

# CHAPTER 5: COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES SUMMARY

### CITY OF ROSEMOUNT FACILITIES

#### City Hall/Police Station

City Hall and the Police Station are currently housed jointly in a two-story building located at 2875 145th Street W. City Hall is located on the upper level and the Police Station in the lower level. City Hall houses all City Departments other than Public Works, Fire, and Parks and Recreation. The



Police Department is housed in the lower level of the same building, and Public Works is housed in the adjacent Public Works Garages. The Fire Department is housed at two Fire Stations and the Parks and Recreation Department is located in the Community Center.

As the City grows, it is expected that all City Departments will need additional facilities to serve needs of the growing population. Short-term growth may be

accomplished by expansions of current facilities. Long-term growth may require relocation of at least one of three facilities (City Hall, Police Station, or Public Works Garage) to accommodate growth of the other two facilities. The City is embarking on a space needs study that will permit planning for the future. Further discussions about costs and appropriate locations for facilities will be part of the process.

#### Community Center and National Guard Armory

The mission of the Rosemount Community Center is to provide a central gathering place: a focal point for citizens of Rosemount and surrounding communities to experience social, cultural, educational and recreational opportunities that enhance community wellness and promote growth. The Community Center has a multi-purpose arena, banquet room, auditorium, gymnasium, and classrooms that can accommodate groups from 25 to 1,000 people. Common activities at the Community Center include hockey and broomball games, weddings, anniversaries, reunions, and trade and craft shows. The Minnesota National



Guard Armory shares the same building as the Community Center. The Armory is the headquarters and Main Command Post for the 34th Infantry Division of the Army National Guard, also known as the “Red Bulls.” The Division has brigades in eight states, and its 1st Brigade has the distinction of the longest continuous deployment of 16 months during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

### **Family Resource Center**

In 1998, the City of Rosemount constructed the Family Resource Center and leased the facility to the non-profit 360 Communities (formerly known as the Community Action Council). The City is looking at an expansion of the structure to double in size, with construction slated for 2019. The additional space will allow expansion of existing services and provision of new services by 360 Communities. 360 Communities is a nonprofit dedicated to helping families in crisis get back on their feet, through the work of over 2,000 volunteers working out of more than 50 locations in Dakota and Scott Counties. The lease to the Family Resource Center states that the facility will be used for serving children and families in the community through services such as crisis intervention, providing food, clothing, housing assistance, parenting support, and academic support through mentorship, child care assistance, violence prevention, outreach and recreation.

### **Fire Stations**

The City currently has two fire stations. Fire Station #1 is located at the northeast corner of Dodd Boulevard and Shannon Parkway and is situated to serve the developed western portion of the City. Fire Station #2 was constructed in 2006 and is located at Connemara Trail and Azalea Avenue. It is situated near the Connemara Trail bridge over the Union Pacific rail line to allow fire protection for the east side of the City without crossing the railroad. Future fire stations will be sited as needed to serve the growing population.



### **Public Works Facilities**

The Public Works Department has two facilities, the Public Works Garage located north of City Hall on Brazil Avenue and the Public Works Storage Yard located at the former Village of Rosemount Dump, west of South Robert Trail and north of Canada Circle. The Public Works Garage houses public works employees and equipment, while the Public Works Storage Yard houses the large quantity of supplies needed by the City, such as sand, gravel, and mulch. The City has prepared the land along Canada Circle adjacent to the former dump for development into light industrial uses.

### Steeple Center

The City purchased the former St. Joseph’s complex on South Robert Trail in 2004. The southern third of the site was subdivided and given to Dakota County for the Robert Trail Library, which opened in early 2009. The brick church building, built in 1924, was repurposed in 2010 as an assembly hall and event space, named the Steeple Center. A 2015 addition included several meeting rooms and a lobby area with café-style seating that is open to the public. The Steeple Center is home to all senior activities, and the Rosemount Area Arts Council hosts classes and events throughout the facility.



### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The City of Rosemount is a part of four school districts, Independent School District (ISD) #196, ISD #199, ISD #200, and ISD #917.

#### ISD #196

Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan ISD #196 serves the majority of the City of Rosemount. ISD #196 has two elementary schools (Rosemount and Shannon Park), one middle school (Rosemount) and one high school (Rosemount) within the City of Rosemount. Middle and high school students who live in Rosemount attend Rosemount Middle School and Rosemount High School. According to 2018-19 attendance boundaries, Rosemount elementary students are split among four elementary schools and a magnet school. Generally, students in the north and east part of the City attend Red Pine Elementary in Eagan, while students near Akron Avenue at Connemara and around Downtown attend Rosemount Elementary. Students living in the northwest portion of the City attend Shannon Park Elementary, while those in the southwest attend East Lake Elementary in Lakeville. A small section of the City west of Shannon Parkway and north of County Road 42 is able to attend the Diamond Path School of International Studies magnet school just across the border in Apple Valley. The district recently acquired land in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Bonaire Path and Akron Avenue for the site of a future elementary school.

ISD #196 recently completed renovations that included minor expansions at the middle and high schools, but district officials do not believe an additional high school will need to be constructed during the period of the Comprehensive Plan.

#### ISD #199

Inver Grove Heights ISD #199 covers parts of the Flint Hills refinery and the industrial area directly east of the refinery. Any students within this area attend Pine Bend Elementary, Inver Grove Middle School or Simley High School. Rosemount is not expected to add any significant number of housing units within the ISD #199 area during the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

#### ISD #200

Hastings ISD #200 covers about 320 acres in the extreme southeast corner of Rosemount. Any students within this area attend Pinecrest Elementary, Hastings Middle School or Hastings High School. Rosemount is not expected to add any significant number of housing units within the ISD #200 area during the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

**ISD #917**

ISD #917 is an educational partnership to provide vocation and special education to students of need from the Burnsville, Farmington, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Randolph, Rosemount, South St. Paul, and West St. Paul school districts. ISD #917 has a school within Rosemount on the east side of Biscayne Avenue and south of the railroad tracks. The school was initially constructed for approximately 100 students and to house offices for itinerate teachers. In 2017, the school district constructed a 10,000 square foot addition for 18 additional students and 45 staff. The itinerant teachers specialize in Braille, sign language, or other skills needed by students with special needs. These itinerate teachers spend most of their time at the different schools of the member school districts, but have their offices within the ISD #917 school in Rosemount.

**Dakota County Technical College**

The Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) is a two-year community college and technical school and is a part of the Minnesota State Colleges and University system. DCTC is located at the southeast corner of Akron Avenue and County Road 42. Currently, DCTC has a total enrollment of 2,254 students and offers student athletics including baseball, soccer, softball, basketball, and



volleyball, but no student housing. DCTC has one ball field located on the north side of County Road 42 and plays most of its games at the Ames Soccer Complex and Baseball Field on the east and west sides of the campus and the UMore Softball Field just south of the campus. DCTC has a long-term expansion plan that includes development of four-year college programs.

**University of Minnesota**

The University of Minnesota has one facility within Rosemount, the University of Minnesota Outreach, Research, and Education (UMore) Park. UMore is 5,000 acres, approximately 3,000 of which are located within Rosemount and the remainder south of the City in Empire Township. UMore is the research and outreach component of the College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Sciences. UMore also houses the Rosemount Research Center, which is a self-supporting department that leases land to local farmers, police departments, other University departments and private entities. In 2006, Sasaki and Associates created the UMore Park Strategic Plan that plans for a mixed-use community on approximately 5,000 acres within Rosemount and northern Empire Township. In 2013 an environmental review process, an Alternative Urban Areawide Review, was conducted and approved using several different development scenarios, which is the basis for future development discussions. The University is marketing land east of DCTC for light industrial and business park uses, while the land west of DCTC and south of County Road 42 is proposed for mixed density residential and commercial. Dakota Aggregates is mining the southern and western portions of UMore Park, after which the land will be developed in accordance with plans that have been developed for UMore.

**Private Schools**

Currently, there are two private schools within the City of Rosemount. The First Baptist Church, located at the northeast corner of 145th Street West and Diamond Path, operates a kindergarten through 12th grade school. St. Joseph's Catholic Church operates a kindergarten through 8th grade school, located since the 2009 school year at the southeast corner of Biscayne Avenue and Connemara Trail.

**CHURCHES****Community of Hope Church**

The Community of Hope Church is a congregation of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. In 2001, congregations from Burnsville, Lakeville, Eagan, and Apple Valley committed to combine resources to create the church in Rosemount. Community of Hope Church began worshipping at the Rosemount Middle School in 2002 and moved to its current location at the northwest corner of 145th Street W. and Biscayne Avenue in 2005.

**First Baptist Church**

First Baptist Church began in 1959 with services in the old St. John's Lutheran Church. In 1970, First Baptist constructed its current church at the northeast corner of 145th Street W. and Diamond Path. In 1971, the First Baptist School began with kindergarten through 4th grade. Currently, the school serves students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

**Lighthouse Community Church**

Over 130 years old, the church was founded as St. John's Lutheran Church. In the 1990's, the church became St. John's Lighthouse, then the Lighthouse Community Church. Lighthouse is an inter-denominational Christian church under the apostolic covering of the International Ministerial Fellowship.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**

Our Savior held its first worship services in 1964, and constructed its first church on the corner of Diamond Path and County Road 42 in 1967. The church has had two building additions since 1967, including the most recent in 2006 to add a gymnasium and a remodeled education wing. The church offers a Christian preschool that presently serves 140 students age three through five.

**St. John's Lutheran Church of Rich Valley**

St. John's Lutheran Church was founded in 1911 at the corner of Blaine Avenue and 145th Street East (County Road 42) as a member congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. The current church was constructed in 1977 and the 1911 church was moved ½ mile east to property owned by a member of the congregation.

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church**

Founded in 1856 with services in private homes, the first church building was constructed in 1868 about three miles southwest of Rosemount. After that church was destroyed by a cyclone, the second church was constructed in 1881 on the west side of South Robert Trail, south of 143rd Street W., in Downtown Rosemount. In 1924, a brick church was constructed at the same site. St. Joseph's Parish School was constructed in 1953. St. Joseph's moved to its current location at the southeast corner of Connemara Trail and Biscayne Avenue in 2003. The school moved to the site of the new church in 2009.

### The Well, a United Methodist Church



Formal incorporation took place in 1868 under the name German Methodist Episcopal Church with services in private homes. In 1874, a church was constructed at the corner of 146th Street W. and Burma Avenue. In 1962, 2.5 acres west of Canada Avenue were purchased and the current church was constructed in 1963. Major expansions of the church building took place in 1988 and 2002. The official name of the church was changed to the Rosemount United Methodist Church (RUMC) in 1968 and then to The Well, a United Methodist Church, in 2016.


### PRIVATE RECREATION PROVIDERS

The Irish Sport Dome is a private recreation provider that is located on the grounds of the Rosemount High School, directly west of the Rosemount Community Center/National Guard Armory. The Irish Sports Dome is an enclosed inflatable fabric roofed dome that allows for multiple athletic configurations that include softball, baseball, soccer, and football. Rosemount High School uses the facility for practices during the school year, while youth recreation leagues use the facility during the remaining times. The Irish Sports Dome has a long-term lease for the school property and Rosemount High School will receive the dome at completion of the lease. The City will encourage additional private recreational providers to locate within Rosemount, particularly for indoor recreation. The City will also evaluate partnerships with other entities, such as ISD #196, Dakota County Technical College, the Boys and Girls Club, Rosemount Area Athletic Association, and the YMCA, to provide additional community facilities when it benefits all parties. In 2018, the City approved an indoor field house, Hope Field House, to be constructed on land adjacent to Hope Community Church when funding is secured for the project.

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

### 1. Provide community facilities for all age groups.

- A. Encourage indoor recreation by private providers or public/private partnerships.
- B. Work with ISD #196, the Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA and other interested agencies to evaluate the feasibility of a teen center and youth programming. 
- C. Annually review the services provided for seniors and explore partnerships opportunities with other agencies. 
- D. Periodically review the community interest of an aquatic center either as a stand-alone project or in conjunction with other athletic facilities.
- E. Periodically review the community interest of a multi-purpose arena with the capability for additional sheet(s) of ice.
- F. Explore possible developers of or partnerships for a conference center.
- G. Work with Dakota County, churches, and civic organizations to provide services for residents in need.
- H. Locate community facilities near their target population.

- 2. Encourage the reuse or redevelopment of historic or culturally significant buildings.**
  - A. Work with the Rosemount Historical Society to record and document historic and culturally significant buildings and artifacts.
- 3. Provide municipal services that meet the needs of our growing population.**
  - A. Evaluate expanding or relocating City Hall when service demands warrant.
  - B. Locate fire and emergency services to provide responsive service to urban residents.
  - C. Evaluate the police facilities needed to meet the demands of the community.
  - D. Determine the appropriate location for a centralized public works garage and storage yard.
- 4. Encourage the establishment of citywide coverage of private utilities.**
  - A. Encourage the installation of state of the art telecommunication infrastructure into business parks and commercial areas to facilitate high technology businesses to locate within Rosemount.
  - B. Encourage the establishment of private utilities that allow residents to work from home, telecommute, or otherwise reduce the need to commute to work.
- 5. Locate private utilities where they have the least impacts. **
  - A. Install new utilities underground and bury existing utilities where possible when land is developed.
  - B. Encourage future utility transmission facilities or expansions to co-locate within existing utility corridors to limit encumbrances on property owners and future development.
  - C. Encourage private utilities to co-locate or joint trench to limit the need for utility easements and maximize the use of private property.

## IMPLEMENTATION

### 1. Space Needs Study

By periodically reviewing the ways City facilities are utilized, the City can ensure capital investments are made as efficiently as possible.

### 2. Collaboration with Private Partners

The City can identify opportunities to capitalize on overlapping goals with private athletic associations to create new recreation opportunities.