

# Chapter Four—Utilities and Community Facilities



CITY OF VERONA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 2010-2030

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Utilities and Community Facilities Goals and Objectives

## Basic Services and World-Class Community Facilities



Verona Library

Whether they are aware of it or not, the citizens of the City of Verona are owners—collectively—of a dizzying array of community facilities, including such diverse resources as:

- The city streets that we drive on and the lights that illuminate them at night;
- The city parks in which our children play;
- Two water towers and related wells and pump stations;
- The underground pipes that bring potable water into our homes and that carry away sewage;

- A fleet of trucks, plows, lawn mowers, and other maintenance equipment;
- Police squad cars and related public-safety equipment;
- Baseball and softball diamonds, playgrounds, and other recreational complexes;
- Public storm water management facilities including storm sewer pipes and detention basins;
- Traffic signals and street signs;
- Fireman’s Park swimming facility;
- The Verona library, Verona senior center, Verona public works garage, and Verona city hall;

The City’s goal for utilities and community facilities is to maintain this existing infrastructure and continue to provide world-class facilities for the citizens of the city. The City’s goal for public services—ranging from parks and police protection to water and sewer service—is to continue providing excellent services as cost-effectively as possible.

### Provide High Quality Community Facilities

- LIBRARY
- SENIOR CENTER
- PARKS
- REGIONAL TRAILS
- PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES INCLUDING POLICE, FIRE, AND EMS

### Provide High Quality City Services

- POLICE, FIRE, AND EMS
- SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING
- ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
- MUNICIPAL COURT

## Utilities and Infrastructure—the Foundation of the City

The City of Verona is responsible for the provision of basic infrastructure such as streets, municipal water, sanitary sewer service, and storm water management facilities. When, where, and how new infrastructure is built has significant impacts on city costs—and consequently on the taxes that city property owners must pay. Planning for such infrastructure determines where the city grows and the impact urban growth will have on the natural environment. The city will continue planning for the cost-effective provision of utilities and infrastructure while also accomplishing the city’s goals for growth and development. The extension of municipal water mains and sanitary sewer lines requires review and approval by the regional planning agency—CARPC—and by the Wisconsin DNR. The City of Verona will work cooperatively with these other agencies to plan for the efficient and logical expansion of utilities to serve Verona’s urban growth. The City is also considering the creation and adoption of policies to allow urban development within the city without urban services.

### Provide High Quality and Cost Effective Utilities and Infrastructure

- STREETS
- SIDEWALKS
- MUNICIPAL WATER
- SANITARY SEWER
- STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

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Downtown Shelter in  
Hometown Junction



Infrastructure plays an  
important role in the  
'character' of Verona.

## Utilities Planning and Environmental Protection

Utilities and utility planning play a vital role in protecting the environment. Storm water management facilities protect local surface waters from pollution and 'flashes' of excessive amounts of storm water run-off after rainfalls. These facilities also allow storm water to infiltrate back into the ground to sustain shallow aquifers and springs.

Water towers draw from deeper aquifers and the City's goal is to promote water conservation to assist in protecting these deep-aquifer resources.

Maintaining separate sanitary sewer systems—rather than systems that are 'combined' with storm water sewer systems—allows sewage to be directed to treatment plants and prevents untreated sewage from entering local waterways.

Even matters such as the width of public streets have environmental impacts—with wider streets producing more 'run-off' that must be detained and treated before it is allowed to enter local waterways.

## Community Facilities and Future Needs Assessment

During the last decade, the City of Verona has completed the construction of several new community facilities: the Public Works Garage; the Senior Center; the Library, and the new City Center, including City Hall, the Municipal Court, and the Police Station. The City is also investigating additional future community facilities upgrades and infrastructure improvements, such as:

- Investigating the possibility of building a municipal pool/aquatic center;
- Upgrading storm water management facilities to comply with more stringent environmental protection requirements and creating a 'storm water utility' to fund these costly improvements;
- Upgrading/improving the fire station and EMS stations; and
- Creating additional water towers and wells for planned future growth.

## Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling

Another utility or service that the City of Verona provides to the citizens of the City is solid waste disposal and recycling services. The City plans to continue to provide solid waste disposal and recycling services to the city and to promote increased recycling as a means to protect the environment and minimize the amount of materials that is sent to land-fills.

## Parks and the Verona Parks and Open Space Plan

This comprehensive plan incorporates the adopted City of Verona Parks Commission's "Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan—2006", which includes detailed needs assessments and plans for upgrading existing parks; locations for future parks and open spaces; plans for on and off-road bicycle trails and networks; and other details. Complete information regarding these plans for parks, open space, trails, and related facilities is all available at City Hall, at the Verona Library, on-line, or on the accompanying disc available upon request.