

## CHAPTER 6

### PUBLIC FACILITIES

#### Introduction

Public facilities including water and wastewater treatment and distribution/collection, emergency services, social services, parks and recreation, and government owned properties such as city hall, are one of the areas of communities that must be addressed in the comprehensive plan.

There is some overlap between the issues related to public facilities and the land use and transportation sections of the plan. New development is generally encouraged to locate in areas that can be efficiently served by public utilities, and roads are a major part of the public infrastructure, for instance. This chapter will focus on new public buildings and properties in ways that support a positive image of the City of Greensburg.

One of the key ideas presented in this chapter is the need for an additional fire station to serve the area south of the railroad tracks as train traffic increases and residential development occurs to the south east. These areas are currently at the outer edge of the area that can be served within the fire department's standard for response times. Increased train traffic may heighten the frequency of access problems caused by the number of at-grade crossings in the community.

#### Public Facilities Goals & Objectives

##### *Goal*

Develop and rehabilitate public facilities as community focal points that reflect the identity and quality of life in the City of Greensburg.

##### *Objectives*

- Create a means to identify and define public places within the City of Greensburg
- Increase the use of softscape elements (i.e. landscaping) to complement the built environment
- Increase the use of non-invasive native plant materials

##### *Goal*

Build and maintain practical, functional and well-located public facilities and spaces within the community.

##### *Objectives*

- Locate new fire and police facilities in strategic locations to protect all residents
- Expand City utilities into designated growth areas consistent with the future land use component of the Comprehensive Plan

- Promote the inclusion of neighborhood parks in all residential developments
- Promote the protection of environmentally sensitive areas, such as riparian corridors and flood plains, throughout the City of Greensburg
- Increase access to public facilities by incorporating them as destinations in the pedestrian network
- Increase preservation of open spaces
- Decrease environmental degradation by providing habitats for plants and animals
- Require drainage ponds to be designed in such a manner as to appear like natural wetlands

*Goal*

Design public facilities to reflect the values of the City of Greensburg, including tradition, practicality, safety, and a forward thinking approach to the growth of the overall community.

*Objectives*

- Improve the community's identity through the establishment of civic buildings as prominent, attractive, and functional features throughout the city
- Create an identity program to provide consistency to the graphic representation of City facilities
- Work with Decatur County to establish a convenient, accessible one-stop center for social service offices and facilities

**Public Facilities Map**

The key public facilities are mapped in Figure 6.1. These include the Greensburg water service limits, the sewer service boundaries, the current police and fire stations, a general location for a new fire station, the city hall, current parks and recommended future park space.

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