

Community Facilities

Jamestown's ability to provide community facilities such as the elementary school, parks and recreation, the town hall, fire department, and police protection is directly related to the strength of the local tax base. Money generated from property and sales taxes enables the town to upgrade or add community facilities.

Future growth in Jamestown would have an immediate effect on the town's fiscal capacity by increasing the tax base as well as increasing the demand for more services. Over time the tax base may be unable to maintain the level of revenue needed to support increasing capital improvement and operational costs. Jamestown should weigh the impacts of new growth over the short run and long run to avoid the problem of an expanding service demand and limited tax base.



Community Survey 1978 and Town Meeting October 1979

Jamestown residents would like to maintain present expenditures for the present level of services received. If additional money is spent, people favor spending it on recreation, fire service, and road maintenance. The provision of some type of public transportation service, the renovation of the Town Hall, and maintaining the Elementary School in Jamestown are also important issues cited by residents.

When and how these improvements will be made will depend on Jamestown's fiscal ability to provide for the facilities. Alternative funding sources could also be pursued such as: user fees; special assessment districts; and federal, state, and county matching fund programs. Town improvements can also be made by using the volunteer resources within Jamestown. In many cases, large funds are not required to make facility improvements. As an example, the park could be upgraded (ie. new benches) by organizing community self-help workshops. The town's facility needs may also change over time due to growth, change in attitudes of the local population, and change in resource availability.



Jamestown residents have identified community facilities which they would like to upgrade or provide for the town. The Planning Commission and Town Board have prioritized the facilities in the following order:

1. to maintain and stabilize an adequate water supply
2. improvement of the fire department (one alternative is to create a Fire Protection District)
3. correct improper drainage areas
4. development of public transportation service (for example: daily van service between Jamestown and Boulder)
5. renovation of the Town Hall
6. additional road signs for Jamestown streets
7. implementation of Jamestown's Park Improvement Plan also to include a mini-park at the pump site on Mesa Street
8. sand and salt for roads
9. construction of a small information kiosk to inform residents of various community activities; a community bulletin board was another suggestion.
10. provide for a road grader operator and road grader to maintain Jamestown's roads.

* Residents would also like to maintain the elementary school in Jamestown.

Community Facilities Policies

Policy 1: Jamestown should evaluate the short-term and long-term effects of an expanded tax base due to new growth and the demands for facilities and services generated by this growth. Jamestown should balance the tax revenues with its capital improvement and operational costs.

Policy 2: The present level of expenditures for services should be maintained as much as possible. Priority concerns for improvement of services are recreation, fire service, and road maintenance. These should be improved through self-help, low cost efforts whenever possible.

