

Chapter 8

ANNEXATION

1. Existing Conditions

The Town of Rockville, at its incorporation, included over 9 square miles within its boundaries. This provides the Town with a considerable area for potential expansion. It also provides a buffer over which the Town has control, thereby ensuring separation from future adjacent development.

2. Assumptions for the Future

Although Rockville will experience growth in the coming years, the existing amount of land within the Town's boundaries is sufficient to accommodate it. However, a key issue is the development of and control over water resources sufficient to supply the community in the future. It may be necessary to consider declaring an interest in the possible annexation of additional land for that purpose.

3. Community Goals

The citizens of Rockville desire consideration of annexation to protect water sources, provide scenic buffer zones, and to protect Rockville from potential natural and man-made hazards.

4. Planning Policies

The following policies will be followed as pertains to annexation issues:

Annexation may be considered when justified by overriding community needs such as development of and control over municipal water sources, protection of scenic vistas and open space, and protection from encroachment by commercial development along Hwy 9 corridor on the west.

There may be other reasons for the town to consider annexation, which are presently unknown but are consistent with the above justifications.

As property owners file for annexation to Rockville, plans for extending town services will be included with the annexation agreement.

Costs incurred in extending municipal services to an annexed area will be paid for by the owners of the annexed territory.

All administrative costs incurred in annexation will be paid for by the owners of property to be annexed.