



# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



## PUBLIC FACILITIES ELEMENT



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## **INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE**

This element analyzes the current and future needs for public services with relation to the current plan for growth. Recommendations are made as to the general type, location, and character of community facilities such as parks, police and fire stations, schools, and water and sewer treatment systems.

The following subcategories address specific goals and strategies that collectively provide for the Public Facilities Element of this Comprehensive Plan:

- Education Facilities
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## **EDUCATION & SCHOOLS**

Community schools are vital elements of communities; therefore, it is essential that the county planning process provide for an adequate supply of schools (of all types) in the appropriate locations. Significant factors to consider in formulating a preliminary school assessment study include analysis of the following: school district sizes, current school enrollment figures, projected school capacities, student-per-teacher ratios, and so on. The remainder of this report focuses on some of these factors and their relevant statistical comparisons to state and local data.

## **SCHOOL DISTRICTS & CORPORATIONS**

### **Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation**

The Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation consists of six schools with a total enrollment of approximately 4,240 students. This school system currently serves a population of approximately 21,115 people (who collectively have a per capita income of \$21,900). The relevant statistical information for the school district is as follows:



### Sunman-Dearborn Community School Enrollment Trends: From 1998-1999 to 2006-2007 Projections

Year	Pre-Kindergarten	K-6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7th-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Other	Total
1998-99	0	2078	1932	5	4015
1999-00	0	2112	1947	0	4059
2000-01	0	2146	1982	0	4128
2001-02	12	2193	2009	5	4219
2002-03	0	2185	2028	7	4220
2003-04	0	2209	2070	7	4286
2004-05	0	2186	2084	7	4277
2005-06	0	2203	2132	7	4342
2006-07	0	2166	2180	7	4353

Source: Indiana Department of Education, November of 2003

### Individual School Enrollment: Past Five (5) Years

Sunman-Dearborn School	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
Bright Elementary School	631	631	643	647	543
North Dearborn Elementary School	679	676	687	671	565
Sunman Elementary School	486	503	540	517	440
Sunman Dearborn Intermediate School	NA	NA	NA	NA	644
Sunman Dearborn Middle School	955	1022	1015	1041	695
East Central High School	1308	1296	1334	1344	1357

Source: Indiana Department of Education, November of 2003



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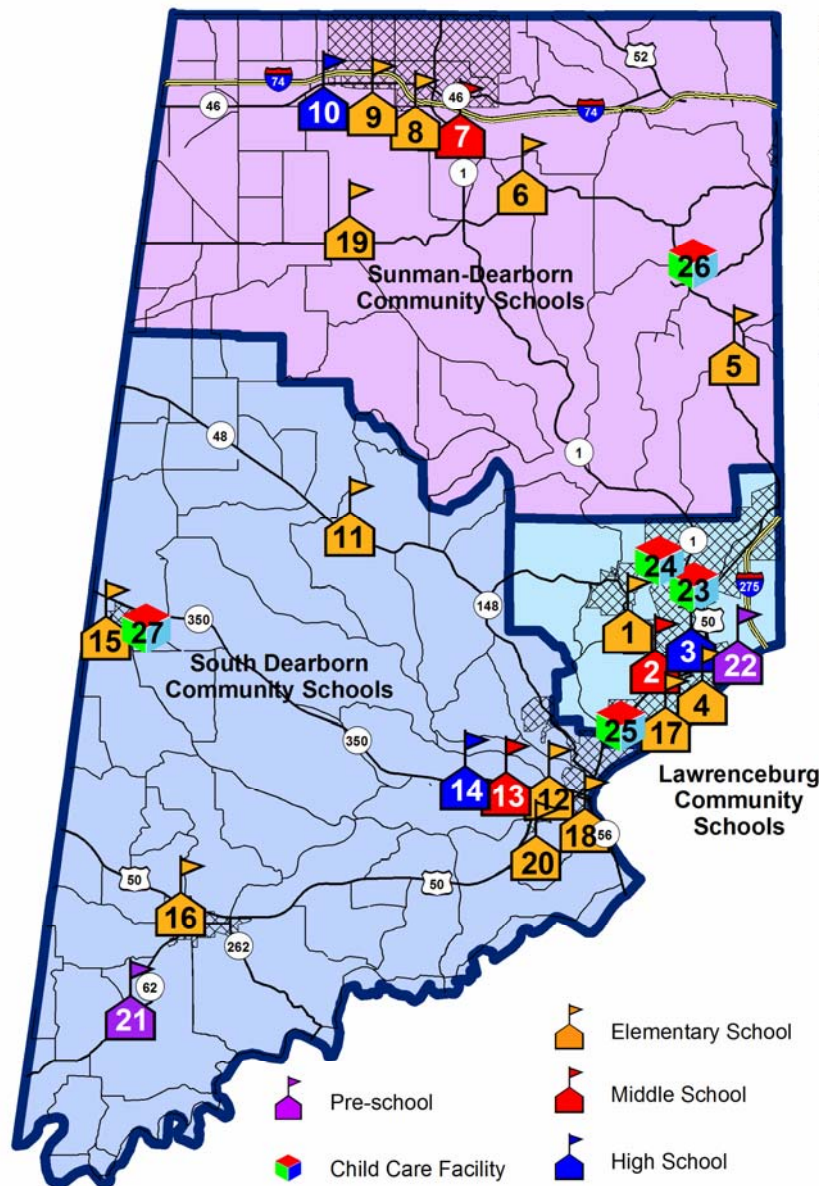
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# DEARBORN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

FIGURE 6-1: COUNTY SCHOOLS MAP



### SCHOOLS INDICATED BY NUMBER:

#### Lawrenceburg School Corp.

1. Lawrenceburg Primary
2. Greendale Middle School \*
3. Lawrenceburg High School \*
4. Central Elementary \*

#### Sunman-Dearborn School Corp.

5. Bright Elementary \*
6. North Dearborn Elementary \*
7. Sunman-Dearborn Interm. \*
8. Sunman Elementary
9. Sunman-Dearborn
10. East Central High School

#### South Dearborn School Corp.

11. Manchester Elementary \*
12. Aurora Elementary \*
13. South Dearborn Middle School \*
14. South Dearborn High School \*
15. Moores Hill Elementary \*
16. Dillsboro Elementary \*

#### Private Schools

17. St. Lawrence Catholic School
18. St. Mary Catholic School \*
19. St. Paul Catholic Elementary \*
20. St. John Lutheran School \*
21. St. John Luthern Pre-School \*
22. Bethlehem Lutheran Pre-School

#### Child Care Centers

23. Cradles to Crayons
24. Little Red Schoolhouse
25. Sunshine Corner
26. Cuddles & Hugs
27. Bright Beginnings

\* Indicates school with large  
outdoor playground facilities





### Projected School Enrollment Capacities for the year 2006: Individual Schools

Sunman-Dearborn School			
Bright Elementary School	600	Sunman Dearborn Intermediate School	900
North Dearborn Elementary School	750	Sunman Dearborn Middle School	900
Sunman Elementary School	650	East Central High School	1750

Source: Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation, November of 2003

### Statistical Profile of the Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation

	Sunman-Dearborn	Indiana Avg.
Per Capita Income, 1999	\$21,900	\$20,397
Total Expenses per Pupil, 2001-2002 Average	\$7,141	\$8,337
Average Teacher Salary	\$47,100	\$45,000
Attendance Rate	95.7%	95.7%
Graduation Rate	93%	91%
College Attendance Rate, Class of 2002	66%	69%
Composite SAT Scores, 2002	994	1001
Percent of 12 <sup>th</sup> Graders Taking SAT, 2002	61%	55%
Percent Single Parent Families within the Corporation	15.7%	27.8%
Percent of Pupils Eligible for Free Lunch, 2003	7.4%	25.1%
Total Area of Corporation: Square Miles	131	123
Round Trip Bus Miles	2,148	1,641
Total Enrollment Projected: 2003-2004	4,286	NA
Rate of Suspension or Expulsion	3.3%	13.9%
Percent of Children Living in Same Residence Since '95	62.2%	55.0%

Source: Indiana Department of Education, November of 2003



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## DEARBORN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL INFORMATION *Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation*

### BRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Improvement Focus:

- Writing Skills
- Mathematical Applications & mathematical problem-solving
- Technology as a learning tool

Current Enrollment: 543

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 19.9

Teacher's Average Age: 44.0 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 16.4 years

Teacher's Average Salary: \$48,902

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: 63.3% (State Average= 59.7%)

### NORTH DEARBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Improvement Focus:

- Writing Skills
- Language Mechanics

Current Enrollment: 565

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 18.0

Teacher's Average Age: 37.3 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 10.9 years

Teacher's Average Salary: \$43,955

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: 63.5% (State Average= 59.7%)

### SUNMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (\*\*\*\*Four Star School)

School Improvement Focus:

- Writing Skills
- Mathematics

Current Enrollment: 440

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 15.5

Teacher's Average Age: 43.1 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 18.1 years

Teacher's Average Salary: \$49,445

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: 60.6% (State Average= 59.7%)

## SUNMAN-DEARBORN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Current Enrollment: 644

\*No previous data is currently available.

## SUNMAN-DEARBORN MIDDLE SCHOOL

School Improvement Focus:

- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Attendance

Current Enrollment: 695

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 21.4

Teacher's Average Age: 42.4 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 16.5 years

Teacher's Average Salary: \$48,639

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: 67.8% (State Average= 57.2%)

## EAST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

School Improvement Focus:

- Language Arts
- Character Development / Citizenship

Current Enrollment: 1357

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 20.7

Teacher's Average Age: 41.3 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 15.4 years

Teacher's Average Salary: \$45,693

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: 71.8% (State Average= 60.7%)

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### SCHOOL DISTRICTS & CORPORATIONS

#### South Dearborn Community School Corporation

The South Dearborn Community School Corporation consists of six schools with a total enrollment of approximately 2,932 students. This school system currently serves a population of approximately 17,135 people (who collectively have a per capita income of \$18,515). The relevant statistical information for the school district is as follows:

#### South Dearborn Community School Enrollment Trends: From 1998-1999 to 2006-2007 Projections

Year	Pre-Kindergarten	K-6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Other	Total
1998-99	16	1673	1500	0	3189
1999-00	14	1626	1515	0	3155
2000-01	13	1596	1502	0	3111
2001-02	10	1603	1478	0	3091
2002-03	0	1507	1448	0	2955
2003-04	0	1513	1419	0	2932
2004-05	0	1425	1432	0	2857
2005-06	0	1430	1393	0	2823
2006-07	0	1426	1345	0	2771

Source: Indiana Department of Education, November of 2003

#### Individual School Enrollment: Past Five (5) Years

South Dearborn School	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
Aurora Elementary School	373	396	369	331	378
Dillsboro Elementary School	325	312	318	308	290
Manchester Elementary School	321	297	297	297	288
Moores Hill Elementary School	335	329	317	285	302
South Dearborn Middle School	781	784	791	751	801
South Dearborn High School	1020	993	999	983	971

Source: Indiana Department of Education, November of 2003

#### Projected School Enrollment Capacities for the year 2006: Individual Schools

South Dearborn School			
Aurora Elementary School	380	Moores Hill Elementary School	325
Dillsboro Elementary School	325	South Dearborn Middle School	850
Manchester Elementary School	375	South Dearborn High School	1200

Source: South Dearborn Community School Corporation, November of 2003



## Statistical Profile of the South Dearborn Community School Corporation

	South Dearborn	Indiana Avg.
Per Capita Income, 1999	\$18,515	\$20,397
Total Expenses per Pupil, 2001-2002 Average	\$7,669	\$8,337
Average Teacher Salary	\$42,300	\$45,000
Attendance Rate	95.1%	95.7%
Graduation Rate	89%	91%
College Attendance Rate, Class of 2002	66%	69%
Composite SAT Scores, 2002	932	1001
Percent of 12 <sup>th</sup> Graders Taking SAT, 2002	31%	55%
Percent Single Parent Families within the Corporation	24.7%	27.8%
Percent of Pupils Eligible for Free Lunch, 2003	16.5%	25.1%
Total Area of Corporation: Square Miles	151	123
Round Trip Bus Miles	1,534	1,641
Total Enrollment Projected: 2003-2004	2,932	NA
Rate of Suspension or Expulsion	10.8%	13.9%
Percent of Children Living in Same Residence Since '95	61.7%	55.0%

Source: Indiana Department of Education, November of 2003

### INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL INFORMATION, South Dearborn Community School Corporation

#### AURORA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Improvement Focus:

- Language Arts
- Mathematics

Current Enrollment: 378

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 14.1

Teacher's Average Age: 40.9 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 15.1 years

Teacher's Average Salary: \$46,101

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: 66.2% (State Average= 59.7%)



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### DILLSBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Improvement Focus:

- Writing Skills
- Math Concepts & Skills

Current Enrollment: 290

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 16.6

Teacher's Average Age: 44.7 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 17.6 years

Teacher's Average Salary: \$48,102

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: 70.4% (State Average= 59.7%)

### MANCHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Improvement Focus:

- Language Arts
- Mathematics

Current Enrollment: 288

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 16.7

Teacher's Average Age: 38.1 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 12.5 years

Teacher's Average Salary: \$46,277

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: 49.1% (State Average= 59.7%)

### MOORES HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Improvement Focus:

- Reading Skills
- Writing Skills
- Math Concepts & Skills

Current Enrollment: 302

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 17.8

Teacher's Average Age: 44.3 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 16.9 years

Teacher's Average Salary: \$48,395

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: 75.8% (State Average= 59.7%)

SOUTH DEARBORN MIDDLE SCHOOL

School Improvement Focus:

- Curriculum Alignment / Standards
- Parent / Community Involvement
- Professional Development

Current Enrollment: 801

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 16.3

Teacher's Average Age: 42.8 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 14.3 years

Teacher's Average Salary: \$46,980

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: 54.5% (State Average= 57.2%)

SOUTH DEARBORN HIGH SCHOOL

School Improvement Focus:

- Writing Skills
- Mathematics
- Character Development / Citizenship

Current Enrollment: 971

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 18.9

Teacher's Average Age: 41.1 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 13.8 years

Teacher's Average Salary: \$46,043

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: 62.6% (State Average= 60.7%)



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### SCHOOL DISTRICTS & CORPORATIONS

#### Lawrenceburg Community School Corporation

The Lawrenceburg Community School Corporation consists of three schools with a total enrollment of approximately 1,484 students. This school system currently serves a population of approximately 10,435 people (who collectively have a per capita income of \$19,758). The relevant statistical information for the school district is as follows:

#### Lawrenceburg Community School Enrollment Trends: From 1998-1999 to 2006-2007 Projections

Year	Pre-Kindergarten	K-6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Other	Total
1998-99	0	804	804	5	1608
1999-00	0	711	711	0	1606
2000-01	0	769	769	0	1557
2001-02	0	730	730	5	1567
2002-03	0	701	701	7	1489
2003-04	0	694	694	7	1484
2004-05	0	677	677	7	1440
2005-06	0	670	670	7	1453
2006-07	0	643	643	7	1421

Source: Indiana Department of Education, November of 2003

#### Individual School Enrollment: Past Five (5) Years

Lawrenceburg School	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
Central Elementary School	687	663	726	660	338**
Lawrenceburg Primary School	NA	NA	NA	NA	338**
Greendale Middle School	404	367	359	360	339
Lawrenceburg High School	515	527	482	469	458

Source: Indiana Department of Education, November of 2003

\*\*Central Elementary School enrollment was approximately split in half after new primary school opened in 2003.

#### Projected School Enrollment Capacities for the year 2006: Individual Schools

Lawrenceburg School	
Central Elementary School	450
Lawrenceburg Primary School	450
Greendale Middle School	400
Lawrenceburg High School	600

Source: Lawrenceburg Community School Corporation, November of 2003



## Statistical Profile of the Lawrenceburg Community School Corporation

	Lawrenceburg	Indiana Avg.
Per Capita Income, 1999	\$19,758	\$20,397
Total Expenses per Pupil, 2001-2002 Average	\$9,051	\$8,337
Average Teacher Salary	\$46,500	\$45,000
Attendance Rate	95.2%	95.7%
Graduation Rate	82%	91%
College Attendance Rate, Class of 2002	69%	69%
Composite SAT Scores, 2002	963	1001
Percent of 12 <sup>th</sup> Graders Taking SAT, 2002	45%	55%
Percent Single Parent Families within the Corporation	35.5%	27.8%
Percent of Pupils Eligible for Free Lunch, 2003	17.0%	25.1%
Total Area of Corporation: Square Miles	25	123
Round Trip Bus Miles	421	1,641
Total Enrollment Projected: 2003-2004	1,484	NA
Rate of Suspension or Expulsion	21.5%	13.9%
Percent of Children Living in Same Residence Since '95	57.0%	55.0%

Source: Indiana Department of Education, November of 2003

## INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

*Lawrenceburg Community School Corporation*

## CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Improvement Focus:

- Language Arts
- Mathematics

Current Enrollment: 676

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 16.1

Teacher's Average Age: 41.9 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 14.8 years

Teacher's Average Salary: \$48,692

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: 51.4% (State Average= 59.7%)



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### GREENDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL

School Improvement Focus:

- Instruction / Classroom Strategies
- Lifelong Learning

Current Enrollment: 339

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 13.7

Teacher's Average Age: 37.5 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 12.8 years

Teacher's Average Salary: \$45,710

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: 51.3% (State Average= 57.2%)

### LAWRENCEBURG HIGH SCHOOL

School Improvement Focus:

- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Attendance
- Graduation Rate

Current Enrollment: 458

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 16.6

Teacher's Average Age: 45.4 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 16.6 years

Teacher's Average Salary: \$49,191

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: 64.5% (State Average= 60.7%)

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS & CORPORATIONS**Office of Catholic Education

The Catholic education system in Dearborn County consists of three schools with a total enrollment of approximately 445 students. The relevant statistical information for the Catholic school district within Dearborn County is as follows:

**Individual School Enrollment: Past Five (5) Years**

<b>Catholic School</b>	<b>1999-2000</b>	<b>2000-2001</b>	<b>2001-2002</b>	<b>2002-2003</b>	<b>2003-2004</b>
Saint Lawrence School	204	222	236	239	250
Saint Mary School	161	168	162	87	148
Saint Paul School	125	80	75	73	47

*Source: Indiana Department of Education, November of 2003*

**Projected School Enrollment Capacities for the year 2006:****Individual Schools**

<b>Catholic School</b>	
Saint Lawrence School	351
Saint Mary School	211
Saint Paul School	125

*Source: Office of Catholic Education, November of 200 & Independent educational facilities*



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## DEARBORN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL INFORMATION *Office of Catholic Education*

### SAINT LAWRENCE SCHOOL

School Improvement Focus:

- Reading Skills
- Writing Skills
- Mathematics
- Social Studies Skills
- Technology as a Learning Tool
- Parent / Student / Staff Communication
- School Climate / Safe Learning Environment

Current Enrollment: 250

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 16.8

Teacher's Average Age: 34.9 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 6.7 years

Teacher's Average Salary: NA

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: 83.3% (State Average= 57.2%)

### SAINT MARY SCHOOL

School Improvement Focus:

- Science Skills
- Assessment Procedures to Accommodate Individual Student Needs
- Character Development / Citizenship

Current Enrollment: 148

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 18.6

Teacher's Average Age: 39.7 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 11.3 years

Teacher's Average Salary: \$25,266

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: 86.7% (State Average= 57.2%)

### SAINT PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Improvement Focus:

- Instruction / Classroom Strategies
- Technology as a Learning Tool
- Professional Development

Current Enrollment: 47

Current Student Per Teacher Ratio: 14.6

Teacher's Average Age: 31.0 years old

Teacher's Average Experience: 4.6 years

Teacher's Average Salary: \$23,822

Percent of Students Meeting State Standards, 2002: NA (State Average= 57.2%)



**SCHOOL DISTRICTS & CORPORATIONS**Lutheran Schools of Indiana

The Lutheran education system in Dearborn County consists of three schools with a total enrollment of approximately 84+ students. The relevant statistical information for the Lutheran school district within Dearborn County is as follows:

**Individual School Enrollment: Past Five (5) Years**

<b>Lutheran School</b>	<b>1999-2000</b>	<b>2000-2001</b>	<b>2001-2002</b>	<b>2002-2003</b>	<b>2003-2004</b>
Saint John Ev Lutheran School	NA	NA	NA	NA	69
Bethlehem Lutheran Preschool	50	51	53	63	70
Saint John Lutheran Preschool	20	NA	28	17	14

Source: Indiana Department of Education, November of 2003

**Projected School Enrollment Capacities for the year 2006:****Individual Schools**

<b>Lutheran School</b>	
Saint John Ev Lutheran School	NA
Bethlehem Lutheran Preschool	60
Saint John Lutheran Preschool	40

Source: Lutheran Schools of Indiana, November of 2003

\*NA= Not Available at the time this report was published

**INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL INFORMATION***Office of Catholic Education***SAINT JOHN EV. LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Current Enrollment: 69

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL**

Current Enrollment: 70

**SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL**

Current Enrollment: 14



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### Independent Child Care Centers

The child care / preschool system in Dearborn County consists of a minimum of five schools with a total enrollment of several hundred students. The relevant statistical information for the child care / preschool system within Dearborn County is as follows:

### Individual School Enrollment: Past Five (5) Years

Child Care Center	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
Bright Beginnings	NA	NA	NA	NA	45
Candles to Crayons	NA	NA	NA	NA	110
Little Red School House	NA	NA	NA	NA	125
Lollipops & Rainbows	107	103	105	109	72
Sunshine Corner Daycare & Preschool	NA	NA	NA	NA	160

Source: Indiana Department of Education, November of 2003 & Independent child care facilities

### Projected School Enrollment Capacities for the year 2006: Individual Schools

Child Care Center	
Bright Beginnings	56
Candles to Crayons	130
Little Red School House	115
Lollipops & Rainbows	126
Sunshine Corner Daycare & Preschool	80

Source: Independent child care facilities

\*NA= Not Available at the time this report was published

## KEY ISSUES:

- Some facility locations are not central to the population and restrict convenience level for public utilization of facilities such as playgrounds, auditorium, gym, etc.
- Need to increase opportunities for secondary education to attract employers needing skilled workforce
- Need for more sufficient childcare services to support continuing education for parents
- Local and County governments and school administrations do not have a formal communication process
- Planning for location of new facilities should be more proactive and based on planned growth patterns
- More collaboration needed between school districts in the County
- Need to better relate education and training to the communities' business and industry needs

## PUBLIC FACILITIES - EDUCATION GOAL

**P-1 Educational facilities, programs and activities in the community that address all citizen needs.**Strategies:

- P-1.a** Proactively plan for alternative public utilization of new and current facilities and reuse of old facilities and consider County demographic trends when planning multi-use facilities.
- P-1.b** Encourage and support development of local vocational/technical training and increased opportunities for post secondary education within the County that relate to the needs and coordinates with the communities' business and industry sectors.
- P-1.c** Encourage school administrators to consider facility planning, programs and procedures to complement city and county master plans.

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### PARKS & RECREATION

Ensuring adequate availability of parks for enjoyment and recreation is essential to create a high quality of life for community residents. Parks provide areas for outdoor recreation and allow residents to enjoy the natural surroundings. Parks also improve the appearance of the community and raise property values. It is important to consider park space when allocating land for development in order to preserve land for public enjoyment. The amount of park space needed within a community is based upon the current and future population. The Dearborn County Park Board has devised a strategy for assessing park needs. The following paragraphs will summarize the needs outlined in the **Dearborn County Comprehensive Park and Master Plan**, which was finalized in April 2001 and identifies needs based on a 5-year projection.

### **Recreation Needs**

#### General

Determining future recreation demand is critical to effective park planning. In this section, a technique has been developed to quantitatively determine both the long and short range recreation needs of Dearborn County. For this analysis to make sense, it is first necessary to clarify a few essential concepts.

#### Recreation Model

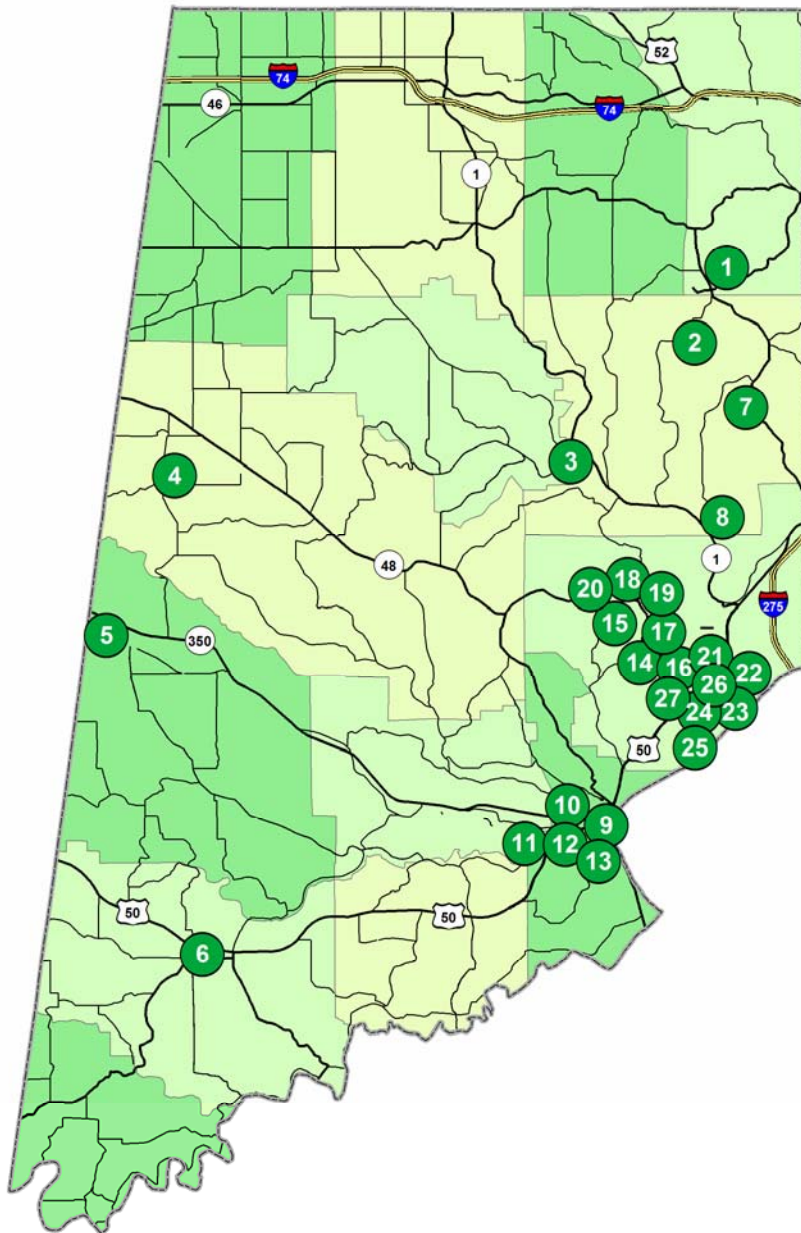
A "model" is a representation of what something should look like or how it should work. The model serves as a theoretical, idealized example against which the real world situation can be compared. The recreation model aids in the categorization of open space and in the determination of how needs can be met by giving a broad view of: (1) the general characteristics of each type of recreation area, (2) how the various types of areas relate to each other, (3) the function or role of each type within the total outdoor recreation system, and (4) how recreation facilities should be developed to most effectively meet the public's needs.

A park system is a composition of recreation and natural areas each existing to meet the public's recreation need in a particular geographic area, which, in this case, is Dearborn County. The recreation model divides recreation areas into four function types as follows:

1. Regional Parks
2. Community Parks
3. Neighborhood Parks
4. Block Parks



FIGURE 6-2: COUNTY PARKS MAP

**PARKS INDICATED  
BY NUMBER:**County Parks

1. Bright Meadows Park
2. Bright Park
3. Guilford Bridge Park
4. Gladys Russell Park
5. Carnegie Hall
6. Dilsboro Park
7. Hidden Valley Lake Park
8. Hidden Valley Lake Park

Aurora City Parks

9. Aurora Park
10. Waterways Park
11. Largent Field Park
12. Mary Stratton Park
13. Tony Lesko Park

Greendale City Parks

14. Greendale Park
15. Danny Miller Park
16. Cook Park
17. Oakey Park
18. Schnebelt Park
19. Homestead Park

Lawrenceburg City Parks

20. Ludlow Hill Park
21. George Street Park
22. Center Street Park
23. Arch Street Park
24. Tate Street Park
25. Tanners Creek Boat Ramp
26. Lawrenceburg Fairgrounds
27. Newton Park





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In addition to the various categories, linear trends that extend outside park boundaries, and natural areas in which the emphasis is focused on the use and protection of natural elements represent significant potential recreation resources.

By examining the park characteristic descriptions, one can see the relationship of one park type to the others. The smaller parks are more numerous, in closer proximity to populated areas and, therefore, more heavily used. As the parks become more remote and less accessible, they increase in size and change in character from an activity orientation to a more passive, natural setting. Recreation facilities can range from ballfields and playgrounds to camping, fishing and boating.

### **Development Standards**

The recreation model assumes that parks can be defined in terms of function and that each function type has specific definable characteristics. The question not addressed by the model is the number of each of the park types needed to assure an adequate public recreation system in a particular location. The amount of recreation acreage needed is a product of an area's recreation demand. A widely accepted method of estimating demand involves the use of recreation acreage standards. The primary assumption behind the acreage standards is that various factors responsible for generating recreation demand can be reasonably expressed as a ratio of "park acres per thousand persons". The acreage standards developed for Dearborn County are included in the following park descriptions. These standards are found in Urban Land Use Planning Fourth Ed. By comparing the existing recreation supply and the calculated demand, acreage deficiencies or excesses for each park type can be found. The need estimates can be further refined in several ways. People can be expected to travel only so far to use a park. This distance or service area depends upon a park's function. Service area standards guide park distribution and ensure that recreation areas are accessible to the greatest number of people. Rural and urban service area standards are included to reflect differences in population density and the willingness (or necessity) of rural residents to travel to schools, shopping, and entertainment, etc. Often these rural service areas are about twice the size of the urban service area.

Furthermore a “minimum service area population” level has been calculated for each park type. To justify the creation of a new park, the number of people required to be served varies depending upon the type of park, because for each the acreage and minimum park size varies. For example, consider that a community park is proposed to be built in a rural area. From the park descriptions, it is found that 5 to 8 acres of park space is needed for 1,000 persons. For this calculation the standard will be rounded to 6 acres per 1,000 people. The recommended minimum size of a community park is 15 acres. Therefore, 15 divided by 6, times 1,000 equals 2,500, so 2,500 persons should be within 15 miles of the proposed site to in order for there to be sufficient recreation demand to justify the creation of a 5 acre community park.

The population is not evenly distributed within the county therefore parks are not evenly distributed throughout the county. The calculation of recreation needs based upon total county population will not show which parts of the county are deficient. Such demand calculations could conceivably show a surplus of park land at the county level when, in fact, some areas are devoid of facilities. However, by applying the recreation acreage standards to the township population projections, detailed estimates of the public’s future recreation needs of each township have been developed.

The use of recreation standards is not without limitations. The type and condition of facilities can greatly alter the recreation demand at a particular park. The predicative accuracy of the standards depends primarily upon how realistically the standards reflect demand and the precision of the population estimates. Recreation standards must then be considered as *guidelines* and not a substitute for professional experience or actual community desires.



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### 1. Regional Park

Function: To provide outdoor recreation opportunities with strong emphasis on the natural environment often for residents from several counties. Such parks are usually developed by state or federal agencies.

Character: Visual topographical variety; spaciousness and geologic, botanical or historic uniqueness. Often includes lakes, reservoirs and/or undisturbed streams.

Acreage Standard: 5 to 10 acres per 1,000 persons

Typical Size: 200 to 1,000 + acres

Service Area: Up to 50 miles. Draws people from outside the county in addition to serving all county residents.

**Minimum Service Area Population: 40,000 persons**

Undeveloped Area: 50 to 80 percent of total acreage

### Typical Facilities

1. Picnic Areas
2. Campgrounds
3. Winter Sports
4. Playfields
5. Natural Study Area
6. Food & Lodging
7. Restrooms
8. Parking
9. Trails
  - a. Hiking
  - b. Biking
  - c. ATVs
10. Water Recreation
  - a. Swimming
  - b. Fishing
  - c. Boating / Canoeing

## 2. Community Park

Function: To provide an activity-dominated recreation area with a moderate amount of managed undeveloped land that can sustain heavy use.

Character: Variety and high use capacity. Moderate slope, partial tree cover, good drainage, rolling and level land.

Acreage Standard: 5 to 8 acres per 1,000 persons

Size: 25 to 200 acres

Service Area: Urban: 0 to 5 miles; serves all or most residents of the community. Rural: 0 to 5 miles; serves all or most of the county's rural residents.

**Minimum Service Area Population: none**

Undeveloped Area: varies

### Typical Facilities

1. Picnic / Shelterhouse
2. Golf
3. Winter Sports
4. Playground Equipment
5. Playfield
6. Ballfields
7. Restrooms
8. Parking
9. Trails
  - a. Hiking
  - b. Biking
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## 3. Neighborhood Park

Function: To provide active and passive recreation facilities for all age groups and families within minimal distance of neighborhood residents.

Character: High use capacity. Rolling to level terrain; good drainage; minimal road, terrain or other barriers between park and residents. Can be developed as part of school grounds.

Acreage Standard: 1 to 2 acres per 1,000 persons

Size: 15 to 25 acres

Service Area: Urban: 0 to 2 miles; serves sub-area of community. Rural: 0 to 5 miles; serves township and perhaps adjacent township(s).

**Minimum Service Area Population: 1,700**

Undeveloped Area: 15 to 25 percent of total acreage

### Typical Facilities

1. Playground Equipment
2. Playfield
3. Basketball Court(s)
4. Tennis Court(s)
5. Ballfield(s)
6. Swimming Pool
7. Ice Skating
8. Picnic Areas
9. Shelterhouse(s)
10. Restrooms
11. Sitting Area
12. Parking

#### 4. Block Park

Function: To provide protected areas for young children in residential areas and space and activity for the elderly.

Character: High use capacity and accessibility over low volume streets generally by walking or bicycle. Often developed in conjunction with a school.

Acreage Standard: one-quarter to one-half acre per 1,000 persons

Size: 1/4 – 5 acres

Service Area: Urban: 0 – 1 miles; within walking distance. Rural: 0 – 2 miles; within 5 minute drive or bike ride for a child.

**Minimum Service Area Population: none**

Undeveloped Area: varies

##### Typical Facilities

1. Playground Equipment
2. Playfield
3. Basketball Court(s)
4. Sitting Areas
5. Limiting Parking





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### Calculation of Acreage Needs

To determine how much public land should be acquired to satisfy the county's future needs, the existing public recreation acreage in each township must be calculated. Each public recreation area in the inventory is assigned to a park type. A summary of existing public recreation acreage by type and township is included as **Table 6-1 and 6-2**. Notice that regional parks are not included because such large parks are usually the responsibility of state and federal agencies or local governments in larger cities. The data of Center and Lawrenceburg Townships is listed separately so that recreation supply and demand in the remainder of the county can be addressed.

One may also notice that "community" parks are not included in the calculation of needs. This stems from the fact that a community's park service area incorporates the entire rural section of Dearborn County. It would be misleading to assign community park needs to one township or another. This category is most deficient; all townships, including Center and Lawrenceburg show a substantial need for this particular type of park. It is more appropriate, then, to consider the acreage need at the county level for this park type. Therefore to satisfy the county's projected demand for community parks, one 120-acre site at the Gladys Russell Wildlife Habitat Trust Area is being set aside for future needs. However, given the high cost of such a project, and the desire to maintain a limited use natural environment, it is recommended that full development of this park be postponed for several years to make sure that the forecasted population growth trends materialize. The readily available commercial entertainment facilities could easily meet this portion of the county's needs for the time being.

Table 6-1: Acreage of Existing Public Block and Neighborhood Parks by Township

Township	Population	Block Parks		Neighborhood Parks		Township Total
		Public	Schools	Public	Schools	
Caesar Creek	286	2				2
Clay	3,051	3	3	12		18
Harrison	3,108			0		0
Hogan	1,138				15	15
Jackson	1,419					0
Kelso	1,912	6	1		10	17
Logan	2,513				12	12
Manchester	2,930	2	2			152
Miller	8,605	2		8		10
Sparta	2,809		4			4
Washington	1,488					0
York	985	5				5
Lawrenceburg & Center	15,865	10	11	38	9	150
<b>County Total</b>	<b>46,109</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>385</b>

Source: Dearborn County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Master Plan, 2001

Table 6-2: Current Park Needs

Township	2000 Population	Block Parks			Neighborhood Parks			Overall Surplus / Deficiency
		Existing	Required	Surplus / Deficiency	Existing	Required	Surplus / Deficiency	
Caesar Creek	286	2	0.1	1.9	0	0.6	-0.6	1.3
Clay	3,051	6	1.5	4.5	12	6.1	5.9	10.4
Harrison	3,108	0	1.6	-1.6	0	6.2	-6.2	-7.8
Hogan	1,138	0	0.6	-0.6	15	2.3	12.7	12.2
Jackson	1,419	0	0.7	-0.7	0	2.8	-2.8	-3.5
Kelso	1,912	7	1.0	6.0	10	3.8	6.2	12.2
Logan	2,513	0	1.3	-1.3	12	5.0	7.0	5.7
Manchester	2,930	4	1.5	2.5	0	5.9	-5.9	-3.3
Miller	8,605	2	4.3	-2.3	8	17.2	-9.2	-11.5
Sparta	2,809	4	1.4	2.6	0	5.6	-5.6	-3.0
Washington	1,488	0	0.7	-0.7	0	3.0	-3.0	-3.7
York	985	5	0.5	4.5	0	2.0	-2.0	2.5
Lawrenceburg & Center	15,865	21	7.9	13.1	47	31.7	15.3	28.3
<b>County Total</b>	<b>46,109</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>92.2</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>39.7</b>

It is also important to consider future population growth when determining county needs. While it is difficult to predict exact population growth, it is reasonable to assume that current growth trends will continue. Therefore an approximate population projection can be reached by applying compounding current growth trends.





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The population of Dearborn County is expected to increase from 46,109 in 2000 to approximately 54,816 in 2020. By dividing this projected number by the current percentage of the overall population for each township, projected township populations can be estimated. For example, Logan Township's population of 2,513 in 2000 accounts for 5.5% of the total population of Dearborn County (46,109). If that population grows to 54,816 by 2020, and Logan Township retains 5.5% of that population, the population of Logan Township is expected to be approximately 2,991 people.

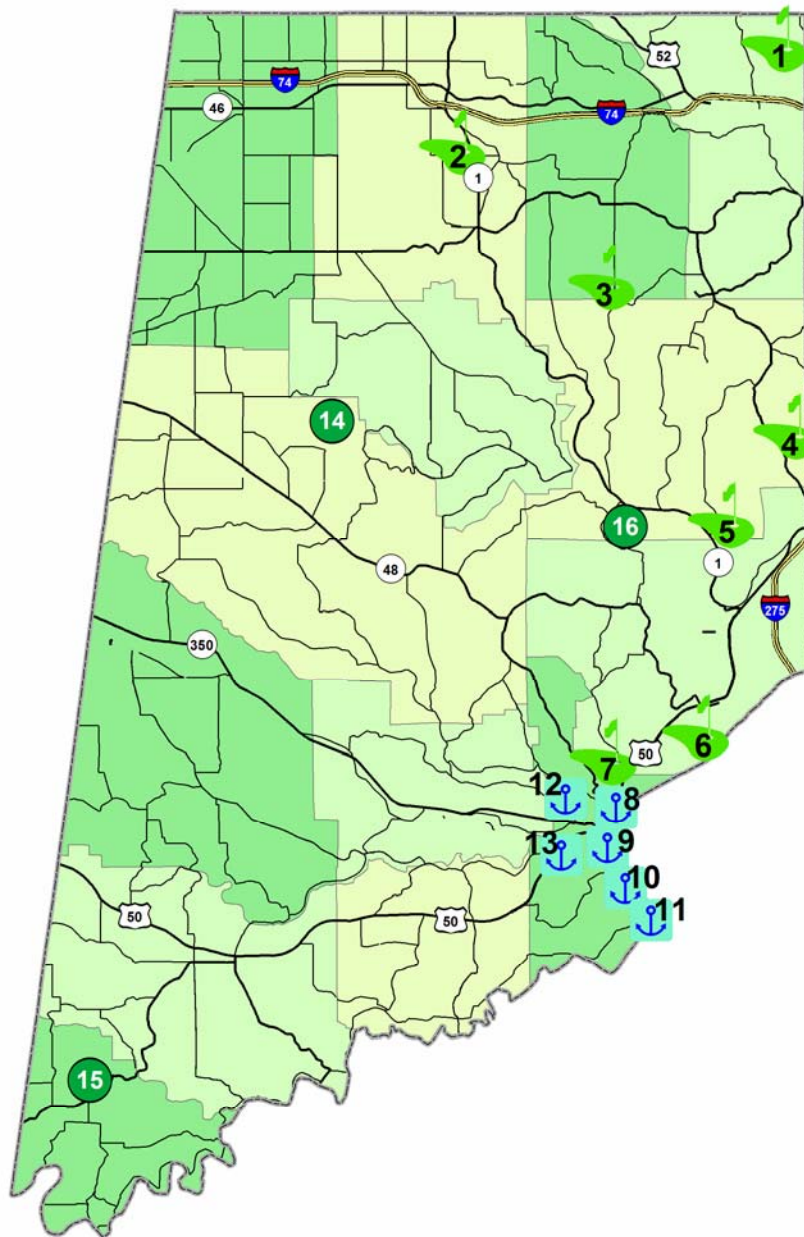
**Table 6-3** below lists park needs based upon these projections.

**Table 6-3: Future Park Needs Based upon Projected County Population in 2020**

Township	Projected 2020 Population	Block Parks			Neighborhood Parks			Overall Surplus / Deficiency
		Existing	Required <sup>1</sup>	Surplus / Deficiency	Existing	Required <sup>2</sup>	Surplus / Deficiency	
Caesar Creek	340	2	0.2	1.8	0	0.7	-0.7	1.2
Clay	3,631	6	1.8	4.2	12	7.3	4.7	8.9
Harrison	3,699	0	1.8	-1.8	0	7.4	-7.4	-9.2
Hogan	1,354	0	0.7	-0.7	15	2.7	12.3	11.6
Jackson	1,689	0	0.8	-0.8	0	3.4	-3.4	-4.2
Kelso	2,276	7	1.1	5.9	10	4.6	5.4	11.3
Logan	2,991	0	1.5	-1.5	12	6.0	6.0	4.5
Manchester	3,487	4	1.7	2.3	0	7.0	-7.0	-4.7
Miller	10,241	2	5.1	-3.1	8	20.5	-12.5	-15.6
Sparta	3,343	4	1.7	2.3	0	6.7	-6.7	-4.4
Washington	1,711	0	0.9	-0.9	0	3.4	-3.4	-4.3
York	1,172	5	0.6	4.4	0	2.3	-2.3	2.1
Lawrenceburg & Center	18,882	21	9.4	11.6	47	37.8	9.2	20.8
<b>County Total</b>	<b>54,816</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>109.6</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>18.0</b>



FIGURE 6-3: PRIVATE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES MAP

**FACILITIES INDICATED BY NUMBER:**Golf Clubs

1. Grand Oak Golf Club
2. Country View Golf Course
3. The Farm Golf Course
4. Sugar Ridge Country Club
5. Hidden Valley Lake Golf Club
6. Big Tee Practice Range
7. Dearborn Country Club

Marinas

8. Aurora Marina
9. Blue Ribbon Marina
10. Lischgke Boat Harbor
11. Light House Point Yacht Club
12. Tradewinds Marina
13. Waterways Marina

Miscellaneous Recreational Area & Facilities

14. Quail Ridge Sportsman Club
15. Red Wolf Wildlife Sanctuary
16. Perfect North Slopes

Please note that not that this map does not include all of the private recreation facilities in Dearborn County. Staff acknowledges that there may be areas that need to be identified to complete this map.



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### Summary of Findings

Overall, it appears as though the county has a surplus of block and neighborhood park space (based upon the aforementioned acreage standards). Even if the population grows as expected, there will still be a surplus of parks. However, when broken down by individual township, it is apparent that certain townships lack adequate park space. Providing additional parks for these townships should be a priority when allocating land. Townships that currently have an overall deficiency of park space in order of largest deficiency are:

1. Miller
2. Harrison
3. Washington
4. Jackson
5. Manchester
6. Sparta

The same townships are expected to have a deficiency by 2020 in the following order:

1. Miller
2. Harrison
3. Manchester
4. Sparta
5. Washington
6. Jackson

It should be noted that although Miller Township has the largest deficiency of any township, the community of Hidden Valley Lake includes a 20-acre neighborhood park with several amenities that is open to residents of that community. Yet since it is part of a private community it was not included in the park needs assessment.

None of the projected deficits for each township is great enough to justify the construction of two parks of the same type in any one township. Location of future construction will be extremely important to ensure that the park will be accessible to the maximum number of people. It may be found that area of township may be too large, the population too disperse, or the particular service park's radius too small for the proposed park to adequately cover the residents of the area. In such circumstances, two parks rather than one park may be necessary. Other strategies that should be considered are the expansion of existing facilities by the recommended acreage or the diversification of facilities available at present sites. Both of these are lower cost alternatives to new park development.

**KEY ISSUES:**

- Existing facilities are not utilized to full potential - need to publicize through better communication/advertisement of existing park resources and improve existing facilities to increase use
- Lack of parks with passive recreational opportunities such as bike paths, hiking, walking
- Parks lack adequate facilities for varied uses - most are single use and small
- Need better coordination between county and city park boards
- No mechanism to obtain park land as Dearborn County population and demand for parks and recreational opportunities grow
- Need to collaborate with regional park providers beyond County
- No programs to encourage donation of land and resources



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## **PUBLIC FACILITIES – PARKS AND RECREATION GOAL**

**P-2 A park system that enhances the quality of life for Dearborn County residents.**

### STRATEGIES

- P-2.a** Enhance existing park and recreational facilities to include a greater variety of activities and opportunities available to users by adding attractions and providing activities for all seasons.
- P-2.b** Encourage acquisition and donation of future parklands by establishing funding and incentive mechanisms.
- P-2.c** Connect parks to other amenities through pedestrian and bike paths where feasible.
- P-2.d** Conduct a cultural and natural resource inventory to identify and prioritize potential preservation areas.
- P-2.e** Plan for future recreation needs in accordance with population growth projections and in coordination with resources to maintain.
- P-2.f** Encourage developers of major subdivisions to provide greenspace or allocate funds to purchase, create, upgrade or maintain park and recreational facilities.
- P-2.g** Use parks to preserve historical, naturally significant, and cultural resources.
- P-2.h** Consider purchase of development rights (PDR's) or transfer of development rights (TDR's) to secure greenspace.
- P-2.i** Incorporate preservation areas and greenspace amenities into stormwater drainage solutions by incorporating best management practices into land development requirements.



## UTILITY SERVICES

### Solid Waste

Most solid waste generated in Dearborn County is transported to the Rumpke Sanitary Landfill in Colerain Township, Ohio. In 2003, Dearborn County delivered 38,922 tons of trash to the Rumpke landfill, while recycling 1,163 tons (for a recycling rate of 2.9%). Rumpke landfill estimates only 20 years of landfill space available at the Colerain location. Ultimately, Dearborn County will be forced to send future waste elsewhere. Recycling programs reduce the amount of solid waste generated, thus maximizing landfill capacities.

Solid Waste Districts were created in Indiana in 1991 by House Bill 1240 and were mandated to work with industry and citizens to reduce the Indiana waste stream by 50% before 2001. Since 1991, Dearborn County has reduced its waste stream less than 3%. In 1991 the emphasis was on conserving landfill space. Since then, while conserving landfill space has remained important, the emphasis has changed to protecting our natural resources, saving our water and energy, and preventing pollution. The mission of the Dearborn County Solid Waste Management District is 'to foster a sense of responsibility and inspire action by Dearborn County residents to reduce solid waste by creating an awareness of (and commitment to) waste reduction and reuse, and recycling programs.'

The Dearborn County Recycling Drop-off Center opened April 2004 offering County residents the convenience of a staffed recycling drop off location.

### Sanitary Sewer

The majority of residents in the unincorporated County use on-site septic systems to treat and dispose of their sanitary waste. The Natural Resource Conservation Service determines that 34 of the 39 soil types within Dearborn County are rated with "severe" limitations for septic tank absorption fields. Severe ratings are generally used when the soil has a high water table, excessive slope, and/or slow percolation rates. Unsatisfactory performance of absorption fields create health hazards for the community.

The Dearborn County Regional Sewer District (RSD) was formed in 2003. The purpose of the RSD is to reduce pollution to the environment by eliminating inadequate septic systems and to construct a sanitary sewer collection system with appropriate treatment of the collected sewage. The District currently includes portions of Center, Hogan and Washington Townships—with plans to include other portions of Dearborn County as needs for reduced pollution arise elsewhere.







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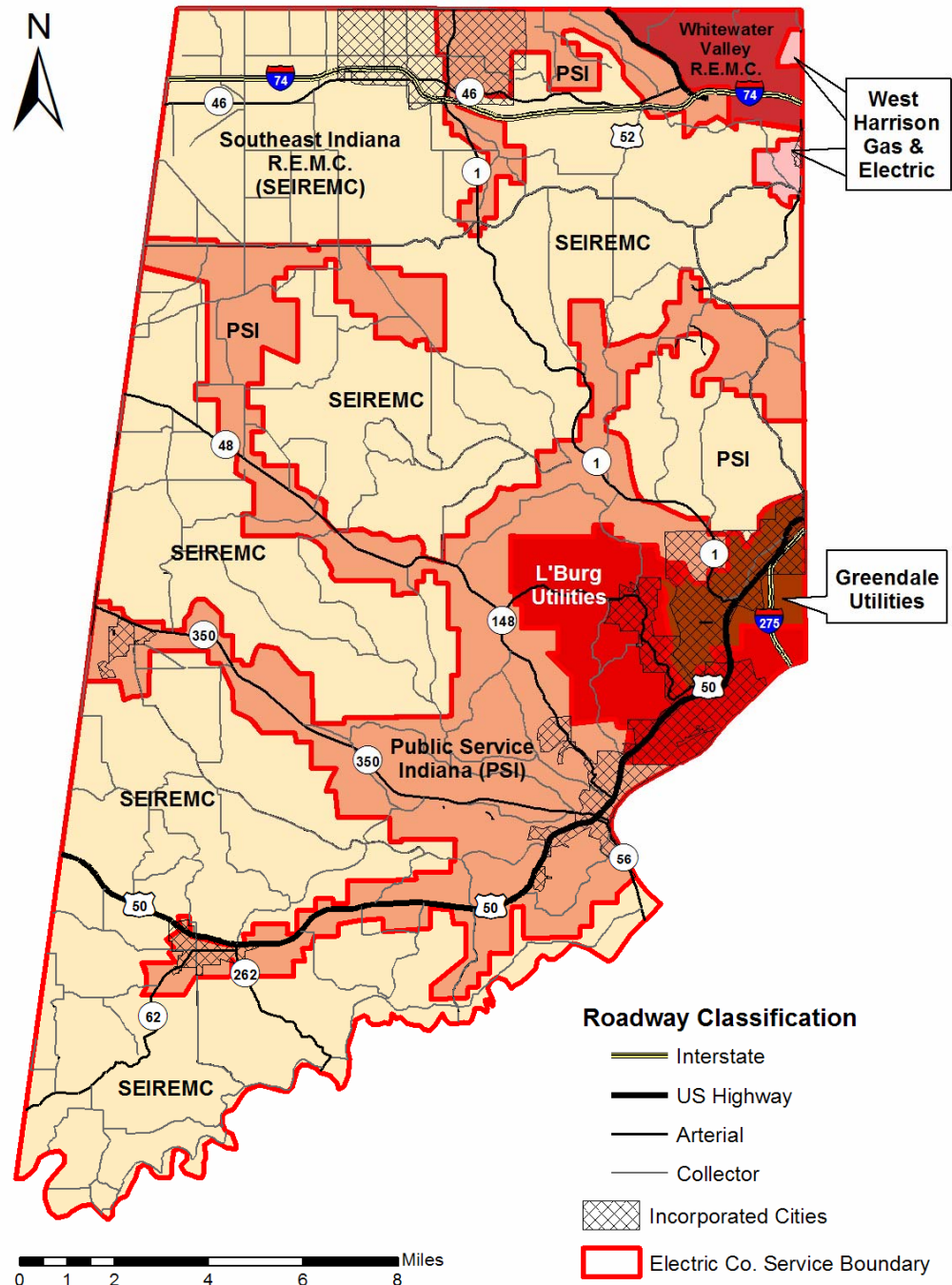
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## Electric Service

Electricity is provided to the County by the municipal utility districts of Lawrenceburg, Greendale and West Harrison as well as several private electric companies.

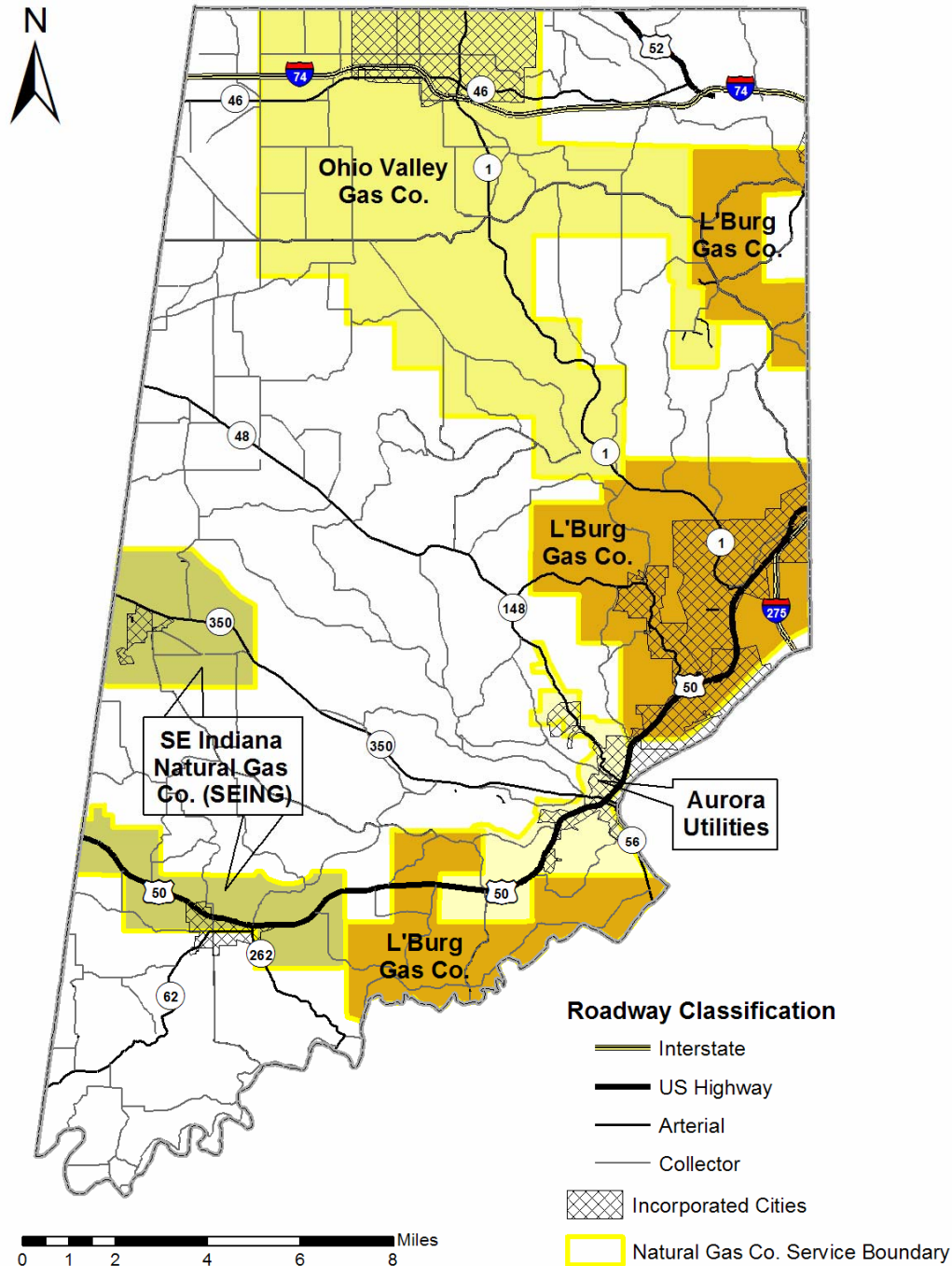
Figure 6-4: Electric Service Coverage



## Natural Gas Coverage

Natural gas is available in certain areas of the County. Figure 6-5 shows the approximate areas within the County where natural gas service is available

Figure 6-5: Natural Gas Coverage



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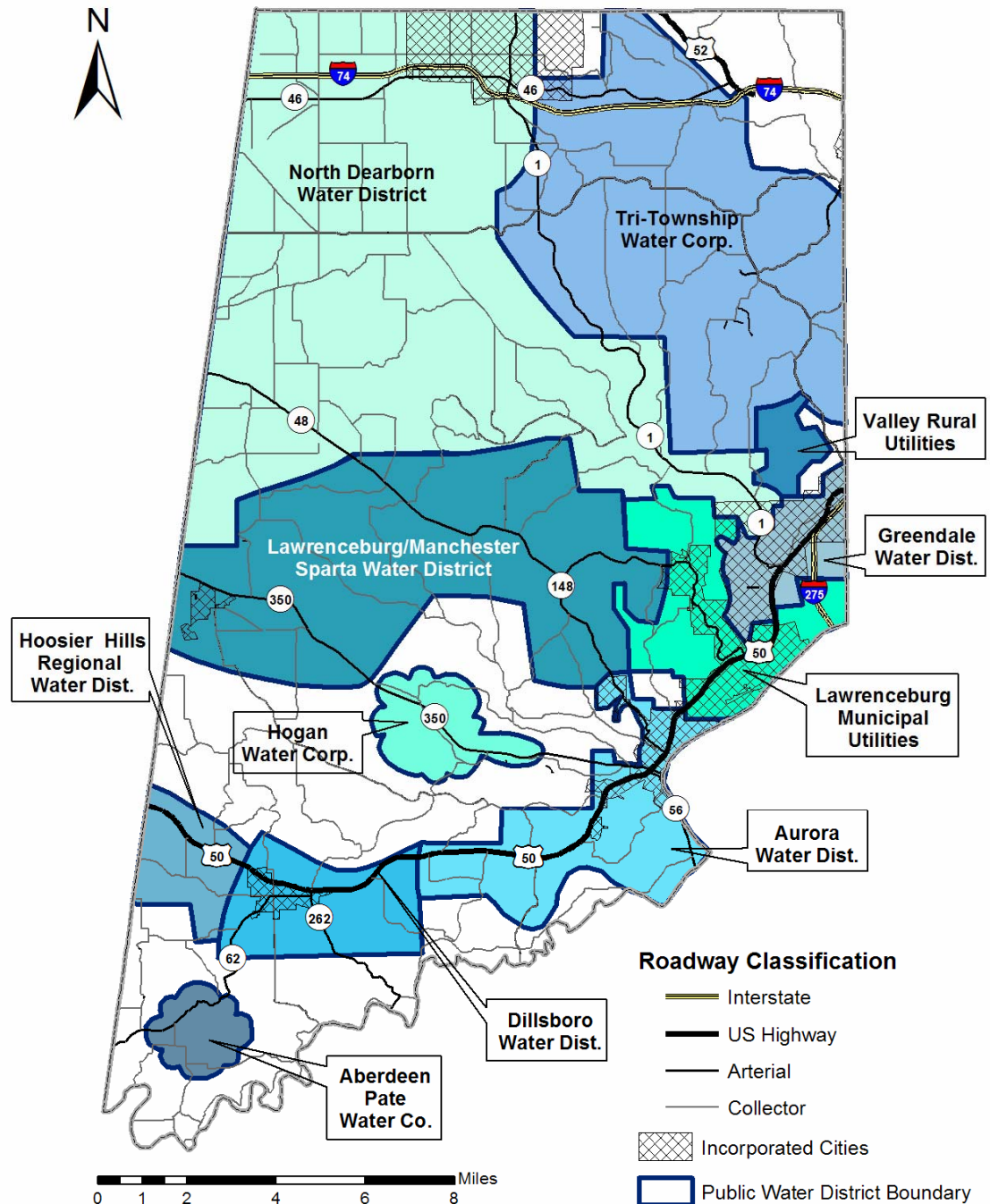
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## Public Water Service

Public water is available in most areas of the County. Figure 6-6 shows the approximate areas of the County that currently have access to public water.

Figure 6-6: Public Water Coverage Area

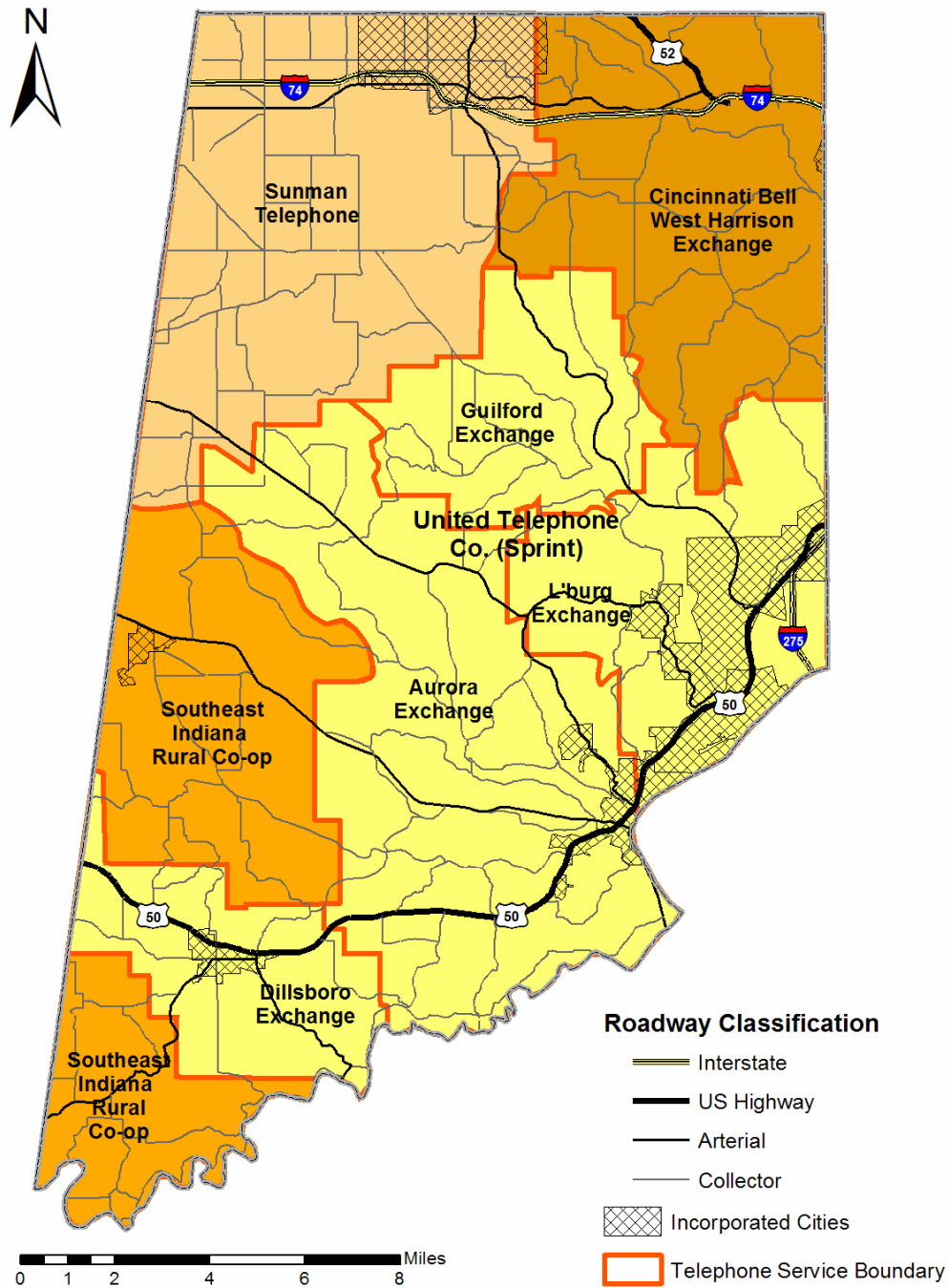




## Telephone Service

There are four telephone service providers serving Dearborn County. Figure 6-7 shows the approximate service boundaries of each provider.

Figure 6-7: Telephone Service Coverage





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## DEARBORN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

### KEY ISSUES:

- Recycling is not convenient
  - o Extend curbside recycling
  - o Educate public
- Maintain water quality
- No comprehensive governing body for all utilities (i.e., growth, funding, economies, etc)
- Long distance telephone calls within County jurisdiction
- Need for increased inspection of current on-site systems
- Need county wide sewer management and coordination to include all approaches to sewer treatment
- Need coordination between sewer system investment and development

### PUBLIC FACILITIES – UTILITY GOALS

**P-3-1 Countywide sewer coordination, management and regulation encompassing all types of sewer treatment.**

**P-3-2 High level of convenience and awareness of recycling among all County residents.**

#### Strategies:

**P-3.a** Identify the feasibility of a County-wide regulatory board to oversee utility providers within the County.

**P-3.b** Establish, promote, and enforce standards for construction and maintenance of public and private utility providers within the County.

**P-3.c** Coordinate sewer expansion and major sewer investment so that they occur in existing, significantly developed areas as well as areas of new development.

**P-3.d** Encourage recycling drop-off centers in communities that don't have curbside recycling.

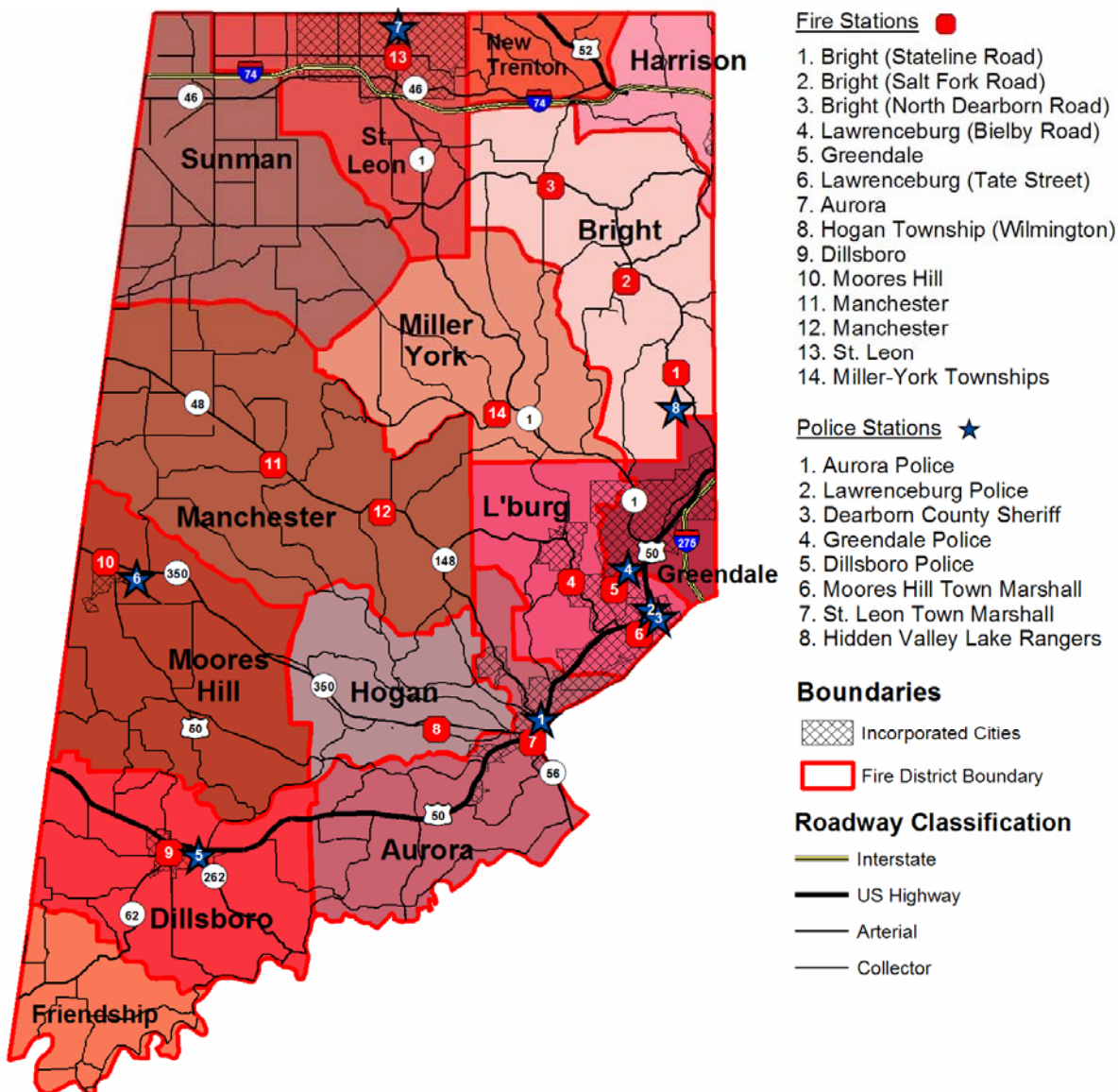


## HEALTH &amp; EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire Coverage

Dearborn County is divided into 14 fire districts and served by 14 fire departments. The Fire departments of the cities of Aurora, Greendale, Lawrenceburg, Dillsboro, St. Leon and Moores Hill serve their respective cities as well as portions of Dearborn County's unincorporated areas. In other outlying unincorporated areas fire coverage is provided by the separate Departments of; Bright, Miller-York, Manchester and Hogan. In addition the remaining portions of the County, including parts of Caesar Creek, Harrison, Kelso, Jackson and Logan Townships, are covered by the Departments of Harrison, Ohio, New Trenton in Franklin County, and Sunman and Friendship in Ripley County through mutual agreement.

Figure 6-8: Fire Coverage Map





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## Police Coverage

### *Aurora*

Location: 218 Third Street, Aurora

Departmental Staff, Full-time: Nine (9) officers

Departmental Response Time: Approximately five (5) minutes

### *Dearborn County Sheriff*

Location: 301 West High Street, Lawrenceburg

Departmental Staff, Full-time: Sixty-seven (67) deputies

Departmental Response Time: Sensitive to location of emergency

### *Dillsboro*

Location: Downtown Dillsboro

Departmental Staff, Full-time: Two (2) officers

Departmental Response Time: Approximately one (1) to two (2) minutes

### *Greendale*

Location: 480 Ludlow Street, Greendale

Departmental Staff, Full-time: Eleven (11) officers, six (6) dispatchers

Departmental Response Time: Approximately five (5) to ten (10) minutes

### *Hidden Valley Lake*

Location: 19325 Schmarr Drive, Hidden Valley Lake

Departmental Staff, Full-time: Six (6) deputies

Departmental Response Time: Sensitive to location of emergency

### *Indiana State Police*

Indiana State Police Post 42, located in Versailles, Indiana, serves Dearborn, Ripley, Ohio, Switzerland, and Decatur counties.

### *Lawrenceburg*

Location: 327 Eads Parkway, Lawrenceburg

Departmental Staff, Full-time: Sixteen (16) officers

Departmental Response Time: Sensitive to location of emergency

### *St. Leon*

Location: 3059 State Route 46, St. Leon

Departmental Staff, Full-time: Two (2) marshals

Departmental Response Time: Approximately five (5) minutes or less

### *West Harrison*

The West Harrison Police Station is located at 100 Railroad Avenue in the Town of West Harrison.



### Medical Facilities

The Dearborn County Hospital is an asset to the County and the region. It is located 7 minutes from I-275. The facility contains 87 beds, including 8 in the intensive care unit, 6 in the pediatric unit, 11 in the family / obstetrics unit, 50 general surgical / medical beds and 12 sub-acute beds. The medical staff consists of over 100 physicians. In addition to providing medical services, the hospital also offers health education classes, including a diabetes awareness class, childbirth and breastfeeding classes, and EMT training.

#### *Life Squads*

Life squads are located in: Greendale, Lawrenceburg, Aurora, Dillsboro, Moores Hill, Manchester, Bright, and St. Leon. The only paid life squad is in Lawrenceburg, which has a full-time team ready to respond quickly to an emergency. All other life squads depend on volunteers who must come from home or some other location.

Soft-billing (everyone who is transported receives a bill; insurance companies are expected to pay, but those without insurance are not forced to pay) is currently practiced by Lawrenceburg, Dillsboro, and Bright.

All Dearborn County life squads, with the exception of Lawrenceburg, are totally operated by volunteers and are available 24/7 except Manchester—which is not 100 percent serviceable at all times. When any squad is not able to answer a call, an adjacent squad is called for back-up.

All county life squads have at least two ambulances—except Manchester and St. Leon.

All volunteers are certified Emergency Medical Technicians as required by Indiana State laws and regulations—which are more stringent than the national requirements concerning life squad volunteers. Technicians, however, cannot administer medication.



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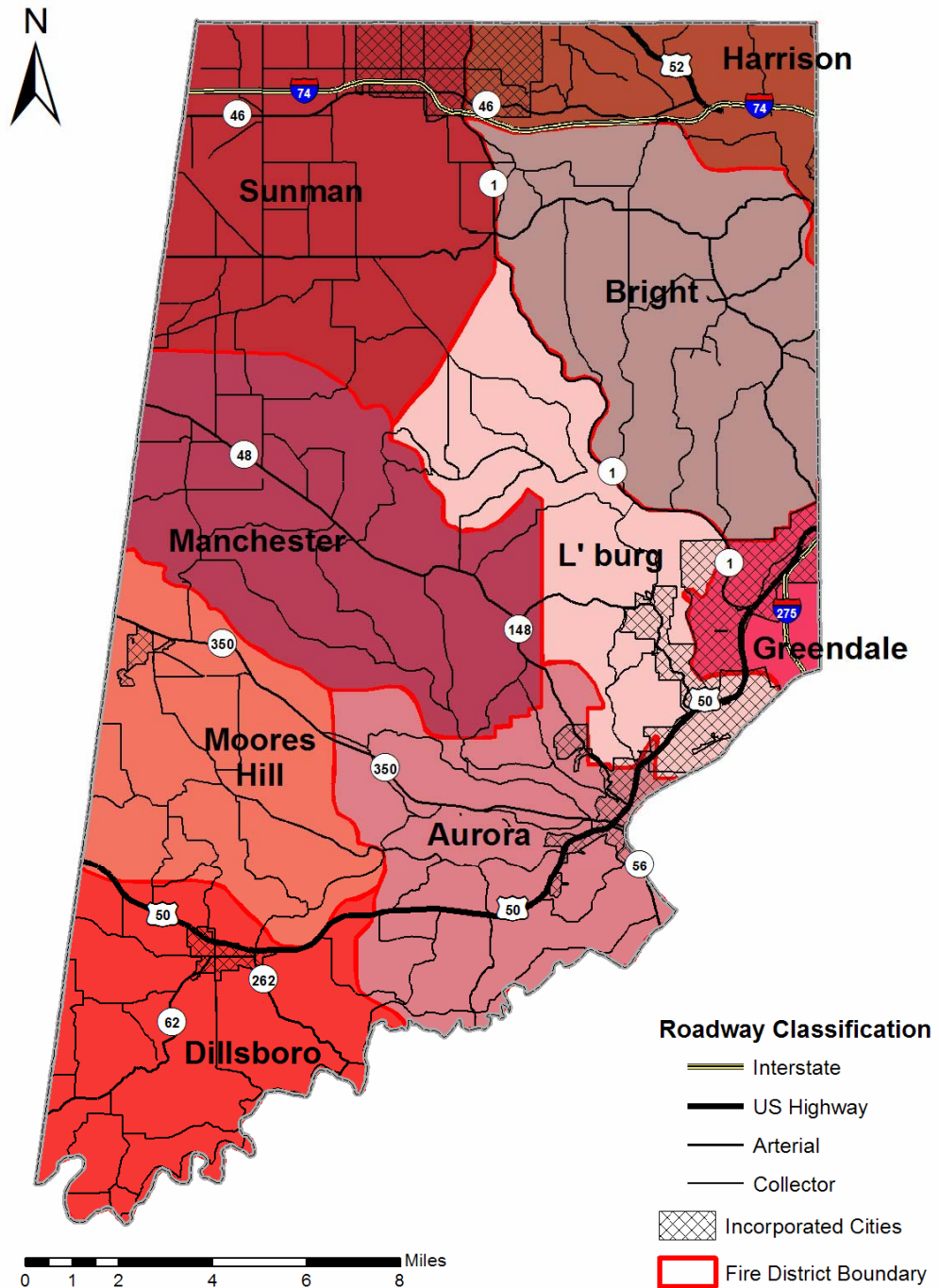
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## DEARBORN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

There are nine emergency medical service care providers within the County. Figure 6-9 shows the EMS district boundaries.

Figure 6-9: EMS Coverage Map







## HEALTH & EMERGENCY SERVICES

### KEY ISSUES:

- No full time fire or EMS services for unincorporated County
- Slow response times for some parts of the unincorporated County
- No disaster relief fund in place

### PUBLIC FACILITIES – EMERGENCY SERVICES GOALS

- P-4 Evaluate and identify needs for professional staffing of Fire and EMS facilities as well as identify potential funding mechanisms for such needs.**

#### Strategies:

**P-4.a** Establish full-time paid dayshift to supplement volunteers and provide the 'core' crew for fire and EMS.

**P-4.b** Encourage development patterns that foster efficient emergency services.



