

9. Community Facilities and Services

Goal: Ensure that adequate community facilities and services such as water, sewer, broadband, solid waste, police, fire, and EMS, are provided in an efficient, environmentally sound, safe, and cost effective manner to meet the existing and future needs of the community.

Policies

9.1 The feasibility of sewer service should be investigated in Lake Park, Dasher, and other areas where there is a need.

9.2 The feasibility of expanding sewer capacity to keep pace with projected growth should be investigated.

9.3 Infrastructure, community facilities, and public services that support efficient growth and development patterns should be provided and funded.

9.4 Adequate wastewater processing and industrial wastewater treatment capacity should be made available.

9.5 Adequate water production and conservation measures should be implemented to handle increased development.

9.6 The community should maximize the use of existing infrastructure, the efficient use of future investments in capital improvements, and the long-term operation and maintenance of facilities and equipment via identified and budgeted revenue sources and a prescribed timetable. This can be implemented by utilizing innovative technologies, such as Computerized Maintenance Management Systems (CMMS).

9.7 Efforts should be made to ensure all citizens have access to sufficient broadband technology.

9.8 Green building principles, energy efficiency, and green energy should be considered and implemented where possible in order to conserve natural resources, improve indoor air quality, and reduce energy costs.

9.9 Enhanced solid waste reduction and recycling initiatives should be supported.

9.10 Public awareness of local recycling programs should be encouraged and promoted, and waste reduction initiatives should be identified.