



# Chapter 5 - Capital Facilities and Utilities

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## Purpose

The purpose of the Capital Facilities and Utilities Chapter is to direct the provision and growth of capital facilities and utilities in the City, including:



▲ Fire and Emergency Medical



▲ Libraries



▲ Schools



▲ Sewer & Stormwater



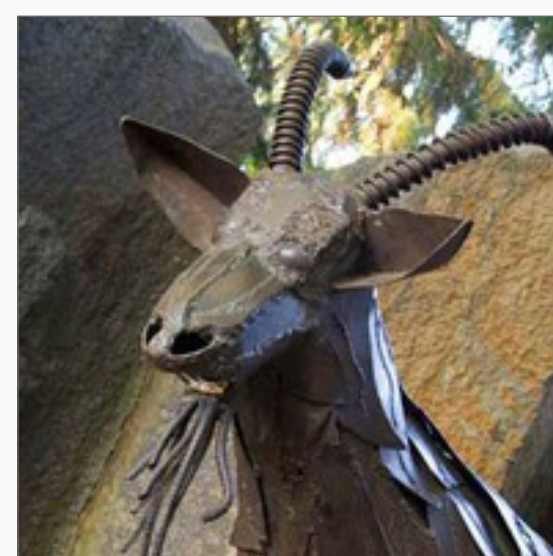
▲ Police



▲ Water



▲ Parks\*



▲ Solid Waste

The Capital Facilities and Utilities Chapter is closely tied to both Land Use (Chapter 3) and Transportation (Chapter 4). Without consideration of Utilities and Services, the land uses in Chapter 3 couldn't develop. Furthermore, Shaping Spokane provides direct links between Transportation and other services/utilities to create coordinated development and growth guidance for the City.

\*Parks are also addressed in Chapter 12

## What values guided the Capital Facilities and Utilities chapter?

The values that are important to Spokane's future, as identified by the Citizens during preparation of the original Comprehensive Plan remain. Those include:

- Developing police and fire services that accompany growth.
- Ensuring good parks, schools, libraries, and streets in the neighborhoods.
- Continuing to provide facilities for cultural and entertainment opportunities.
- Providing services and facilities as growth occurs.
- Maintaining quality education and avoiding overcrowding in the schools.

## What's New?

- The chapter was streamlined, removing much of the text that did not add to the understanding of the chapter or information that was out of date.
- As the City continues to develop an integrated plan for capital facilities and utilities, the text of the chapter was modified slightly to account for this ongoing effort.
- The relationship between this chapter, the Capital Facilities Plan, and the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan has been clarified and strengthened.



## What are the Goals of the Capital Facilities and Utilities Chapter?

### CFU 1 Adequate Public Facilities and Services

Provide and maintain adequate public facilities and utility services and reliable funding in order to protect investment in existing facilities and ensure appropriate levels of service.

### CFU 2 Concurrency

Ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development are adequate to serve the development and available when the service demands of development occur without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards.

### CFU 3 Coordination

Promote contiguous, orderly development and provision of urban services through the regional coordination of land use and public services related to capital facilities and utilities.

### CFU 4 Service Provision

Provide public services in a manner that facilitates efficient and effective delivery of services and meets current and future demand.

### CFU 5 Environmental Concerns

Minimize impacts to the environment, public health, and safety through the timely and careful siting and use of capital facilities and utilities.

### CFU 6 Multiple Objectives

Use capital facilities and utilities to support multiple interests and purposes.



## Did You Know?

Since its incorporation in 1892, the City has grown to encompass 60 square miles.

The City currently operates 21 fire engines in 16 stations throughout the city.

The Spokane Police Department operates 282 cars and 13 motorcycles.

Almost 70 people volunteer their time to help the Police Department.

If you add up all the Library space in the city, it would total more than 145,000 square feet.

The Spokane Parks system is 3,000 acres in size, only half of which are "developed."

There are more than 19 miles of trails in the city, with more on the way.

There are more than 470 miles of sewer pipe and an additional 350 miles of storm drains in the city.

Three school districts serve the residents of the city: Spokane School District, Cheney School District, and Mead School District.

The City's Waste to Energy Plant burns up to 800 tons of garbage every day, giving back 26 megawatts of electricity - or enough to serve 13,000 homes.

There are more than 1,000 miles of water pipes in the city. Those pipes deliver enough water each day to fill an Olympic swimming pool 88 times.