
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.