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### CHAPTER 8 – PUBLIC SERVICES

#### 8.1 – WHAT WE KNOW

Providence City provides a number of public services that provide a higher quality of life for residents. Several of those services – water, sewer, annexation, parks and recreation facilities – are included in the general plan in order to guide the future of these services.

**Water System:** Providence City provides staffing and equipment for the operation and maintenance of the Providence City Culinary Water System. As of November 30, 2019, the City had 2,200 connections to the system; 69 commercial, 3 agricultural, 2,084 residential, 20 apartment/PUD, 15 church/school, and 9 City owned. During calendar year ending December 31, 2018, the City delivered 729,311,000 gallons of water. The system is divided into three water pressure zones; and includes a natural spring (Broad Hollow), four reservoirs, and three wells. The City intends to build a fifth reservoir to serve Water Pressure Zone 2. The City also has an Exchange Agreement with Spring Creek Water Company (SCWC) and Providence Blacksmith Fork Irrigation Company (BFIC). SCWC also takes water from Broad Hollow Spring. BFIC takes its water from the Blacksmith Fork River. The Exchange Agreement allows the City to pump from the BFIC canal system into the SCWC lateral system. The City can then take an equal amount of water from Broad Hollow Spring from May 1 through September 30 to use in the culinary system.

**Sewer System:** Providence City provides staffing and equipment for the operation and maintenance of the transmission lines for the Providence City Sewer System. As of March 31, 2018, the City had 2,046 connections to the system and approximately 35 miles of transmission lines. The City contracts with Logan City for wastewater treatment. During calendar year ending December 31, 2017, Logan City treated 282,165,000 gallons of wastewater for the City.

In 2015, in preparation for commercial development, the City extended a sewer mainline west under SR-165 in the area of 49 North. Developers have approached the City regarding commercial development in the area of 300 South SR-165. The budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 includes extending a sewer mainline west under SR-165 in the area of 300 South, estimating the cost for design and installation at \$150,000.

**Annexation:** As the population and demographics grow and change, it is the intent of Providence City to maintain the aesthetics of a “home town” character while expanding the tax base and providing for population growth. The farming life style is diminishing; business, employment, and leisure interests and opportunities are changing. Agricultural land is converting to commercial and residential uses; zoning is changing to meet the new demands.

It is not the intent of Providence City to acquire more land than the City can reasonably service. Providence City has considered the surrounding unincorporated areas and has planned to annex those areas where the City can provide municipal services as demand occurs.

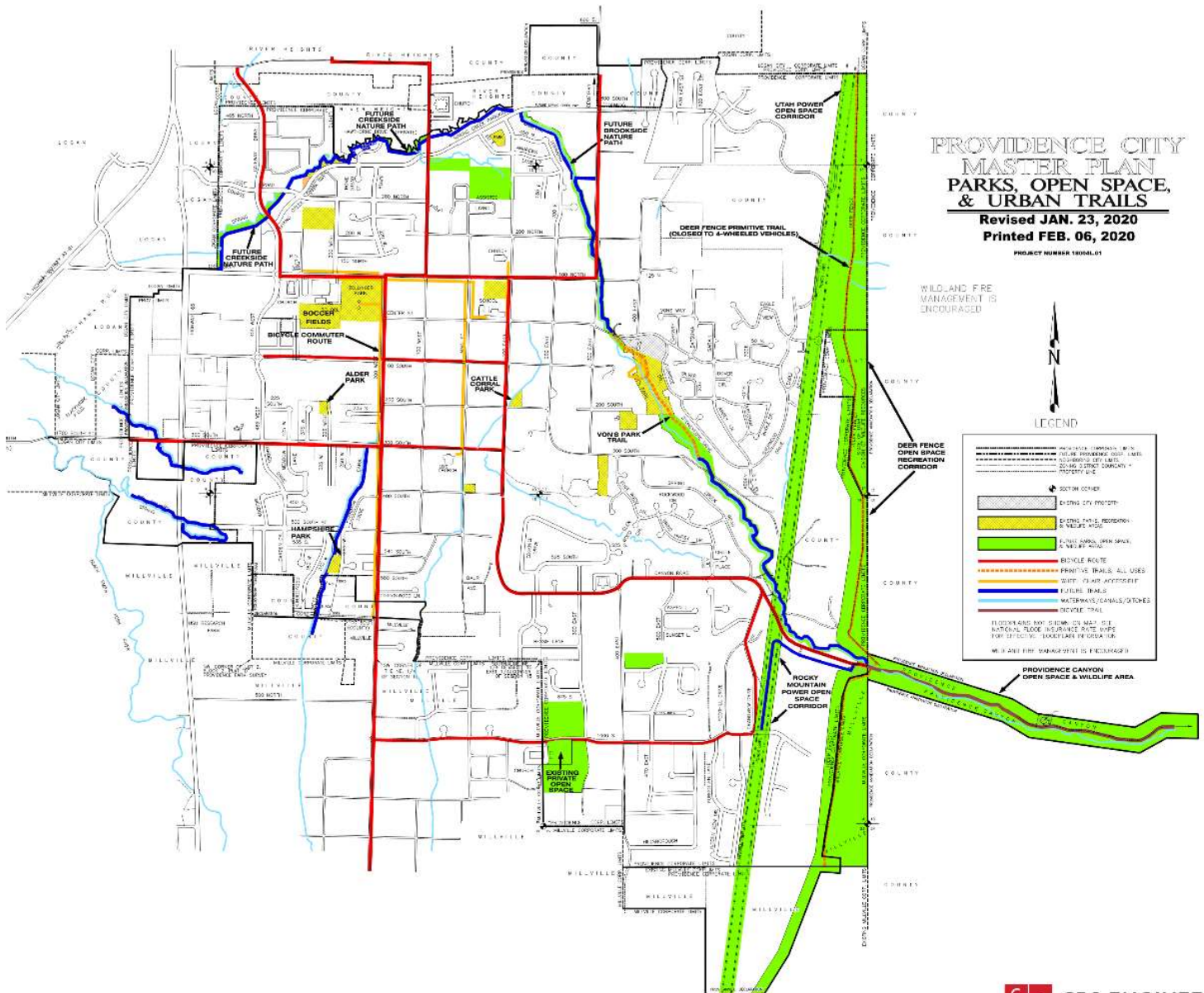
**Parks and Recreation Facilities as of 2020:** Providence City provides staffing and equipment for repair and maintenance of 11 parks consisting of approximately 45 acres (Alma H Leonhardt – 310 West 250 North, Braegger – 300 South 300 East, Brookside – 38 East Spring Creek Parkway, Cattle Corral – 150 East 200 South, Hampshire – 650 South 300 West, Hillcrest – 800 South 400 East (being developed), Jay’s Well – 400 South Main (being developed), Meadowridge – 251 South 325 West, Uptown – 100 East 100 North, Von Baer – 350 East Center, and Zollinger – 61 North 200 West).

The parks include a variety of features, informal landscapes (natural trees, shrubs, grassed areas), formal landscapes (hardscapes/paved areas, trees, and large turf areas), buildings, and play structures.

The City seeks to continue the development of parks, open spaces, and other recreational opportunities. The City’s park and recreation core values and principles include but are not limited to the following:

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- Preserve open space and natural visual corridors.
- Beautify and enhance the appearance and environment in Providence City.
- Create an identity for the City through parks and open space.
- Provide adequate facilities for needed recreation programs and activities.
- Encourage and provide increased public access to county, state, and federal lands, parks, and open space.
- Support property values and community growth by providing recreational amenities.
- Design and construct park and recreations facilities that conserve natural resources such as water, and set an example for the community.
- Provide an integrated, connected, and diverse system of parks, and recreation programs, that are economical and accessible to community members.
- Maintain communications between administration, public officials, and residents to ensure that recreation facilities and programs continue to meet the needs of the community.



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### 8.2 – HOW DOES THIS HELP US PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Understanding the existing conditions of public services identifies the gaps between where the level of service is and where it is desired to be. From here, projects and funds can be prioritized to meet identified goals.

The following overall goal, objectives, and strategies provide a framework for addressing the concerns and opportunities for Public Services. The overall goal provides the vision and the objectives represent what Providence would like to achieve. The strategies are action items that direct how the overall goal and objectives will be achieved. Many strategies will work to achieve more than one objective.

#### OVERALL GOAL FOR THE CHAPTER – THE GUIDING VISION & INTENT

**Providence will manage public services in a manner that meets the needs of the city residents, businesses and public infrastructure without compromising the City’s ability to meet future needs.**

OBJECTIVES – WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?	STRATEGIES – HOW DO WE MAKE IT HAPPEN?	1-5 Years	5-15 Years
The following objectives represent what Providence would like to achieve over the next 15 to 20 years for their Public Services. The means for how Providence will work toward these objectives is captured in the Action Plan Strategies.	The following action-based strategies will help Providence achieve the overall goal and objectives for Public Services. Strategies are categorized as short-term (1-5 years) or long-term (5 – 15 years).		
1. Reduce current and future load demands on Providence’s storm water, sewer and water systems.	a. Maintain an annexation development policy plan consistent with the city’s ability to stay within the capacity of water, sewer and storm drainage systems.		X
	b. Develop solutions for promoting ground absorption landscaping and on-site storm water retention.		X
	c. Develop procedure for the detection, prevention and mitigation of sewer infiltration of ground water and storm water and unauthorized discharge into the sewer system.		X
	d. Promote the use of and replacement with low flow water appliances. Peak water use load strategy. Low demand landscaping. Find approach guidelines at <a href="https://localscapes.com/">https://localscapes.com/</a> .		X
	e. Promote public education program for the instruction of wise water use and water conservation.		X
	f. Promote land uses that reduce demands on Providence stormwater, sewer and water system.		X
2. Maintain an adequate supply of clean culinary water to meet present and future needs and demands.	a. Increase storage capacity to meet growing culinary water demands, peak flow and fire flow protection supplies.		X
	b. Review and update the water master plan as needed, or every 5 years.	X	

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	c. Develop a plan and budget for maintenance, repair, upgrade, and replacement of existing facilities, as well as providing adequate reserves to cover replacement costs.	X	
	d. Review, update or maintain the 40 Year Water Rights Plan as needed.		X
	e. Evaluate and protect water shed and point source protections areas.		X
	f. Maintain water quality through qualified testing and analysis.	X	
	g. Evaluate, develop, inspect and enforce procedures to prevent cross-contamination.	X	
	h. Encourage decreased water demand and use through a public education campaign on wise water use and water conservation.		X
3. Maintain a sewer collection system that is efficient and economical, meeting local, state and federal requirements.	a. Review, update, and maintain the current sewer master plan as needed.	X	
	b. Continue cleaning and inspection filming of sewer collection system.	X	
	c. Develop plan to monitor the sewerage flows and capacity of sewer pipeline system.		X
	d. Educate public to unacceptable discharges into the sewer system to include the problems with home sump pumps.		X
4. Provide public services and facilities, including upfront costs and on-going operation and maintenance costs.	a. Create a maintenance plan including standards and the identification of a maintenance funding stream.		X
	b. Create a development impact fee schedule that will adequately cover new infrastructure development costs.		X
5. Create parks as places of civic open space and centers of community activity.	a. Promote open space as a part of new developments. Ensure the locations contributes to a city-wide network of parks and open spaces.	X	
	b. Review, update, and maintain a parks master plan as needed.		X
	c. Evaluate current impact fees for property acquisition and construction of new parks and the expansion of existing parks, and sports facilities to meet future demands.	X	
6. Maintain a cemetery that will meet the needs of current and future residents.	a. Develop, review, update, and maintain a cemetery master plan as needed.		X
7. Maintain a storm water system utility that is efficient and compliant with the local, state and federal requirements.	a. Review, update, and maintain a storm water master plan as needed, or every 5 years.	X	

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	b. Coordinate and work with the Cache County Storm Water Coalition to meet the requirements of the current NPDES and MS4 Permits.		X
	c. Educate public for maintenance of private storm water facilities.		X
	d. Evaluate current user fees to ensure monies for maintenance, repair and replacement of current storm water facilities, and the construction of future storm water facilities.	X	
	e. Evaluate the feasibility of a storm water impact fees.	X	
8. Maintain and promote recreation, cultural, and civic programs and events.	a. Coordinate with the County and surrounding communities to share recreational facilities.	X	
	b. Continue support of the Cache County Library Providence/River Heights Branch.	X	
	c. Continue and improve public information distribution via City Hall, the newsletter, website, Mayor's Town Hall meeting, Providence Pipeline (mass communication system), social media, etc.	X	
	d. Sponsor, support and make city facilities available for events, sports and civic engagements.	X	
	e. Expand and promote recreational and cultural activities and opportunities for city residents and visitors.	X	
	f. Expand and promote events that focus on the heritage and diversity of Providence City.	X	
9. GIS map of City infrastructure.	a. Develop a GIS map of the City's infrastructure. Update and maintain as needed.		X