

Vision 2020: The Comprehensive Plan for Rock Hill, South Carolina



II. Community Facilities Element

OVERVIEW

The intent of the Community Facilities Element is to provide general information about the community facilities and services currently offered within Rock Hill and its planning area, the 2020 Planning Area, with the exception of transportation related facilities, which are addressed in a separate element of this Plan (See **Transportation Element**). Community facilities and services are needed to provide basic levels of health and safety, while others help to maintain a high quality of life, promote job creation and create a more sustainable economy. Because these facilities and services are provided and maintained by a variety of organizations, this Element assesses both public- and private- sector utilities and community facilities in order to show the need for cooperation and a shared vision.

This Element presents an inventory and analysis of existing conditions and needs for capital facilities and utilities, community safety, education, and other government facilities. As the City's population grows, it may be necessary to build more facilities or consider providing new services. Rock Hill will be challenged to meet the additional demand while maintaining levels of service for current constituents. Through this Element, Rock Hill and its partner agencies can better ensure that the current and future infrastructure needs of the community are met as the population continues to grow.

The Community Facilities Element is directly related to many of the elements in the Plan as follows:

Land Use Element – Land development patterns are largely determined by available infrastructure and services, such as water, sewer, electric, fire protection, school locations and other rudiments that comprise the community. The Land Use Element and Community Facilities Element must be coordinated to reduce sprawl and minimize strain on infrastructure systems and community services.

Housing Element – Impact fees collected from new housing developments help fund capital infrastructure improvement projects while the availability of facilities and services affect peoples' housing decisions.

Transportation Element – The availability or lack of transportation affects peoples' ability to participate in or benefit from the provision of certain community facilities and services.

Cultural Resources Element – Cultural resources such as schools and libraries are important community facilities that offer programs and services to enrich lives and enhance quality of life.

Economic Conditions Element – The City's economic growth and ability to attract and retain employers is largely dependent on the infrastructure and services available.

Priority Investment Element – Through this element, planned public infrastructure and facilities' projects are prioritized and coordinated with adjacent and relevant jurisdictions and agencies.