11. Public Facilities and Services

State Goal

To plan for, finance and develop an efficient system of public facilities and services to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development.

Conditions and Trends (Material in bold by Fred)

Minimum data required to address Analyses includes the identification of the following as applicable for the public facilities and services in 3.11 C (5) (a through i):

(1) location of facilities and service areas (mapped as appropriate);
   Town Hall
   Fire Station
   Transfer Station
   Salt/Sand Shed
   Lamoine Consolidated School

(2) general physical condition of facilities and equipment;

(3) capacity and anticipated demand during the planning period; All adequate for now. The school should be adequate at the current school population level which is not expected to significantly increase during the plan period. The Town Hall cannot handle an increase in workload or employees. There is a proposal to put a foundation and full basement under the current town hall.

(4) identification of who owns/manages the systems; All are town owned. The Town has a facilities manager with overall charge of town facilities. School is run by the school administration

(5) estimated costs of needed capital improvements to public facilities; and

(6) the following information related to each of these public facilities and services:
   a. Sewerage and/or Water Supply – Identify number and types of users, and percent of households served. There is no town water or sewer. There is a user-owned water system—Cold Spring Water—that serves approximately 55 residences and the school (and fire department?) basically from Lamoine Corners out the Mill Road.
   b. Septage – Identify any community policies or regulations regarding septage collection and disposal. ???
   c. Solid Waste – Describe the community’s solid waste management system. Identify types and amounts of municipal solid waste and recycled materials for the past five (5) years. ???
d. Stormwater Management – Identify combined sewer overflows. For Municipal Separate Stormwater System (MS4) communities, describe plan and status of the major goals of the MS4 requirements.

e. Power and Communications – Availability of 3-phase power, Internet (including broadband), and cable within the community. **Cable is available in the more populous areas, wireless internet is available in some parts of town.**

f. Emergency Response System – Average call response times for fire, police, and emergency/rescue.

h. Health Care - Describe major health care facilities (hospitals, clinics) and other providers serving the community. Identify public health and social services supported by the community through municipal subsidy.

i. Municipal Government Facilities and Services – Describe facilities and staffing for municipal administrative, enforcement, and public works operations.

j. Street Tree Program - Describe the community's street tree program.

**Analyses**

To generate minimum analyses to address state goals, use Conditions and Trends data in Section 3.11(C) to answer the following questions.

1. Are municipal services adequate to meeting changes in population and demographics?

2. Has the community partnered with neighboring communities to share services, reduce costs and/or improve services? In what ways?

3. If the community has a public sewer system, what issues or concerns are there currently and/or anticipated in the future? Is the sanitary district extension policy consistent with the Future Land Use Plan as required by (38 M.R.S.A. §1163), or will it be?

4. If the community has a public water system are any public water supply expansions anticipated? If so, have suitable sources been identified and protected? Is the water district extension policy consistent with the Future Land Use Plan?

5. If the town does not have a public sewer or water system, is this preventing the community from accommodating current and projected growth?
(6) Are existing stormwater management facilities adequately maintained? What improvements are needed? How might future development affect the existing system?

(7) How do residents dispose of septic tank waste? Are there issues or concerns regarding septic tank waste?

(8) Is school construction or expansion anticipated during the planning period? Are there opportunities to promote new residential development around existing and proposed schools?

(9) Is the community’s emergency response system adequate? Are improvements needed?

(10) Is the solid waste management system meeting current needs? Is the community reducing the reliance on waste disposal and increasing recycling opportunities? Are improvements needed to meet future demand?

(11) Are improvements needed in the telecommunications and energy infrastructure?

(12) Are local and regional health care facilities and public health and social service programs adequate to meet the needs of the community?

(13) Will other public facilities, such as town offices, libraries, and cemeteries accommodate projected growth?

(14) To what extent are investments in facility improvements directed to growth areas?

(15) Does the community have a street tree program?