

# Goals & Policies

## Capital Facilities

### Introduction

The Capital Facilities Element discusses facilities needed for public services that will support planned population and employment. Public facilities addressed in the Capital Facilities Element include the transportation system (streets, sidewalks, street-lighting systems), parks, schools, libraries, drainage, water and sanitary sewer systems, public safety, and governmental services.

This element helps the City to ensure that the right facilities are in the right place to support the development that is planned in the Land Use Element. It also supports other elements, such as Transportation and Parks, Trails, & Open Space, which drive the ~~policy-policies~~ for capital facilities on those topics. By planning ahead to identify which facilities will be needed, the City is better able to ensure that expectations for quality of service ~~(the adopted level of service)~~ can be met. Consistent with this direction, goals and policies in this element guide the City to have facilities that adequately support new development, address any past deficiencies, and maintain their stated levels of service.

The Growth Management Act establishes five requirements for this element, ~~which are to:~~

- Provide an inventory of facilities
- List a forecast of needs
- Show proposed locations and capacity of planned facilities
- Provide a financing plan for needed facilities, and
- Reassess planned facilities if they cannot be provided and paid for.

The process of addressing these five requirements helps ~~us make wise use of City funds by organizing and prioritizing projects~~ the decision-making decision-making process of the City by organizing and prioritizing future capital improvement projects (CIP). The first four

#### *Capital Facilities Include:*

*Streets*  
*Sidewalks*  
*Street-Lighting*  
*Parks*  
*Schools*  
*Libraries*  
*Drainage*  
*Water & Sanitary Sewer Systems*  
*Government Buildings*