottage Grove, the Village of Deerfield, and a portion of the Town of Pleasant Springs. Deer-Grove EMS provides this service to a growing population of 13,000 over 72 square miles. Deer-Grove EMS is an Advanced Life Support Service that is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year by a joint staff of paid professional and volunteer emergency care providers. Deer-Grove EMS was formed in 1978 when the Villages and Towns of Cottage Grove and Deerfield drafted a municipal agreement to combine resources for the provision of Emergency Medical Ser-

vices.

Library Services

The Cottage Grove area is currently served by the Dane County Bookmobile. The Bookmobile offers its services to members of the South Central Library System in Dane County and three adjacent counties. The bookmobile visits Dublin Park every Tuesday from 2 to 4 pm and Market Place Shopping Center every Tuesday from 5 to 8 pm.

Education Facilities

The Monona Grove School District serves the communities of Monona and Cottage Grove. The District underwent significant changes during the 2008/2009 academic year; the most significant of which was the recent opening of the Glacial Drumlin School, which has been touted for being the most energy efficient school in Dane County. The school houses former Cottage Grove Elementary 5th and 6th graders, and all of the district 7th and 8th graders. Coincidentally, Nichols Elementary in the City of Monona closed its doors. Students from Nichols were relocated to Winnequah School. After the 2010-11 school year, Maywood Elementary School in Monona closed as well.

In addition to school openings and closings, the district started the Together 4 Kids (T4K) program, which is a voluntary, child development program available for all 4-year old children in the Monona Grove School District. The T4K program is taught by a teacher licensed in early childhood education and meets all requirements of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

In the spring of 2014, the Monona Grove School District hired a consultant to prepare an enrollment study to forecast future district enrollment levels. Pending the results of the study, the district may reexamine the adequacy of current facilities to accommodate future students. Should these studies indicate a need for a new school, or expansion of existing facilities, the Village will collaborate with the district as needed on these projects.

Fig. 7.1: Monona Grove School District Enrollment (2006 to 2013)

School	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
<i>Pre-Elementary School</i>								
Together 4 Kids	96	119	116	83	75	86	n/a	n/a
<i>Elementary Schools</i>								
Cottage Grove	435	471	430	486	463	478	456	408
Maywood	n/a	n/a	n/a	247	237	206	480	176
Nichols	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	155	191
Taylor Prairie	370	359	409	371	403	401	452	452
Winnequah	504	456	429	165	245	233	607	653
<i>Middle School</i>								
Glacial Drumlin	844	802	798	788	720	706	n/a	n/a
<i>High School</i>								
Monona Grove	921	921	913	938	926	940	960	986
MG 21 Liberal Arts	31	24	26	22	19	21	20	19

Source: Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction

Healthcare

Quality healthcare is available to residents at several local facilities. Wildwood Family Clinic is an independent family practice located on CTH BB, east of CTH N in Cottage Grove. University of Wisconsin Healthcare Cottage Grove Clinic, located at 500 Westlawn Drive, provides family medicine and laboratory services to area residents. The Village is also served by regional hospitals located about 30 minutes away, including the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, St. Mary's, and Meriter hospitals. A stand-alone St. Mary's Emergency Room facility is located approximately 10 minutes away at CTH C and US 151 in Sun Prairie. A new 56-bed UW Health Hospital is under construction about 15 minutes away in Madison's American Center Business Park; completion is expected in 2015.

Childcare

There are several privately operated childcare providers operat-

ing within the Village and nearby, including both professional centers and home-based services. The need for childcare facilities and services will expand as the Village’s population grows over the planning period.

Cemeteries

Two cemeteries have been established in Cottage Grove. St. Patrick’s Parish Cemetery, established in 1882, is located 434 N. Main Street in the Village. Cottage Grove Cemetery is located west of the Village of Cottage Grove on the south side of CTH BB.

B. Utilities

Telecommunications

High speed internet and telephone service is provided in the Cottage Grove area by Verizon and Charter.

Power Distribution

Natural gas and electric is provided by Alliant Energy.

Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling

Curbside solid waste and recycling service is available to all Cottage Grove residents. The Village also provides pick-up service for e-waste, appliances, and large items by appointment.

Stormwater Management

The Village has a storm sewer system that is separate from its sanitary sewer system. The system drains into Door Creek on the southwest portion of the Village and into Koshkonong Creek on the southeast. The stormwater system includes a series of greenways and detention basins.

The Village adopted a Stormwater Management Plan in 2006. The findings of this report evaluated the Village’s flooding conditions and water quality, demonstrating that there is not currently serious flooding or pollutant loading issues. The study has suggested that existing stormwater management infrastructure is at a lev-

el where targeted pollutant levels will be met. At that time some capital improvements were needed to meet water quality standards in the future with planned development.

As new development occurs, any local facilities that may be required to satisfy local and state stormwater management regulations will be provided. The Village has also been in the practice of submitting the details of its stormwater management plan to Dane County staff for approval prior to approving development, in an effort to control stormwater to predevelopment levels.

Sanitary Sewer Service

Cottage Grove is divided topographically by one major ridgeline, and several minor ridgelines. These topographic divides provide two separate drainage basins (Upper Koshkonong Basin and the Door Creek and Lake Kegonsa Basin) and service patterns for sanitary sewer service.

Generally, drainage in the Village flows south from the Interstate to the southern portion of the Village, with sewage facilities (lift stations) located along the railroad tracks on the southern edge of the Village at Vilas Road and South Main. Sewage from south of the railroad flows to the South Main Lift Station.

The Village is served by the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) collection system and treatment facility. The Cottage Grove Interceptor conveys wastewater from the Village to the Far East Interceptor and on to the Nine Springs Wastewater Treatment Facility. The treatment facility has a design capacity of 50 million gallons per day (mgd) and is estimated to receive 46.98 mgd by the year 2020 – below its design capacity. However, based on high population growth projected over the planning period, there will be a need for incremental upgrades to the wastewater system to increase pumping capacity to MMSD.

The Village’s Sanitary Sewer System Facility Plan and Public Facilities Needs Assessment prepared in 2003 provides additional detail on the existing system and future expansion needs. The sewer system facility plan recommends several collection system and

lift station upgrades to accommodate future growth. Collection system improvements, as well as lift station/forcemain upgrades are included in this assessment. In 2010 the Village completed an upgrade to the Vilas Road Lift Station and related forcemain to MMSD. The lift station is located on the west side of Vilas Road with a deeper well allowing a greater gravity service area. The Village also began the installation of a Southwest sewer interceptor to provide sanitary service to more lands on the south side of the Village.

In 2014 the Village Department of Public Works, in collaboration with MSA Professional Services, prepared a Capital Utility Plan which outlines specific utility projects that are expected to be needed within the next 25 years. A summary of proposed projects can be found below. See the Capital Utility Plan for further detail. Timing of the projects and expenditure of funds will be dependent on future Village Board approval. These projects include:

- ***Vilas Road sewer extension - Bakken Park to Coffeytown Road:*** this project is the extension of the pipe that runs to Bakken Park. The purpose of this extension is to serve development south of Bakken Park, through the Landmark Cooperative property and eventually east at the intersection of Hwy N and Nora Road. This pipe will also be capable of handling service from the south of Nora and Coffeytown Roads along Highway N.

- ***Progress Drive forcemain connection:*** this project would replace the 1960's installed iron forcemain that currently goes down Clark Street. The new forcemain would be PVC material and would connect the existing stub (from the 2012 Hwy N project) that currently stops at the intersection of Hwy N and Progress Drive. This forcemain would run to an existing manhole at the intersection of Vilas Road and Progress Drive and connect to a 15" pipe that travels directly to the lift station. This forcemain will also be capable of handling waste from the far eastern portion of the current Village on lands once known as the Schulz Farm.

- ***The 'Farm' sewer relief interceptor:*** this project would include installation of approximately 3,900 linear feet of 15" sanitary sewer

er from the Vilas Road lift station to the Coyle Highland South subdivision at the vicinity of the intersection of Cottage Grove Road and Sandpiper Trail.

- ***Expansion of S. Main St. lift station capacity:*** this project would consist of expanding the lift station capacity at the S. Main Street lift station located between the railroad tracks and Clark Street.

- ***Seldal subdivision sewer lining:*** this project would consist of re-lining the sanitary sewers within the Seldal subdivision on Uphoff Drive, Bonnie Road, Lori Lane, Cheryl Street, Connie Street, and Ollie Street. The approximate length of this sewer re-lining would be 4,750 linear feet.

- ***Crawford subdivision sewer lining:*** this project consists of sanitary sewer re-lining along Cottage Grove Road from Main Street to just east of Westlawn Drive where the sanitary sewer connects to the 10" sewer main. This project would include approximately 930 linear feet of 8" sanitary sewer lining.

- ***Grove Heights subdivision sewer lining***

- ***Old Downtown sewer lining (south of the railroad and west of Main Street)***

- ***Westlawn Estates sewer relief interceptor:*** this interceptor sewer would relieve the sewer on Weald Bridge Road by re-routing some of the sewage from the Second Addition to Westlawn Estates to Coyle Highland Estates. The interceptor sewer would connect from N. Parkview Street to the stub at Alyssa Drive. This project would be completed after the 'Farm' sewer relief interceptor project (see above).

- ***E. Northlawn Dr./Crystal Trail sewer abandonment:*** this project would consist of abandonment of the sewer at E. Northlawn Drive and Crystal Trail.

- ***Interceptor sewer around Myer Road:*** this project would connect the sanitary sewer that stubs at Matt Pass, E. Northlawn Drive, or E. Parkview Street to a potential development around

Myer Road. Eventually the sewer would likely connect into Cottage Grove Road.

- **Arrowwood Estates lift station refurbishing:** this project would consist of refurbishing the Arrowwood Estates lift station in order to accommodate a larger service area.

- **Three Oaks lift station and forcemain:** this project would consist of the Three Oaks regional lift station at the intersection of W. Ridge Road and Ring Road. The forcemain would extend approximately 7,000 linear feet from the lift station to the existing manhole at the intersection of Progress Drive and Vilas Road.

- **I-94/Highway TT lift station pumping area**

- **Gravity sewer along Highway TT west to Door Creek interceptor**

Water Service

The Village enjoys a high-quality water distribution system, which consists of a water tower, a network of water mains, and four wells with depths varying from 400 to 800 feet. The newest well, located in Commerce Park just east of CTH N near Gaston Road provides roughly 1,000 gallons per minute and can be upgraded to provide 1,500 gallons per minute. The Village has also acquired a future well site for Well #5 which will be constructed following phase two of the Coyle Highlands neighborhood development south of CTH BB, west of CTH N.

In January 2012, MSA published the 'Water System Evaluation Report' to "evaluate the adequacy of the Cottage Grove municipal water system source (well) capacity and storage capacity, and the ability of the water system to serve additional (new) development at higher elevations to the north and west."

According to MSA, "the report concludes that the current well capacity is adequate for the existing and projected future (20-year) peak day demands. The report also concludes, however, that the available fire flow capacity is not adequate for existing or future demands, based on the design criteria. Fire flow capacity can be

increased by the provision of additional well capacity or additional storage capacity. There is a need for water storage at a higher elevation in order to serve areas of higher elevation to the north and northwest of the Village. The additional new storage capacity can also be used to satisfy the need for additional fire flow capacity.

The water system improvements recommended to accommodate existing and future water demands are proposed to be constructed in three phases. The Phase 1 Improvements include a new 400,000-gallon elevated storage reservoir, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2014. Other Phase 1 Improvements include modifications to Well #4 so that the well can pump to the higher reservoir elevation; a pressure reducing valve station adjacent to Well #4 to allow water from the upper zone to be utilized in the lower zone; refurbishment of the existing 479,000-gallon water storage reservoir (standpipe); and demolition of the existing 40,000-gallon storage reservoir.

Phase 2 Improvements include a water transmission main in Gaston Road to connect the booster station with the new elevated storage reservoir.

The Capital Utility Plan prepared by the Village Department of Public Works and MSA Professional Services also proposes a number of potential improvements to the water distribution system over the next 25 years. See the Capital Utility Plan for further detail. Timing of the projects and expenditure of funds will be dependent on future Village Board approval. These projects include:

- **Vilas Rd. watermain extension - Bakken Park to Coffeytown Rd.:** this project is the extension of the watermain pipe that runs to Bakken Park. The purpose of this extension is to serve development south of Bakken Park, through the Landmark Cooperative property, and eventually to the east at the intersection of Hwy N and Nora Road. This pipe will also be capable of providing service to the area south of Nora and Coffeytown Roads along Hwy N.

- **Watermain loop - between Vilas Rd. and Grove St.:** this proj-

ect will connect the 4" stub south of Firemen's Park to the watermain along Vilas Road. Potentially, the 4" pipe would be replaced with a larger pipe.

- **Well #1 building demolition:** this project would demolish the already abandoned Well #1, which is located on S. Main Street, just south of Weald Bridge Road and Taylor Street.

- **Well #2 building rehabilitation:** this project will consist of rehabilitating Well #2, located on Donna Street between Connie Street and Ollie Street. The well house structure will be rebuilt and expanded, and electrical and SCADA upgrades will be included. The project would entail the acquisition of land to the north of the current site.

- **Seldal subdivision water rehabilitation:** this project would consist of watermain replacement in the Seldal subdivision, including Bonnie Road, Uphoff Road, Cheryl Street, Lori Lane, Connie Street, Donna Street, and Ollie Street.

- **Reservoir #2 upgrades:** this project will consist of rehabilitating Reservoir #2, which stands at the easterly Village limits, just south of St. James Court and west of Willow Run Street. Reservoir #2 upgrades will include interior and exterior repainting, modification of the telecommunication cables, installation of a railing system, upgrading of the control room, additional valves and piping, cleaning the existing pipe, upsizing the overflow pipe, obstruction light installation, 15" HDPE overflow piping and restoration, upgrading the fall protection, and installing a tank mixer.

- **Gaston Rd. transmission line:** this project will consist of approximately 5,800 linear feet of 16" ductile iron watermain, extending west from the existing stub at Hwy N and Commerce Parkway. This transmission line will connect up with the pressure reducing valve located north of the Glacial Drumlin School on Damascus Trail. This segment of pipe will help to improve redundancy in our water supply system.

- **Watermain loop - Weald Bridge Rd. to Cottage Grove Rd.:** this project would consist of constructing a watermain off of Weald

Bridge Road in order to serve potential developments on the westerly border of the Village.

- **Watermain off Gaston Rd. transmission line:** this project would connect the Gaston Road transmission line into the Fourth Addition to Westlawn Estates. This line would run parallel to Buss Road, approximately 1/2 mile east of the road. This project would consist of approximately 3,000 linear feet of watermain.

- **Construction of Well #5**

- **Construction of Well #6**

- **Watermain loop - under I-94/Hwy TT at E. Gaston Rd.**

- **Watermain loop - under I-94 between Meadowlark St. and Wilmore Way:** this project would consist of a watermain loop between Meadowlark Street and Wilmore Way, if development occurs in the area.

- **Watermain loop - on S. Main St., fire station to Landmark Cooperative development**

C. Parks and Recreation

The Village of Cottage Grove operates five community and neighborhood parks. The largest park (13 acres) is Northlawn, located on the north side of the village adjacent to Taylor Prairie Elementary School. Firemen's Park (11 acres) is located in the south portion of the community. The Community Park (5½ acres) is located on the west side. R.G. Huston Memorial Park (3 acres) is located in the southeast portion of the community and Willow Run (1 acre) is located on the northeast side.

In 1999, the Village received a WisDNR grant to assist in the acquisition of land for the western expansion of Firemen's Park. The Glacial Drumlin State Trail currently has its western terminus at CTH N along the railroad corridor. This trail is planned to be extended westward on or along the railroad corridor into Madison, connecting to the Capital City Trail and Military Ridge Trail.

The Monona Grove School District maintains a 58-acre school forest east of the Cottage Grove Elementary School. Other large open space and recreation areas in the Village include the 35-acre Arrowwood Estates Pond and Open Area on the southwest side, the 18-acre Westlawn Park and Conservancy on the northwest side of the Village, and the Governor Taylor Nature Park.

D. Community Facilities and Utilities Goals, Objectives, and Policies

Goals:

1. Coordinate utility systems planning with land use and transportation systems planning.
2. Provide a cost-effective system of public utilities.

Objectives:

1. Encourage urban development to be located within the Village of Cottage Grove where it can be served with a full range of municipal services including sanitary sewer, water, and storm sewer.
2. Discourage low-density, un-sewered development on the unincorporated edges of the Village and within the extraterritorial jurisdiction.
3. Ensure that strategic Village growth areas can be adequately served by municipal utility systems.
4. Avoid urban development in areas that cannot be easily or economically served with municipal utilities such as sanitary sewer, municipal water, and storm sewers.
5. Maximize the use of existing utility systems and ensure that the Village's utility system has adequate capacity to accommodate projected future growth.
6. Endeavor to maintain police staffing levels of one officer per 1,000 residents.

7. Work jointly with the Monona Grove School District to provide adequate recreational facilities and to avoid duplication of recreational facilities.
8. Ensure that all neighborhoods are located within a ten-minute walk (approximately 1/3-mile) of a neighborhood park facility.

Policies:

1. Guide new urban growth to areas that can be efficiently served with Village sewer.
2. The Village will not extend sanitary sewer lines outside its corporate boundaries.
3. Encourage that urban development in the Cottage Grove area be served with the full array of municipal services.
4. Continue enforcing "Adequate Public Facilities" rules through the Village's subdivision ordinance which assures that new development is not approved in advance of the public facilities necessary to serve it.
5. Continue to require that new urban development be assessed a connection/impact fee to pay for the costs of connection to the utility system and for future facility expansion.
6. Encourage that new parks be designed to have multiple access points from surrounding neighborhoods.
7. Coordinate acquisition of park and open space lands with development to provide for reasonable acquisition costs and to facilitate site planning for development.
8. Acquire parkland in developing areas through park land dedication or fees-in-lieu of dedication requirements.
9. Require that the design of park facilities meets the needs of all residents of the Village, including special groups such as the elderly, the disabled, and pre-school age children.
10. Continue to update and follow the recommendations of the Village's 5-year Park and Open Space Plan.

E. Community Facilities and Utilities Programs and Recommendations

The community facilities element of this Comprehensive Plan is designed to provide an overview of the implications of the recommended land use pattern and transportation network on the full range of community facilities that serve Village residents. More detailed planning will be required to refine these broad recommendations as opportunities or needs for community facility development become apparent. This effort is complicated by population growth uncertainty.

Provision of Urban Services

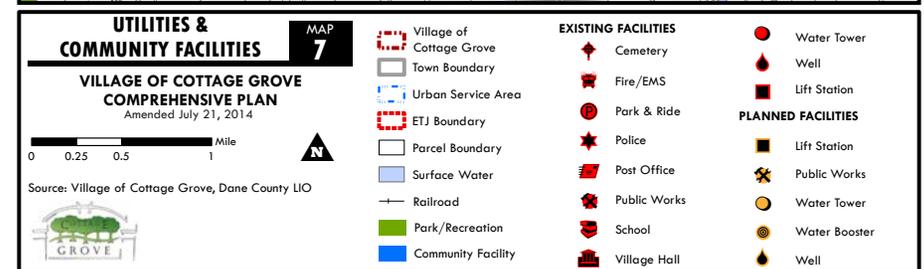
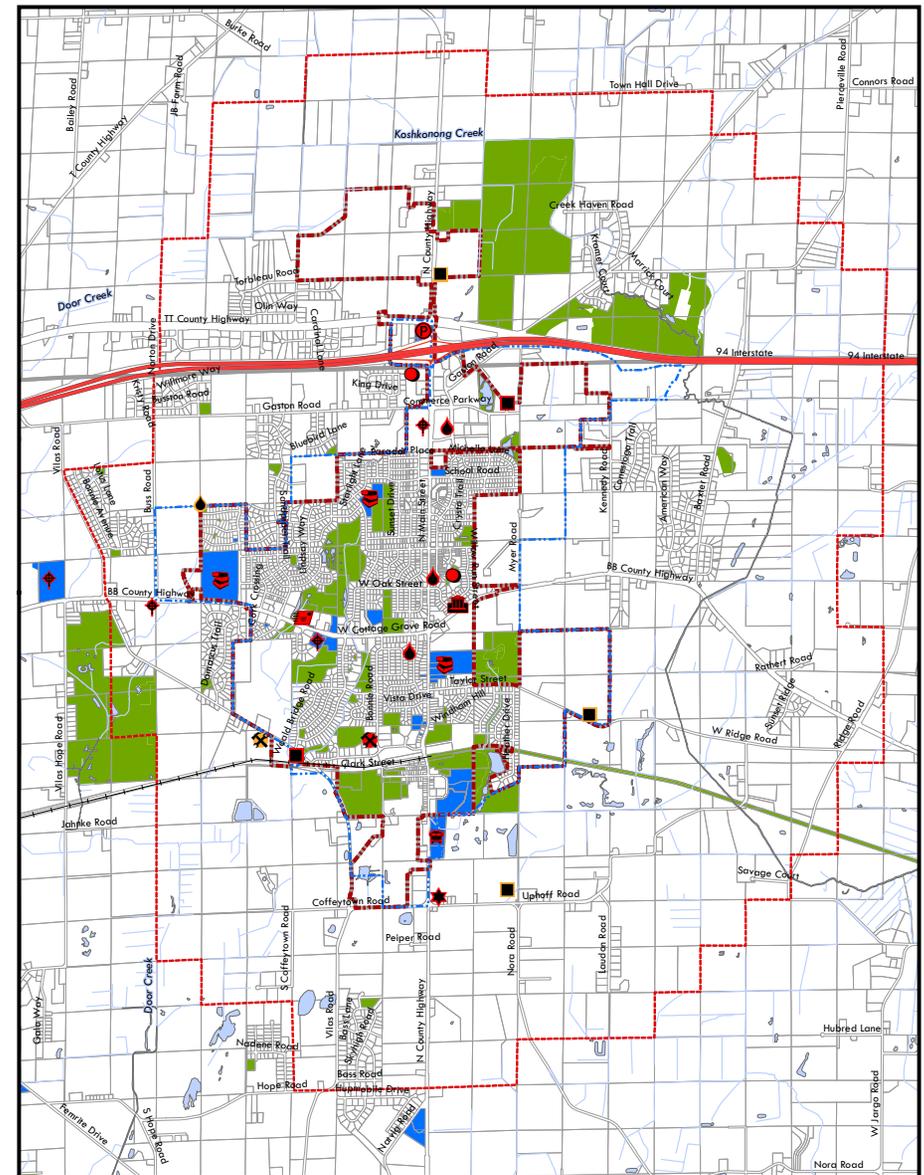
This Plan anticipates the need for the Village of Cottage Grove to amend its urban service area (USA) (described in the Land Use chapter) on a regular basis. USAs are established and approved by CARPC and WisDNR and depict those areas planned to accommodate projected growth and development over the next 20 years. The Village of Cottage Grove will likely seek USA amendments on a regular basis tied to the projected pace of growth and development of the Village as described in of the Land Use chapter of this Plan. Urban service area amendments and sewage facilities and service must be consistent with regional plans in the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District. The Village will continue to coordinate with CARPC on logical and timely extensions of its urban service area.

Public Utilities

Village growth should be closely coordinated with public facilities expansions and improvements to ensure a logical and cost effective approach to providing sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and water to the Village. Planning of these facilities should be based on detailed utilities studies and with consultation from the Village engineer.

Other Municipal Facilities

As the Village continues to expand geographically and demo-



graphically, increased strains will be placed on its municipal facilities. The Village Municipal Building has adequate facilities to meet short-term needs. The EMS and Fire facilities are also currently meeting short-term needs. Phased expansion of these facilities can occur at their current locations as needed based on future population growth.

As this plan is being written, the Village is conducting a study to determine the feasibility of creating a Village Police Department to replace the existing joint police force. Pending the outcome of this study, the Village may explore its options for housing a Village Police Department, potentially including the construction of a new police station or the renovation of an appropriate existing building.

The Village intends to find a new, larger site for a public works facility. This site should be a minimum of 15 acres, and should be well-screened from public roads and adjacent properties. Map 7 shows one potential site for a new public works facility in the Planned Mixed Use area between the railroad line and Vilas Road. Other possibilities will be considered as they come available, potentially including the renovation of an appropriate existing building.

The Village may also consider establishing a community center over the planning period. This community center should be sited in a location that is easily accessible to Village residents, such as the planned new downtown area.

Public School Facilities

To an even greater degree than the Village, the public school system is adversely affected by the uncertain local development rate. This is compounded in complexity by a lack of predictability regarding the location of development. The Village and School District are establishing a working relationship which will be critical in ensuring that appropriate school sites are provided in key long-term growth areas of the Village—particularly on the west, north, and east sides of the community. The School District will probably

encourage an additional elementary school for approximately every 4,000 persons. Based on the population projections presented in Figure 1.2, the Village may need one additional elementary school by the year 2020. As of this writing, the district is conducting an enrollment study so as to better anticipate future facility needs. Future facility needs will be determined by the school district based upon the results of the enrollment study.

In the last few years, however, the rate of new residential development in Cottage Grove has been balanced against population declines in other portions of the school district—particularly within the City of Monona. This balance is anticipated to continue in the near term. However, long-term school population losses in Monona will not be a permanent trend that is strong enough to eliminate the need for new schools in the District. New school facilities should be located so as to better serve the growing student population located in the Village.

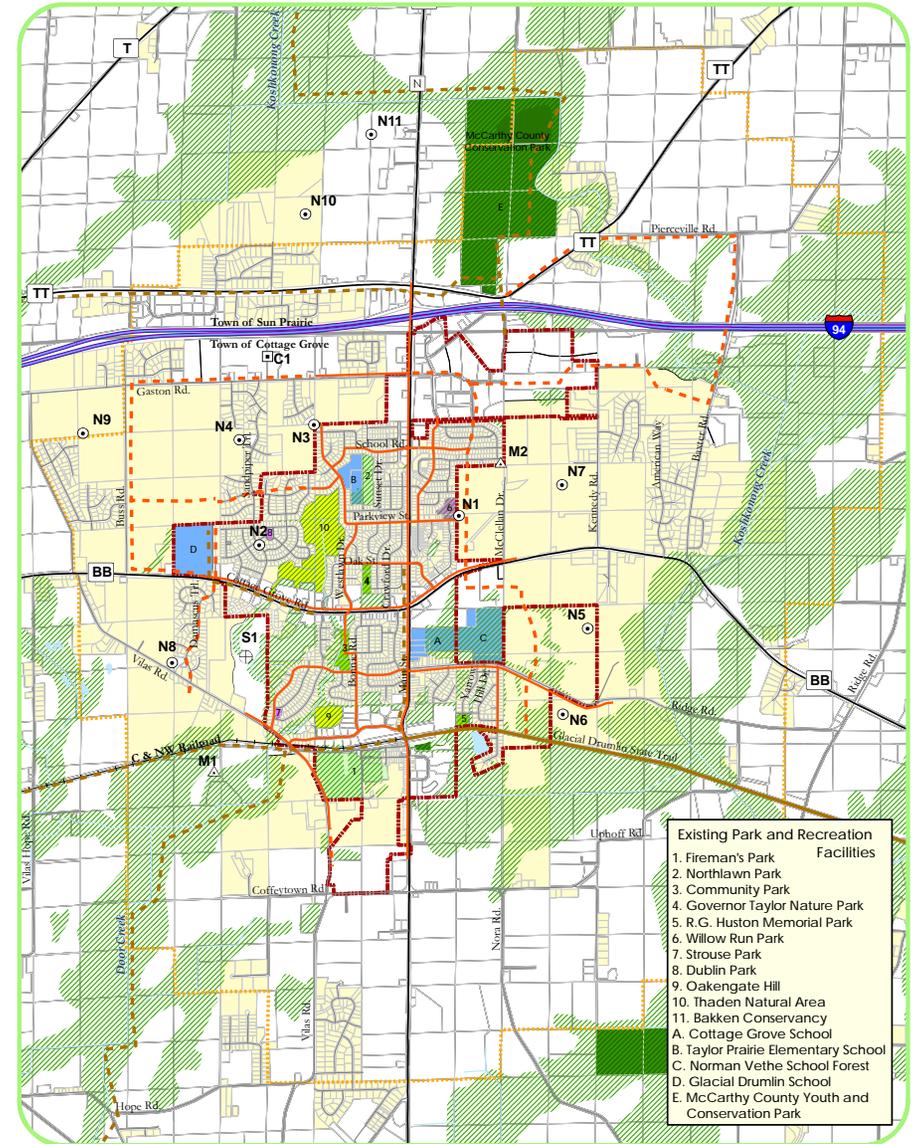
Parks and Recreation Facilities

Recommendations to improve the Village of Cottage Grove's park and open space system are based on projected growth rates and additional parkland acres needed as identified in the Village of Cottage Grove Park and Open Space Plan, which is updated every five years. The Park and Open Space Plan includes an inventory of existing parks and open spaces in the Village, as well as recommendations about appropriate population—parkland ratios (based on the Village's ratio policy and the National Recreation and Park Association standards) to serve the Village as it grows and the general locations of future park and open space facilities. Recommendations are based on the assumption that Cottage Grove will continue to grow at a moderate rate and that park and open space facilities planning should be oriented toward serving a growing population. The actual timing of park acquisitions and development should coincide with the actual demand for recreational facilities in the Village's developed and newly developed areas, although the Village should consider acquiring lands for a new community park in advance of its need.

This Plan identifies approximate locations for future community, neighborhood, and mini parks in the Village of Cottage Grove over the next 20+ years, based on the planned residential neighborhoods included in the Village's Comprehensive Plan. Because the Comprehensive Plan looked out beyond the typical 20-year planning period for comprehensive plans, this Park and Open Space Plan also identifies long-term locations for parks in neighborhoods that may not develop in the next 20 years. As a result, the number of recommended parks is more than the number of acres that will be required over the next 20 years. This allows the Village to have a long-term park plan that anticipates the need and plans for parks well beyond the typical 5-year planning period for park plans. The specific park facility boundaries in these general locations will be determined when the lands are actually platted or acquired. The following is a description of these general park locations.



Cottage Grove Kids Park



Recommended Park Facilities **Map 4**

Village of Cottage Grove Parks and Open Space Plan

Existing Park and Recreation Facilities

- Village of Cottage Grove
- Town Boundary
- Parcel Lines
- Extraterritorial Boundary
- Railroad
- Surface Water

Existing Park and Recreation Facilities

- Mini-Park
- Special Use Facility
- Neighborhood Park
- Community Park
- County Park or Conservancy
- School Recreational Facility
- Environmental Corridor

Proposed Park and Recreation Facilities

- Mini-Park
- Neighborhood Park
- Community Park
- Special

Off-Street Bike/Ped Facilities

- Existing
- Proposed

On-Street Bike/Ped Facilities

- Existing
- Proposed

Existing and Planned Residential Development per the Village of Cottage Grove Comprehensive Plan

Source: Dane County LIO; Village of Cottage Grove; WisDNR; Dane County R/C, LIS, V&A

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In addition to the recommendations above for the acquisition of new park sites in the Village, the following are recommendations for enhancing and maintaining the existing park and open space system:

- Acquire new parkland through dedication or purchase as guided by the Village's Park and Open Space Plan.
- Develop and monitor master plans for each of the Village's park properties. Once established, these master plans form the basis for developing a Capital Improvements Program.
- Encourage the completion of the Glacial Drumlin State Trail through portions of the community, and provision of safe and convenient bike connections to this regional trail, in on-going Village planning efforts.
- Work with the towns to discuss the recommended Village-owned parks adjacent to existing town parks. The discussions may focus on long-term purchase and/or maintenance agreements for these existing town parks.
- Work with surrounding communities and the Dane County Parks Department to implement the regional trail network included in the Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan.
- Work closely with the County to implement regional trail connecting McCarthy County Park and the Glacial Drumlin State Trail. A key component of this trail is a connection across I-94, which will need to provide a safe and convenient trail connection between the park and the Village. Any plans for a reconstruction of the CTH N/I-94 interchange or a separate trail potential underpass should be coordinated with Village and County plans for the trail.
- Work closely with the Dane County Parks Department, WisDNR, area governments, and private organizations to complete the connection of the Glacial Drumlin State Trail and the Capital City Trail.
- Update and enforce land dedication and/or fee-in-lieu and its

park improvement fees consistent with direction provided in the Park and Open Space Plan.

- In addition to identifying locations and dedication lands to the Village for trails, update ordinances to also require the developer to install off-street trails.
- Develop and implement a schedule for preparing park management and maintenance plans for existing park facilities within the Village.