COMMUNITY FACILITIES

INTRODUCTION

The community facilities section of the Comprehensive Plan focuses on identifying public and semi-public buildings, sites and services which are available to the Town of May residents.

WASTEWATER

There are no regional wastewater treatment systems or municipally-owned wastewater treatment plants operated by the Town of May. Individual sewage treatment systems (ISTS), commonly called septic systems, are used throughout the Town of May to treat wastewater. The Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment administers the ISTS program in the Town.

The Town of May contains one community collector waste water treatment system, which is located in the southeast corner of the Township at Carnelian Hills. This system is also referred to as a Community “201” Wastewater Collection System. Built in stages, this system has been constructed with State and Federal “201” program grant assistance monies. The Town is open to considering additional shared septic systems in the future.

WATER SUPPLY

There is no public water distribution system in the Town of May. Groundwater is of particular importance as individual wells supply all of the drinking water to Town residents. The Minnesota Department of Health licenses well contractors, administers the permitting process for constructing wells and sealing abandoned wells, and inspects wells in Washington County. The Town has a well at the Town Hall.

STORMWATER

The Town of May is not served by a municipal stormwater or “curb and gutter” system. Stormwater management standards are currently addressed in the Washington County Zoning Ordinance under performance standards related to land alteration and grading. They are also addressed as Storm Water Drainage regulations as part of engineering standards in the County Subdivision Ordinance. Storm Water Drainage performance standards are also addressed in the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, Article 810, and Sections 401.14 and 705.12. Watershed Districts have regulating authority for stormwater management.
TOWN HALL

All official activity of the Town takes place at the Town Hall. May is an “urban township” governed by three supervisors, each serving a three-year term, with one supervisor position elected every year in March. The Town’s Planning Commission, which advises the Town Board on all planning issues, is made up of seven regular members and two alternates, appointed by the Town Board. The Town Clerk and Treasurer are currently elected positions, each serving a two year term. There had been previous discussions of making these appointed positions, however, when placed before the community residents for a vote at an annual Town election in 2001, the Town voted 65 to 27 against making a change from its current elected status. As such, the positions have remained as elected positions. The two individuals on the road maintenance crew are hourly employees of the Town. Planning and zoning, legal, engineering, assessor, and building inspection services are all contracted. The Town Board assumes responsibility for interviewing and selecting the individuals and firms for these contracts.

SCHOOLS

The Town of May is served by two school districts: Stillwater School District (#834) to the south and Forest Lake School District (#831) to the north. District #834 schools include Stillwater Senior High, Oakland Junior High, Stillwater Junior High, Marine Elementary, Withrow Elementary, and Stonebridge Elementary. District #831 schools include Forest Lake Senior High, Central Junior High, Southwest Junior High, Forest Lake Elementary, Scandia Elementary and Forest View Elementary.

Area parochial schools include Salem Lutheran School (K-8) and St. Croix Catholic School (1-8) in Stillwater.

PARKS

The Town of May owns and operates one park, Marv Schroeder Park, which is located adjacent to the Town Hall. There are also two regional parks, Square Lake Park and Big Marine Regional Park, which provide a number of recreational opportunities. The Parks and Trails Section of the Comprehensive Plan describes these parks in greater detail.

POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION

Police protection in the Town of May is provided by Washington County Sheriff’s Department. Fire protection for the Town is provided by the Stillwater Fire Department, the Marine Fire Department, the Scandia Fire Department, and the Hugo Fire Department.