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## **Provide Efficient and Quality Community Facilities and Infrastructure (Theme 7)**

### **Statement of Ideal**

Residents will receive all services the community deems appropriate, delivered at the right time and without waste, in a safe atmosphere. Jackson Hole will be a community with widely-recognized year-round arts, learning, and cultural activities.

*In general, this theme needs a lot of work. It is clear that concrete data is essential to evaluate this theme, which to date is not available. As this critical information is provided, the Conservation Alliance will make more substantive comments.*

### **What does this theme address?**

Residents and businesses in Jackson and county communities rely on essential utilities and services, such as fire protection and emergency medical treatment, water and sewer delivered efficiently at the right time. The town and county also recognize that the social components, such as schools and educational facilities, libraries, arts and culture, social services, and shared events and activities (community spirit), are important aspects of community desirability and livability. Residents and visitors should continue to have access to essential as well as quality of life services and facilities that build on and **reinforce attributes our unique, safe, and healthy** communities. The levels of service (LOS) for all of the services/facilities, and the number of new facilities or expanded services needed to maintain LOS as the community develops according to the Future Land Use Plan. (Note: The agency heads are key to providing the necessary information, which will also help the planning team refine the Future Land Use Plan.)

### **Summary of this Theme's Topics**

This theme addresses the following topics:

- Adequate facilities and services
- Water and sewer utility
- Solid waste
- Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Treatment (EMT) services
- Schools
- Parks and recreation
- Hospital
- Library
- Arts and culture
- Human social services

This chapter will carry forward the intent of the "Community Facilities" chapter of the 1994 Plan (Chapter 7). We are requesting information from the relevant departments and agencies so we can

include the following types of policies:

### **Where is this theme a priority?**

Where the Future Land Use Plan indicates locations of town and **communities**, providing efficient

and quality facilities and infrastructure is a priority.

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1. General goal(s) for the utility or facility as future growth in the community occurs (i.e., the guiding principle).
  2. Relevant policy direction related to that goal to help the town and county make wise land use and growth decisions and avoid adverse affects on the facility or utility service levels. *Natural environment?* This might include level of service standards that should help guide development decisions (if they exist), or suggestions to develop level of service standards or locational criteria for facilities and utilities.
  3. References to relevant functional plans that will provide the detailed facility and utility information.
- (Note: we recognize that utilities or function plans, such as for parks, will contain far more detail than the comprehensive plan will; the comprehensive plan will reference those more detailed plans.)

It would also be helpful to include:

Suggested strategies related to a particular topic and actions that will help achieve the goals (e.g., require land dedication).

Measurable indicators (to town and county can determine if it is meeting this Plan's goals.) (e.g., measure of park land compared to population).

#### **How does the theme relate to core values?**

Environment: Growth management

Community: Essential services, educational and health related services, planned neighborhoods, **fiscal health** *Do you intend to conduct a fiscal costs of growth analysis?*

#### **Guiding Principles**

The following guiding principles support these objectives:

#### **Principle 7.1—Provide adequate public facilities and services for current and future residents in a fiscally responsible manner**

##### **Why is this important?**

Placeholder - add

#### **Policy 7.1a: Establish and Maintain Level of Service Standards**

Establish adequate level of service and land dedication standards (i.e., for roads, water and sewer, stormwater, fire protection, police protection, parks, and schools). The town and county will coordinate with service providers and other governmental organizations that provide services to community residents to ensure that existing and new developments have adequate services, and that existing public facilities are properly maintained to serve the needs of current and future residents. Develop level of service standards for: fire and EMT, police, parks and recreation, public water and wastewater, solid waste and recycling, library, schools, other public buildings, and transportation. The level of service is defined as the optimum level of service desired from a service provider, which may be different from the current LOS.

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#### **Policy 7.1b: Ensure Concurrent Utilities and Facilities**

The town and county and developers will ensure that adequate public facilities are in place or planned for within a reasonable time of the start of a new development (including streets, schools, fire protection, water and sewer, and other services and utilities).

**Principle 7.2—Provide adequate water and sewer facilities to meet current and future community needs**

**Why is this Important?**

Ensuring adequate water and sewer service is an essential matter of health and safety for Teton County and Jackson residents. The county and town will continue to ensure that existing customers have high quality services.

New development should not occur in locations or a manner that increases taxpayers' cost to provide water and sewer or that creates unhealthy conditions. *This is a noble fiscal goal. However, multiple fiscal impact studies prove this is rarely the case. What fiscal impact/costs of growth models will you be using to ensure this goal is reached?*

Placeholder for additional utility department input. Will add information about thresholds and capacity to serve additional units and specific locations. **THIS IS CRITICAL.**

**Policy x.x. Maintain an adequate level of service for current water and sewer treatment customers**

Placeholder - add

**Policy x.x. New town-level development will only occur where it can be served with municipal water and sewer and will pay for costs of extending service**

Placeholder - add

**Principle 7.3—Provide solid waste services while reducing solid waste demand**

**Why is this Important?**

Placeholder

**Principle 7.4—Continue to provide adequate law enforcement Level of Service to meet community needs**

**Why is this Important?**

Ensuring adequate staffing and response time for law enforcement is an essential matter of safety and welfare for Teton County and Jackson residents. As traffic increases and as development occurs, the county and town will take measures to ensure that law enforcement continues at a high level of service.

New development should not occur in locations or a manner that increases taxpayers' cost to serve it or creates unsafe conditions. *What fiscal impact/costs of growth models will you be using to ensure this goal is reached?*

Placeholder for police and sheriff policy and level of service input

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**Policy x.x. Maintain an adequate level of service and response time for law enforcement**

Note: will add goals for response times and quality of service—to be obtained from appropriate departments.

**Policy x.x. New building should follow principles in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) handbook**

CPTED principles can be applied easily and inexpensive to building or remodeling and include: (1) natural surveillance, by using features that maximize visibility of people, parking areas and building entrances; doors and windows that look out on to streets and parking areas; pedestrian-friendly sidewalks and streets; front porches; and adequate nighttime

lighting, (2) Territorial reinforcement, with features that define property lines and distinguish private spaces from public spaces using landscaping plantings, pavement design, etc., (3) Natural access control (4) target security, with features such as locks and hinges that prohibit entry, (5) support for neighborhood activities and community surveillance.

**Principle 7.5—Continue to provide adequate fire protection and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Level of Service to provide for community safety and welfare**

**Why is this Important?**

Ensuring adequate response times is an essential matter of health, safety, and welfare (sometimes life or death) for Teton County and Jackson residents. As traffic increases and as development occurs, the county and town will take measures to ensure that emergency services continue to provide adequate response times.

New development should not occur in locations that increases taxpayers' cost to serve it.

**Policy x.x. Maintain an adequate level of service and response time for fire protection and Emergency Medical Services (EMS)**

(Note: will add goals for response times and quality of service—to be obtained from appropriate departments.)

**Principle 7.6—Coordinate to facilitate schools and facilities that meet community life-long educational needs**

(Will add revised wording for principal and policy as necessary.)

**Why is this Important?**

Ensuring adequate schools is a matter of community welfare and quality of life for residents.

If centrally located, neighborhood schools can be accessible by walking, biking, or transit—reducing vehicle miles travel, and increasing safety for students.

Co-locating schools with parks and other civic facilities can increase opportunities for shared facilities and decrease amount of travel between activities.

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The county and town will work with the school district to maintain current schools and ensure that new development is consistent with school district plans and to encourage joint planning with town and county and WYDOT and other agencies for siting new facilities to coordinate with land use and roads.

**New development should not increase taxpayers' costs to provide new schools.**

*What fiscal impact/costs of growth models will you be using to ensure this goal is reached?*

Day cares, preschools, and other such facilities should be located near parks and playgrounds.

Other?

**Policy x.x: Plan for centrally located school and support high quality school system**

The town and county will coordinate with the school district to ensure that new schools are centrally located in neighborhoods (e.g., schools generally should be co-located with parks, trails, and other recreation facilities to provide combined utilization of parks and transportation).)

(Strategies might include: investigate a fee system or land dedication requirements, locating future schools according to certain criteria, size requirements for middle/high school and elementary schools)

**Principle 7.7—Provide quality local parks and**

**recreational facilities to meet current and future community needs**

**Why is this Important?**

Ensuring parks and recreation areas within neighborhoods and communities is a matter of community health and quality of life for residents, and they decrease pressure on public lands outside the community.

If centrally located with schools, parks can be accessible by walking, biking, or transit, providing opportunities to healthy lifestyles.

Co-locating parks and schools can increase opportunities for shared facilities.

**New development should not increase taxpayers' costs to provide new parks.**

*What fiscal impact/costs of growth models will you be using to ensure this goal is reached?*

Other? (Discuss possible addition of teen activity center)

**Policy x.x: Provide local parks and recreation facilities in the Town of Jackson and communities**

Parks and Recreation plan will guide specific locations and levels of development for parks and recreation in the Town and County.

To be added

**Principle 7.8—Facilitate local medical facilities in providing excellent medical care to meet the region's health care needs**

**Why is this Important?**

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Placeholder for hospital policy and level of service input

**Principle 7.9—Facilitate high quality library services for current and future community needs**

**Why is this Important?**

Placeholder for library policy and level of service input

**Policy x.x. Maintain current level of service for Teton County libraries**  
(placeholder)

Note: will add goals quality of service—to be obtained from library.

**Principle 7.10—Continue to coordinate with arts and culture and private organizations to facilitate world-class community arts and culture**

**Why is this Important?**

Placeholder

**Principle 7.11—Coordinate with multiple organization to facilitate adequate health and human services to all residents of Jackson Hole**

**Why is this Important?**

Placeholder

Suggested Strategies (Theme 7—Community Facilities)