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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. Village Facilities

Village Hall - 221 E. Cottage Grove Road

Existing Facility

The Village Municipal Building, more commonly called the Village Hall, is located at 221 East Cottage Grove Road and was built in 1993. This administrative building houses the offices of the Village

Administrator, Village Clerk, Village Treasurer, Village Planning & Development Director, and Court Clerk. The facility also includes the board room which hosts Village Board, Plan Commission, and other public meetings. The Village's cable TV operations room is also located within the Village Hall. In addition, Village Hall is currently the only polling place in the Village.

Future Needs

The Village Hall adequately houses the current staff. Room for records storage is in short supply, and lines for elections can get long. Within the next ten years there may be need for space for additional staff as the Village grows. A second polling place will likely be needed as well.

In 2017, Village Staff projected future space needs and examined at a very preliminary level, the potential for reconfiguration and expansion of Village Hall. A 25' extension on the west side of the building would allow the board room to be reconfigured, while adding three offices and additional storage. In addition, the work island in the existing open office space could be removed to facilitate the installation of two additional cubicles. The reconfigured board room would include additional corridor space that would allow more voters to wait indoors (currently long lines can extend out of the building at peak times). The Village should consider engaging an architect to perform a more detailed space needs analysis for all Village facilities.

Municipal Services Building - 210 Progress Drive

Existing Facility

The 40,000 square foot Municipal Services Building facility is located at 210 Progress Drive in the Cottage Grove Business Park. The former C.L. Swanson building was purchased in 2014 and became operational in 2015 following the renovation of 29,000 square feet of interior space.

The building houses the Village Police Department, the Department of Public Works, and the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department. The Police Department includes offices, locker rooms,

an evidence room and vault, a sally port, and garage space for vehicles. The Public Works Department includes offices, storage, workspace, and garage space for vehicles. The Parks Department includes offices, storage, and an approximately 2,000 square foot recreation room that houses various classes that are open to the public. The departments share a lobby and meeting room. This meeting room hosts Public Works Committee, Utility Committee, Parks Committee, and other regularly scheduled public meetings. The Village also owns an adjacent 3 acres of vacant property, which could facilitate expansion of the facility in the future. Alternatively, the Village may consider selling the excess property.

Future Needs

The Municipal Services Building is nearing capacity in terms of vehicle and equipment storage. Even with some equipment stored at the former Public Works building, there will soon be a need for additional indoor vehicle storage space.

The interior of the existing building includes two bays of 5,000 square feet each that are currently unused, with the exception of a large generator housed within the westernmost bay. During the previously mentioned 2017 space needs study performed by Village Staff, a preliminary concept plan for the use of the remainder of the existing building was created. This plan also shows an additional two and a half bays for increased indoor vehicle storage capacity. In the plan, there are proposed interior renovations to create a separate lobby to be shared by the Public Works and Parks Departments (the existing lobby could be become police only, making the area more secure), a new large meeting room/class room (which could be used as a second polling place), and additional offices. The potential building expansion uses a portion of the adjacent three vacant acres. Other concepts are possible. The Village should consider engaging an architect to perform a more detailed space needs analysis for all Village facilities.

Former Public Works Building - 225 Bonnie Road

The 225 Bonnie Road building formerly housed the Public Works Department and Parks Department, prior to their relocation to the Municipal Services Building. The building is approximately 10,000 square feet, sitting on a 1.3 acre parcel in the Cottage Grove Business Park. The front of the building holds a small office area, with the building's remainder containing storage/work space.

The property remains home to the Village's salt shed, and brush collection drop off site. The Public Works Department continues to utilize the building as a secondary vehicle storage area, however the rear storage space is not ideally suited for storing vehicles due to insufficient floor drainage.

In the future, the Village may consider selling the property. Prior to selling the building, the Village will need to accommodate the current uses at other locations.

Emergency Services Building - 4030 County Highway N

The Emergency Services Building was built in 1997, and is jointly operated and maintained by the Town and Village of Cottage Grove. The facility houses the Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Deer Grove Emergency Medical Services, and the Emergency Government Operations Center. The facility is located at 4030 County Highway N in the Town of Cottage Grove, near the Village's southern boundary.

B. Community Services

Village of Cottage Grove Police Department



The Village of Cottage Grove Police Department was created on January 1, 2015. Prior to this date, the Village and Town of Cottage Grove operated a police department through joint agreement. As previously mentioned the department is housed in the Municipal Services Building at 210 Progress Drive. The

department's space within the building is expected to be adequate for current and future staffing levels for the foreseeable future.

Police Department staff includes one Police Chief, one Lieutenant, and eleven sworn officers including one de-

detective and one K9 handler. In addition, the department recently added a school resource officer who is specifically dedicated to the three schools in Cottage Grove, with the majority of the officer's time spent at Glacial Drumlin Middle School. Two full-time civilian administrative staff round out the department. While the department is relatively new, most of the officers served with the joint department for many years prior to the creation of the Village department.

Per the department's 2018 Annual Report, the CGPD responds to an average of 39 calls per day, or 1,165 per month. They also engage the community in preventative programs such as neighborhood watch, bike safety, and school outreach. Per the report the Village of Cottage Grove was named one of the 10 safest cities in Wisconsin in 2018 (among municipalities with populations exceeding 5,000) by the National Council for Home Safety and Security using FBI Uniform Crime Report statistics.

Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department

Fire protection in the Village is provided by the Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department. The department dates back to 1911, and currently serves the Town of Cottage Grove and a portion of the Town of Pleasant Springs in addition to the Village.

The department is housed in the Emergency Services Building, located at 4030 County Highway N. The Joint Fire Department



CGPD Station, Source: CGPD



CGFD Ladder Truck, Source: CGFD

Committee, which includes representatives of member municipalities, oversees operations and facilities.

There are currently more than 40 active members and 10 honorary members. All

members serve as volunteers. The department provides the necessary equipment and training, with training sessions occurring multiple times per month.

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 residents. Deer-Grove EMS is a certified Paramedic 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.

Deer Grove EMS is housed in the Emergency Services Building located at 4030 County Highway N, as well as a second station

in the Village of Deerfield. Current staff includes one Chief, one Deputy Chief, two full-time and one volunteer Lieutenant, one medical director, 8 full-time staff, 8 LTE staff, and 14 volunteers.



DGEMS Ambulance, Source: DGEMS

Library Services

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

School Facilities



School district boundaries do not necessarily follow municipal boundaries. Almost all of the residences in the Village of Cottage Grove are within the Monona Grove School District, along with the City of Monona, and portions of adjacent towns.

The Monona Grove School District includes three schools located within the Village of Cottage Grove:

- **Taylor Prairie Elementary School** - 900 N. Parkview Drive, for grades 4K through 1 (serving Cottage Grove residents), enrollment 364 per WI Department of Public Instruction data from 2018-19.
- **Cottage Grove Elementary School** - 470 N. Main Street, for grades 2 through 4 (serving Cottage Grove residents), enrollment

458 in 2018-19.

- **Glacial Drumlin Middle School** - 801 Damascus Trail, for grades 5 through 8 (serving both Cottage Grove and Monona residents) enrollment 871 in 2018-19.

In addition, the following district schools are located within the City of Monona:

- **Winnequah Elementary School** - 800 Greenway Road, for grades 4K through 5 (serving Monona residents), enrollment 590 in January 2018-19.

- **Monona Grove High School** - 4400 Monona Drive, for grades 9 through 12 (serving both Cottage Grove and Monona residents), enrollment 1,045 in January 2018-19.

- **MG21 Charter School** - 5301 Monona Drive (in the former Nichols School building), for grades 9 through 12 (serving both Cottage Grove and Monona residents as an alternative to a traditional school setting), enrollment 45 in January 2018-19.

In 2018-19, there were 3,454 students enrolled in MGSD schools, including 2,981 residents and 348 non-residents attending via open enrollment. The total number of students increased 13.3% from a total of 3,049 in 2010.

Village and MGSD staff stay in regular contact to examine the effects of Village growth on the district. District staff have indicated that steady, moderate growth provides the most positive impact on the district. MGSD staff also communicates frequently with Village Parks and Recreation staff to coordinate the mutual use of various athletic facilities.

In 2015, MGSD formed the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee with members representing both Monona and Cottage Grove. The committee has overseen studies of existing facilities conducted by Epstein-Uhen Architects, and a Long Range Growth Study prepared by Vandewalle & Associates. As a result of these studies, the district purchased approximately 60 acres along Buss Road, twenty of which were already within the Village boundary

with the remainder annexed in 2019. The Village will build a new elementary school on the property which is expected to be complete in 2021. Plans were approved in 2019.

Village territory located north of I-94 is within the Sun Prairie Area School District. Most of this land is currently vacant, with just a few residences. The future land use in this area is projected to be primarily commercial and light industrial.

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 opened its new 14,000 square foot Cottage Grove Clinic, located at 4590 Highway N, in 2015. The clinic provides family medicine and laboratory services to area residents. It replaced a former smaller facility that was located on W. Cottage Grove Road. 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. In 2015, University of Wisconsin Hospitals opened a new 500,000 square foot hospital approximately 15 minutes away in the American Center on the east side of Madison, with an adjacent 50 bed rehabilitation facility.

Dental, chiropractic, and eye care is also available within the Village. The Village of Cottage Grove is also home to two private fitness clubs, and other businesses offering yoga, dance, and martial arts classes. The Village's Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of health and fitness opportunities, which are covered later in this chapter.

Childcare

There are five privately operated childcare providers operating within the Village. The need for childcare facilities and services will expand as the Village's population grows over the planning

period.

Cemeteries

The largest cemetery within the Village is Cottage Grove Cemetery, located on W. Cottage Grove Road. It was established in 1848, and it is managed and maintained by the Cottage Grove Cemetery Association. The grounds of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, located at 434 N. Main Street, have been home to St. Patrick's Cemetery since 1882. The very small Prairie Cemetery is located on Highway N, across from the Commerce Park.

Other larger cemeteries located near the Village include Highland Memory Garden located at 3054 CTH BB just west of the Village, and Roselawn Memorial Park located at 401 Femrite Drive in Monona. In addition, there are several historic, rural cemeteries in the surrounding townships.

C. Utilities

Internet

Internet services are available from the following providers in the Cottage Grove area.

- **TDS** - fiber optic internet; as of 2019 system is being installed throughout the Village. 1 gigabit speed available.
- **Charter Spectrum** - cable internet; speeds starting at 200 MB per second.
- **Frontier** - DSL internet; speeds up to 45 MBPS available.
- **AT&T** - DSL internet; speeds up to 10 MBPS available.

Telephone

Charter and Frontier offer home phone service in addition to internet within their service areas. AT&T also provides home phone service to a smaller percentage of residents within the 53527 zip code. A number of cellular service providers operate in the area.

Power Distribution

Natural gas and electric services are provided by Alliant Energy.

Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling

Curbside solid waste and recycling service is available to all Cottage Grove residents. Currently, the Village contracts with Advanced Disposal for garbage and recycling pick up.

Stormwater Management

The Village has a storm sewer system that is separate from its sanitary sewer system. The Village does not have a stormwater utility.

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 level 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

Sanitary sewer service within the Village is provided by the Cottage Grove Water & Sewer Utility.

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.

Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District



The Village's sewer utility is a customer of the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD). 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 currently handles 42 million gallons per day. According MMSD, the facility has capacity to handle expected growth through 2030. 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.

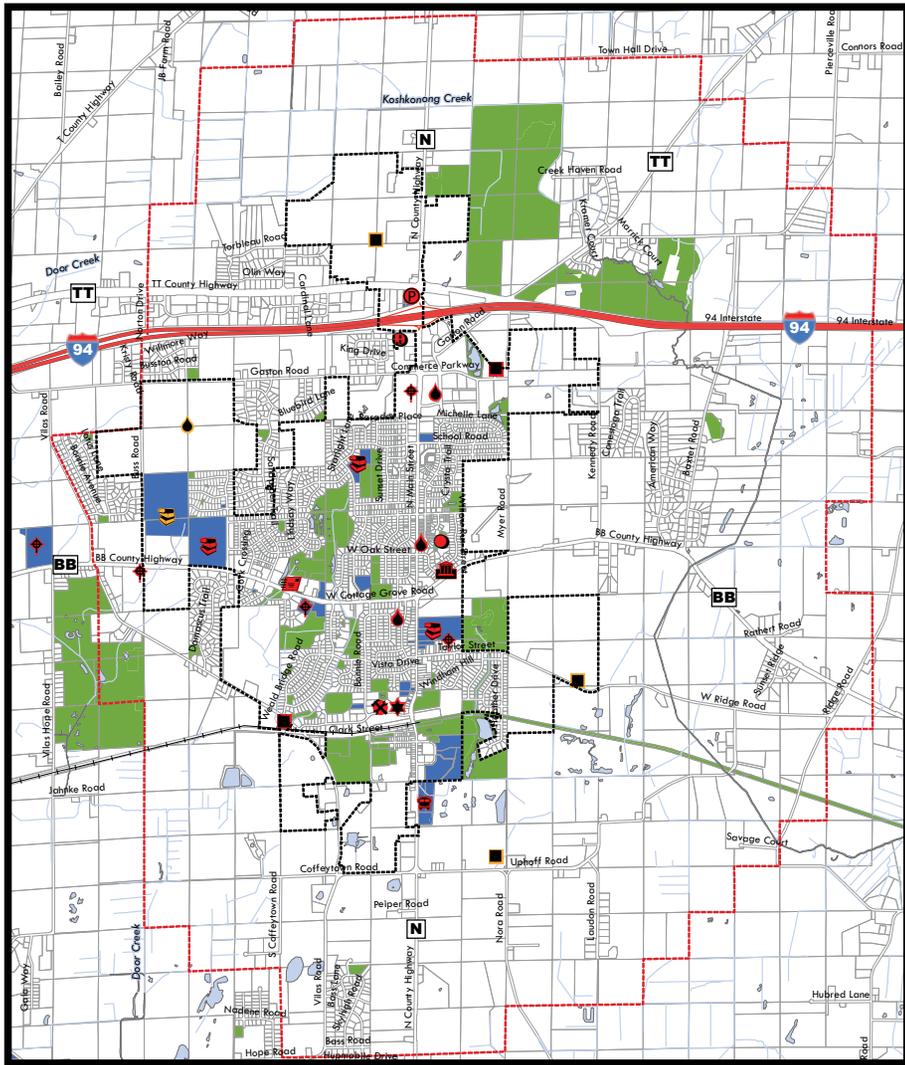


MMSD Treatment Plant, Source: Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District

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. Several projects have since been completed. A summary of the remaining 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:

- ***The 'Farm' sewer relief interceptor:*** this project would include installation of approximately 3,900 linear feet of 15" sanitary sewer 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.
- ***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.
- ***Crawford subdivision sewer lining:*** this project consists of sanitary sewer re-lining along Cottage Grove Road from Main Street



MAP 7.0 FACILITIES & UTILITIES

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Existing Facilities

- Cemetery
- Fire Station
- WISDOT Park & Ride
- Police Station
- Post Office
- Dept. of Public Works
- School

Proposed Facilities

- Village Hall
- Water Tower
- Well
- Lift Station
- Park
- Community Facility

Proposed Facilities

- School
- Lift Station
- Well



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).
- *East Side 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.
- *E. Northlawn Dr./Crystal Trail sewer abandonment:* this project would consist of abandonment of the sewer at E. Northlawn Drive and Crystal Trail. This project would follow East Side interceptor project.
- *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 3,5000 linear feet from the lift station to the existing forcemain stub on east side of Main Street.
- *I-94/Highway TT lift station pumping area*

Source: Dane County Land Information Office

Water Service

Water is provided by the Cottage Grove Water & Sewer Utility. The Village's water distribution system consists of two water towers, a network of water mains, and three wells with depths varying from 500 to 700 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.

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. The plan identified 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 following projects were subsequently implemented to address those concerns.

The Phase 1 Improvements listed in the report were completed in 2014 and 2015, including a new 400,000-gallon elevated storage reservoir, located just west of CTH N and just south of I-94. Other Phase 1 Improvements included 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 included a water transmission main in Gaston Road to connect the booster station with the new elevated

storage reservoir. This work was completed in 2016.

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.



New water tower, Source: Village of Cottage Grove

■ **Watermain loop - between Vilas Rd. and Grove St.:** this project 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 #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.

■ **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.

■ **Construction of Well #5 -** no timetable has been determined for this project. It would likely be located in the future Westlawn neighborhoods near Buss and Gaston Roads.

■ **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**

D. Parks and Recreation

The Village of Cottage Grove maintains and operates three community parks:

- **Bakken Park** - 38.0 acres
- **Fireman's Park** - 11.0 acres
- **Northlawn Park** - 13.0 acres

There are three neighborhood parks in the Village:

- **Community Park** - 8.8 acres
- **Gov. Taylor Nature Park** - 5.0 acres
- **R.G. Huston Park** - 4.0 acres

In addition, the Village has three mini parks:

- **Dublin Park** - 1.3 acres
- **Strouse Park** - 1.2 acres
- **Willow Run Park** - 1.3 acres

Finally, the Village maintains two special use nature areas:

- **Oakengate Hill** - 10.3 acres
- **Thaden Natural Area** - 36.6 acres

Plans for the improvement of those facilities and for the provision of new parks and amenities as the Village expands are provided in a separate document entitled the *Village of Cottage Grove Park & Open Space Plan*, most recently amended in April of 2018. That plan is considered to be a component of this Comprehensive Plan.

The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities including a number of youth sports, adult and senior fitness classes, cheer and tumbling classes, dance classes, and after school activities such as Spanish classes and art classes.

The Department also sponsors events throughout the year, such as Music in the Grove, a summer concert series.

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

Goals:

1. Coordinate utility systems planning with land use and transportation systems planning.



Cottage Grove Kids Park

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 at a ratio consistent with best practices and standards.
7. Work jointly with the Monona Grove School District to provide adequate recreational facilities and to avoid duplication of recreational facilities.
8. Use the *Village of Cottage Grove Park & Open Space Plan* to determine the location and size of future park facilities.

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.

F. 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.

Municipal Buildings & Facilities

As the Village continues to expand geographically and demographically, increased strains will be placed on its municipal facilities. The Village Hall 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.

The Village of Cottage Grove Police Department anticipates they have room to grow within their current space within the Municipal Services Building for the foreseeable future.

The Municipal Services Building adequately houses current Public Works and Parks Department staff. As new vehicles and equipment are added, the amount of garage space will become insufficient. Vehicles are also currently stored at the former Public Works building on Bonnie Road. This is not a preferred long term solution as the building is not ideally suited for such use.

The Village should monitor the growth of these departments and proactively plan to accommodate their space needs. There is



Municipal Services Building, photo by Robert Bertera

10,000 square feet of space within the existing building available for renovation. This space is likely adequate for additional office space and for a large meeting room suitable for recreation classes, public meetings, and a second polling place. However, this space will not be able to accommodate future vehicle storage needs. The Village also owns 3 acres of vacant land adjacent to the Municipal Services Building. All or some of this land could facilitate an expansion of the building to add additional garage space for future vehicles and equipment. The remaining land could be sold or used to accommodate outdoor uses such as a salt shed and brush drop off that currently occur at the Bonnie Road facility. When all of the current uses of the Bonnie Road facility are accommodated elsewhere, the Village can sell that property to a private entity placing the property back on the tax roll.

Parks & Recreation Facilities

The *Village of Cottage Grove Park and Open Space Plan* was amended in early 2018. That plan is considered a component of this Comprehensive Plan.

The goals identified in the *Village of Cottage Grove Park and Open Space Plan* are as follows:

1. Provide, maintain, and enhance the parks, recreation facilities, open spaces, and trail systems throughout the Village for the benefit of all current and future residents, as well as other interested stakeholders, for the purpose of providing physical and mental health benefits from exercise and interaction with nature while also providing opportunities for social interaction and community building.
2. Conserve, protect, maintain, and encourage responsible access (where appropriate) to the natural and environmentally sensitive areas in the Village, and in applicable watersheds beyond the Village, for the benefit of current and future residents, as well as native wildlife and ecosystems, for the purpose of providing physical and mental health benefits from exercise and interaction with nature while fostering the benefits derived



Community Park, photo by Robert Bertera

from native habitats and ecosystems.

3. Provide, encourage, and continue to evolve programming and recreational activities in the Village's parks, recreation facilities, and other suitable facilities for the benefit of all residents and other potential participants for the purpose of providing physical and mental health benefits from exercise and other activities, and to provide an opportunity for social interaction and community building.
4. Attract, support, and evolve community and regional athletic and cultural events at existing facilities throughout the Village, as well as new facilities as they may develop in the future, for the benefit of residents and other potential participants for the purpose of providing physical and mental health benefits from exercise, to support the development of local athletes, to increase tourism and foster economic development, and to provide opportunities for social interaction and community building.

