

Community Facilities



I. GENERAL OVERVIEW

Public buildings and facilities are important elements that shape the quality of life and the attractiveness of Dublin as a community of choice for families and businesses. The quality and responsiveness of City services, as well as municipal architecture and attractive facilities help foster a sense of civic pride and community identity, as well as provide key services for residents and corporate citizens. Community facilities in Dublin and the surrounding area include parks, recreation facilities, open space, municipal offices and facilities, schools, libraries, post offices, religious institutions, cemeteries and human service institutions. This chapter provides objectives and strategies that relate to all facilities, as well as more refined objectives and strategies applicable to more specific types.

A. Objectives and Strategies (General)

Objective 1: Use the Community Plan text and maps as a policy guide for community facility decisions.

The Community Plan is meant to be a general resource document for public officials, interested citizens and other decision makers. The 1997 Community Plan included a facility study that was commissioned to forecast the future needs of municipal, fire and school facilities and their respective sizes. Since that time, additional input and study have been conducted to validate and ensure the City of Dublin provides quality facilities that meet the needs of a growing municipality. Reflecting significant input from the community, the Plan provides useful insight about future expectations and plans for additional community facilities.

- A. *Utilize Plan Recommendations...* to guide future decision-making based on public input and technical study.
- B. *Publicize Plan Recommendations...* and provide information to individuals seeking information about City policies on community facilities. Residents and developers should have a level of confidence and certainty as to the City's expectations.
- C. *Undertake Facility Master Plans...* as needed, to look at specific facilities in more detail and ensure that future municipal buildings will meet the needs of a growing and changing community.

Objective 2: Provide needed facilities to serve the population and to promote a high quality of life.

The provision of basic health, safety and welfare services are essential, including reasonable access to health care, educational opportunities, recreation activities, police and fire protection, libraries and postal services. These services will ensure a safe and well-maintained community with amenities and a quality of life that adheres to Dublin's standard of excellence.

- A. *Establish Service Areas...* for various community facilities to facilitate enhanced accessibility for residents and greater levels of service for the community.
- B. *Ensure Adequate Funding...* to provide a high quality of municipal services for Dublin's residents in a timely and efficient manner.
- C. *Acquire Appropriate Sites...* for needed facilities in advance of surrounding development to ensure that municipal buildings and facilities can be located in suitable locations that will best serve the future needs of the community.
- D. *Utilize Relevant Master Plans...* to ensure that the placement and construction of facilities is adequately coordinated and planned in a manner that will ensure future needs are met.
- E. *Reevaluate Existing Facilities...* functionally and spatially to ensure that public facilities meet the intended need.
- F. *Acknowledge Population Changes...* and ensure that Dublin's facilities and programs reflect changing demographics and needs as the City's population ages.

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The water play area at Ballantrae Park is a popular place to cool off.



"Out of Bounds" signifies soccer's place in Dublin.

Objective 3: Create community focal points within parks and community facilities.

Creating well-designed public places reinforces Dublin's sense of place. Civic spaces and buildings provide valuable, common locations for gathering and communication that help enhance a sense of identity and attachment to the community. Coordination with other agencies such as schools, libraries and post offices should be fostered to create an emphasis on the civic realm and the development of valued activity centers as civic focal points.

- A. *Identify Visible Locations...* throughout Dublin where important civic architecture, art and other focal points can be placed.
- B. *Conduct Facilities Master Planning...* to look at specific facilities in more detail and ensure that future parks and facilities will meet the needs of a growing and changing community.
- C. *Coordinate with Other Agencies...* to better understand location and service needs and how the City can cooperatively work with

organizations and agencies to provide more efficient and improved service to Dublin's residents.

- D. *Create Quality Public Spaces...* throughout the community that are designed to facilitate congregation and conversation.
- E. *Establish a Land Acquisition Program...* to acquire community parks and other large open space areas in a cost-effective manner by utilizing the Community Plan and other applicable plans to guide municipal purchases ahead of development pressure.
- F. *Analyze Community Gathering Places...* to identify greater programming and activity opportunities in a manner that promotes enhanced usage of existing and future facilities.
- G. *Adopt a Parks and Recreation Plan...* that appropriately integrates community facilities into the City's park and open space system.

Objective 4: Provide the focus for public uses and community facilities within logical, consolidated locations.

Public facilities must be designed and located to provide maximum availability and use for residents. When public buildings are not conveniently located and highly visible, residents may find it difficult to clearly identify and interact with government. Some existing Dublin facilities are not easily recognizable. The co-location of a variety of public uses can provide better service to the public and improve wayfinding to public uses. Community facilities should be consolidated where possible to foster convenient living, to minimize traffic congestion, to strengthen neighborhoods, and to create public gathering places.

- A. *Carefully Site Civic Uses...* in prominent locations with easy access for the greatest number of residents.
- B. *Utilize Memorable Architecture...* to highlight and draw attention to public buildings and uses.
- C. *Consider Partnerships...* between organizations and affected agencies to co-locate public



Residents have a range of exercise options at the Dublin Community Recreation Center.

facilities in a manner that provides greater service, efficiency and access for the general public.

- D. *Incorporate Civic Uses...* into mixed use development in important locations to facilitate pedestrian traffic and to encourage private development and/or reinvestment in surrounding areas.
- E. *Encourage Land Acquisition...* in critical locations throughout Dublin that will provide the ability to develop consolidated public facilities.

Objective 5: Maintain and enhance a civic presence in Historic Dublin.

Traditional downtowns are often noted for a variety of civic uses that create the foundation of the business district. Civic uses often include post offices, city halls, libraries, public information sources and religious institutions, among others. While the Dublin Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the Dublin Chamber of Commerce are located within the Historic District, their relative locations provide little synergy; more prominent uses should be established within the

District. Historic Dublin is an important element of the City's identity, and the incorporation of important civic uses can encourage greater pedestrian activity and economic vitality for the area. The implementation of civic uses and spaces should be considered as a valuable tool to encourage future development in concert with historic preservation efforts.

- A. *Establish a Desired Civic Presence...* for Historic Dublin that will provide future direction and clear expectations as a consistent planning tool for both the public and private sector.
- B. *Integrate Civic Spaces...* of various sizes throughout Historic Dublin that can meet a variety of programming

needs, from formal public gathering places to informal open spaces.

- C. *Acquire Key Parcels...* necessary to provide for the integration of public uses within the Historic District in a more highly visible location for residents and visitors and in a manner that can facilitate economic development.
- D. *Increase Social Events...* and special activities to increase pedestrian activity and awareness of Historic Dublin as a community focal point.
- E. *Incorporate Recommendations...* from the Historic Dublin Revitalization Plan to integrate civic uses in the Historic Dublin area.

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Civic presence and public events are key to Historic Dublin's revitalization.



II. PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

A. Existing Parks, Recreation Facilities and Open Spaces

Parks and greenspace play an integral part of the values and community fabric of Dublin. As noted by the City's official slogan, "It's Greener in Dublin," great emphasis is placed upon parkland dedication and attention to open space in the development process. As a result, Dublin is a showcase of beautiful golf courses, neighborhood and community parks, open spaces, greenways, protected streams and spectacular landscaping.

Highly valued parks and recreation programs are provided through the efforts of the City's Division of Recreation Services. The City currently operates 52 parks encompassing over 949 acres, providing a full-range of facilities for residents including playgrounds, picnic facilities, tennis and basketball courts, bike paths, pedestrian trails, ball diamonds, soccer fields, bocce ball courts, and seasonal ice skating and fishing ponds.

The City of Dublin is proud to have solid, long-standing relationships with the Dublin City Schools and Washington Township. Municipal park and recreation facilities are supplemented by school athletic fields and gymnasiums, as well as shared parking arrangements. Park facilities within Washington Township also provide a valuable amenity for residents. The City works with township officials to coordinate recreational programming and acquisition activities to the benefit of all.

Approximately 29 percent of current park acreage was purchased by the City. Three major land purchases (Avery Park, Monterey Park and Scioto Park) were facilitated through the use of Land and Water Conservation Funds from the State of Ohio. Of Dublin's remaining park areas, 56 percent have been acquired through the City's subdivision and platting regulations, utilizing land dedication requirements and open space ordinances. An additional 75-acre area is leased from the City of Columbus (Kiwanis Riverway Park) along the Scioto River.

With 23 acres of designated parkland per 1,000 residents, the City far exceeds

the national standard of 10-20 acres of developed parkland per 1,000 residents. In addition to parkland, the City of Dublin provides more than 435 acres of open space, which is an additional 11 acres of open space per 1,000 residents. These totals do not include other private recreation facilities and 1,038 acres of adjacent metro park land.

Dublin's parks and open spaces are located along stream corridors and throughout residential subdivisions, and the City strives to continue linking parkland to create a comprehensive recreational network. Bike paths and other pedestrian paths are key components associated with the larger system. Within this comprehensive network, Dublin's parks serve as important nodes that provide varying degrees of activity and programming:

Amberleigh Community Park (Vista Ridge Drive). This 23.5-acre community park is located on the east side of Vista Ridge Drive, running parallel to the Scioto River and includes wooded areas and access to the Scioto River.

Amberleigh Open Space (Dublin Road). This 7.20-acre open space is a



The Dublin Community Pool South is a great summertime amenity for residents.

Dublin Park Classifications

Regional Park – Metropolitan park systems operate independently from both state and local governmental agencies for natural resource conservation and the provision of natural area parks. The Franklin County Metro Parks serves as this area's regional park system.

Community Park – Parks that serve the entire community by supporting organized community activities that would not be conducive to neighborhood settings or that preserve and protect natural areas. Typical development components include but are neither limited to nor necessarily include parking lots, sport fields, courts, skate parks, amphitheaters, boardwalks, stocked ponds, nature paths, grasslands, and specialty facilities such as the Miracle League Field, recreation centers and community pools. Often the facilities are lit to extend public use hours.

Neighborhood Park – The most basic unit of park, housing recreational activities planned with the surrounding neighborhood needs in mind. Typical development components include but are neither limited to nor necessarily include shelters/gazebos, site furnishings, playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, specialty gardens, nature paths, stocked ponds, bike paths and open/informal play spaces. Parking facilities are generally limited and lighting is restricted in the neighborhood developments.

Open Space – Land masses serving as aesthetic enhancements to the community at large or significant natural or cultural resources that are set aside for preservation. Open space is often linear, acting as a visual and physical buffer, and as a link between neighborhoods; allowing residents and visitors to socialize and strengthen community bonds. These areas are not typically conducive to organized activities; but may provide an area for recreational programming.

Greenway – A linear open space or natural area typically adjacent to a watercourse. Bike paths, open space, and park developments may punctuate the corridor. Greenways serve important roles in raising and maintaining water quality; acting as storm water storage facilities; providing wildlife migratory corridors; and linking neighborhoods and destinations together which provides residents and visitors opportunities to socialize and strengthen community bonds. Protection of greenways through land ownership or easements is a priority of the Parks and Recreation Department.

landscaped greenway located along the east side of Dublin Road between Memorial Drive and Ashford Road.

Amberleigh Park (4800 Carrigan Ridge Court). This 4.1-acre neighborhood park is located on the north side of Carrigan Ridge Court and extends east toward the Scioto River and includes pedestrian trails and access to the Scioto River.

Avery Park (7401 Avery Road). The 83.6-acre community park, located on the west side of Avery Road, south of Brand Road, includes the *Out of Bounds* public art sculpture, softball shed, shelter with grills, restroom facilities, three lighted tennis courts, basketball court, six lighted softball diamonds, three little league diamonds, one lighted diamond, bike path, pedestrian trail through the woods, 12 multi-purpose playing fields, two sand volleyball courts, two concession stands, a playground and parking lots.

Avery Road Open Space (Avery Road). This three-acre landscaped open space is located on the west side of Avery Road and south of Wynford Drive.

Balgriffin Park (5715 Norn Street). This 21.72-acre community park includes a

basketball court, two tennis courts, a shelter, designated on-street parking, a nine-hole disc golf course, a fishing pond, a playground and a bike path. The park is located along the east and west sides of Norn Street between Woerner Temple Road and Blunden Road.

Ballantrae Open Space. The Ballantrae development contains 10.7 acres of open space located throughout the subdivision.

Ballantrae Park (6350 Woerner Temple Road). This 24.83-acre community park is located on the northwest corner of Woerner Temple Road and Avery Road, and includes a bike path, a fishing pond, parking lot, a picnic area, the *Dancing Hares* public art sculpture, a water play area and a pedestrian trail.

Belvedere Park (8055 Summerhouse Drive East). The 2.62-acre neighborhood park is located at the northwest corner of Summerhouse Drive East and Drury Road and contains a tot lot and benches. In addition, the Belvedere subdivision contains two small open space areas totaling 0.26 acres located on Red Stone Loop and Green Stone Loop that provide bike path access.



LEFT: The Dancing Hares sculpture is a unique form of public art located in Ballantrae Park.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Residents can tee it up at one of Dublin's well-known courses.

Belvedere/Shannon Glen Open Space (Brand Road). The eight-acre open space is located on the north side of Brand Road along the frontage for the Belvedere and Shannon Glen subdivisions.

Bishop's Crossing Open Space (Hyland-Croy Road). The 5.5-acre open space is located along the east side of Hyland-Croy Road, south of Tullymore Drive.

Bishop's Run Open Space (Hyland-Croy Road). The 9.5-acre open space is located along at the northeast corner of Hyland-Croy and Tullymore Drive and extends along the north side of Tullymore and Mill Spring Court.

Bishop's Run II Park (Mill Spring Court). The 1.43-acre neighborhood park is located at the end of Mill Spring Court adjacent to Bishop's Run Open Space and Westbury Park and includes a playground.

Boy Scout Open Space (Bridge Street). This 0.54-acre open space is a landscaped area located at the northeast corner of Bridge Street and Post Road.

Brandon Open Space (7800 Brandonway Drive). This 38-acre open space includes a bike path, pond, woods, nature

area and wildlife habitat plantings and is located north of Brandonway Drive adjacent to the Woods of Dublin and Brandon subdivisions.

Brighton Commons Park (5750 Richgrove Lane). This 2.18-acre neighborhood park is located on the north side of Richgrove Lane and includes a playground, reflecting pool with fountain, surrounding gardens and a bike path.

Bristol Commons Park (5600 Bristol Parkway) This 10.74-acre neighborhood park is located just north of Brand Road along the east and west sides of Bristol Parkway and includes gardens, a fishing pond, a bike path, a playground, a gazebo and an historic barn along the North Fork Indian Run greenway.

Bryson Cove Open Space (4135 Bryson Cove Circle). This 6.86-acre open space is located on the west and south sides of Bryson Cove Circle, south of Hard Road and includes a wooded area, a retention pond and bike path access.

Campden Lakes Park (8100 Campden Lake Boulevard). This 7.71-acre neighborhood park is located within the Campden Lakes subdivision on the north side of Summit View Road and includes woods and a bike path.

Chambers Open Space (Bridge Street). The 0.83-acre open space is located at the southwest corner of Riverside Drive and State Route 161.

Coffman Park (5200 Emerald Parkway). This 93.14-acre community park is located along the South Fork Indian Run greenbelt. This park includes an

amphitheater, bike path, a fishing pond, skatepark, volleyball courts, bocce ball court, pavilion (semi-enclosed shelter), two shelters with grills, restroom facilities, three lighted tennis courts, a lighted basketball court, handicapped accessible playground, ice rink (winter) and a parking lot. Coffman Park is home to City Hall, the historic Fletcher Coffman Homestead, Community Relations Center and the Dublin Community Recreation Center (DCRC). The public art work *Relief Sculptures* is located within the recreation center, and the *Watch House with Field of Sunflowers* public art is located at the Post Road entrance to the park.

Coventry Woods Open Space (Dublin Road). This 0.89-acre open space is located on the west side of Dublin Road, south of Chaddington Drive.

Cramer's Crossing Open Space (Cramer's Crossing Boulevard and Stockton Way). The 8.16-acre open space is located on the north side of Stockton Way and along the north and south sides of Cramer's Crossing Boulevard between Stockton Way and Avery Road.

Cramers Run Open Space (Rings Road). This 9.29-acre wooded open space is located on the south side of Rings Road east of Paul Blazer Parkway.

Darree Fields (6259 Cosgray Road). This 152-acre community park is located between Cosgray and Houchard roads. The park includes seven baseball diamonds, multi-purpose fields, restroom facilities, a picnic grove, Miracle League Field, dog park, three playgrounds, the *Going, Going...Gone* public art sculpture, parking, woods and a gazebo.



Donegal Cliffs Park (4460 Donegal Cliffs Drive). This 10-acre neighborhood park includes two tennis courts, a basketball court, playground, picnic area, parking lot and bike path overlooking a former quarry. Located along the Scioto River, the park uniquely provides access and overlooks to the River from within the quarry.

Dublin Community Pool South (6363 Woerner Temple Road). This 17-acre community park is located south of Woerner Temple Road and west of Avery Road. This park includes an outdoor swimming pool, splash machine, two water slides, concessions, parking and locker/restroom facility.

Dublin Road Open Space (Dublin Road). This open space area includes 2.8 acres located along the west side of Dublin Road on the north and south corners of Brand Road.

Dublin Spring (20 South Riverview Street). This 2.85-acre open space is located under the west end of the SR 161 Bridge, the historic area includes a gazebo, picnic area, paths, nature areas, River access and a boardwalk along the Scioto River.

Dublinshire Open Space (Muirfield Drive). The six-acre open space is located along Muirfield Drive, north and south of Dublinshire Drive and includes a bike path and wooded areas.

Dublinshire Park (6081 Round Tower Lane). The 10-acre neighborhood park is located south of Round Tower Lane between Avery Road and Muirfield Drive and includes a bike path, multi-use trail through woodland and a fragrance garden.

Earlington Park (5660 Dublinshire Drive). This 16.9-acre community park includes the Dublin Community Pool North, restrooms, concessions, playground, a shelter, fishing pond, two little league diamonds, two multi-purpose playing fields, historic barns and a bike path.

Earlsford Open Space (Earlsford Drive). The 1.45-acre open space is located along the west side of Earlsford Drive within the Dublinshire subdivision and includes a bike path.

Emerald Fields (4040 Wyandotte Woods Boulevard). This 33.83-acre community park includes a playground, retention pond, picnic area, bike path, pedestrian trail, shelter, four multi-purpose athletic fields (currently programmed for lacrosse and cricket) and parking, and is located south of Summit View Road. Future phases will include three little-league ball diamonds, a basketball court, sand volleyball, restroom facilities, a universally accessible playground, a maintenance facility and parking.

Emerald Parkway Bridge Open Space (Emerald Parkway). This 4.45-acre open space is located at the northwest and southwest corners of Emerald Parkway and Riverside Drive.

Emerald Parkway Open Space (Emerald Parkway). This 1.8-acre open space is located at the northeast and southeast corners of Emerald Parkway and Coffman Road.

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LEFT: Residents enjoy the grand opening of the Miracle Field.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Dublin's neighborhood parks are social gathering places.

Glendavon Park (5768 Glendavon Loop). This 1.54-acre neighborhood park is located on the north side of Glendavon Loop within the Ballantrae subdivision and includes an evergreen maze and playground.

Gorden Farms Open Space (Gorden Farms Parkway). The one-acre open space is located along the northwest side of the Post Road entrance to the Gorden Farms development.

Hawks Nest Open Space (Brand Road and Muirfield Drive). This 15-acre open space runs along the frontage of the Hawks Nest development and is located along the south side of Brand Road and the west side of Muirfield Drive.

Hawks Nest Park (7700 Kestrel Way West). This 3.56-acre neighborhood park includes a basketball court, a bike path, playground and shelter and is located in the central portion of the Hawks Nest development on Kestrel Way.

Heather Glen Park (6000 Heather Glen Boulevard). This 18.5-acre neighborhood park includes a bike path, playground, shelter and woods with a pedestrian trail and is located

at the northeast corner of Heather Glen Boulevard and Haddler Drive.

Heather Glen Park North (5940 Innovation Court). This 4.8-acre neighborhood park includes a playground, a fishing pond, a shelter and a bike path and is located at the north end of Innovation Court.

Hutchins Open Space (8500 Riverside Drive). This 24.3-acre open space includes large wooded areas and is located on the east and west sides of Riverside Drive, south of the Franklin/Delaware County line.

Indian Run Falls Park (700 Shawan Falls Drive). This 9.37-acre community park provides access to the scenic Indian Run Falls and is located east of Shawan Falls Drive. The park includes a bike path, picnic area, two shelters, parking lot, gravel path and boardwalk with viewing decks, nature area providing pedestrian access to the woods and riparian corridor and the historic Indian Run Cemetery behind the Dublin Library.

Indian Run Meadow Park (6675 Fallen Timbers Drive). This 30.52-acre linear neighborhood park is located along the South Fork Indian Run. It has access through Fallen Timbers Drive, Avery-Muirfield Drive, Beery Lane and Conquistador Court and includes a bike path, playground, fishing pond and prairie wildflower garden.

Joe's Triangle (Frantz Road). This 0.32-acre open space is located southeast of the intersection of Dublin Road and Frantz Road.

Karrer Barn Open Space (6199 Dublin Road). This 0.81-acre open space is located at the intersection of Waterford Drive and Dublin Road at the entrance to the Waterford Village subdivision and includes the historic Karrer Barn, a visual icon in Historic Dublin.

Kendall Ridge Open Space (Varwyne Drive). This 0.31-acre open space is located within the Kendall Ridge subdivision at the intersection of Varwyne Drive and Anna Loop.

Killilea Park (6811 McDevitt Drive). This 1.95-acre neighborhood park is located along Emerald Parkway adjacent to Coventry Woods Park and includes a gazebo, playground and bike path.

Kiwanis Riverway (6425 Riverside Drive). This open space runs along the east banks of the Scioto River with parking adjacent to offices along Riverside Drive and includes 7.56 acres leased from the City of Columbus with a 0.4-mile pedestrian trail and boardwalk through the Scioto River wetlands.

Llewellyn Farms Park (4850 Tuttle Road). This 8.42-acre neighborhood park is located on the north side of Tuttle Crossing Boulevard. It includes a gazebo, two tennis courts, two half basketball courts, playground, butterfly and hummingbird garden, bike path and parking lot.

Lombard Open Space (Lombard Way). This 0.74-acre open space is located on the west side of Lombard Way and the north side of Greensway Loop.





The Historic Dublin area offers many of nature's best-kept secrets.

Lowell Trace Open Space (Avery Road). This 3.10-acre open space is located on the west side of Avery Road between Wexford Woods Drive and Tullymore Drive.

M.L. “Red” Trabue Nature Reserve (6835 Avery-Muirfield Drive). This 90-acre community park is a substantial natural area that includes a sensory garden, bike path through native plantings, woods, meadows, a historical log cabin, wetlands and fishing ponds. It has a parking lot with vehicular access from Post Road and pedestrian access from Avery Road and Tullymore Drive.

Monterey Park (135 Monterey Drive). This 3.89-acre neighborhood park is located on the northwest corner of Clover Lane and Monterey Drive. It includes three tennis courts, a basketball court, playground, bike path, gazebo and parking lot.

Park Mill Open Space (Park Mill Drive). This 2.75-acre open space is located on the south side of Park Mill Drive within the Park Place subdivision and includes a retention pond.

Park Place Open Space (Hyland-Croy Road). The 3.8-acre open space is located along east side of Hyland-

Croy Road at the Park Mill entrance to the Park Place subdivision. The open space areas contain natural plantings and a retention pond.

Park Place Park (6652 Park Mill Drive). This 4.66-acre neighborhood park has two separate areas. One section includes a bike path, woods with pedestrian trail and a playground, and the other section includes a playground and a bike path.

Rings Road Open Space (Rings Road). This 7.03-acre open space is located north and west of the intersection of Rings and Wilcox Roads.

Riverside Drive Open Space (Riverside Drive). This 2.66-acre open space is located along the eastern side of the Scioto River, along Riverside Drive.

Riverside Woods Open Space (Yellow Wood Drive). This 20.81-acre open space is located on Yellow Wood Drive and includes woods with an informal path system.

Sam and Eulalia Frantz Park (4995 Rings Road). This 2.56-acre open space is located on the southwest corner of Rings and Frantz Roads. It is the site of



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the *Field of Corn (with Osage Oranges)* public art sculpture and a bike path.

Sandy Corners Park (6125 Pirthshire Street). This seven-acre neighborhood park includes a bike path, a playground and shelter and is located on the southwest side of Pirthshire Street.

Scioto Park (7377 Riverside Drive). This 14-acre community park is located on the west side of Riverside Drive adjacent to the Scioto River. The park includes the *Leatherlips* public art sculpture, three shelters with grills, restroom facilities, an outdoor amphitheater, sledding hill, playground, butterfly and hummingbird garden and parking lot.

Scioto Shores Open Space (Dublin Road). This 4.8-acre open space is located at the west side of the Scioto River, along Dublin Road.

Scottish Corners Park (5950 Sells Mill Drive). This 6.62-acre community park adjoins the Scottish Corners elementary school and includes a shelter, two little league diamonds, a multi-purpose playing field, bike path, playground located at the school site, and shared parking lot.

The park is located north of Sells Mill Drive and east of Muirfield Drive.

Scottish Corners Woods (Earlsford Drive). This open space area contains 12.35 acres of wooded preserve and is located northeast of the Scottish Corners elementary school on the west side of Earlsford Drive.

Shannon Glen Park (8191 Shannon Glen Boulevard). This 32.16-acre neighborhood park provides a bike path, a retention pond, playground and shelter and is located north of Brand Road and west of Shannon Glen Boulevard.

Sheffield Place Open Space (7372 Coventry Woods Drive). This 2.1-acre open space is located at the northeast corner of Brand Road and Coventry Woods Drive and includes a retention pond.

Shier Rings Open Space (5630 Shier Rings Road). This 2.48-acre open space is located at the intersection of Emerald Parkway and Shier Rings Road. The park includes a bike path, fishing pond, shelter, specialty gardens and a pedestrian trail.

Stonefield Park (5467 Earlington Parkway). This 2.74-acre neighborhood park includes

a gazebo, playground and a bike path. It provides a connection between two neighborhoods and has access from Earlington Parkway and Sweeney Court.

Summit View Open Space (4145 Summit View Road). This 4.90-acre open space is located along the south side of Summit View Road and west of the entrance to Emerald Fields Park and includes a bike path and pedestrian access.

Tartan West Open Space. The Tartan West development contains approximately 100 acres of open space throughout the subdivision and includes vineyards, natural areas, trails and woodlands.

Trinity Park (5719 Sandymount Lane). This 4.76-acre neighborhood park includes a basketball court, bike path, playground and gazebo and is located on the southeast corner of Sandymount Lane and Anglesea Drive.

Vandeleur Park (5895 Vandeleur Place). This 0.81-acre neighborhood park includes a playground and sidewalk located on Vandeleur Place.



Waterford Woods (191 Monterey Drive). The 1.77-acre open space is located on the west side of Monterey Drive at the terminus of Waterford Drive and includes woodland.

Wedgewood Glen Open Space (8150 Buttleston Drive). The 6.6-acre open space is located west of Buttleston Drive and includes a pond, gazebo and pedestrian access.

Wedgewood Glen Park (4240 Summit View Road). The seven-acre neighborhood park is located on Summit View Road and includes a pond, historic barn, pedestrian trail and bike path.

Wedgewood Hills Open Space (Satterton Circle). This 5.8-acre wooded open space is located at the east end of Satterton Circle.

Wedgewood Hills Park (4630 Sandwich Court). This 9.7-acre neighborhood park is located at the west end of Sandwich Court and includes a pond, gazebo, playground, pedestrian trail and bike path.

Wellington Open Space (7391 Coventry Woods Drive). This 2.25-acre open space

includes a pond and pedestrian access and is located at the northwest corner of Brand Road and Coventry Woods Drive.

Wellington Park (7467 Coventry Woods Drive). This 18.8-acre neighborhood park adjoins Brandon Park and includes two tennis courts, playground, a half basketball court, bike path, nature area and gazebo.

Westbury Park (7799 Wareham Drive). This 12-acre neighborhood park includes a bike path, playground, pond, shelter, and parking lot and is located on the west side of Wareham Drive, south of Westbury Drive.

Westbury/Wyndham Village Open Space (Brand Road). This 7.19-acre open space is located along the south side of Brand Road along the frontage of the Westbury and Wyndham Village subdivisions.

Wexford Estates Open Space (Avery Road). This 1.06-acre open space is located on the west side of Avery Road at the intersection of Manteo Drive and includes a pond and bike path.

Wexford Woods Open Space (Wexford Woods Drive). Two open space areas, totalling 0.43-acre, located at the northwest corner of Wexford Woods Drive and Avery Road and the southeast corner of Wexford Woods Drive and Tullymore Drive, including a bike path.

Woerner Temple and Wilcox Open Space (5744 and 5750 Woerner Temple Road). Three open spaces areas totaling 5.16 acres are located at the intersection of Woerner Temple and Wilcox Roads and include

a bike path, pedestrian access and the location of the Maroa Wilcox headstone.

Wolpert Open Space (6665 Shier Rings Road). This three-acre open space is located on the south side of Shier Rings Road, west of Baronscourt Way and includes a pond.

Woods of Brighton Park (5619 Brighton Hill Lane). This 0.79-acre neighborhood park includes a bike path and two tennis courts and is located at the southwest corner of Rings Road and Brighton Hill Lane.

Woods of Indian Run (5218 Forest Run Drive). This 18.76-acre neighborhood park includes a wooded preserve area along the North Fork Indian Run greenbelt and contains a gazebo and bike path. The park has access from Forest Run Drive and Coventry Woods Drive.

Wyandotte Woods Open Space (7880 Riverside Drive). This 22.3-acre open space is located along Wyandotte Woods Boulevard off Riverside Drive and includes woods and an informal path system.

Wyndham Park (7475 Tullymore Drive). This 7.4-acre neighborhood park, located between the Wyndham Village and Westbury subdivisions, includes a half basketball court, bike path, pedestrian trail, playground, a shelter and sand volleyball court.

Wyndham Village Open Space (Wareham Drive). This 6.4-acre open space is located on the east side of Wareham Drive, south of Wiltshire Drive and includes a pond, wooded area and a bike path.

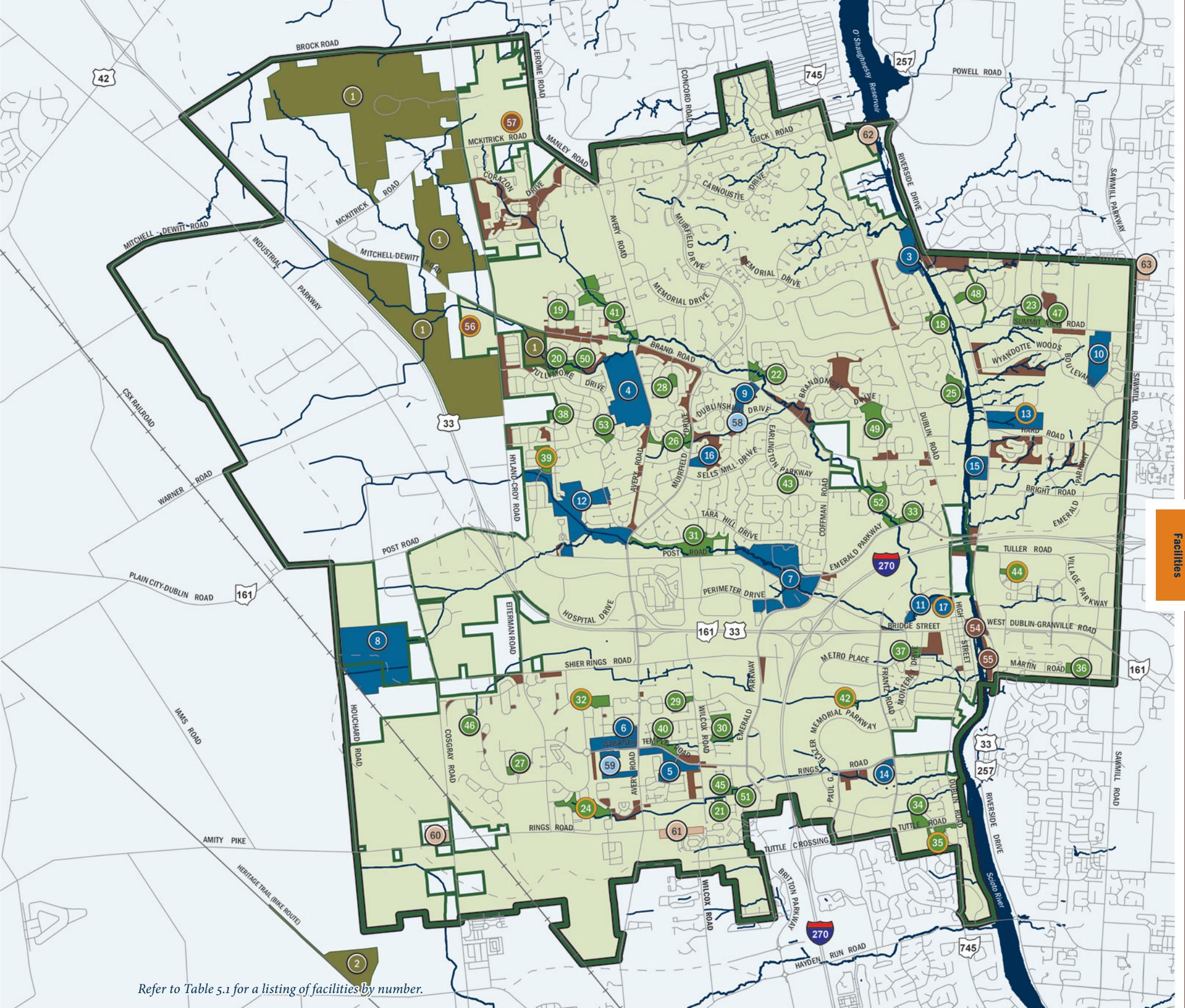
Dublin's parks range in character from active play spaces to more natural areas for quiet and reflection.

Table 5.1 Public Parks and Open Space

Regional Parks	Dublin Neighborhood Parks	Dublin Neighborhood Parks
1 Glacier Ridge Metro Park	22 Bristol Commons	45 Trinity
2 Heritage Trail and Metro Park	23 Campden Lakes	46 Vandeleur
Dublin Community Parks	24 Dalmore (future)	47 Wedgewood Glen
3 Amberleigh	25 Donegal Cliffs	48 Wedgewood Hills
4 Avery	26 Dublinshire	49 Wellington
5 Balgriffin	27 Glendavon	50 Westbury
6 Ballantrae	28 Hawk's Nest	51 Woods of Brighton
7 Coffman	29 Heather Glen North	52 Woods of Indian Run
8 Darree Fields	30 Heather Glen	53 Wyndham
9 Earlington	31 Indian Run Meadows	Dublin Community Open Space
10 Emerald Fields	32 Kendall Ridge (future)	54 Dublin Spring
11 Indian Run Falls	33 Killilea	55 Kiwanis Riverway
12 M.L. "Red" Trabue Nature Reserve	34 Llewellyn Farms	Other Dublin Open Space*
13 Riverside Drive (future)	35 Llewellyn Farms South (future)	56 Oak Park (future)
14 Sam and Eulalia Frantz	36 Martin Commons (future)	57 Tartan Ridge (future)
15 Scottish Corners	37 Monterey	Dublin Community Pools
16 Scioto	38 Park Place	58 Dublin Community Pool North
17 Veteran's Memorial (future)	39 Post Preserve (future)	59 Dublin Community Pool South
Dublin Neighborhood Parks	40 Sandy Corners	Washington Township Parks
18 Amberleigh	41 Shannon Glen	60 Amlin Crossing
19 Belvedere	42 Smiley (future)	61 Ted Kaltenbach
20 Bishop's Run	43 Stonefield	City of Columbus Parks
21 Brighton Commons	44 Sycamore Ridge (future)	62 O'Shaughnessy Dam
		63 Summit View

M.L. Red Trabue Nature Preserve provides natural areas for fishing and bird watching.





Refer to Table 5.1 for a listing of facilities by number.

- Planning Area
- City of Dublin
- Stream
- Community Park
- Neighborhood Park
- Open Space
- Dublin Municipal Pool
- Regional Park (Metro Parks Jurisdiction)
- Other Jurisdiction Park/Open Space
- Future Park/Open Space

Map 5.1 Public Parks and Open Space

B. Future Dublin Parks, Recreation Facilities and Open Spaces

Dublin's park, open space and recreation system continues to evolve with each new development and as the needs of Dublin's population change. In addition to Dublin's current parkland inventory, other lands have been purchased or dedicated to the City, but are yet to be developed:

Dalmore Park. 16.8 acres of neighborhood park off Dalmore Lane within the Ballantrae and Cramer Crossing subdivisions.

Dublin Veterans Park. 2.89 acres of community park along High Street adjacent to Indian Run Falls entry by the Indian Run Cemetery.

Kendall Ridge Park. 8.31 acres of neighborhood park on Meaghan Drive west of Tuswell Drive.

Llewellyn Farms Park South. 5.45 acres of neighborhood park at the corner of Dublin Road and Tuttle Road in Llewellyn Farms South.

Martin Commons Park. 2.34 acres of neighborhood park north of Martin Road between Sunny Dale Estates and the Braelinn Green Condos.

Post Preserve Park. 9.27 acres of park located east of Royal Plume Drive.

Oak Park Open Space. 24 acres of open space located throughout the Oak Park development.

Riverside Drive Park. 33.63 acres of community park at the northeast corner of Riverside Drive and Hard Road.

Smiley Park. 1.9 acres of neighborhood park between Blazer Parkway and Metro Center along Cosgray Creek.

Sycamore Ridge Park. 3.5 acres of neighborhood park along Tuller Ridge Road adjacent to the Sycamore Ridge development.

Tartan Ridge Park and Open Space. 40 acres of park and 28 acres of open space located throughout the Tartan Ridge development.

C. Other Area Parks and Recreation Facilities

In addition to the park and open space opportunities within the City, a broad range of additional park and recreational opportunities exist to supplement the City's efforts and add to the overall quality of life for residents. With significant growth pressure occurring to the northwest of Dublin, the Franklin County Metro Parks has provided open space amenities for the larger region. Through a cooperative financial partnership with the City of Dublin, 1,038 acres of former agricultural land and woodland were purchased to form the Glacier Ridge Metro Park along Hyland-Croy Road. Opened in 2002, the regional park includes 250 acres of wetlands, trails, boardwalk areas, and an observation tower. The park is highlighted by the Honda Wetland Education Area and provides significant areas of preserved open space that establish a distinct visual character along Dublin's northwest gateway. Trails within the park include a connection to the Dublin bike path system, providing access to neighborhoods along Hyland-

Dublin has plans for future parks to meet the needs of all residents.



Croy Road. The Heritage Trail Metro Park also provides amenities to residents to the southwest of Dublin. Located along Hayden Run Road, the park includes a 6.1-mile trail stretching from Old Hilliard to near Plain City and is augmented by a parallel 3.3-mile bridle trail.

Washington Township provides other important park amenities that include the Ted Kaltenbach Park at 5985 Cara Road, adjacent to the Township Community Center. The park includes shelters and grills, paved walking trails, horseshoe pits, demonstration prairie, playground, baseball diamond, basketball and volleyball courts, running track and shuffleboard courts. Additional township parks include The Homestead Park at 4675 Cosgray Road and Amlin Crossing at 5468 Cosgray Road.

Other municipal parks within the area include the Discovery Park located in Columbus adjacent to the Olde Sawmill Elementary School, which is specially designed as a handicapped accessible park with multi-purpose field, tot lot and bike path. The O'Shaughnessy Dam Park, on the west bank of the Scioto River, includes access to the

reservoir and River and includes woods, picnic areas and parking facilities.

Riebel Woods Park within the City of Hilliard along the north side of Hayden Run Road and west of Avery Road also provides four additional acres of wooded open space.

Public parks and amenities are also augmented by a variety of public and private golf courses and clubhouses, driving ranges, sports and recreational facilities, fitness centers and spas within Dublin and the immediate area. The City's public and private park and recreation amenities make Dublin a more vibrant and active place to live. Additional facilities in the area are listed below.

Ables Golf (5300 Avery Road). Located within the City of Columbus, the facility provides a year-round heated driving range.

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium (9990 Riverside Drive). The world-renowned Columbus Zoo is located just northeast of Dublin within Liberty Township. The Zoo includes exotic animals and

lush gardens with entertainment and educational programs and activities throughout the year.

Corazón Club (7155 Corazon Drive). Located in the Tartan West subdivision, the 60,000-square-foot social, fitness and spa facility offers fitness equipment, tennis courts, aquatics facilities, spa and salons.

Golf Club of Dublin (5805 Eiterman Road). This award-winning 18-hole links golf course is located within the heart of the Ballantrae residential community. The Club is a daily-fee public course that offers golf outings, corporate events, meeting spaces and indoor and outdoor space for weddings, banquets and parties.

The Golf Centre of Dublin (6720 Riverside Drive). Formerly known as the Bash Driving Range, the 37-acre facility includes 20 heated driving tees and a restaurant and is open seasonally.

Lifetime Fitness (3825 Hard Road). With over 110,000 square feet, Lifetime Fitness provides fitness machines, basketball and racquet courts, rock-climbing walls, indoor/outdoor water parks and slides, child center, spa, café and locker facilities.



The Corazón Club provides unique amenities for the Dublin area.

Muirfield Village Facilities (5760 Memorial Drive). The 240-acre Golf Club at Muirfield Village includes an 18-hole championship course, clubhouse, pro shop and restaurant. The Country Club at Muirfield (8715 Muirfield Drive) includes an 18-hole golf course, seven tennis courts, a competition swimming pool, clubhouse, restaurant, fitness facility and pro shop. Additional recreational facilities are located on Glick Road and Muirfield Drive south of Memorial Drive and include two outdoor swimming pools, tot lot and bike trails.

Premier at Sawmill (3111 Hayden Run Road). Formerly the Sawmill Athletic Club, the facility offers state-of-the-art strength and cardio equipment and other fitness amenities.

Riviera Country Club (8205 Avery Road). The 160-acre facility includes an 18-hole golf course, banquet hall, tennis courts and pro shop.

Safari Golf Club (19245 Riverside Drive). Within Liberty Township, this 18-hole public golf course is located adjacent to the Columbus Zoo and includes a full-service pro shop, driving range and restaurant.

Shamrock Golf Club (4436 Powell Road). The 18-hole golf course within Liberty Township includes a full dining and banquet facility.

Sports Ohio (6314 Cosgray Road). The 111-acre sports facility is located on the east side of Cosgray Road, south of Post Road. The development includes Midwest Gymnastics, Soccer First with two indoor soccer fields, the Chiller indoor ice rink, a driving range, fun park with batting cages, go-karts and miniature golf and a par-three golf course.

Tartan Fields Golf Club (8070 Tartan Fields Drive). Within the center of the Tartan Fields development, the private 18-hole golf course facility includes a driving range, restaurant and banquet facilities.

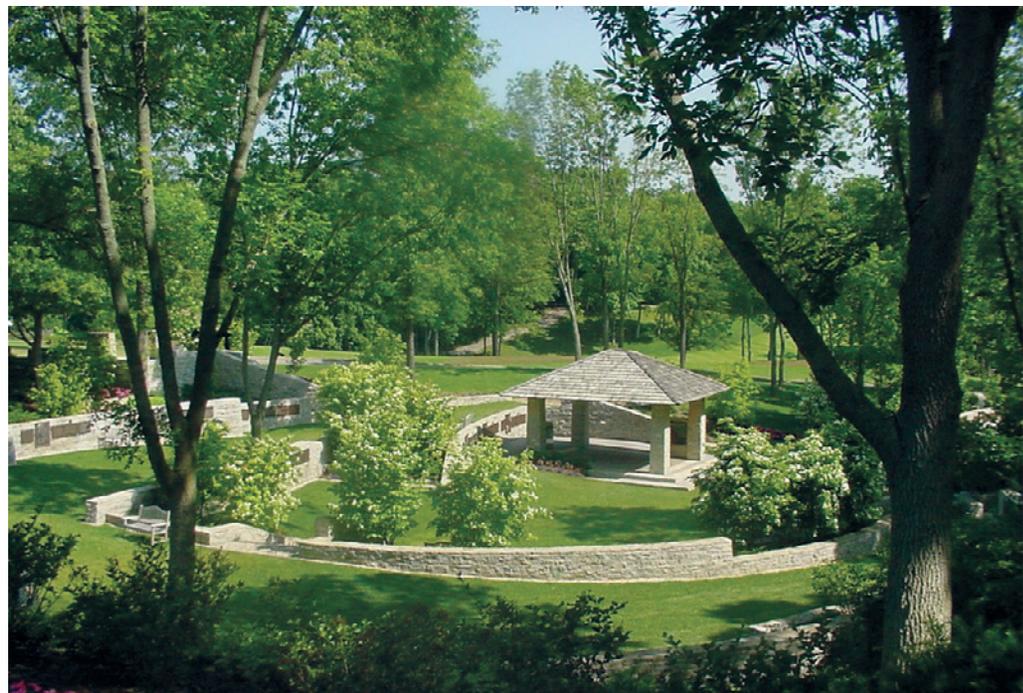
Wedgewood Golf and Country Club (9600 Wedgewood Boulevard). With over 156 acres of golf amenities in Liberty Township, the facility offers an 18-hole course, pro shop, restaurant and banquet room.

Zoombezi Bay Water Park (10101 Riverside Drive). Located adjacent to the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, the amusement and water park, formerly known as Wyandot Lake, is located within Liberty Township is a well-known summer locale. Recently purchased by the Columbus Zoo, the park is closed for renovation and the relocation of Powell Road and will be reopened following construction activity.

D. Projections

The City of Dublin prides itself on the quality of the parks and open space system. The City's ability to continue to provide a superior level of park amenities should be continued as development occurs in future growth areas. The City currently exceeds the average service standard of 10 to 20 acres of parks per 1,000 residents, and provides 23 acres per 1,000 residents. The current expectations

The City currently exceeds the average national service standard of 10 to 20 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents



are that these figures remain consistent to the City’s eventual build-out. Based upon a projected future population of 57,000, the City must obtain an additional 191 acres of parkland to maintain the maximum provision of 20 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. These figures can be easily achieved, primarily through the acquisition of key parkland sites and the dedication of open space areas in conjunction with future residential development. Development that provides 30 to 50 percent open space dedication through design techniques such as conservation design and cluster development can play a substantial role in meeting those needs.

With its emphasis on greenspace, Dublin will undoubtedly reach its targeted goals for total parkland and open space acreage. Of greater importance will be the goal to establish an interconnected network that provides excellent pedestrian and recreational mobility throughout Dublin and surrounding areas. Park and recreation facilities within the City should serve all age groups and demographics as the City matures and as the character and make-up of Dublin’s population changes. Please refer to the

OPPOSITE PAGE (Left): The Chiller signifies Dublin’s importance in facilitating ice hockey as a major Central Ohio sport.

OPPOSITE PAGE (Right): The Memorial Garden at the Muirfield Village Golf Club pays tribute to the history of golf.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan for more detailed information about how the City of Dublin will ensure that it is truly “Greener in Dublin.”

E. Objectives and Strategies (Parks and Open Space)

Objective 1: Provide a variety of recreational and open space facilities for all residents.

Parks and recreation facilities within Dublin should serve all age groups and demographics within the City. Municipal facilities should provide amenities for all populations with differing abilities, from special needs to the average resident and the serious athlete. Throughout Dublin existing levels of service should be maintained for every facility and a sufficient mix of neighborhood, community and regional parks and open spaces should be included.

- A. *Provide a Balance...* of park spaces and natural areas to meet the recreational needs of Dublin’s residents and ensure that all neighborhoods are within close proximity to both types of park spaces.
- B. *Establish Park Development Policies...* that include prioritization, funding and timing.
- C. *Require Parkland Dedication...* as part of future residential development that meets recreational and open space objectives.

- D. *Work with Surrounding Jurisdictions...* to secure important park and open space areas, particularly within key growth areas such those to the northwest and southwest. Cooperation should be utilized to link major parks and greenway corridors between jurisdictions for the regional benefit of all.
- E. *Emphasize Scioto River Access...* by extending existing open space corridors, maximizing access points and increasing pedestrian systems.
- F. *Provide Adequate Recreation Facilities...* to accommodate future needs of the community and its various demographic segments by implementing adopted parks and recreation master plans.
- G. *Implement Applicable Plans...* and studies that outline key park spaces and types of facilities, such as the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan* and the adopted *2003 Coffman Park Expansion Plan*.

Objective 2: Provide clear connections to and through the open space/ park system and other community facilities.

Open space is an important amenity to the Community, and providing functional and visual linkages between various neighborhood and community facilities should be emphasized. Improving connections through clearly linked bike paths and pedestrian trails, as well as through greenways and stream

corridors is important for quality of life and pedestrian access. Rural and urban development should be linked from Dublin's core to areas along the periphery. Community facilities should be connected to reinforce a sense of community ownership and identity. Natural resources should also be adequately protected and integrated into the greenway system.

- A. *Create Partnerships...* with other agencies such as the local school districts to improve access and to identify safe and logical connections between facilities for pedestrians.
- B. *Utilize Quality Design...* and site planning to provide appropriate pedestrian and bike path linkages with surrounding neighborhoods for all new community facilities. Connections should be made to community and regional greenway systems.
- C. *Continue Education...* to provide information to the general public about existing path locations and facilities through the use of maps and other public education tools.

- D. *Adopt and Implement Programs...* such as annual sidewalk and bike path construction plans that will retrofit existing facilities and sites to provide key linkages and connections where needed.
- E. *Implement Applicable Plans...* and studies that have identified locations for key pedestrian linkages, such as the *2003 Pedestrian Tunnel Study* and the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan*.
- F. *Ensure Easy Access...* to pedestrian and open space systems for Dublin's corporate residents. The ability to provide such amenities is a significant quality of life factor for selecting Dublin as a city of choice for businesses and residents.

Objective 3: Consider Dublin's place within the larger context and strive for regional parkland and open space connectivity.

As Dublin continues to grow and surrounding areas become developed, the ability to manage the park and open space systems within a larger context will become increasingly important.

Connecting to a much larger system can provide substantial benefits and amenities to Dublin's residents. Creating opportunities for pedestrians to travel through the City and beyond will require careful planning for Dublin and surrounding jurisdictions. Access along the Hayden Run corridor, future connections to the Heritage Trail and improved access to the Glacier Ridge Metro Park are just a few key examples.

- A. *Continue Cooperative Efforts...* with other jurisdictions and organizations to coordinate development and to provide open space connectivity across municipal boundaries for the benefit of all.
- B. *Utilize the Dublin Community Plan...* as a general policy guide for open space provision, connectivity and facility provision as part of the development process.
- C. *Implement a Detailed Master Plan...* for parks and recreational facilities that will identify key greenway connections and park locations to augment the *Dublin Community Plan* and other applicable plans.

Adequate natural areas and regional greenway connectivity are important quality of life components.



- D. *Utilize the Development Process...* to ensure that identified park, pedestrian and greenway corridors and connections are implemented in conjunction with development.
- E. *Encourage Conservation Design...* and other similar planning techniques to cluster homes on smaller lots and to maximize public open space, as well as to provide for greater regional connectivity between neighborhoods and jurisdictions.
- F. *Target Critical Locations...* for park acquisition where the provision of key open space locations will provide significant benefit to the larger community and regional network.
- G. *Consider Additional Parkland Acquisition...* to augment the Glacier Ridge Metro Park, reduce future costs for schools and infrastructure, increase green buffers along Dublin's periphery and enhance natural amenities within the area.



III. MUNICIPAL OFFICES AND OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS

The City of Dublin is governed by a Council-Manager form of government. Under this system of government, Dublin residents elect a City Council to enact ordinances, levy taxes, appropriate funds and perform other functions. City Council is also responsible for establishing municipal policy and the direction of City government. Day-to-day administration of City services is directed by a professional City Manager who oversees a broad spectrum of services including public safety, fiscal management, development, maintenance service and building inspections.

In 2006, a space needs/facility programming analysis was conducted to determine the future needs for municipal offices and other public buildings. As the City continues to grow, there will be increases in City government employment, school population and fire service needs. Long-range facilities plans for Dublin include a new City Hall, an expanded Fleet Maintenance Center, a renovated Service Center and a renovated and/or expanded Justice Center.

A. Municipal Facilities

The City of Dublin operates seven major public buildings that house City staff and services. The principal location for the City administration is the *Municipal Building* located at 5200 Emerald Parkway. The facility includes the offices of the City Manager, Legislative Affairs (Clerk of Council), Finance (Accounting, Auditing and Taxation), Human Resources, Volunteer Services and Information Technology. The building was originally constructed in 1974 and underwent a major expansion in 1985 and minor modification in 1997. The Municipal Building is two stories with an internal area of 13,531 square feet, including Dublin's City Council Chamber. The Municipal Building site includes the Fletcher Coffman Homestead (1,908 square feet) and barn (1,800 square feet) located within Coffman Park.

Municipal facilities within the City lack adequate space to house all city functions that should be located together. While the building design is compatible with the surrounding park and residential areas, the interior configuration is inefficient for current operations. Public access is also inhibited and spatial studies have been



The Justice Center houses Dublin's police division and court services.

Municipal Facilities

Municipal Building – 5200 Emerald Parkway

Offices of the City Manager, Legislative Affairs, Finance, Human Resources, Volunteer Services and Information Technology.

Dublin Justice Center – 6565 Commerce Parkway

Division of Police and Court Services.

Dublin Community Recreation Center – 5600 Post Road

5800 Building – 5800 Shier Rings Road

Building Standards, Economic Development, Engineering and Land Use and Long Range Planning.

Community Relations Center – 5620 Post Road

Chamber of Commerce Building – 129 South High Street

Service Center – 6555 Shier Rings Road

Streets and Utilities, Facilities and Parks and Open Space

Fleet Maintenance Center – 6351 Shier Rings Road

completed to consider the construction of a new City Hall facility to co-locate appropriate administrative functions.

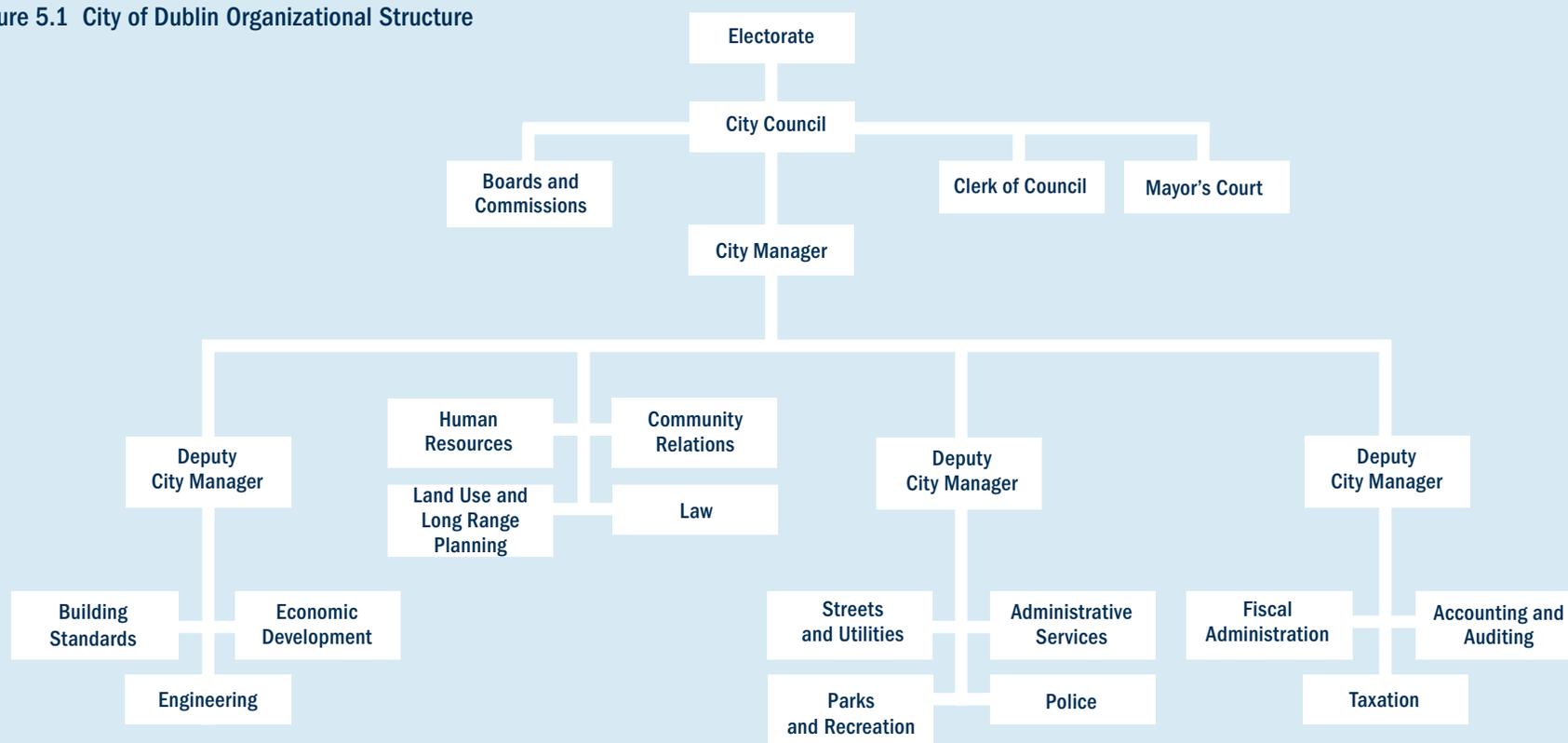
The *Dublin Justice Center* is located at 6565 Commerce Parkway. Constructed in 1993 on 6.7 acres, the building houses the Division of Police and Court Services, which is part of the Department of Administrative Services. The Center also provides a state-of-the-art communications and training system. The building contains 42,000 square feet and includes an emergency operations center, firing range, employee gym and additional storage space. The facility and site are planned for future expansion.

The *5800 Building* at 5800 Shier Rings Road is situated on 6.2 acres and houses Building Standards, Economic Development, Engineering and Land Use

and Long Range Planning. The building was constructed in 1980 and purchased by the City in 1993 with the original intent to sell the space when a new City Hall is constructed. With a total of 28,800 square feet of space, the building includes two stories of offices, warehouse and shop space and an outdoor service yard.

Located in Coffman Park, the first phase of the *Dublin Community Recreation Center* at 5600 Post Road opened in July 1996 with 76,000 square feet. The building houses Recreation Services and includes a competitive pool, leisure pool with 20-foot water slide, aerobic room, fitness area, classrooms, senior adult lounge, community hall, meeting rooms, black box theater, teen lounge, child care facility for patrons, and administrative offices. An additional 40,000 square feet of space (Phase II) was completed in 2000

Figure 5.1 City of Dublin Organizational Structure



due to the overwhelming success of the facility. The addition included a theater, community hall, arts and craft space, additional offices and the relocation of the senior adult lounge. Renovations of the wee folk room (child care), teen lounge, lobby, front desk and entrances were completed in 2006 and 2007.

The *Fleet Maintenance Center* at 6351 Shier Rings Road houses Fleet Maintenance (part of Streets and Utilities) and the Sign Shop (part of Engineering). The existing main service building is 32,600 square feet with two barns (2,700 square feet) and a salt storage shed (5,184 square feet). The service yard houses a large fleet of vehicles for street maintenance, snow plowing, recycling, leaf pickup, composting, trash collection and maintenance of public lands. A planned building addition will accommodate the



Traffic Signal Crew (part of Engineering). The Dublin City Schools operates a transportation center adjacent to the Center with a school bus parking lot and separate school maintenance facility.

The Dublin *Service Center* at 6555 Shier Rings Road is the newest public facility. Constructed in 2002, the facility has 55,200 square feet of office and warehouse space housing Streets and Utilities, Facilities and Parks and Open Space. The site includes a service yard and full-service greenhouse to grow landscape materials for municipal parks and public spaces. The building was designed to permit expansion for additional offices when necessary.

The City maintains other smaller facilities in addition to those described above.

The *Community Relations Center* at 5620 Post Road (Coffman Park) was a former residence that was renovated in 2002. The building contains 3,500 square feet of office and storage space for Community Relations. Minor renovations are expected to facilitate short-term needs, and with the future construction of City Hall the building is expected to be vacated and demolished. In 2003, the City also purchased a 3.56-acre parcel at 5868 Post Road (Coffman Park). The former residence includes 4,200 square feet of space along the South Fork Indian Run for future use by the City as a cultural heritage and nature education center.

The City also owns the Dublin *Chamber of Commerce* building located at 129 South High Street. Providing a center of operation for the Chamber, the building includes meeting space that is used for public meetings. The Chamber is a voluntary, non-profit organization

representing area businesses and the professional community. Its purpose is to represent business interests and work to improve the economic climate, fostering cooperation between businesses, schools and government. With more than 1,100 members from over 600 businesses and professional firms, the Dublin Chamber of Commerce is the largest suburban chamber in the State of Ohio.

In addition to these facilities, the City owns, operates and maintains a variety of historic barns and small storage facilities throughout Dublin to enhance preservation efforts and to provide more efficient service to Dublin's neighborhoods.

B. Township Facilities

Fire Services for the City of Dublin are provided by the Washington Township Fire Department (WTFD) and exemplify the cooperative relationship between the City of Dublin and Township officials. Areas served by the WTFD include unincorporated Washington Township and the City of Dublin. On October 1, 1997, service responsibility for portions of Dublin east of the Scioto River were transferred to the WTFD from Perry Township. As a result, the fire department now provides service within Franklin, Delaware and Union Counties. With recent changes to Ohio law, however, fire service provision to newly annexed areas of Dublin outside Washington Township will require additional agreements and taxing structures to maintain consistent municipal and fire service boundaries.

In addition to the high quality fire and emergency service provided

by the Township, fire department officials also play an integral part in the City's development review and building permit processes. Through cooperative efforts the WTFD ensures continued safe and orderly growth.

In 2006 Washington Township completed renovations to open a new Township Administration Building at 6200 Eiterman Road. Consolidating former administrative locations from Shier Rings Road and Wilcox Road, the new facility provides greater access to services. The WTFD Training Tower (also located on the site) provides state-of-the-art fire training capability for departments throughout Ohio. By simulating lifelike situations, the facility helps ensure the very best in fire service for Dublin's residents.

C. Projections

Given significant growth and the dispersed nature of current operations,

space deficiencies of all City work units must be corrected to improve the functional adjacency and relationships of departments. Future space needs for various work units should also be programmed and implemented.

Long-term use of the Municipal Building for key administrative functions of the City is not practical, as has been confirmed in multiple studies. The construction of a new City Hall will be necessary to effectively serve as the center of municipal government. The existing building could be reused for other civic functions and organizations, or could be demolished (totally or in part) depending upon park and functional priorities.

The future City Hall should house those work units responsible for general administrative, financial management and development functions. A site of at least eight acres will be required with the capability for additional expansion, but the recently conducted space needs study will need to be updated prior to

The construction of a new City Hall will be necessary to effectively serve as the center of municipal government.

Washington Township Fire Stations

Station #91 (6255 Shier Rings Road)

With over 10,800 square feet of space, the Shier Rings station is the oldest operating fire station within the City. Its construction replaced the original station in Historic Dublin on Bridge Street.

Station #92 (4497 Hard Road)

Dedicated in 1998, the 10,000-square-foot Hard Road station is the township's newest station, providing service to areas east of the Scioto River.

Station #93 (5825 Brand Road)

Constructed in 1989, the Brand Road station includes 8,000 square feet of space and provides service to the Muirfield area. Through the joint efforts of the WTFD and Dublin Police, the station is home to a memorial commemorating those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and features a piece of the steel beam from the World Trade Center.

Station #95 (5750 Blazer Parkway).

Located along Blazer Parkway, the 7,000-square-foot station is one of only a few fire stations in the United States to be housed in a City-owned water tower and is a prime example of the partnership between Washington Township and the City of Dublin.



LEFT: Station #93 on Brand Road serves the Muirfield area.

OPPOSITE PAGE: The Coffman Park Pavillion is home to family gatherings and ice skating

the design and construction of a new City Hall building. A central location in the community with convenience for residents and easy access for visitors is essential. Locations under consideration by City Council include Coffman Park and Historic Dublin.

The Justice Center was specifically designed for Police and Court Services, but occupied space is currently at capacity. Additional space and/or reconfiguration of functions will be necessary for their continued operation. One option is the relocation of Court Services to the future City Hall to permit additional Police expansion at the Justice Center.

Demand for fire and emergency services will also increase as Dublin's population and geographic boundaries expand. While Dublin's current population totals close to 40,000 residents, the daytime employment population is significantly larger. Daytime population and resulting traffic congestion will affect future service and response time. Additional substations or other facilities will be necessary to provide acceptable response times in growing areas such as the southwest



and northwest. These facilities may be coordinated with other civic uses or at locations provided in conjunction with future development. Construction of a future Scioto River bridge will also improve mutual aid between fire stations and allow quicker east-west response across the river. Over time, the WTFD will also need to consider maintenance needs and upgrades as facilities age and technology changes.

D. Objectives and Strategies (Municipal Facilities)

Objective 1: Provide a primary point of government contact for the public.

Public services must be provided to Dublin's residents in an efficient and effective manner. Projected population increases and expected economic growth will affect government staffing needs and the amount of space necessary to provide expected levels of service. As a major contributor to the quality of life, Dublin's municipal government should be convenient and accessible while utilizing space and carrying out service functions efficiently.

- A. *Use Space Effectively...* to provide the greatest level of service from existing and future public facilities, including the combination of multiple services in one area to provide the most convenient public access and greatest benefit.
- B. *Consolidate Government Offices...* to provide the highest level of efficiency in a manner that promotes

free-flowing access to government services for all residents, businesses and visitors. Improved locations and functional relationships between departments can enhance service.

- C. *Determine and Maintain a Policy Course...* that clearly establishes where and how major public buildings will be located, constructed and designed to provide the greatest benefit to the community as a whole.
- D. *Use Flexible Architecture...* that can be modified over time in a manner that can meet the changing needs of the City and its residents.
- E. *Acquire Necessary Land...* to provide for a broad range of community activities, to consolidate services and to provide for future needs.

Objective 2: Maintain current high levels of service to the population commensurate with available revenues and other fiscal responsibilities.

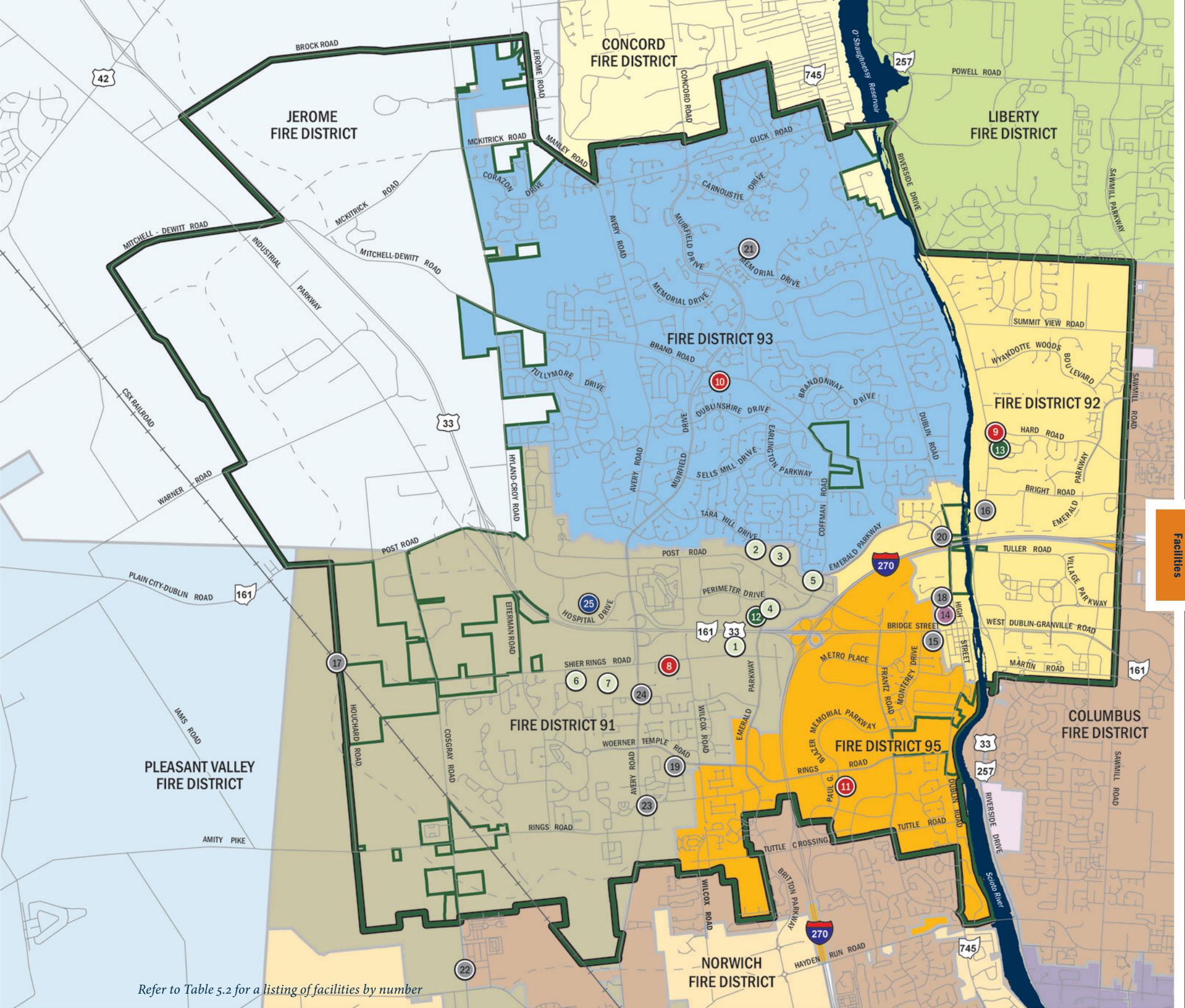
As Dublin continues to develop, the City must be fiscally responsive to residents, while providing the high quality services that have become a Dublin tradition. In order to provide the best, a balance must be struck between the services provided and the income that is generated to support the desired level of quality.

- A. *Adopt Financing Plans...* for community facilities that will accomplish the construction of future municipal facilities in a timely and efficient manner.

- B. *Implement Economic Development Practices...* and tools that will maintain Dublin's competitive edge in the region, the nation and the world in order to maintain a suitable corporate tax base that will provide for an expected level of service.
- C. *Assist Local Schools...* and other community organizations in a fiscally responsive manner to ensure that Dublin maintains first-rate school systems and educational services for residents.
- D. *Consider Private Markets...* that can be used to complement or supplement municipal services and facilities in a cost-effective manner.
- E. *Acquire Future Sites...* for government services ahead of development pressure to ensure efficient use of public dollars.
- F. *Establish Annexation Policies...* that will adequately address the effects of changes to Ohio annexation law in a manner that provides for sound fiscal practices, quality development and efficient services for all current and future Dublin residents.

Table 5.2 Civic Buildings and Community Facilities

City of Dublin Buildings		Dublin Libraries	
1	5800 Building	14	Dublin Library
2	Community Relations Center	Cemeteries	
3	Dublin Community Recreation Center	15	Dublin Municipal Cemetery
4	Dublin Justice Center	16	Ferris Cemetery
5	Dublin Municipal Building	17	Houchard Road Burial Grounds
6	Dublin Service Complex	18	Indian Run Cemetery
7	Fleet Maintenance Center	19	Maroa Wilcox Memorial
Fire Stations		20	Mitchell Cemetery
8	WTFD Station #91	21	Mt. Zion Cemetery
9	WTFD Station #92	22	Rings Cemetery
10	WTFD Station #93	23	Sandy Corners Cemetery
11	WTFD Station #95	24	St. Johns Lutheran Cemetery
Dublin Police Stations		Dublin Hospitals	
12	Dublin Police Department	25	Dublin Methodist Hospital
13	Dublin Police Sub-Station		



Refer to Table 5.2 for a listing of facilities by number

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Planning Area | City of Dublin Buildings | Dublin Library |
| City of Dublin | Washington Township Fire Stations | Dublin Methodist Hospital |
| City of Dublin Police Stations | Cemetery | |



Facilities

Map 5.2 Civic Buildings and Community Facilities

IV. SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

The area included in this Plan for land use and fiscal evaluation is served by a total of three school districts: Dublin City Schools, Hilliard City Schools and the Jonathan Alder Local Schools as depicted on Map 5.3. Just as with postal zip codes, school district boundaries do not always coincide with municipal boundaries. At times the district boundaries do not even correspond to property lines, making a clear definition of school service areas difficult for many residents and potential homebuyers. Fiscal operations of the City of Dublin and the various school districts are completely separate. Given different taxing structures and boundaries, the ability of the City of Dublin to positively affect the fiscal futures of the schools is largely limited to the control of land uses within the corporation limits. Impacts of growth along the periphery of Dublin, primarily to the north, south and west will be important to the future of the three districts.

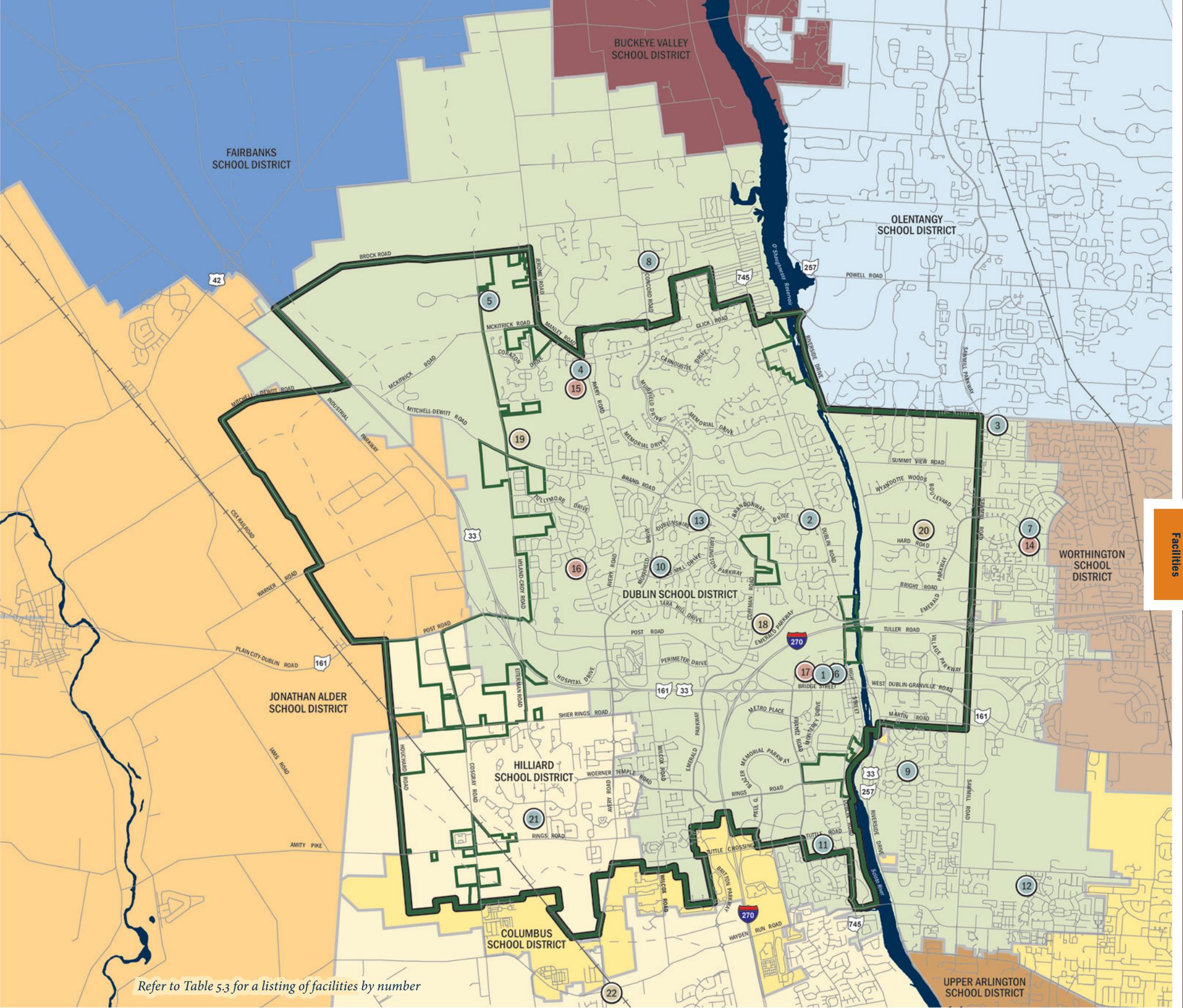
Approximately 82 percent of land within the City is served by the Dublin City Schools, while a significant part of southwest Dublin lies within the

Hilliard District. Portions of the planning area in potential growth areas to the west of Industrial Parkway are located within the Jonathan Alder District.

With recent annexations, the Columbus Public Schools serves a growing area just south of Dublin along the Hayden Run corridor. As the City of Columbus annexes additional lands, new development will be served by the Columbus Schools under the Win-Win Agreement that was finalized in 1986 and renewed in 1992 and 1998. This agreement between the Columbus Public Schools and 13 different suburban school districts established service

Table 5.3 Dublin Area Schools

Dublin Elementary Schools		Dublin Middle Schools	
1	1919 Building	14	Davis Middle
2	Bailey Elementary	15	Grizzell Middle
3	Chapman Elementary	16	Karrer Middle
4	Deer Run Elementary	17	Sells Middle
5	Glacier Ridge Elementary		
6	Indian Run Elementary	Dublin High Schools	
7	Olde Sawmill Elementary	18	Dublin Coffman High
8	Pinney Elementary	19	Dublin Jerome High
9	Riverside Elementary	20	Dublin Scioto High
10	Scottish Corners Elementary	Hilliard Elementary Schools	
11	Thomas Elementary	21	Washington Elementary
12	Wright Elementary	Hilliard High Schools	
13	Wyandot Elementary	22	Hilliard Davidson High



- Planning Area
- City of Dublin
- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School



Facilities

Map 5.3 Area Schools and Districts

parameters and revenue sharing, as well as allowed Dublin students living in Columbus to remain within the district. Annexations to Columbus since 1986 have been served by the Columbus Public Schools, allowing non-contiguous areas to become part of the Columbus School District for the first time.

B. Dublin City Schools: Overview and Projections

The Dublin City Schools includes district boundaries that stretch both to the east and northwest of the City. Encompassing an area of over 48 square miles, the boundaries are irregularly shaped and extend east to Smokey Row Road, north to Blaney Road in Union County, south to Shire Cove Road and West to Industrial Parkway. The boundary between the Dublin and Hilliard City School Districts runs generally from I-270, north of Rings Road and west to approximately Wilcox Road. From there it extends north along the east side of Avery Road to Shier Rings Road, running east-west along the south side of U.S. 33/SR 161 to Post Road. The District includes the following school buildings:

Bailey Elementary
4900 Brandonway Drive

Chapman Elementary
8450 Sawmill Road

Davis Middle
2400 Sutter Parkway

Deer Run Elementary
8815 Avery Road

Dublin Coffman High
6780 Coffman Road

Dublin Scioto High
4000 Hard Road

Glacier Ridge Elementary
7175 Glacier Ridge Boulevard

Indian Run Elementary
80 West Bridge Street

Dublin Jerome High
8300 Hyland-Croy Road

Karrer Middle
7245 Tullymore Drive

Olde Sawmill Elementary
2485 Olde Sawmill Boulevard

Pinney Elementary
9989 Concord Road

Riverside Elementary
3260 Riverside Green

Scottish Corners Elementary
5950 Sells Mills Drive

Sells Middle
150 West Bridge Street

Thomas Elementary
4761 Tuttle Crossing Boulevard

Grizzell Middle
8705 Avery Road

Wright Elementary
2335 West Case Road

Wyandot Elementary
5620 Dublinshire Drive

1919 Building
144 West Bridge Street

In addition to the various school buildings, the district includes a school administration office at 7030 Coffman Road and a transportation center at 6371 Shier Rings Road, which

Table 5.4 Dublin City Schools Enrollment and Capacity

School Level	Enrollment 2006	Capacity	Current Deficiency/ Surplus (-/+)	Potential Capacity Expansions (est. year)	Enrollment Projections 2016
Elementary	6,129	6,200	+71	+600 (2011)	6,668
Middle	3,117	3,400	+283	+800 (2018)	3,636
High School	4,015	4,150	+135	+600 (2014)	4,719
Total	13,261	13,750	+489		15,043

Source: Dublin City Schools – October 6, 2006

is a joint facility with the City of Dublin Fleet Maintenance Center.

District enrollment as of October 4, 2006, was 13,261 students and is comprised of 6,129 elementary, 3,117 middle school and 4,065 high school students. An additional 22 students from the District attend Tolles Technical School south of Plain City on U.S. 42. While the District has available capacity for all segments of the student population, continued growth along the periphery of Dublin (particularly to the north and west) may have substantial impacts on the school system. Growth trends in the City of Dublin and adjacent township areas indicate a need to address future capacity issues. The current 2:1 ratio between elementary students and middle school students also indicates a significant need for additional classrooms and schools as younger students progress through the school system over the next 10 years.

Based upon projections, student enrollment will exceed 15,000 by 2016. This information is based upon current trends for new housing starts and existing residential uses, as well as student promotions. While school district calculations have been provided

based upon older land use information from the 1997 Community Plan, adopted modifications to the Future Land Use Map will have little impact on general enrollment numbers for the school district. More importantly, areas to the north and west in Jerome Township will be the primary areas of student enrollment growth for the district. Working cooperatively with adjacent municipalities and townships to balance residential growth with revenue generating uses will be important to managing the future fiscal health of the Dublin City Schools. Given the projected enrollment numbers provided in Table 5.4, the school district will need additional facilities in the future.

C. Hilliard City Schools: Overview and Projections

The Hilliard school district encompasses nearly 60 square miles in western Franklin County and Madison County and stretches from SR 161 on the north, I-70 to the south, the Scioto River on the east and the Big Darby Creek on the west. The school district includes the City of Hilliard and portions of Columbus and Dublin, all of Norwich and Brown

Townships, portions of Washington, Franklin, and Prairie Townships in Franklin County and parts of Darby Township in Madison County. At 12 square miles larger than the Dublin City Schools, the District incorporates a total of eight different zip codes and 50 precincts in 13 voting wards.

With such a large district in a growing metropolitan area, and given the differing physical geographies of district and municipal boundaries, the Hilliard City Schools will face a number of challenges. Annexations by the City of Columbus in the Hayden Run corridor are separating portions of the school district within Dublin from the majority of the Hilliard service area. Due to residential growth within developments such as Ballantrae and Cramer's Crossing, Washington Elementary is the first Hilliard City School building to be constructed in Dublin (2007). While a long-standing relationship has been created between the Dublin City Schools and the City, recent growth into the Hilliard District has brought to light the need to develop and foster new cooperative relationships for the benefit of all Dublin's residents.

Washington Elementary is the first Hilliard City Schools facility in Dublin.



In total the Hilliard City School District includes the following buildings:

HCSD Preschool
2874 Alton & Darby Creek Road

Alton Darby Elementary
2730 Alton & Darby Creek Road

Avery Elementary
4388 Avery Road

Beacon Elementary
3600 Lacon Road

Britton Elementary
4501 Britton Road

Brown Elementary
2494 Walker Road

Darby Creek Elementary
6305 Pinefield Drive

Hilliard Crossing Elementary
3340 Hilliard Rome Road

Hilliard Horizon Elementary
6000 Renner Road

Hoffman Trails Elementary
4301 Hoffman Farms Drive

J.W. Reason Elementary
4790 Cemetery Road

Norwich Elementary
4454 Davidson Road

Ridgewood Elementary
4237 Dublin Road

Scioto Darby Elementary
5380 Scioto Darby Road

Hilliard Station Sixth Grade School
3859 Main Street

Hilliard Tharp Sixth Grade School
4681 Leap Road

Hilliard Heritage Middle School
5670 Scioto Darby Road

Hilliard Memorial Middle School
5600 Scioto Darby Road

Hilliard Weaver Middle School
4600 Avery Road

Hilliard Bradley High School (future)
Walker Road

Hilliard Darby High School
4200 Leppert Road

Hilliard Davidson High School
5100 Davidson Road

Washington Elementary
5675 Eiterman Road

Administration offices are located at 5323 Cemetery Road, and the Support Services Facility is located at 2140 Atlas Street in Columbus. District school buses are parked and serviced at the Transportation Facility located at 4970 Davidson Road.

As of December 2006, total enrollment for the Hilliard School District included 14,949 students, comprised of 6,960 elementary, 1,092 sixth graders, 2,361 middle school and 4,288 high school students. Based upon enrollment figures, Hilliard Schools has sufficient capacity to meet attendance totals; however, the provision of facilities by grade level is imbalanced. There is excess capacity for elementary level growth, but significant space shortages are present within the high school level. Construction of the District's third high school, Hilliard Bradley High School, is expected to alleviate space shortages once construction is completed in 2009. Its location in a growth area of



Table 5.5 Hilliard City Schools Enrollment and Capacity

School Level	Enrollment 2005	Capacity 2005	Current Deficiency/ Surplus (-/+)	Potential Capacity Expansions (est. year)	Enrollment Projections 2016
Elementary	6,981	7,780	+799	na	na
Sixth	1,092	1,300	+208	na	na
Middle	2,363	2,400	+37	na	na
High School	4,331	3,600	-731	na	na
Total	14,767	15,080		na	na

Source: Hilliard City Schools – February 1, 2005

Franklin County will mean continued enrollment in the younger age groups. The Hilliard School District estimates approximately 1,186 new K - 12 students will enter the system by the 2009-2010 school year, based upon studies from an educational research firm. The Hilliard School Board is currently weighing long-term facility options for the District and will face future challenges.

Additional growth in the Southwest Area of Dublin will have an effect on the District. Development in areas south of Shier Rings Road east of the CSX railroad will include a substantial component of residential uses. Portions of the district to the west of the railroad include village-scale residential and mixed uses in the Amlin area with lower density residential to the south and west. As a balance to residential growth, large portions of the Central Ohio Innovation Center (COIC) are located within the District and will generate significant revenues from office, research, technology and clean manufacturing development. This balance of residential and technology-related uses will help to provide a relatively healthy fiscal balance for portions of the school district in Dublin.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Glacier Ridge Elementary will serve residents in northwest Dublin.

D. Jonathan Alder Local Schools

Land within the Jonathan Alder Local School District in Dublin's planning area is relatively small. Sites currently within the corporate boundaries include portions of Darree Fields along Cosgray Road and City-owned land at the southeast corner of Post Road/SR 161 and Houchard Road. Portions that are not municipal parkland are expected for future office, research, technology and clean manufacturing uses as part of the Central Ohio Innovation Center. The district also includes areas north of SR 161 and west of Industrial Parkway that are primarily industrial and agricultural. Expected development will include additional industrial and office uses with limited residential along the western periphery. By 2030, additional development within Dublin and adjacent areas may result in substantial revenue generation for the district with a limited residential base that minimally impacts enrollment figures.

E. Private Schools and other Educational Opportunities

In addition to public schools, Dublin area residents have additional private and public education alternatives. The City is host to a wide variety of non-religious and religious-affiliated facilities and institutions ranging from preschool and early learning to middle school ages. These institutions include such opportunities as St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic School and Natural Learning Montessori Academy. In addition, Dublin is host to post-high school opportunities

that augment the educational enrichment of its residents, which are provided through the local branches of Columbus State University, Franklin University and Ohio Dominican University.

F. Objectives and Strategies (Schools)

Objective 1: Assist school officials to facilitate services to educate the population and foster a sense of community.

Approximately 83 percent of Dublin's current land area is located within the Dublin City School District. Although the District is the major provider of school services, much of Dublin's future growth areas lie outside the Dublin City School District boundaries. As the population grows, the City's role will be to promote and foster efficiency for all public facilities and services. The Community Plan seeks to achieve common goals, encourage shared use of facilities, promote cost-efficiencies, increase joint programming and ensure consistent levels of service and ease of administration.

- A. *Educate the Public...* about municipal and school district boundaries and the different responsibilities of both public entities.
- B. *Assist School Officials...* in the location and placement of new school facilities in neighborhoods to foster a strong sense of community, provide an appropriate blend of land uses and develop a shared use of community facilities.

C. *Continue Neighborhood Efforts...* to work with affected school officials to locate new facilities within neighborhoods, as part of focal points and combined with other community facilities.

D. *Foster Interaction...* between the Boards of Education and City Council, as well as between school districts in an effort to encourage greater dialogue and cooperation.

Objective 2: Provide excellence in the public education system to support the high quality of life for residents.

Both the Dublin City School District and Hilliard City School District are building excellent public school systems. A first-rate education system is a hallmark of any community's quality of life and serves as a key component to support the City's economy. Schools play an important role in attracting successful businesses, which in turn generate revenues to fund the high quality services.

A. *Provide Municipal Support...* for a well-funded and stable public education system.

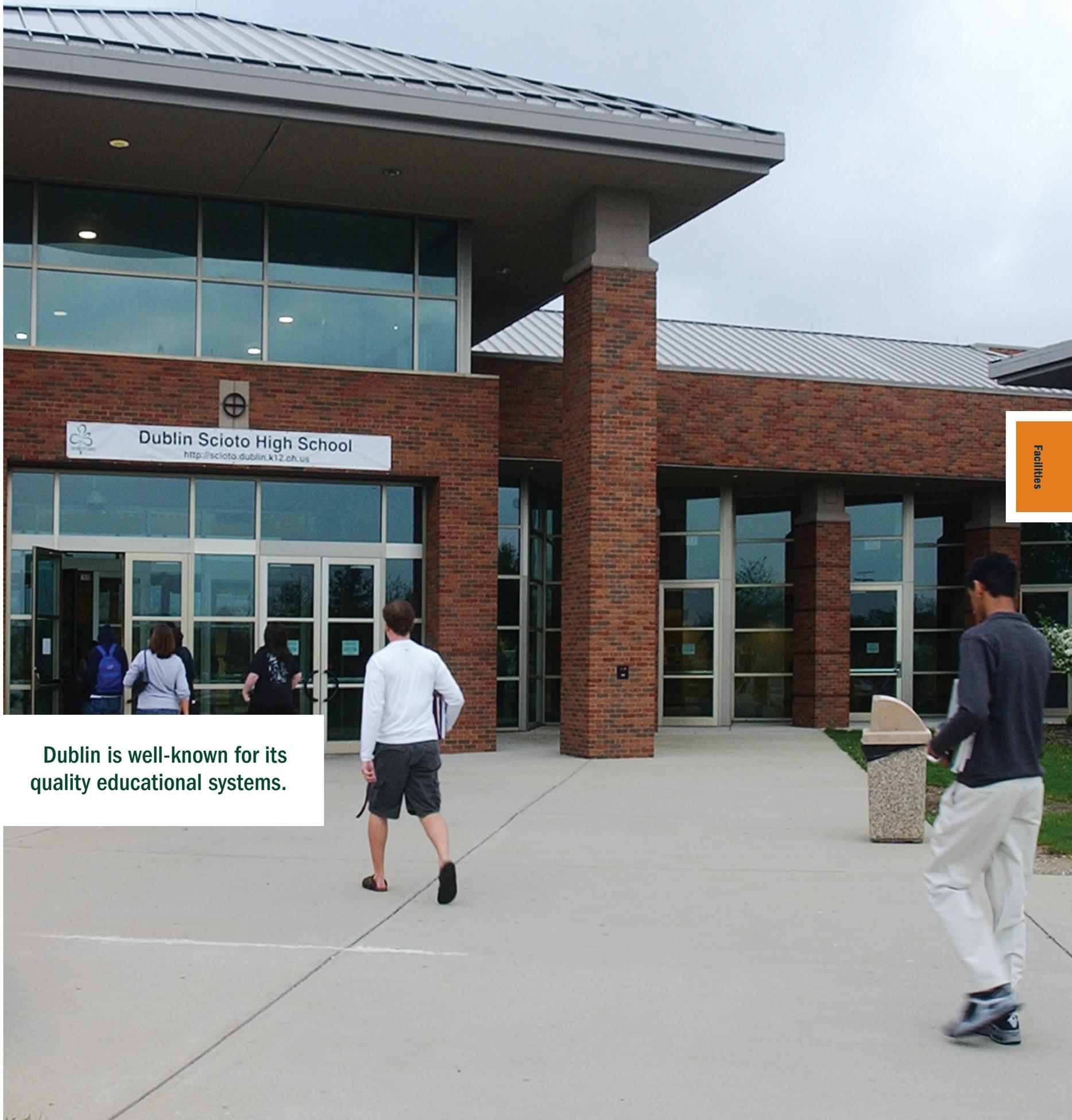
B. *Use Education as a Key Economic Development Tool...* to educate businesses about Dublin's first-rate school systems and attract additional economic activity to the City.

C. *Encourage School Partnerships...* between districts and the business community to take advantage of unique opportunities for education and training.

D. *Promote Technology-Based Education...* as an integral part of development efforts in the Central Ohio Innovation Center to create a synergy between business and area institutions, including public high schools.

The 1919 Building was Dublin's first modern school facility.





Dublin is well-known for its quality educational systems.

V. LIBRARIES

A. Existing Conditions

The Columbus Metropolitan Library operates a branch at 75 North High Street in Historic Dublin. The branch was opened in 1980, expanded in 1990 and currently occupies about 20,000 square feet. More than 160,000 books, 6,000 audio/CDs, 250 periodicals, 40 newspapers and more than 3,000 videos are available. The public also has access to the metropolitan system's three million book titles through a computerized catalog system. Named the top-ranked system in the United States in 2005 by Hennen's American Public Library Rating Index, the Columbus Metropolitan Library provides a wealth of information to Dublin residents.

The Northwest Library, a branch of the Worthington Public Library, opened in 1996 at 2280 Hard Road. This branch services Worthington, northwest Columbus and eastern Dublin. The Hilliard branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library is located at 4772 Cemetery Road and serves the Hilliard area, as far north as Hayden Run Road.

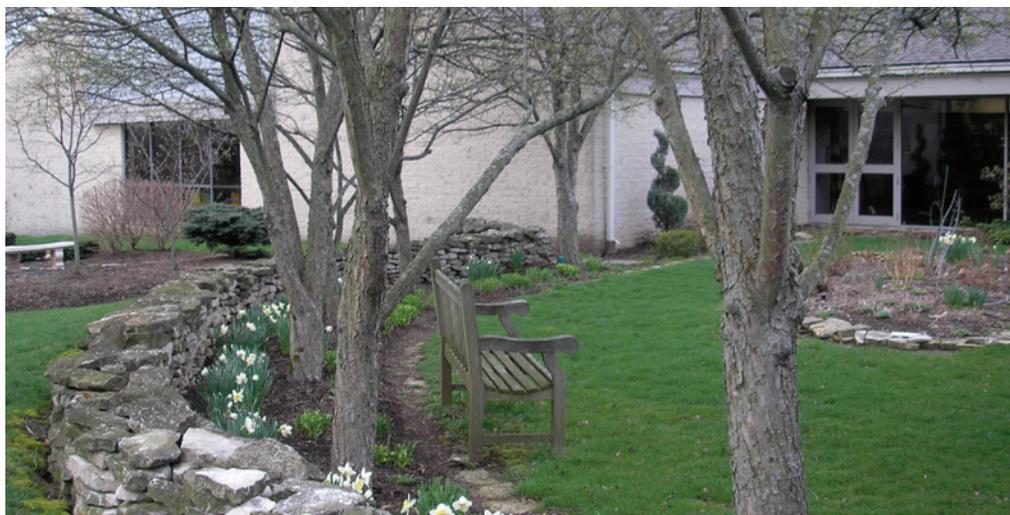
B. Projections

The Dublin Library has no immediate plans to expand its current building or to build a new facility. With the opening of the Northwest Library on Hard Road, the use of the Dublin branch dropped. The need for new libraries is identified by the Metropolitan Library's Board of Trustees. Current and forecasted demographic statistics are studied by the Board, and provision of adequate services is determined. With the increase in population expected over the next 20 years, another library may be needed in the western/southwestern area of Dublin. The location of this library should be an integral part of a larger collection of civic uses adjacent to a major park.

C. Objectives and Strategies (Libraries)

Objective 1: Ensure that the Dublin Library will meet the future needs of a growing and changing population.

As Dublin's population grows, planning is essential to maintain quality services for residents. The current location in Historic Dublin provides a very scenic



LEFT: Dublin is part of the nation's top-ranked library system.

OPPOSITE PAGE (Left): The Amlin Post Office provides a nostalgic look at the past.

OPPOSITE PAGE (Right): The Emerald Parkway Post Office is one of three facilities in the Dublin area.

atmosphere, but is very removed from the remainder of the District. While the current facility could be expanded, future opportunities are present to facilitate a highly visible and accessible location that emphasizes the Dublin Library as an important civic institution. Opportunity is available for the City and library representatives to work cooperatively to create the foundation for a library that will serve Dublin far into the future.

- A. *Determine a Preferred Site...* for a future library facility that will provide greater visibility and access as an important civic use in the community.
- B. *Work Cooperatively...* with the library district to coordinate plans and efforts to better serve the Dublin community in the future.
- C. *Consider Cooperative Partnerships...* between municipalities and the library district as a means to enhance service to area residents, particularly in outlying areas such as the Southwest Area.

VI. POSTAL SERVICES

A. Existing Conditions

The Dublin planning area includes two Dublin zip codes (43016 and 43017), Powell (43065), Plain City (43064), Hilliard (43026) and the Amlin zip code (43002). The older Dublin post office (11,497 square feet) is located at 75 Shawan Falls Drive. Another 31,4800-square-foot facility located at 6400 Emerald Parkway was opened in 1996 and provides additional service to the Dublin area. The Amlin Post Office (1,164 square feet) is located at 6931 Rings Road, just east of the CSX railroad line and provides service to Post Office boxes in the facility.

Engineers for the City of Dublin assign all addresses within the City limits. The addresses are created according to a grid system that originates at the intersection of Broad and High Streets in downtown Columbus. Addresses on the east or north side of the street obtain even numbers, while those on the south or west are odd numbered. All addresses assigned by the City are coordinated with applicable emergency

services and the U.S. Postal Service. Final addresses for residential subdivisions are assigned once the subdivision plat has been recorded at the appropriate County Recorder's office. For commercial projects, addresses are assigned following all final approvals through the City of Dublin development process. Addresses assigned since January 2005 are available to the public on the municipal website.

B. Projections

The need for post office facilities is determined by population figures and the number of businesses projected within 10 years. The postal facility on Emerald Parkway was constructed to provide 12 to 15 years of service, with capabilities for expansion on the site to accommodate 20 years of service. Long-term population growth within the Dublin zip codes may necessitate the expansion of current facilities or the consideration of new service locations. As service strategies for the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) continue to evolve, dialogue will be needed to understand how this federal service will change in the future.



C. Objectives and Strategies (Postal Services)

Objective 1: Establish greater dialogue between the U.S. Postal Service and City officials to improve customer service.

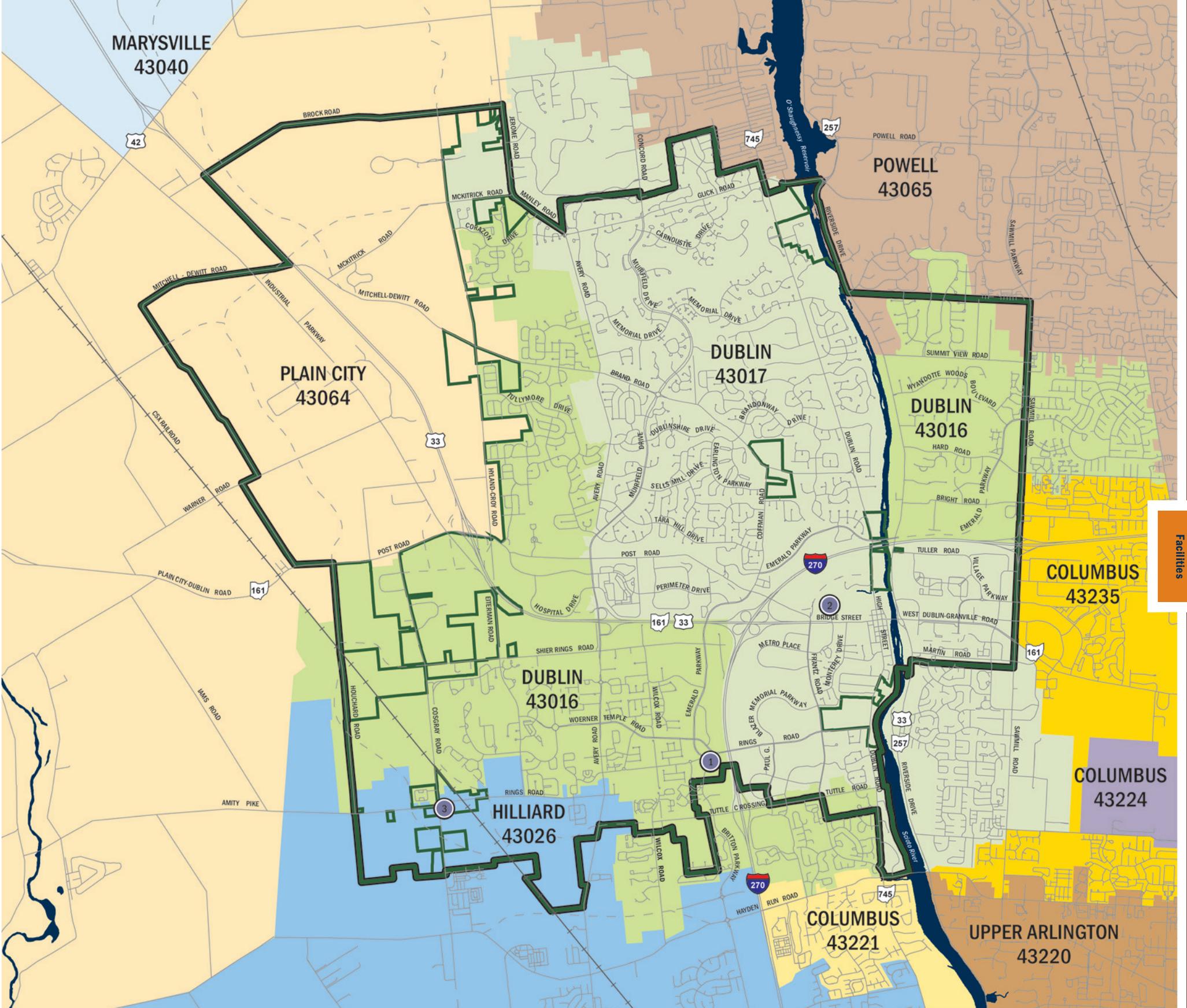
Mail delivery is often a fact of life that is taken for granted, but its role as a detail in the development process is very important. Integration into the development process is necessary to ensure that the expectations and regulations of the USPS coincide with the City's design expectations for new development. In particular, mixed use projects that encourage traditional streetscapes, on-street parking and walkable environments may conflict with suburban delivery patterns and expectations. Maintaining and enhancing the level of service to Dublin residents is also important as a quality of life factor.

A. *Encourage Flexible Delivery...* for postal service that complements walkable, pedestrian-oriented development and better serves a broad range of housing types and streetscapes that encourage on-street parking.

B. *Foster Clear Standards...* for the type, placement and design application of mailboxes that are mutually agreed upon by the U.S. Postal Service and City to better facilitate the development process and approval of new residential projects.

C. *Augment Postal Services...* such as drop boxes throughout Dublin to provide for greater flexibility and service to Dublin's residents.





Facilities

-  Planning Area
-  City of Dublin
-  Dublin Main Post Office
-  Shamrock Station Post Office
-  Amlin Post Office* (Serves as Zip Code 43002 for P.O. Box Addresses)



Map 5.4 Zip Codes and Postal Facilities

VII. RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

A. Existing Conditions

Religious institutions and other civic buildings provide additional locations for services, civic activity and interaction. The Dublin area is served by at least 39 religious institutions, many of which have undergone tremendous growth in the past few years. Several religious institutions, lacking adequate facilities at the present time, hold services within public school buildings and other public institutions. Houses of worship located within the Dublin area are listed below:

Alleluia Lutheran Church
6201 Avery Road, Dublin

Berean Bible Church
7541 Dublin Road, Dublin

Bethel Presbyterian Church
1735 Bethel Road, Columbus

Bethel United Methodist Church
1220 Bethel Road, Columbus

Calvary Life Fellowship
6640 Home Road, Delaware

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
7135 Coffman Road, Dublin

Church of the Redeemer
3883 Summit View Road

Dublin Baptist Church
7195 Coffman Road, Dublin

Dublin Christian Church
2900 Martin Road, Dublin

Dublin Community Church
81 West Bridge Street, Dublin

Dublin-Powell Church of Christ
5985 Cara Road, Dublin

Dublin Presbyterian Church
5775 Dublinshire Drive, Dublin

Faith Community Church
5762 Wilcox Road, Dublin

Fellowship Baptist Church of Dublin
6720 Shier Rings Road, Dublin

Indian Run United Methodist Church
6305 Brand Road, Dublin

Korean Church of Columbus
2825 Snouffer Drive, Columbus

Life Family Church
Clarion Hotel, 600 Metro Place, Dublin

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
2480 West Dublin-Granville
Road, Columbus

Meadow Park Church of God
2425 Bethel Road, Columbus

New Covenant Church of the Brethren
2309 Summit View Road, Powell

New Hope Reformed Church
5115 SR 750, Powell

New Life Baptist Church
5027 Avery Road, Dublin

Northwest Chapel
6700 Rings Road, Dublin

Northwest Evangelical Church
3915 Dublin Road, Columbus

Northwest Presbyterian Church
6400 and 6488 Post Road, Dublin

Northwest United Methodist Church
5200 Riverside Drive, Columbus

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
5475 Brand Road, Dublin

*The Dublin Community
Church is an architectural
icon in Historic Dublin.*



Radiant Life Church
7055 Avery Road, Dublin

Sawmill Baptist Church
10635 Sawmill Road, Powell

Sawmill Covenant Church
8794 Big Bear Avenue, Powell

Smoky Row Brethren Church
7260 Smoky Row Boulevard, Columbus

St. Andrew Christian Church
1985 Swansford Drive, Dublin

St. Bredan Catholic Church
4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard

St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church
7179 Avery Road, Dublin

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
10700 Liberty Avenue, Powell

St. John's Lutheran Church
6135 Rings Road, Dublin

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
7121 Muirfield Drive, Dublin

St. Peter's Catholic Church
6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus

Vineyard Christian Fellowship
5400 Avery Road

Vista Community Church
offices: 20 North Street, Dublin

B. Projections

Religious institutions and other civic uses are needed for every community and are an important social and quality of life factor. While Dublin has many religious institutions of varying denominations, a growing population will require planning for how additional services can be provided in the future. The growing size of religious places of worship also necessitates balancing the needs of religious institutions and residential neighborhoods.



VIII. CEMETERIES

A. Existing Conditions

In 2005, the City of Dublin published “*The Cemeteries of Dublin, Ohio: History in Stone*,” creating the first known compilation of cemetery information about the Dublin area. The City has many historic cemeteries and burial grounds of record, as well as other unmarked locations that are known to exist but are not officially catalogued.

Active Cemeteries

Dublin Cemetery. This historic 12.16-acre facility is located on the south side of West Bridge Street, just west of Historic Dublin. With frontage on Monterey Drive, the facility contains 4,786 total sites with 204 burial plots still available. The cemetery and vaults are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Despite Dublin's size, the City has a limited capacity for burial services.

The Indian Run Cemetery is one of Dublin's many historic burial sites.



Other Historic Cemeteries

Ferris Cemetery. Located on the east side of Riverside Drive, south of Bright Road the cemetery includes mostly unmarked graves across from the Gelpi Mansion that date back to 1848. The cemetery was surveyed as part of the Works Progress Administration and 112 burial plots were identified; however, the exact size is not known.

Houchard Road Cemetery. Located along the west side of Houchard Road, the unmarked cemetery is reported by local residents to be approximately midway between Post Road and Rings Road; however the exact location is not known.

Indian Run Cemetery. This 0.55-acre historic cemetery is located on the west side of North High Street, north of the Dublin Library. The cemetery dates back to 1816, but information about the number of burial plots is not available. The cemetery is adjacent to the future Dublin Veteran's Memorial site.

Maroa Wilcox Grave. This site is located on the west side of Wilcox Road, east of Norn Street, and contains a grave marker.

Mitchell Cemetery. Located north of I-270 on the west side of Dublin Road, this site dates back to 1823 and was named after Dublin pioneer Charles Mitchell. Located near the Cardinal Health World Headquarters, it contains 21 headstones with 23 burial sites.

Mt. Zion Cemetery. This 1.5-acre cemetery is located on the east side of Kinross Road, just north of Memorial Drive. It contains 30 historical grave sites of Civil War veterans.

Ring's Cemetery. This one-acre cemetery with 57 burial plots is located on the west side of Cosgray Road, just north of Hayden Run Road. It was dedicated by Washington Township in 1990 to the early pioneers of the area.

St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. This 0.5-acre site is located on the east side of Avery Road approximately 1,000 feet south of Shier Rings Road. The cemetery includes 56 burial plots.

Sandy Corners Cemetery. The 0.43-acre site is located on the south side of Rings Road adjacent to the St. John's Lutheran Church and includes 65 burial plots.

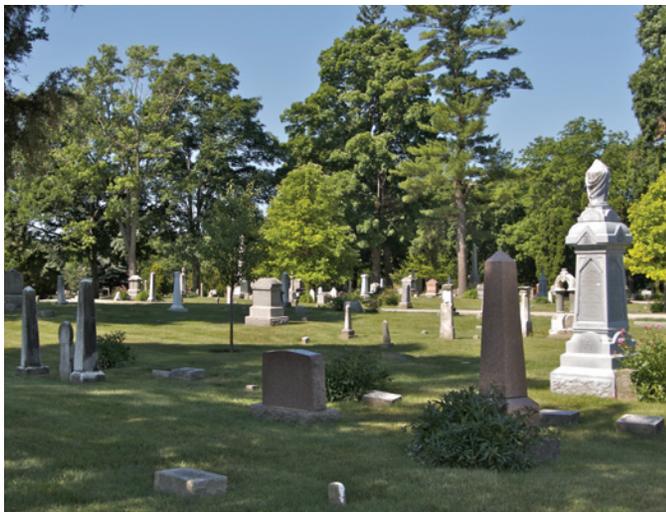
B. Projections

Despite Dublin's size, the City has a limited capacity for burial services. The Dublin Cemetery within Historic Dublin is the City's only non-denominational cemetery. Operated by the City of Dublin, the cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is quickly nearing its capacity. The cemetery is expected to be at capacity within the next four years. As Dublin grows, the long-term needs of the City will be substantially greater, and significant policy direction must be taken to address this particular service for Dublin's residents.

C. Objectives And Strategies (Cemeteries)

Objective 1: Explore options for the provision of cemeteries as a valued public service for Dublin's residents.

Typically, cemetery services are provided to the public through the private sector and religious institutions. The City of Dublin has the unique opportunity to provide this service with the Dublin



Cemetery, which is nearing capacity. The City has considered acquiring additional property along Monterey Drive to potentially expand this use. While the expansion of the existing Dublin Cemetery is an option, available land is limited and the land cost in this area may be too high to obtain significant return on this investment. Given the commercial frontage along Bridge Street and Dublin's future needs for additional cemetery space, alternative locations and resources should be explored.

- A. *Consider New Cemetery Locations...* for potential land acquisition to address the longer-term needs of Dublin residents.
- B. *Explore Alternative Management Options...* within the private sector and religious institutions to provide alternative resources and cemetery operations.
- C. *Consider Burial Alternatives...* to traditional burials, such as columbariums or vaults in an effort to maximize public land and resources.

OPPOSITE PAGE (Left): The Dublin Cemetery is the City's only active cemetery location.

OPPOSITE PAGE (Right): The burial vault at the Dublin Cemetery is noted on the National Register of Historic Places.

IX. HUMAN AND HEALTH-RELATED SERVICES

A. Existing Conditions

Human service programs and medical services are planned for and are offered by several organizations that include the City of Dublin's Recreation Services, City of Dublin Office of Volunteer Services, Dublin Counseling Center, Dublin Youth Athletics, Dublin Soccer League, Ohio Wildlife Center, Dublin Historical Society and the Franklin County Board of Health. Healthcare services to the community are provided by a broad range of medical and urgent care facilities throughout Dublin and the surrounding area; this will soon include the Dublin Methodist Hospital, which is planned to open in 2008.

The Dublin Recreation Services produces an extensive and well-designed seasonal program of activities. Parks and Recreation activities have fostered connections among various community groups such as schools, arts organizations, City government, youth sports organizations, etc. Although the Dublin Community Recreation Center (DCRC) is the primary facility used for activities and programs, school facilities continue to be heavily used for recreational programming. With the opening of the DCRC in 1996, space for recreational activities has been significantly enhanced; however, some types of programming and activity space will become limited as the population increases.

Many of the youth and teen camps offered by Recreation Services are geared

toward serving the needs of children with working parents, especially during the summer and holidays. Efforts to develop additional opportunities and accommodations for individuals with special needs are a high priority. Specific activities and camps have been developed to provide recreation-based childcare needs that private providers cannot accommodate. Services to the senior population have also been greatly enhanced by the DCRC by providing a central gathering space and activities for seniors within the community.

The City's Office of Volunteer Services provides varied opportunities for residents and corporate citizens of all ages to be engaged in local government. Each year more than 2,700 volunteers give more than 30,000 hours of time to City programs and services. This network of talented and generous people is a valued resource to Dublin for recreational purposes, in advisory capacities, in times of need and for relationship-building throughout the community.

The Dublin Counseling Center is a community-based mental health and substance abuse counseling center serving all age groups. The Center is a not-for-profit organization and receives funding from the Franklin County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board; private payers; insurance providers and the City of Dublin. Annually, the Center services approximately 800 to 1,000 clients, most of whom reside in the Dublin School District.

Dublin Youth Athletics (DYA) is a non-profit organization that fosters

youth athletics and is in high demand. The programs include a baseball/T-ball league that serves 2,500 children from age five through high school. A traveling competitive league is available to children ages nine to 14. The basketball program is recreational and competitive, serving over 1,500 children from third grade through high school. The DYA offers a golf program for approximately 100 children from grades 4 through 12. The organization also offers lacrosse for grades 1 through 6 and volleyball for grades 3 through 12.

The Dublin Soccer League (DSL) is a non-profit youth soccer organization with more than 3,000 participants. DSL is recognized as the primary contracted provider of recreational soccer to the community by offering league opportunities within the City. The organization's services are complemented by supplemental provider agreements with the Middle Tier Soccer Organization, a group that offers a higher level of competition (without exclusive tryouts) with games and tournaments in the Central Ohio region. The select soccer organizations (Ohio Football Club and Ohio Premier) offer the highest level

of competitive soccer opportunities. Participation is subject to tryouts and competition is held over a wide area.

The Franklin County Board of Health's primary mission is the promotion, regulation and procurement of the public health and safety. Located on East Broad Street in Columbus, the Board provides services to the community in two primary categories: (1) environmental health service and (2) nursing and rehabilitation. Dublin maintains a contract for service so that services provided by the Board of Health are available to Dublin residents.

The Ohio Wildlife Center (OWC) is a non-profit organization founded in 1984 to promote and enhance public awareness and appreciation of Ohio's native wildlife through community education, wildlife rehabilitation and wildlife health studies. The OWC is primarily a volunteer-driven organization that includes offices in the Dublin area on Billingsley Road near Sawmill Road and Cook Road in Delaware County.

The Dublin Historical Society is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated

to maintaining and preserving Dublin's history. The Society has many important goals that include protecting Dublin's heritage, collecting and preserving Dublin's historic records and documents, preserving architectural landmarks and providing access to Dublin's historic collection. To these ends, the Society has preserved, improved and furnished the Fletcher Coffman Homestead in Coffman Park as a museum to the history of the Dublin area and its rural heritage. Tours of the homestead are available to the general public through the Society.

For health-related services, the Dublin area provides a broad range of medical, dental and specialty treatment facilities. The flagship of the City's healthcare treatment facilities is the Dublin Methodist Hospital. Located at 7500 Hospital Drive, the 300,000-square-foot facility, opened in January 2008, provides a broad range of convenient hospital services. The facility includes a 24-hour full-service emergency department, outpatient and inpatient surgery teams, as well as women's health and inpatient medical services. Dublin Methodist will include 94 patient beds with the potential for expansions to a 300-bed

Dublin Recreation Services offer sports programs for physically disabled youth.



facility and parking structure. As a growing city, the hospital's completion is a crowning achievement that significantly improves health care access for residents, particularly in emergency situations in a setting that focuses on establishing a quality environment for patients. In addition to the new hospital, urgent care facilities have and will continue to provide valuable treatment and safety services to Dublin's residents.

B. Projections

As the City grows in size and population, there will be additional need for organizations and groups to provide human services and medical treatment for residents that will vary depending upon the mission or goal of the organization. Just as important is the need to create awareness of available services as high quality programs are often under-utilized. In the future, the City and private organizations should work to coordinate efforts to inform and educate the community. Good wayfinding and easy access to services are an important component to ensuring a high quality of life for Dublin's residents.

C. Objectives and Strategies (Health and Human-Related Services)

Objective 1: Encourage greater visibility for organizations providing valuable services to the community and support maximization of service and efficiency.

Dublin residents have a wealth of organizations and services available to improve their daily lives, and the ability to increase awareness of these services is important to foster a positive image for the community. As Dublin's population grows and changes, the City should work cooperatively to enhance the visibility of all its important civic and health-related organizations and institutions.

- A. *Enhance Wayfinding...* to medical treatment centers and urgent care facilities in a manner that will provide for the safe and consistent treatment of all Dublin residents and visitors.
- B. *Consider Nature Education...* as an important educational and environmental endeavor for the City. Evaluate the potential for a future nature education center to provide a forum for City- and OWS-sponsored programming and education for Dublin residents, and encourage joint programming with area schools and Metro Parks.
- C. *Find a Prominent Location...* for the Dublin Historical Society that will showcase the history of Dublin and provide greater access and visibility to the general public and visitors.
- D. *Support Membership Efforts...* for local organizations to ensure the consistency and sustainability of programs and services to Dublin residents.
- E. *Foster Better Communication...* between Dublin's various organizations and the general public to enhance awareness and utilization of available services.
- F. *Encourage Coordinated Programming...* and activities between various organizations to prevent overlap and duplication of services.

Dublin Methodist Hospital provides world-class health services to the Dublin area.

