

## *Chapter Five:* COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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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)**

## **PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE**

### **Existing Parks, Recreation Facilities and Open Space**

Parks and open space 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, ~~including~~ including three major land purchases (Avery Park, Monterey Park and Scioto Park) made with 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, using land dedication and open space requirements. An additional 7.5-acre area is leased from the City of Columbus (Kiwaniis Riverway Park) along the Scioto River.

With 34 acres of designated parkland per 1,000 residents, the city far exceeds national standards of parkland levels of service. These totals do not include other private recreation facilities and 1,038 acres of the Glacier Ridge Metro Park, immediately adjacent to the city.

Dublin's parks and open spaces are found in a wide variety of settings, and accomplish several objectives, including those along stream corridors and throughout residential subdivisions that are used to link parkland and open spaces to create a comprehensive recreational network. Bike paths and other pedestrian paths are key components associated ~~of~~ with this network. This allows Dublin's parks to be strategically located throughout the city to provide varying degrees of activity and programming. The *Parks and Recreation Master Plan* has a complete inventory of all Dublin parks and open spaces.

## **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 its 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:

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

*Oak Park Open Space.* 24 acres of open space located throughout the Oak Park development. (*currently under development*)

*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. (*currently under development*)

*Brand Road and Coffman Road Open Space.* 14.7 acres of open space located at the intersection of Brand and Coffman roads.

*Riverside Drive Park (Bridge Street District).* An approximately 12-acre community park planned along the east and west banks of the Scioto River, partly formed by the planned realignment of Riverside Drive between SR 161/Bridge Street and Tuller Road.

## **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 for Dublin's northwest gateway. Trails within the park include a connection to the Dublin bike path system, providing access to neighborhoods along Hyland- 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 a 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 Scioto River and includes woods, a river overlook, 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 provides four additional acres of wooded open space.

Public parks and amenities are 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.

*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.

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

*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.

*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 related to the Muirfield development are located on Glick Road and Muirfield Drive south of Memorial Drive and include two outdoor swimming pools, a 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 (see below), a driving range, fun park with batting cages, go-karts and miniature golf and a par-three golf course.

*The Chiller* (7001 Dublin Park Drive). A 77,000 square foot facility featuring two NHL regulation ice hockey rinks, 12 locker rooms and a multi-purpose room. The Chiller, which opened in 1993, was a public-private partnership between the Columbus Chill, a minor league team, and the City of Dublin. The eCity purchased the land and as part of a twenty-five year agreement, leases the property. At the end of the lease agreement, the eCity will own the facility and be responsible for its maintenance and operations.

*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 golf 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 and is a well-known summer locale.

## Projections

The City of Dublin prides itself on the quality of the parks and open space system. Park and recreation facilities within the city should continue to serve all age groups and demographics as the city matures and as the character and make-up of Dublin's population changes. 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's 34 acres of parks and open space per 1,000 residents far exceeds the average service standard of 10 to 20 acres of parks per 1,000 residents. The current expectations are that these per acre figures remain at or near those levels until the city's eventual build-out. Based upon a projected future population of approximately 66,000, the city already has sufficient acreage of combined parks and open space to maintain the maximum well above the recommended provision of 20 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. Dublin will likely continue to exceed these standards, primarily through the acquisition of key parkland sites and the dedication of open space areas in conjunction with development.

With its emphasis on open space, Dublin will maintain its targeted goals for total parkland and open space acreage. Of greater importance will be the establishment of a well connected parks and open space network that provides excellent pedestrian and recreational mobility throughout Dublin and surrounding areas. Please refer to the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan* for more detailed information about how the City of Dublin will ensure that it is truly "Greener in Dublin."

## MUNICIPAL OFFICES AND OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS

The City of Dublin's Council-Manager form of government provides for the election of a City Council to enact ordinances, levy taxes, appropriate funds, establish municipal policy and the general 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 such functions as 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. This was updated for various municipal facilities in 2013.<sup>5</sup> 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<sup>6</sup>, and on-going renovations and/or expansions for the Service Center and Justice Center.

## Municipal Facilities

The City of Dublin operates seven major public buildings that house City staff and services. The principal administrative location is City Hall located at 5200 Emerald Parkway. The facility includes the offices of the City Manager, Legislative Affairs (Clerk of Council), Finance (Accounting, Auditing and Taxation), Volunteer Resources, Information Technology and Community Relations. The building was originally constructed in 1974 and underwent a major expansion in 1985 and minor modifications in 1997 and 2013. City Hall is a two story building of 13,531 square feet, including Dublin's City Council Chamber. The City Hall site includes the Fletcher Coffman Homestead (1,908 square feet) and barn (1,800 square feet) within Coffman Park.

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 Administrative Services department. The Center also provides a state-of-the-art communications and training system. The ~~building contains~~ 42,000-square-foot ~~building and~~ includes an emergency operations center, firing range, employee gym and additional storage space. The facility and site are planned for future expansion. A space needs analysis for this facility was completed in 2012 and included recommendations for a 10,900-square-foot, two-story expansion. This improvement is scheduled for completion in 2014.

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 was constructed. With a total of 28,800 square feet of space, the ~~two-story~~ building includes ~~two stories of~~ offices, warehouse and shop space, ~~and~~ an outdoor service yard and fleet parking. A programming and space needs analysis will be completed ~~for this facility~~ in 2013 to determine possible renovation and/or expansion ~~for this facility~~.

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. The overwhelming success of the facility created the need for an additional 40,000 square feet (Phase II) in 2000. 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 Management (part of Administrative Services) 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 that support the operations of Streets and Utilities, Parks and Open Space, Facilities and Engineering. In 2012, the City opened a new compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station at the Fleet Maintenance Center, funded with a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy and Clean Fuels Ohio. 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 Human Resources, 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. A programming and space needs analysis will be completed for this facility in 2013 to determine possible renovation and/or expansion.

The *Dublin Arts Center* at 7125 Riverside Drive is home to the Dublin Arts Council, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves the Dublin community through visual and performing arts and art education. The 8,700-square-foot building was constructed in 1941 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The City purchased the property 1999 with the intent that it be used as an arts center. Renovations to the building occurred during 2001 and 2002 and the Dublin Arts Center opened in March, 2002.

The City maintains other smaller facilities in addition to those described above. The *Community Events 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 Events Management. This facility was intended for short term use and is expected to be vacated and demolished once a more appropriate location is determined for Events Management. 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 [facility](#).

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.

## **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 helps ensure 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.

## Projections

Given significant growth and the dispersed nature of current operations, space deficiencies of several City work units must be eased 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 City Hall for key administrative functions may not be practical, as has been suggested in multiple space needs studies. At some point, the construction of a new City Hall may allow more effective services 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.

A future City Hall should house those work units responsible for general administrative, financial management and development functions. Space needs studies suggest that a site of at least eight acres will be required with the capability for additional expansion, but these studies will need to be updated prior to 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. Potential locations that have been discussed by City Council include Coffman Park and the Bridge Street District.

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. Similarly, the 5800 Building, in its current configuration, is at capacity, does not provide appropriate space for meetings with customers and does not allow for the most effective grouping of work functions. Analysis of this facility will result in recommendations for expansion, renovation or the determination to lease, purchase or construct a new facility.

Demand for fire and emergency services will also increase as Dublin's population and geographic boundaries expand. While Dublin's 2013 population totals approximately 42,000 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. 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)

### SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

The area included in this Plan for land use and fiscal evaluation is served by three school districts: Dublin City Schools, Hilliard City Schools and the Jonathan Alder Local Schools. District boundaries rarely follow municipal boundaries or even property lines, making a clear definition of school service areas difficult for some residents and homebuyers. Fiscal operations of the City of Dublin and the various school districts are completely separate with different taxing structures and boundaries. As a result, 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 its own the corporation limits. 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 within the Jonathan Alder District.

With recent annexations, the Columbus Public Schools serves a developing area just south of Dublin along the Hayden Run corridor. As the City of Columbus annexes and develops 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, 1998, 2004 and 2010. This agreement between the Columbus Public Schools and 13 different suburban school districts has allowed Dublin students living in Columbus to remain within the Dublin School 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.

## **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

Deer Run Elementary  
8815 Avery Road

Glacier Ridge Elementary  
7175 Glacier Ridge Boulevard

Indian Run Elementary  
80 West Bridge Street

Olde Sawmill Elementary  
2485 Olde Sawmill Boulevard

Pinney Elementary  
9989 Concord Road

Riverside Elementary  
3260 Riverside Green

Scottish Corners Elementary  
5950 Sells Mills Drive

Thomas Elementary  
4761 Tuttle Crossing Boulevard

Wright Elementary  
2335 West Case Road

Wyandot Elementary  
5620 Dublinshire Drive

Davis Middle  
2400 Sutter Parkway

Grizzell Middle  
8705 Avery Road

Karrer Middle  
7245 Tullymore Drive

Sells Middle  
150 West Bridge Street

Dublin Coffman High  
6780 Coffman Road

Dublin Jerome High  
8300 Hyland-Croy Road

Dublin Scioto High  
4000 Hard Road

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

District enrollment for the 2011-12 school year, was 14,814 students; 6,816 elementary, 3,420 middle school and 4,578 high school students. An additional 64 students attend Tolles Technical School south of Plain City on U.S. 42. The District has identified a deficiency in capacity for the elementary and high school 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 2:1 ratio between elementary students and middle school students continues to indicate a significant need for additional classrooms and

schools as younger students progress through the school system over the next 10 years. Based upon school district projections, student enrollment will exceed 16,000 by 2021. It should be noted that much of the projected residential development within Dublin is expected to have minimal impact on general enrollment numbers for the school district due to the location of district boundaries and because of anticipated demographic trends. More importantly, areas to the north and west of Dublin 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, it is likely the school district will need additional facilities in the future.

## Hilliard City Schools: Overview and Projections

The Hilliard ~~S~~School ~~d~~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, and portions of Washington, Franklin, and Prairie Townships in Franklin County.

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 was the first Hilliard City School building constructed in Dublin, completed in 2007. While a long-standing relationship has been ~~created~~ established between the Dublin City Schools and the City, recent growth into the Hilliard School District has brought to light the need to develop and foster new cooperative relationships for the benefit of all of Dublin's residents.

~~In total~~ TThe 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

Washington Elementary  
5675 Eiterman 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  
2800 Walker Road

Hilliard Darby High School  
4200 Leppert Road

Hilliard Davidson High School  
5100 Davidson Road

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

The total enrollment for the Hilliard School District during the 2011-12 school year included 15,689 students; 7,085 preschool and elementary, 1,166 sixth graders, 2,370 middle school and 4,769 high school students. The construction of the District's third high school, Hilliard Bradley High School, in 2009 has helped address a previous capacity issue at the high school level. Hilliard City Schools are in a growth area of Franklin County, which will mean continued enrollment in the younger age groups and the potential need for long-term facility planning.

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 amount of new residential uses neighborhoods. 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 West Innovation District are located within the Hilliard School 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.

## **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 West Innovation District. 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 residential along the western periphery. At build-out, additional development within Dublin and adjacent areas may result in substantial revenue generation for the district with a limited residential base that minimally increases enrollment figures.

## **Private Schools, Post-Secondary 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 Meadows Academy Dublin. Dublin is also host to post-high school opportunities that augment the educational enrichment of its residents, provided through the local branches of Columbus State University, Franklin University and Ohio Dominican University. In 2012, Ohio University acquired 15 acres of land and two existing office buildings 7001 and 7003 Post Road within the West Innovation District for the development of the Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

satellite campus. The City of Dublin helped to facilitate this site location selection through donation of 45 acres of land to the university.

## Objectives and Strategies (Schools)

### LIBRARIES

#### 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 occupies about 20,000 square feet and serves as an important civic anchor in the Historic District. 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 four million volumes through a computerized catalog system. Named the top-ranked system in the United States in 2005 and 2008 by Hennen's American Public Library Rating Index, the Columbus Metropolitan Library provides a wealth of available 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.

#### Projections

The City of Dublin and The Columbus Metropolitan Library are considering the need for a new Dublin Branch Library that could incorporate multi-purpose civic space and a potential Workforce Development Center. A potential site for a new library location within Historic Dublin or other portions of elsewhere in the Bridge Street District is are being explored. 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 several 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.

## Objectives and Strategies

### POSTAL SERVICES

#### 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.

The Dublin City Engineer assigns 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 use even numbers, 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 are available to the public through the eCity's [Geographic Information Services](#).

## 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.

## Objectives and Strategies (Postal Services)

### RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

#### 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~~<sup>40</sup> 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

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, [Dublin](#)

[Vineyard Columbus](#)  
[6561 Dublin Center Drive, Dublin](#)

Vista Community Church  
offices: 20 North Street, Dublin

## 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.

## CEMETERIES

### 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 but not officially catalogued.

#### *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 burial plots. The cemetery and vaults are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the cemetery is the site of Dublin's Killed In Action Memorial.

#### *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, other plots may not be identified.

*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 Veterans Park.

*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.

## **Projections**

The city has a limited capacity for burial services. The Dublin Cemetery within Historic Dublin is the City's only non-denominational cemetery and is quickly nearing capacity. As Dublin grows, the long-term needs of residents will be substantially greater, and significant policy direction is required to address whether the City will continue to offer this particular service.

## **Objectives And Strategies (Cemeteries)**

### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

#### **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 Volunteer Resources, Dublin Counseling Center, Dublin Youth

Athletics, Dublin Soccer League, the Franklin County Board of Health, and the Dublin Food Pantry. Healthcare services to the community are provided by a broad range of medical and urgent care facilities throughout Dublin and the surrounding area.

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. Some types of programming and activity space could 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 Resources provides varied opportunities for residents and corporate citizens of all ages to be engaged in local government. Each year more than 3,000 volunteers give more than 30,000 hours of time to City programs and services. This network of talented and generous people supports numerous functions throughout the City's operations and is a valued resource to Dublin for recreational, educational, environmental and health/safety 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. 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. Each of these programs is in high demand.

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 Dublin Food Pantry, located at 81 West Bridge Street, in the ground level of the Dublin Community Church has served the Dublin Community for numerous years and in 2012 became a 501(C)(3) and established its first community-based Board of Trustees. The Dublin Food Pantry provides for the growing needs of the hungry by collecting and distributing food, and educating the community about hunger. In 2011, the Pantry served more than 2,400 adults, children and seniors, distributing more than 290,000 pounds of groceries.

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 320,000-square-foot facility, opened in January 2008, and 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 Hospital includes 94 patient beds with the potential for expansions to a 300-bed facility and parking structure. For 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, a number of health-related facilities have developed, or are planned to address future needs, including the expansion of the Nationwide Children's Hospital facilities; Dublin Springs Hospital, which provides mental health services; a variety of private skilled nursing, rehabilitation and Alzheimer care facilities; and the future location of the Ohio University extension of the College of Osteopathic Medicine in the West Innovation District.

## 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.

Services should also be evaluated to meet the changing needs of the community as the city's demographic profile changes.

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.

## Objectives and Strategies (Health and Human-Related Services)

