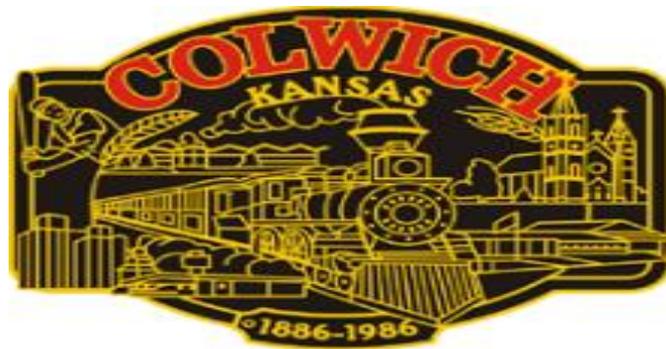




GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES



Preserving the past, maintaining the present and planning for the future is the responsibility of those who serve the public with honesty, integrity, and courage.

WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THIS CHAPTER:

- ❖ Discussion of today's conditions and tomorrow's projections
- ❖ Discussion of challenges and opportunities
- ❖ Discussion of the human services goals, objectives and policies



INTRODUCTION

Ensuring that governmental services are adequate when growth occurs is critical. The implementation of a well-defined governmental services program will help realize the community's vision for well-planned facilities and land uses.

The elements of this portion of the comprehensive plan demonstrates Colwich's plan for the future capital improvements to city departments, properties, and administrative growth. It acts as a reference for all capital facility plans, comprehensive plans, capital improvement and investments plans, inventories, and studies that together represent the planning mechanism necessary to serve the city of Colwich.

The city owns and manages a variety of facilities including roads, parks, water and sewer lines, police and fire facilities, and city hall. In addition to facilities owned and managed by the city, there are publically owned facilities managed by other entities which meet some of citizen's facility needs being the school and library.

Responsible governing bodies make decisions about their facilities, such as when to construct new facilities, improve existing facilities, increase the level of service provided by those facilities, and how to fund and maintain needed facilities. Planning decisions address the evolving and adaptive role of technology in the provision of these facilities.

These facilities are complex and often expensive. They are available only through group effort, which constitutes one of the essential reasons why people band together into communities. It is important to long-term comprehensive planning to study potential future requirements in order to assure that adequate levels will be available for the future and that the associated facilities fit harmoniously into the long-range plan for community development.

perspective, as well as from the viewpoint of potential long-range demand over the course of the planning period.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Colwich has little vacant land, though projected growth in households and growth in jobs over the next 20 years, planning for governmental services will focus on maintaining and improving levels of service as redevelopment occurs. It is important that Colwich plans for and is able to fund needed services and looks for ways to reduce the cost of delivering essential services.

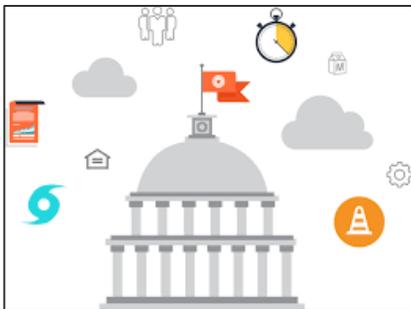


As with the Human Services portion of the comprehensive plan, as funding from federal, state and county sources become increasingly constrained, there is a need for the formation of partnerships with non-profits, other governmental entities, private organizations, faith communities, and interested community members to leverage resources for the greatest benefit.

While there are unique challenges, several issues broadly in Colwich are:

Accommodating Increased Demand. Increased demand will require investment for building and maintaining facilities for services like water, wastewater, stormwater, parks, fire, police, transportation and municipal buildings.

Aging Infrastructure. Some of Colwich's facilities are aging and will require repairs and replacement over the next twenty years. The cost of replacing utility infrastructure and roads are substantial and take years for planning and implementation. Likewise, facilities such as parks and municipal buildings require ongoing maintenance, improvements and replacement.



Compliance with New Laws and Regulations. Changing state and federal mandates governing various facilities require the city to monitor and review its systems to ensure compliance. For example, compliance with the city's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Stormwater Permit, and a Federal Clean Water Act mandates affect programs citywide, and will have significant long-term impacts on the way the city does

business, on city expenses and on private development costs.



COLWICH'S GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES PLAN

The capital improvement program is a listing of projects from the comprehensive plan and the operating departments of the city. Projects are listed in order of their priority in the program.

FACILITY	DESCRIPTION	DETAILED INFORMATION
Colwich City Hall	City departments, council chambers, municipal court	N/A
Colwich Police Department	Law enforcement facility housing officers, vehicles and equipment at city hall	N/A
Colwich Fire Department	Fire station and emergency service facility	Colwich Fire Department Master Plan
Public Works	Provides for the physical upkeep, development of all city properties and equipment	N/A
Water	Infrastructure for potable and fire response water, including water tower	Water Distribution Plan
Wastewater	Infrastructure for the conveyance of wastewater to the sewer lagoons.	Wastewater Plan
Library	Providing for reading materials, periodicals and community outreach to patrons of all ages	N/A
Stormwater Drainage	Infrastructure that conveys and manages storm and surface water	N/A
Parks and Recreation	Parks including 75 acres of land, 1.5 miles of walking trails, playgrounds, and picnic areas	Master Park Plan

Municipal and Other Public Facilities



GOAL, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

GOAL

Provide safe and adequate utility, safety and administrative services for residents of the city.

OBJECTIVES

- OBJ-1. Assure an adequate supply of potable water and an expandable distribution system, suitable for present and future consumption and for fire protection.
- OBJ-2. Provide storm drains and protection works, where needed, to prevent flood damage, unsanitary conditions or hazard to travel.
- OBJ-3. Provide sewage treatment, refuse collection and disposal, street cleaning and similar environmental control processes.
- OBJ-4. Cooperate with other area governmental offices and agencies to assure continuation of appropriate solid waste disposal practices.
- OBJ-5. Maintain general standards and policies for utility system capabilities and extent of service. Identify needs for detailed engineering studies of present demands and potential future area of demand in regard to changing land use and population distribution.
- OBJ-6. Develop long-range plans and institute public improvement programs to assure adequate and effective volume and distribution of governmental services.
- OBJ-7. Continue to upgrade city administrative facilities to improve access by all citizens, including the handicapped.
- OBJ-8. Maintain a program of regular review in concert with citizens to assure delivery of adequate



governmental services for current and future demand.

POLICIES

- GS-1. Develop and maintain functional quarters and to provide adequate space for operations for law enforcement.
- GS-2. Provide adequate staff and equipment levels to provide high quality fire protection services.
- GS-3. Maintain a safe and functional public use facility for city hall, public works, and the library.
- GS-4. Maintain adequate water supply for current and future demands by influencing the reduction in per capita water demand.
- GS-5. Develop and maintain a balanced sewer system and provide for an expanded capacity to meet future city growth.
- GS-6. Assure adequate recreational opportunities in all areas of the city by maintaining and improving existing park areas.

