

Chapter 7

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

1. Existing Conditions

Rockville has a capital improvements plan. The citizens of Rockville have been given the opportunity to voice their opinions on the community's capital improvement needs and priorities.

2. Assumptions for the Future

Rockville will be subject to increasing pressures for growth in the coming years. Increases in population will result in increased demands on the infrastructure of the community. The Town should anticipate its needs and plan for improvements in advance. This will assist in the budgeting process and will ensure orderly and thoughtful community development.

It is assumed that the trend of decreasing state and federal funds for local governments will continue. It will be necessary to rely more on local than external resources for funding capital improvement projects.

3. Community Goals

The citizens of Rockville have identified the following capital improvement needs (in alphabetical order):

- Community Center and Town Park
- Evaluation of bridge needs
- Preserve historical structures
- Road improvements
- Town cemetery improvements
- Town Hall
- Upgrade sewage treatment system through cooperation with Springdale

Citizens favoring capital improvements are generally willing to support a small tax increase in order to fund projects with a justifiable need and if approved by the public.

4. Planning Policies

The following policies will guide the capital improvements planning process:

A capital improvements plan will be formulated and adopted by the Town for inclusion in its budgeting process. The capital improvements plan and funding allocations will be programmed on a five year basis and will be reviewed and updated annually. The public will be given ample opportunity for input and comment on the capital improvements planning process.

The Town will attempt to secure state and federal funds to complement local funds for capital improvement needs.

Tax increases for capital improvements will be sought only if necessary.

Capital improvements needs necessitated by new developments will be paid for by the developer.