

Public Facilities



Where does this topic fit within the new Comprehensive Plan?

Hillsboro's updated Comprehensive Plan is organized around seven core topic areas. These core areas cover broad, interconnected subjects that help define and guide the future growth and development of Hillsboro.



Public Facilities is part of the **Building Economy and Infrastructure** core area.



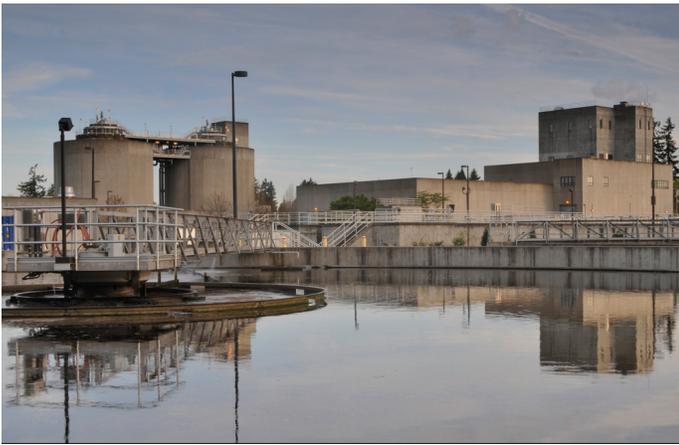
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Coordinated strategies for public facilities planning and infrastructure and service provision over a long-term horizon are essential for meeting the needs of a rapidly growing City like Hillsboro.

Background

The City of Hillsboro is proud to be a full-service City, one of only a few in the region providing direct services to citizens. Effective collaboration is necessary for meeting the service requirements of state and federal regulations and partnering with other service providers and districts supplying joint or special services.

The Public Facilities section addresses service provision, operations, and planning more broadly, while community development, police and fire, library, recreation, water and wastewater services are covered in detail in other sections of the Comprehensive Plan.



Issues and Challenges

A number of issues and challenges affect the City's efforts in planning for public facilities, including:

- **Service Planning and Delivery** — Providing facilities, utilities, and services can prove costly and requires planning for construction, maintenance, and operations on a regular basis.
- **School District Coordination** — To keep up with projected increases in enrollment numbers, school districts may need City assistance in planning for new and expanded facilities.
- **Funding and Coordination of Investments** — Replacing capital facility systems that are older, have outdated technologies, or are operating near capacity, can be expensive and must compete with funding demands for new infrastructure.

Emerging Trends and Opportunities

There are several opportunities for Hillsboro to improve planning for public facilities, including:

- **Utility Undergrounding** — Undergrounding transmission lines addresses both aesthetic considerations and the aging and safety conditions of overhead lines and poles.

- **Sustainability** — The City has a continued commitment to sustainability that reduces waste and increases the efficiency and resilience of existing public facilities and services.
- **Asset and Risk Management** — The City is already using asset management in most facility planning, which reduces costs and maximizes investment to facilitate the long-term reliability and viability of public infrastructure.

Recommended Updates and Policy Considerations

Recommended updates to Hillsboro's Comprehensive Plan include the following:

- **Provide the timely, orderly, and efficient delivery of services through coordination with service providers, creation of a 20-year public facility plan, and minimization of costs.**
- **Balance the maintenance and operation of existing services with the extension of new public services.**
- **Offer equitable access to reliable, resilient, and cost-effective services at levels that are appropriate to planned land uses.**

Find Out More

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