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## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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## ***INTRODUCTION***

Anticipating and preparing for the needs and safety of the citizens of Madison is essential to insuring a high quality of life within our community. Community facilities are important to the City because they provide citizens with daily necessities such as water and sanitary sewer service, and occasional health and safety services such as public health clinics and fire and police protection, library services, garbage collection and recycling and schools. Community facilities are also often viewed as anchors or stabilizing influences in the neighborhoods where they are located.

## ***FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES***

Fire protection and emergency medical services are currently provided to the City through 10 fire stations (See Volume I, [Map 9-1](#)). There are a total of 64 on-duty personnel during each 24-hour shift that comprise the fire suppression companies, rescues, and special teams.

Engine companies are the most common type of company in the Madison Fire Department and there are a total of 8 engines in service on a daily basis. The engines are located at Stations 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10. All engines are equipped with a pump, several hundred gallons of water, and a large amount of hose line of various sizes for fire attack, and exposure protection. The crew typically is comprised of an officer, apparatus engineer, and two firefighters.



*Madison Fire Department responds to a fire on State Street.*

There are truck/ladder companies located at Stations 1, 2, 6, and 8. The crew of a Ladder Company typically includes an officer, apparatus engineer and two firefighters. The Squad Company is located at Station 1. It is one of the busiest units in the department and an officer and apparatus engineer typically staff it. It is a multi-purpose unit that is equipped to respond to various emergency incidents including fire, lake rescue, technical rescue, and medical emergencies. All firefighters are certified Emergency Medical Technicians and there are 7 rescue teams (recently upgraded from 6) that include paramedics. Stations 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11 are all equipped with ambulances.



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As the City continues to expand its boundaries, additional stations will be necessary to serve new neighborhoods. In 2004, construction began on Station 11 located at 5702 Nelson Road. In the future, new stations will likely be built in southeast Madison, and on the far-west side and the far-east side.

The total annual fire incidents from 1996 to 2002 are included in Table 1. As indicated, Madison experienced in the range of 600 to slightly more than 700 fire incidents per year between 1996 and 2002, with the highest number of fire incidents and the greatest financial loss in 1996.



*Fire Station No. 6*



*Fire Station No. 7*

**Table 1: City of Madison Fires and Financial Loss 1996 - 2002**

Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total # of Fire Incidents	711	594	622	650	643	671	635
Total Annual Loss*	\$9,450	\$3,467	\$2,546	\$5,903	\$6,548	\$3,969	\$3,495

*Source: City of Madison Fire Department, 2004*

*\*Dollar amounts in \$1,000's*

**Table 2: City of Madison Fire and Emergency Medical Service Incidents 1997 - 2003**

Year	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total # of Incidents	18,462	19,003	19,296	20,630	21,500	20,892	20,367
# EMS	13,959	14,855	14,901	15,812	16,316	16,266	15,594

*Source: City of Madison Fire Department, 2004*



## ***POLICE SERVICES***

Madison's Police Department currently provides police services to the City through five police districts (Volume I, [Map 9-2](#)). Each district varies in geographic size, population, and calls for service depending on existing police-identified boundaries that define each district. Each district, except for the East and Central Districts, has its own decentralized station. The East District coverage area extends from Lien Road (south of East Towne Mall) on the north side to the McFarland Village limits on the south. The west boundary is Lake Monona including the Division Street and the Olbrich Park area all the way east to the City limits east of Sprecher Road. Officers serving the East District are currently stationed at the Police headquarters. However, the Department is actively pursuing development of a site for a new station at the intersection of Cottage Grove Road and Interstate 90-94, with a completion date scheduled for the summer of 2006.



*West District Police Station*



*The Madison Police Department adopts new computer software technology and equipment.*



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According to the “Report of the 2003 Police Staffing Subcommittee – March 2003”, the number of police service calls and calls for service per capita increased rather steadily between 1980 and 2003 (Table 3).

The Subcommittee Report predicts that police service calls will increase from 162,202 in 2003 to 171,950 in 2007. The Report predicts that service calls per capita will increase steadily from 0.76 in 2001 to 0.78 in 2007.

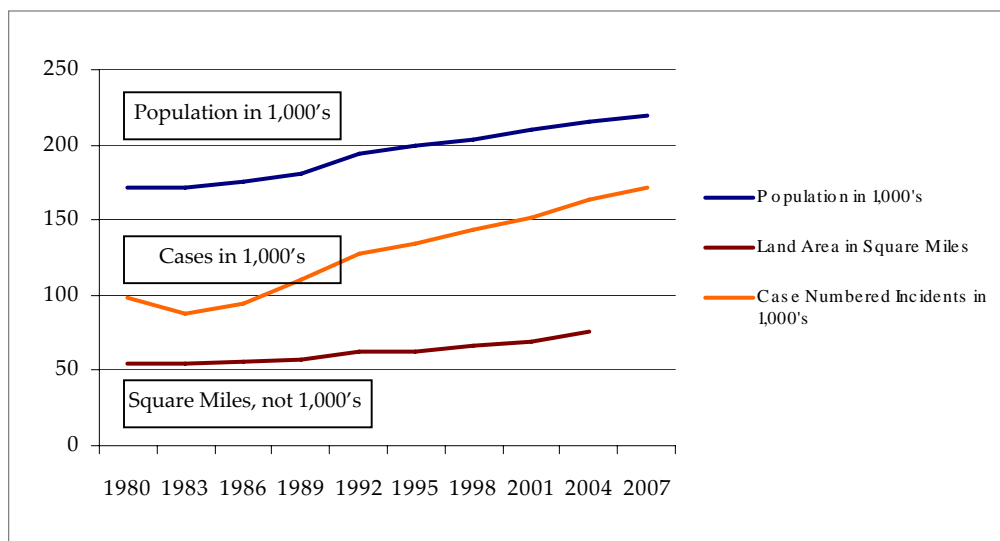
As the City’s population continues to grow and its boundaries expand, the Police Department will need to continue to explore ways of effectively and efficiently providing services.

**Table 3: City of Madison Police Service Calls 1981 - 2007**

Year	Population	Case Numbered Incidents	Service Calls per Capita
1981	170,315	91,661	0.54
1983	172,263	88,518	0.51
1985	174,753	95,539	0.55
1987	176,053	96,911	0.55
1989	180,636	109,944	0.61
1991	192,859	125,855	0.65
1993	196,053	127,311	0.65
1995	199,518	134,468	0.67
1997	201,786	138,774	0.69
1999	205,343	163,646	0.8
2001	210,377	151,424	0.72
2003	214,790	162,202	0.76
<i>Projections</i>			
2005	217,012	165,889	0.76
2007	219,703	171,950	0.78

*Source: Report of the 2003 Police Staffing Study Committee, U.S. Census from 1990 and 2000 and the Wisconsin Department of Administration*

**Figure 1: City of Madison Police Service Calls 1980 – 2007**



*Source: City of Madison Police Department, 2004*

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

The Madison Public Library system currently consists of the Central Library and eight branch libraries, which are shown on Volume I, [Map 9-3](#). Library use in Madison has steadily increased along with population over the past 10 years (Table 4). As the City’s boundaries expand and its population becomes more diverse, new and expanded library facilities will be needed. A major renovation of the Central Library is planned within the next few years. New branch libraries are planned on the east side and southwest side of the City. The Alicia Ashman Branch on the far west side was recently completed, and the Hawthorne and Lakeview Branches were recently expanded. In addition, the Madison Public Library plans to expand the Meadowridge Branch and upgrade the Monroe Street Branch.



*Library Staff and facilities at the Hawthorne Branch Library*



**Table 4: City of Madison Public Library Use 1994 - 2004**

Year	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Circulation*	2,523	2,548	2,555	2,601	2,613	2,710	2,769	3,271	3,634	3,900
Visits*	1,598	1,644	1,690	1,704	1,679	1,625	1,661	1,892	2,075	2,100
Population	198,392	199,518	200,814	201,786	203,211	205,343	208,054	210,377	213,679	215,697

*Source: Madison Public Library, 2004 and the*

*\*Numbers are in the 1,000's*

***PUBLIC SCHOOLS***

In addition to the Madison Metropolitan School District, there are six other school districts with enrollment areas in the City: Middleton-Cross Plains, Verona, McFarland, Sun Prairie, DeForest, and Waunakee.

Volume I, [Map 9-4](#) shows these school district boundaries.

Table 5 includes the enrollment over the past 10 years for the school districts included in the City. As the City expands its boundaries to accommodate newly developing neighborhoods and as its population becomes more diverse, cooperation with each of these entities becomes increasingly important in meeting the needs of citizens and to fulfill the neighborhood design principles articulated in the Land Use chapter.



*Kids playing on Franklin Elementary School playground equipment.*

**Table 5: Enrollment for Madison Area School Districts**

School Districts	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Madison Metropolitan	25,158	25,327	25,112	24,943	25,087	24,893	24,961	24,913
Middleton-Cross Plains	4,746	4,876	4,899	5,018	5,125	5,224	5,328	5,499
Verona Area	3,831	3,943	4,087	4,122	4,222	4,339	4,445	4,497
McFarland	1,995	1,987	1,963	1,938	1,951	1,869	1,967	1,964
Sun Prairie Area	4,466	4,558	4,592	4,683	4,776	4,931	4,987	5,240
De Forest Area	3,014	3,036	3,021	3,095	3,073	3,080	3,111	3,151
Waunakee Community	2,460	2,585	2,686	2,743	2,836	2,910	2,958	3,027

*Source: Madison Metropolitan School District, 2005*

Enrollment projections for the Madison Metropolitan School District indicate that the K-5 grades will add 1,014 students between the 2003-04 school year and the 2008-09 school year. During this same 5 year time period, the Madison Metropolitan School District enrollment is projected to decrease by 342 students in Grades 6-8, and by 896 students in Grades 9-12.



## ***OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES***

The City provides and supports a wide variety of other types of community facilities in addition to those described above. These facilities, shown on Volume I, [Map 9-3](#), include: hospitals, childcare centers, public health facilities, cemeteries, and neighborhood and community centers.

### ***PUBLIC HEALTH***

The City of Madison Department of Public Health (MDPH) provides many different services to the community through its Main Office in the City-County Building, the East Washington Office at 2705 East Washington, and the South Madison Health and Family Center – Harambee at 2202 South Park Street. As the City’s population grows and becomes more diverse, the MDPH will face new challenges in providing the needed services. A merger with the Dane County Health Department is currently moving forward.



*Madison Department of Public Health Office at 2705 E. Washington Avenue*

One of the primary services that MDPH offers is health education. The MDPH also collects data and analyzes health issues, and offers services such as water testing, healthcare clinic services, and animal control. For example, the MDPH staff promptly investigates and follows-up on environmental spills and citizen complaints affecting our environment. Animal control staff will investigate and remedy pet complaints such as aggressive animals, animal bites, and dogs in unauthorized areas. The MDPH staff will conduct tests of drinking water to determine if it contains dangerous levels of contaminants. In regard to such issues as Chronic Wasting Disease and the West Nile Virus, the MDPH provides information, education and contacts.

### ***NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY CENTERS***

There are currently 14 neighborhood and community centers located throughout the City. Volume I, [Map 9-3](#) shows where the neighborhood and community centers are located, and Table 5 includes a listing of the centers and their addresses. These centers are multi-functional, as they serve a number of different populations.



*Atwood Community Center celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday at Olbrich Gardens.*



There are also centers in the City, which serve specific populations such as senior and youth centers. A list of these centers and their locations is included in Table 5. The Community Development Block Grant Program funds many of the City’s neighborhood, community and specific population centers, while others are run through private or non-profit groups.

**Table 5: City of Madison Neighborhood, Community and Youth Resource Centers**

Neighborhood and Community Centers	Youth Resource Centers (YRC)
Allied/Dunns Marsh Community Center 4705 Jenewein Rd., #2 / Madison, WI 53711	Atwood Youth Center 2717 Atwood Ave. / Madison, WI 53704
Atwood Community Center 2425 Atwood Ave. / Madison, WI 53704	Black Hawk Middle School Youth Resource Center 1402 Wyoming Way / Madison, WI 53704
Bayview International Center for Arts & Education 601 Bayview / Madison, WI 53715	Cherokee Middle School YRC 4301 Cherokee Dr. / Madison, WI 53711
Boys & Girls Club of Dane County, Inc. 2001 Taft St. / Madison, WI 53713	Jefferson Middle School YRC 7011 Flower Ln. / Madison, WI 53717
Bridge/Lake Point Community Center 1917 Lake Point Dr. / Madison, WI 53713	O’Keefe-Atwood Middle School YRC 2425 Atwood Ave. / Madison, WI 53704
East Madison Community Center 8 Straubel Ct. / Madison, WI 53704	Sennett Middle School YRC 501 Pflaum Rd. / Madison, WI 53716
Kennedy Heights Community Center 199 Kennedy Heights / Madison, WI 53704	Sherman Middle School YRC 1610 Ruskin St. / Madison, WI 53704
Neighborhood House 29 S. Mills St. / Madison, WI 53715	Toki Middle School YRC 5606 Russett Rd. / Madison, WI 53711
Northport Community Center 1740 Northport Dr. / Madison, WI 53704	Whitehorse Middle School YRC 230 Schenk St. / Madison, WI 53714
Packer Community Learning Center 1927 Northport Dr. / Madison, WI 53704	Wright YTH Resource Center 1717 Fish Hatchery Rd. / Madison, WI 53713
Salvation Army Community Center 3030 Darbo Dr. / Madison, WI 53714	Teen Center 827 E. Washington Ave. / Madison, WI 53703
Vera Court Neighborhood Center 614 Vera Ct. / Madison, WI 53704	Wisconsin Youth Company 1201 McKenna Blvd. / Madison, WI
Warner Park Community Recreation Center 1625 Northport Dr. / Madison, WI 53704	
Wexford Ridge Neighborhood Center 7011 Flower Ln. / Madison, WI 53717	
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center 953 Jenifer St. / Madison, WI 53703	

*Source: City of Madison Community Development Block Grant Office, 2004*





## Community Facilities

### CEMETERIES

There are eight active cemeteries within the City of Madison limits. These cemeteries are described below in Table 6. The Forest Hill Cemetery and Mausoleum and the Pleasant View Cemetery are both owned and operated by the City. The Forest Hill Cemetery is the largest cemetery in the City with 136.28 acres. The cemetery has approximately 1,900 plots available at this time. Over the past 3 years, the cemetery has been selling approximately 200 plots per year. At this rate of sales, the Forest Hill Cemetery will have plots available for approximately 10 more years.



Forest Hill Cemetery

Table 6: City of Madison Cemeteries

Cemetery / Owner	Address	Acreage
Burke Cemetery / Burke Cemetery Association	5861 Hoepker Road	1.49 acres
Pleasant View Cemetery	951 Pleasant View Road	.5 acres
Forest Hill Cemetery and Mausoleum / City of Madison	1 Speedway Road	136.28 acres
Resurrection Cemetery / Diocese of Madison	2 Speedway Road	35.72 acres
Sunset Memory Gardens	210 S. Westfield Road	10.37 acres
Sunset Memory Gardens	7302 Mineral Point Road	11.70 acres
Middleton Cemetery	8350 Mineral Point Road	6.39 acres

Source: City of Madison Department of Planning and Development, 2004

Table 7: Cemetery Plots Sold and Number of Burials:  
Forest Hill Cemetery

Year	Lots Sold	Burials
2003	196	273
2002	226	265
2001	156	285
Annual Average 2001 - 2003	193	274

Source: Forest Hill Cemetery Data, 2004