

## Chapter 3

# POPULATION AND SERVICES

### 1. Existing Conditions

Rockville has a population of approximately 225 persons. The population is primarily concentrated within the Town proper along the main highway.

Given the small population size and the limited tax base, the Town can provide only the most basic municipal services.

### 2. Assumptions for the Future

Rockville can expect to feel pressures from population growth in the surrounding area. The limitations on the available services may tend to slightly inhibit but not stop these pressures. Any substantial increase in population will cause a greater demand on existing services and infrastructure. The major impact is likely to be on culinary water needs. There will probably be impacts on roads and/or the need for an additional bridge.

Recent trends in government finance show less money being available from state and federal programs and greater responsibility being placed on local governments. It is anticipated that this trend will continue.

### 3. Community Goals

The citizens of the Town have expressed the following preferences:

The town should encourage a limited growth policy. The optimum community size ranges from the present 225 up to 500 persons over an extended period of years.

Taxes should be held to a minimum. The present level of services is preferable over increased taxes.

The Town will work with the existing privately owned culinary water system to ensure that it will be maintained to meet the needs of the community.

#### **4. Planning Policies**

The policies by which the above-stated goals should be implemented are, as follows:

Manage the ultimate growth of the community by setting density for land use types. The amount of available culinary water will also be taken into consideration as a managing factor on the amount of growth.

Adopt an impact fee structure which will comply with Utah State statute.

Adopt fiscal guidelines which will provide a contingency within the municipal budget for unforeseen services needs.

Rockville shall live within its financial means by providing a modest level of services to its citizens.