

Chapter Seven: Community Facilities and 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.

Public Safety: Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Cottage Grove rents the Police Department facility at the intersection of CTH N and Nora Road. This facility was remodeled and opened in February 2006. The building contains offices for staff and administrative and support personnel, squad room, interview rooms, evidence processing and storage, conference room, garage and storage. The Police Department serves the Village and Town of Cottage Grove, and is staffed by full-time and part-time officers with a fleet of six vehicles. The Police Department is responsible for the basic services of law enforcement, crime investigation, patrol, traffic supervision and a number of other programs. The Dane County 911 Center answers emergency calls for police, ambulance and the fire district. As the Village grows in population, the need for police services will also increase.

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 EMS provides 911 Emergency Medical Services to the communities of Cottage Grove, Deerfield, and 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 Services.



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.

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.

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.

Figure 7.1: Monona Grove School District Enrollment, 2004-2011

School	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Cottage Grove Elementary	486	463	478	456	408	412	398	389
Glacial Drumlin School	788	720	706	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Maywood Elementary	247	237	206	480	176	189	187	210
Monona Grove Alternative High	22	19	21	20	19	22	21	21
Monona Grove High	938	926	940	960	986	971	921	904
Nichols Elementary	n/a	n/a	n/a	155	191	224	220	233
Taylor Prairie Elementary	371	403	401	452	452	445	408	398
Together 4 Kids School	83	75	86	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Winnequah School	165	245	233	607	653	654	704	657

Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Healthcare

Quality healthcare is available to residents at several local facilities. Wildwood Family Clinic is an independent family practice located at the intersection of Cottage Grove Road and Southing Grange 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.

Childcare

There are several privately operated childcare providers operating 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.