

VI. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

OVERVIEW

The City developed a *Facilities Master Plan* in 1998 that addressed major facilities needed to respond to the explosive growth then being experienced. That plan was updated in 2002. It provides valuable information and help in developing the City's *Capital Improvement Plan*. The following is an executive summary of the plan. For specific details, please see the original plan and update.

As one of the larger suburbs of Dallas, Carrollton has worked hard over the years to attain recognition as a city of excellence in many respects. One of these is the City's progressive and pro-active attitude concerning the growth and development of the community. In their desire to guide and direct growth in positive ways, civic leaders and City staff have been very planning-oriented through the years; and they have been successful in establishing Carrollton as a premier Metroplex community in which to live, work and play.



As the City continues to grow and mature, it will place new demands upon municipal services and facilities needed to serve an expanding and changing population. The need for public building space at all levels of government normally increases as the population grows. As a general rule, as a community grows, increased levels of service are expected by its citizens. Consequently, when the City attains its build-out population, additional public facilities will be needed to accommodate a growing municipal work force and to replace deteriorating facilities.

The City of Carrollton recognizes the need for pro-active, advance planning to ensure that the levels of service now enjoyed by residents will continue to be available for generations to come. The *Facilities Master Plan* was developed to establish a comprehensive approach for guiding the planning and coordination of public facilities as the City continues to grow.

THE PLANNING PROCESS

A professional consulting team consisting of architects and urban planners was retained by the City to develop the Plan to guide both long-term planning and near-term programming for public facilities needed to serve a growing population. The eleven-member Capital Improvements Plan Advisory Committee (CIPAC) was involved in the process to provide input and guidance, and to eventually make recommendations on the Plan to City Council.

Other participants in the process included City staff members, members of City Council, and other interested individuals. Several methods were used to gather data and to solicit input for the study, including site visits, questionnaires, and interviews.

Following a thorough review of base data and input received during early phases of the project, the City's goals and objectives were incorporated into the *Facilities Master Plan* to strengthen the ties between this planning effort and the City's capital improvements programming and budgeting processes. While the Plan was never intended to delve into the City's financial matters, it was undertaken with the pragmatic attitude that final Plan recommendations would need to consider cost efficiency and fiscal responsibility. Ultimately, a *Facilities Master Plan* document was generated and presented to City staff and the CIPAC for review and input. City Council called a bond election for facility construction on December 15, 1998.

SUMMARY OF PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Following is a brief summary of Plan recommendations on the various municipal facilities:

1. Develop a master plan for a Center of Municipal Government (at East Jackson Road and Josey Lane), which would contain the City's administrative, legislative and judicial functions, including:
 - City Hall;
 - Municipal Courts Complex (relocation/new building-completed 2002);
 - Police Station (renovation/expand into former jail-completed 2002);
 - Jail (relocation/new building-completed 2002) and;
 - Fire Administration (relocation/former Fire Station #2-scheduled 2004).

2. Develop a master plan for a new Civic/Cultural Complex at Josey Ranch, including:
 - Main Library (relocation/new building-scheduled 2004);
 - Senior Center (relocation/new building-scheduled 2004);
 - Amphitheater (relocation/new site) and;
 - Conference Center (new use/land acquisition-property acquired 2002).

3. Design and construct a new Campanile/Clock Tower in the City's Town Center to increase visibility (completed 2003 as part of Gravley Center).

4. Better serve the needs of organized sports at the following locations:
 - McInnish Park
 - Former Landfill Site
 - T. C. Rice Athletic Complex
5. Design and construct a new banquet/tournament pavilion and additional clubhouse space at the Indian Creek Municipal Golf Course to attract larger, more prestigious tournaments and events (scheduled 2003).
6. Design and construct an addition to the Rosemeade Recreation Center (scheduled 2003).
7. Purchase land, design and construct a new Branch Library along the Hebron Parkway corridor (completed 2001).
8. Continue design and construction of the proposed Tennis Center at Oak Creek Park in north Carrollton (completed 2001).
9. Design and construct a new Fire Station No. 1 on the same site (also incorporating the site currently occupied by the Police Storefront, which should be moved to another location nearby).
10. Design and construct a new Fire Station No. 2 on a new site acquired on Jackson Road between Parkview and Jeanette Way (construction expected to start in 2003).
11. Develop a master plan for the City's Service Centers.
12. Relocate the Parks Maintenance Building to the Rural America/Landfill area (design in progress).
13. Improve and expand Carrollton's Greenbelt Trail System.
14. Design and construct new Hike/Bike Trails along the Greenbelt Trail System.

Facility Priorities

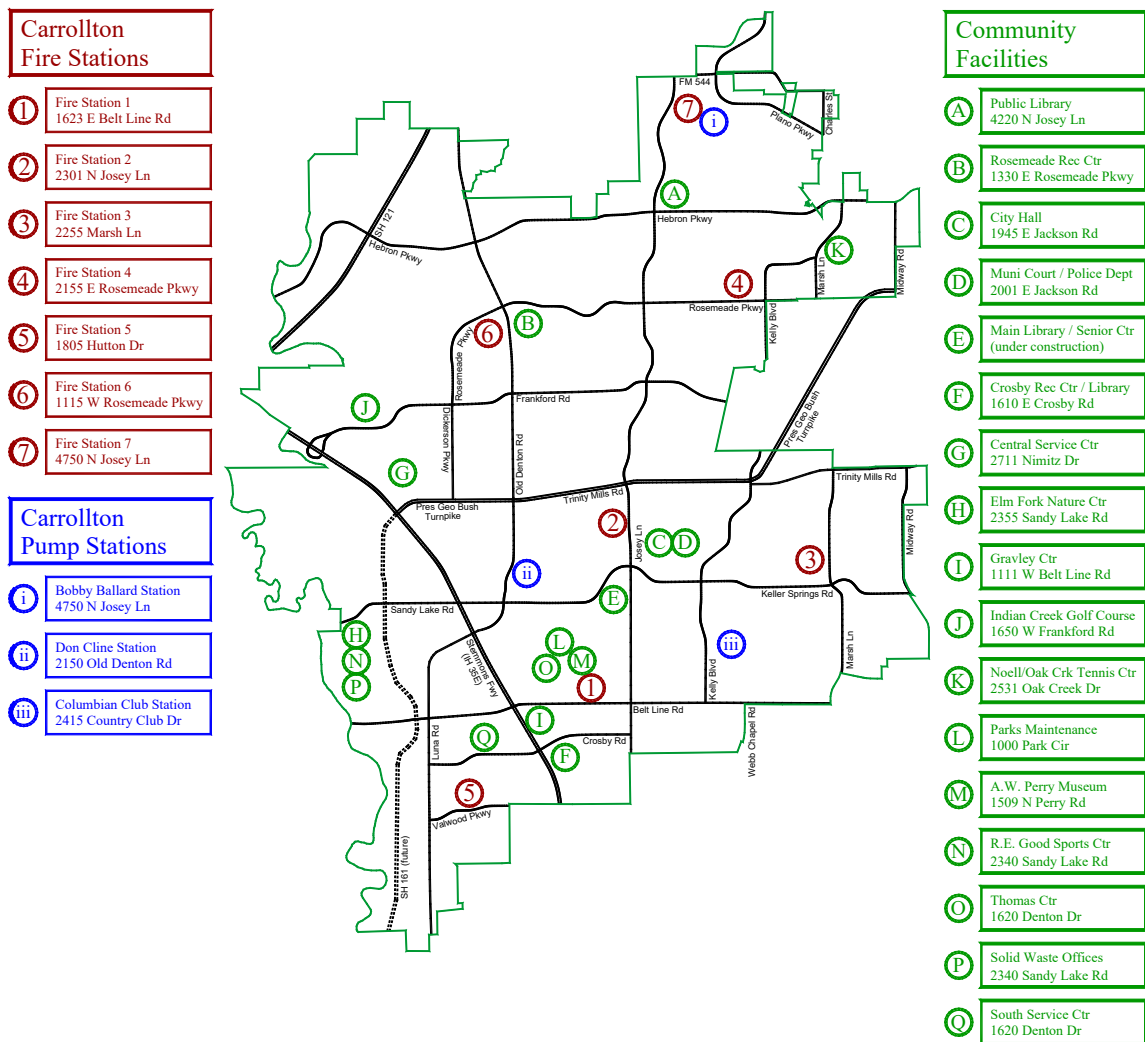
The methodology used in prioritizing the City's facility needs was based upon the following criteria:

- Individual Facility Analysis Criteria
- Public/Employee Safety
- Number of Citizens Benefited
- Customer Service Quality
- Quality of Life Issues
- Staff Efficiency and Productivity
- Opportunity to Enhance Carrollton's Image

Facilities Master Plan & Map

The final product of the facility planning process was a master plan that addresses the City's anticipated facility needs for twenty years or more. The *Facilities Master Plan* is composed of a published document and large Plan map that can be used by City staff and decision-makers in facility programming and coordination efforts. The *Facilities Master Plan* can also assist in developing and promoting facility funding initiatives (e.g., bond referenda) as well.

FIGURE 11: COMMUNITY FACILITIES



Parks Master Plan & Map

The *Parks Master Plan* is adopted by separate document. The parks are listed below, and a map is on the following page.

TABLE 9
PARKS
CITY OF CARROLLTON

1	Indian Creek Ranch Park	28	Martha Pointer Park
2	Oak Hills Park	29	Ken Good Park
3	Harvest Run Park	30	Clifford E. ("Bill") Hall Park (developing)
4	Oakwood Springs 1 Park	31	Carrollton Amphitheater
5	Oakwood Springs 3 Park	32	Summerfield 2 Park (undeveloped)
6	Del Santer Park (undeveloped)	33	Ward Steenson (developing)
7	Greenway Park (undeveloped)	34	Mill Valley Park
8	Indian Springs Park (undeveloped)	35	Mary Heads Carter Park
9	Rosemeade Recreation Center	36	McInnish Park (lease 1)
10	Standridge Memorial Park	37	McInnish Park (lease 2)
11	Branch Hollow Park	38	Rural America
12	Greenbelt 9	39	McInnish Sports Complex
13	Greenbelt 8	40	Elm Fork Nature Preserve
14	Oak Creek Tennis Center & Park	41	R.E. Good Sports Complex
15	T.C. Rice Athletic Complex	42	Thomas Center
16	Indian Creek Golf Course	43	Thomas Park, Pool & Ballfields
17	Timbercreek Park	44	Gravley Park
18	Greenbelt 6	45	Josey Ranch Sports Complex
19	Greenbelt 7	46	Jimmy Porter Park
20	Greenbelt 5	47	Josey Ranch Greenbelt
21	Greenbelt 4 A	48	Keller Springs Park
22	Greenbelt 4 B	49	Dimension Park (undeveloped)
23	Harold K. Bessire Park	50	Pioneer Park
24	Nob Hill Greenbelt	51	Carrollton Square
25	Greenbelt 3	52	Francis Perry Park
26	Greenbelt 2	53	Crosby Recreation Center
27	Greenbelt 1	54	Holmon D. Rhoton Park

FIGURE 12: PARKS

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