



4.0 Community Facilities

4.1 Introduction

A corollary of population growth is an increased demand for public services. In order to fulfill this demand, community facilities must be appropriately planned for and constructed. These facilities may range from additional public safety stations, such as police and fire, to new schools to handle the influx of school-aged children into an area. Various stakeholders must be involved during the process of planning for, designing and construction of community facilities.

4.2 Community Facilities Objectives

- 1) Assist Wake County in identifying locations for future schools in strategic locations by maintaining consistent communication levels.
- 2) Enhance Public Safety service levels in the form of additional Police and Fire facilities which will coincide with the future expansion of the residential population.
- 3) Promote cooperation, coordination, education and collaboration among all levels of government.
- 4) Maintain a sound financial condition to allow flexibility that ensures the Town is in a position to react and respond to changes in the economy and new service challenges without measurable financial stress.
- 5) Continue to facilitate open government, public participation, transparency and accountability on all levels and accessible by all residents.
- 6) Inform developers when proposing new subdivisions- of the need for residents' access to community facilities and the importance to plan appropriately to enable this access.

4.3 Emergency Services

For over a decade the fire and police services were provided through the Public Safety Department. However, due to rapid population growth and increased demand for services, Holly Springs decided to transform its Public Safety Department into separate Police and Fire-Rescue departments in July 2006.

4.3.1 Fire-Rescue

The Holly Springs Fire-Rescue Department provides fire suppression, fire prevention, arson investigation, fire inspections, fire education and provides first responder service for a 25-square mile service area that includes the incorporated area of Holly Springs and surrounding rural communities. The Department averaged over 2000 Fire and EMS calls over the last three years (2015-2017).



Station 1, an 18,000-square foot facility, opened Spring 2006. It is located at 700 Flint Point Lane and also houses administrative offices and training facilities. Station 2, a 7,000-square foot facility that was constructed in 2012 in the same location as the original 1972 station, is located at 1140 Avent Ferry Road. It is now equipped to house four pieces of equipment and 12 firefighters. Since this plan was originally published the Town has opened Station 3, a small facility located at 4112 Friendship Road. This facility was established to handle calls in the northwest quadrant of Holly Springs.

The Department consists of 43 fulltime firefighters, one full time administrative office staff. Fire department equipment includes: eight fire trucks (including ladder truck, brush firefighting trucks, utility vehicle, etc), and two small boats for water rescue.

The five-year goal of the Department is to be able to staff 4-man engine companies and a 4-man ladder and rescue companies. To that end, in addition to appropriate staff increases, the Department plans to purchase an additional ladder truck to add to its fleet..



As growth is expected to continue within the Town, steps should be taken to identify new station locations and a means for acquiring needed lands. Potential future HSFDF facilities are shown on the Community Facilities Plan (locations are approximate).

4.3.2 Police

The Holly Springs Police Department serves the incorporated area of the Town of Holly Springs through its patrol, administration, criminal investigations and support services divisions. The Police Department is located in a 28,000-square foot building at 750 Holly Springs Road. The Law Enforcement Center is home to 62 fulltime sworn officers and an additional In the two years from January 2007 through December 2008, the Police Department has experienced an 8.4% increase in calls for service; from 21,640 calls in 2007 to 23,456 calls in 2008. There is some overlap in call response figures between the fire and police departments as the police department also responds to fire service calls within the incorporated Town limits.



The Police Department projects that it will need to add six positions annually in order to keep pace with population growth. The International Association of Chiefs of Police recommends having 2 officers per 1,000 residents and the National average is 2.5 officers per 1000 residents. The Police Department currently has 1.6 officers per 1,000 residents. Additionally, as the population grows so does the number of school facilities in the Town. The Police Department currently has a school resource officer (SRO) at each elementary school, middle school and high school. Additional school facilities will increase

staffing demands both within the schools and to manage traffic at intersections during arrival and dismissal times.

The Police Department has determined a need for satellite office locations to coincide with future residential and commercial development in the Town’s northeast quadrant (Sunset Lake Road and Holly Springs Road) and west quadrant (along G.B. Alford Highway near the New Hill Place shopping center). Potential future HSPD facilities are shown on the Community Facilities Plan (locations are approximate).

4.4 Educational Resources

Holly Springs is part of the Wake County Public School System, a comprehensive school district serving the entire county. In addition, many private and public charter schools also operate within Holly Springs offering a variety of educational opportunities for children.



Holly Ridge Middle School, Holly Springs Road

Table 6-1 WCPSS Public School Facilities within the Holly Springs Planning Area

School	Location	Construction Date
Holly Springs Elementary	401 Holly Springs Road	1996
Holly Ridge Elementary	900 Holly Springs Road	2002
Holly Grove Elementary	5329 Cass Holt Road	2007
Oakview Elementary School	11500 Holly Springs-New Hill Road	2016
Buckhorn Creek Elementary School	5651 Honeycutt Road	2018
Holly Ridge Middle School	950 Holly Springs Road	2002
Middle Creek High School	110 Middle Creek Park Ave	2001
Holly Springs High School	5329 Cass Holt Road	2006

The combination of rapid student growth and increased construction costs have resulted in several temporary solutions being used to house students. These include the use of mobile and modular schools and the transitioning of



several elementary schools into a year-round calendar. Schools on the multi-track year-round calendar are capable of serving 20-33% more students than those on a traditional calendar because, at any given time, one of four groups of students is on break.

New school facilities will be needed in Holly Springs to account for the anticipated continued growth of school-aged children as development continues. The Department of Demographics of Wake County Public School System annually identifies several “rings” as areas for future school sites through a mathematical modeling procedure and discussions with municipalities inside Wake County.