

# COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## LYON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The purpose of this section is to look at the condition and function of community facilities in Lyon County. The County owns some of the facilities, but since other important public facilities operated by other units of government, non-profit and private organizations are also important assets for Lyon County's residents, businesses and visitors, some of these facilities are reviewed as well.

## INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

The following is a listing of the community facilities broken down into nine categories:

- County Government
- Medical/Seniors
- Parks & Recreation
- Schools
- Community Centers
- Wastewater/Wells
- Libraries

This inventory identifies each building or facility, gives its location, describes its condition and notes the facility's function and planned or needed improvements. This information was gathered by County staff in the form of a survey sent to the cities in the county.

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Lyon County Government Center

*607 West Main, Marshall*

This facility was constructed of concrete, masonry and metal in 1939 with additions in 1974 and 1994. Parts of the building constructed in 1974 were remodeled in 1994. In 1999-2000 the top floor of the 1994 building was remodeled. All parts of the building are in excellent condition. The buildings house the offices of the following:

Court Administrator	Environmental	Work Force Center
Auditor/Treasurer	Veterans Services	Rehabilitation Service
County Administrator	State Auditor	Services for the Blind
Assessor	Public Health	Job Services
Recorder	Human Services	Private Industry Council
Attorney's Facilities	Lyon County Enterprise	Project Place
Probation	Deo Corp.	Seven Meeting Rooms
Extension	Adult Learning Center	

The meeting rooms have a total capacity of 440 people.

### **Law Enforcement Center**

*611 West Main, Marshall*

This facility was constructed of concrete, masonry and metal in 1978. An addition was added in 1999 and in the process parts of the existing building were re-modeled. There are plans for a future addition to the building. The Law Enforcement Center houses the Sheriff Department, Marshall Police Department, D.C.A. and U.E.C. Training.

The current jail is full. It was built in 1979 and had a capacity of 24 inmates. When the inmate population reached capacity, the Minnesota Department of Corrections authorized double-bunking, increasing the capacity to 37. However, by 1996, jail records indicate that as many as 38 inmates were being held any one time; and in 1997 the peak reached 48. Pursuant to the crowding problem, a jail needs assessment was conducted in 1998. The study projected an average daily population of 46.54 inmates, an average peak of 61 and a peak of 74 within the next 20 years. A project is underway to construct a new jail to hold 82 inmates.

### **Lyon County Highway Department**

#### ***Marshall***

*Fairground Road, Marshall*

The original building was built in 1952 with an addition in 1983-84. The original building is 80' x 123' and in poor condition. The new portion is 80' x 212' and in good condition. The entire structure is constructed of steel. There are 14 people that work in the department providing the services of the Engineering Department, the Ditch and Zoning office, sign maintenance, equipment repair and service, road maintenance and hazardous waste and storage. The office space will be remodeled in 2002.

A Public Works Office and HHW / Recycling facility is under construction. This precast concrete building is expected to be completed in August 2002.

#### ***Amiret***

The buildings were built in 1963. The first is 70' x 46' and the second is a 40' x 36' building built of brick. A third building used for cold storage is constructed of wood and measures 42' x 52'. All of the buildings are in fair condition, having been re-shingled in the last two years. There are three people working at this facility providing the services of road maintenance, gravel hauling, bituminous patching, ditch cleaning, culvert setting and snow removal.

#### ***Balaton***

*200 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Balaton*

The building was constructed of brick in 1951. Only one-third of the 42' x 52' is used by the highway department. The building is in poor condition and used for storage of one truck. No plans for remodeling are planned for the future. There is one person who works at this facility and provides the services of road maintenance gravel hauling, bituminous patching and snow removal.

***Cottonwood***

*570 West Main Street, Cottonwood*

This facility was constructed of steel in 1954. The 45' x 60' building is in fair condition and needs to be painted. This site could use more room for storage of vehicles. Three people work at this facility providing the services of road maintenance, snow removal, gravel hauling, bituminous patching and ditch cleaning.

***Minneota***

*County Road 3 South, Minneota*

The facility was constructed of brick in 1963. The 50' x 100' building is in good condition with no plans for remodeling at this time. There are three people working at this facility providing the services of maintaining county roads, hauling gravel, bituminous patching, cleaning ditches, setting culverts and snow removal.

***Russell***

The building was built in 1979 measuring 50 x 80 and constructed of steel. The building is in good condition with new garage doors installed. There are three people who work in the department providing road maintenance, haul gravel, bituminous patching, ditch cleaning, culvert setting and snow removal.

## MEDICAL/SENIORS

### Colonial Manor of Balaton

*Highway 14 East, Balaton*

This building was constructed in 1974 of brick, masonry and wood. The building is in fair to good condition. There is currently extensive interior re-decoration with potential for expansion for assisted living.

The facility has 78 beds providing long term care and re-habilitation services. There are 15 licensed staff and 40 other staff. The building is owned by the city of Balaton and the services are managed by the Board of Social Ministries.

### Minneota Manor Health Care Center

*700 North Monroe, Minneota*

The original building was built in 1972 of brick and is in fair condition. In 1996 a new wing was added. Because of the location there is little land left for expansion. There are plans for a new front entrance and replacement of windows in the original building.

There are 87 beds in the facility with a 98 percent occupancy rate. There are 26 licensed staff that provide long-term care. The facility is privately owned.

### Prairie View Healthcare Center

*250 Fifth Street East, Tracy*

The building was constructed in 1966 of a brick façade, plaster walls and a roof made of steel beams with tar and rock. There was remodeling done in 1995 that replaced the tar and rock roof with rubber, and added new flooring and widows.

The occupancy of the building was 67 beds and is now 58 beds. There are a total of 70 staff, 11 licensed nurses and a licensed administer. There are plans for a 20- to 24- unit assisted living complex with adult day care and a wellness center. This facility is currently owned by Pealwood Care Centers.

### Tracy Nursing Home

*487 Second Street, Tracy*

The Tracy Nursing Home occupies the building that was Tracy Hospital from the 1930's until 1966. An addition in 1995 included an elevator, laundry and two resident rooms.

The nursing home is licensed for 58 beds. Fifty are Medicare/Medicaid certified, skilled level care; and 8 for boarding care. The home is typically 97% full.

### **Tracy Area Medical Services**

*251 Fifth Street East, Tracy*

The Hospital was built in 1961 with a license for 37 patient beds. In 2000 the license was reduced to 25 beds and became a Critical Access Hospital. Internal remodeling in years 1998 to 2000 included a south wing, business offices and a laboratory. Current needs include: planning to remodel patient rooms, upgrading all plumbing, asbestos abatement and tile replacement. The Sioux Valley Health Network currently leases and manages the facility.

### **Weiner Memorial Hospital / Medical Center**

*800 East Main Street, Marshall*

*300 Bruce Street, Marshall*

Louis Weiner Memorial Hospital officially opened on May 25, 1950. It underwent remodeling or expansions in 1960, 1963 (when the skilled nursing facility was added), 1975-77, 1983 and a multi-phase construction project started in 1996 and was completed in 2001. Weiner Memorial Medical Center (WMMC) replaced the original name at the conclusion of the 1975-77 project. That project included the construction of a medical office building, which WMMC continues to rent to physicians and other medical providers. In 1987 a congregate living facility (Hill Street Place) was built on the WMMC campus and is connected to the hospital.

Weiner Memorial Medical Center is comprised of a 49-bed licensed hospital, a 76-bed licensed skilled nursing facility and a home health agency. The home health agency is located at 800 East Main Street. The hospital and skilled nursing facility and the remainder of WMMC's programs and services are located at 300 Bruce Street. Those programs and services include emergency, surgical, anesthesia, obstetric, newborn nursery and intensive/coronary care. The medical imaging services include general radiography and fluoroscopy, nuclear medicine, CT scanning, ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging. Other ancillary services include laboratory, respiratory therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and pharmacy services. They also provide sleep studies, diabetic teaching and other patient educational programming. The long-term care services include the residential skilled nursing facility and an 18-client adult day care program. Home care services include professional nursing, rehabilitation and home oxygen and medical equipment sales and rental services.

When WMMC completes the current construction project, its facilities will be considered state-of-the-art. That project includes the installation of a new magnetic resonance imaging scanner and the replacement of a computerized tomography (CT) scanner. It will relocate patient admissions/registration, laboratory and administrative offices, and it will double the size of ambulatory surgery. Previous phases of the project included a new emergency department, expanded medical imaging, mechanical upgrades throughout the building, a wellness center and integration of two patient floors onto one floor. A new generator was installed to relieve the demand on the city. The facilities meet or exceed the all building, life-style, ADA and other codes.

There are currently around twenty physicians living in the community and serving on the active medical staff. Another 30-40 physicians visit the community each week to provide consultation of direct service. WMMC currently employees around 425 persons, representing about 300 full-time equivalents. Another 300-400 persons serve as volunteers to support the staff and add special services to the customers.

## PARKS & RECREATION

### STATE PARK

#### Camden State Park

*1897 County Road 68, Lynd*

The park was established in 1935 and is roughly 1,800 acres lying along the Redwood River west of Highway 23. The park has 80 campsites, 2 modern sanitation buildings, three separate picnic areas, a secluded group camp and horse camp area, a small fishing lake, many spring and streams draining into the Redwood River, a spring fed swimming pool and 15+ miles of hiking/horseback/mountain biking/snowmobile/skiing trails. The park and buildings are on the National Registry of Historic Places and it is listed as a historic district. Some buildings are ADA accessible but not all areas meet requirements. Efforts have been made to preserve and enhance the native prairie remnants found in the park. Camden State Park lies in the Northern grass prairie ecosystem. The lower part of the park, along the Redwood River, is mainly Northern Hardwood, which provides a sharp contrast to the many acres of farmland surrounding the park. The section of the Redwood River from the County Road 59 bridge north to where the river crosses under County Road 25, is designated a trout stream- the only designated trout stream in Southwest Minnesota. It is stocked with German Brown trout twice a year.

Camden State Park is a multi-functional park. There are overnight facilities as well as day use. In 2000 there were 135,000 visitors to the park. Use varies by season, but most of the visitors are in the months from May 1 to November 1. Sixty five percent of the visitors are from a 50-mile radius of Marshall. The other 35 percent are from Minnesota, but visitors do come from all around the United States. The clear cold springs in Camden State Park may be threatened by continued and increased pumping from nearby well fields.

### COUNTY PARK & FAIRGROUNDS

#### Garvin Regional Park

*2782 150<sup>th</sup> Street, Garvin*

The regional park attracts people from a 60-mile radius of the park. The majority of the development for the park began in the early 1970's. The park currently is 700 acres in size. The Park facilities include:

- 5 picnic shelters
- 6 bathrooms
- 3 playgrounds
- 1 ball field
- Horse staging area
- 5.5 miles of horse/snowmobile trails
- 2.5 miles of hiking/skiing trails
- Winter tubing area
- 2 campgrounds (30 sites)
- 16 electrical hookups
- 14 primitive sites
- Dump station
- Shower facilities

One campground was wired for electrical hookups in 1996. In 1997 a dumpsite was constructed and in 2001 a shower facility was constructed. The park would like to replace the old playground equipment or add new equipment and expand some of the trails.

The vegetation of the park is very diverse. Along the Cottonwood River there are large stands of bur oak that are in excellent condition. The park native prairie grass areas are doing well with the need for a controlled burn to rid the area of invading saplings.

**Lyon County Fairgrounds**

*West side of Marshall just north of the Redwood River*

The 40-acre county fairgrounds includes 4-H, a commercial and livestock exhibit area, food stands, a grandstand/racetrack, an enclosed show arena, a Pioneer Village, a midway area and a year-round bubble and hockey rink.

The fairgrounds are in good condition and there are no plans for expansion in the near future.

**CITY PARKS**

**Tracy**

***Central Park***

*Second and Rowland Streets*

Central Park in Tracy includes a roofed picnic shelter, lighted tennis courts, playground equipment, band shell, bathrooms and an ice rink warming house.

***Greenwood Park***

*Greenwood and Adams Streets*

Playground equipment, basketball net and board and softball field with a backstop are located at Greenwood Park.

***Nehl's Roadside Park***

*Highway 14*

Nehl's Roadside Park includes a picnic shelter and a place to pitch horseshoes.

***Roadside Park***

*Highway 14 and Center Street*

Roadside Park offers playground equipment and picnic tables.

**Sebastian Park**

*Elm Street*

Sebastian Park houses a community aquatic center, two baseball fields (with outfield fences and backstops), picnic tables and a sand volleyball court.

**Softball Complex**

*Behind North Star Modular Homes on Highway 14*

Two softball diamonds (including outfield fences and backstops), a concession stand, bathrooms, picnic tables and sand volleyball courts are located at the softball complex in Tracy.

**Tornado Tree**

*5th Street and Highway 14*

Dedicated to the nine people who died in the June 13, 1968, Tracy Tornado. The Tornado Tree, a gnarled elm that withstood the force of the tornado, originally stood at the corner of 5th and Rowland Streets. A steel sculpture replica of the original tornado tree was erected in 1989.

**Werner Park**

*First and Hollett Streets*

Werner Park contains playground equipment and picnic tables.

**Swift Lake Park**

*On the north edge of Tracy on County Road 11*

Approximately 23 acres, this park contains Swift Lake, which is stocked with panfish. A handicapped accessible fishing pier makes shore fishing easy. Camping includes eight electrical hook-ups, some primitive sites, bathrooms and showers. Other amenities include a roofed picnic shelter and playground equipment.

**Marshall**

**Softball Complex**

*North of the intersection of the railroad track and Trunk Highway 19.*

This 11.3-acre park has four regulation softball fields, three of which are lighted. Two concession stands are located at the softball complex as well as restrooms, bleachers, a storage building, playground equipment, a picnic shelter and parking for 250 cars. It is used for city softball leagues and Jr. AAU baseball. It is also connected to the city's trail system.

The fields are in good conditions. The restrooms will need renovation soon and the fields are scheduled to be regraded in the next several years.



***Marshall Golf Club***

*Country Club Drive on west side of Marshall*

This privately owned 18-hole golf course is 160 acres. In addition to the golf course, there is a driving range, practice green and a private club house that provides banquet facilities for up to 200 people.

The course was expanded to 18 holes in the mid-1970's and is in excellent condition. Improvement plans include regular maintenance and periodic modifications.

***Legion Field***

*Corner of Legion Road and Trunk Highway 19*

This 28-acre facility has one lighted baseball diamond, press box, concession stand, restrooms and seating from 2,500. This is currently the location for the high school football stadium, however its future location is under discussion. Other amenities include two softball fields (one lighted), volleyball courts, six tennis courts, a playground, a picnic shelter, BBQ pits, horseshoe pits, and the municipal pool with wading pool and diving well.

Construction of a waterslide, shallow pool and diving well began in 1995.

The park is in very good condition. Upgrades and amenities are currently under consideration for the pool areas which include a new patio, fence, water slide and additional parking.

***Freedom Park***

*Corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Kathryn*

This neighborhood park has a softball diamond with bleachers, soccer field, basketball courts, a picnic shelter, sliding hill, skating rink and new playground equipment. It is approximately 7.25 acres in size.

The park is in good condition, although more playground equipment is needed. The softball field needs to be regarded and sodded.

***Liberty Park***

*Along the Redwood River between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets*

This 6-acre downtown park has two playgrounds, a band shell, picnic shelter, flower gardens and restroom facilities. The park is in fair condition. The restrooms have recently been remodeled and the band shell was renovated in the mid-1980's. The playground equipment needs to be updated.

***Justice Park***

*Along the Redwood River on Oak Street*

This neighborhood park has a heavily used lighted baseball field with bleachers, a picnic shelter, sand volleyball court, basketball court, soccer field, two playgrounds, BBQ pits and restrooms. The park is approximately 6 acres in size and is in fair to good condition. The playground equipment needs to be updated and renovated. The restrooms are also in need of renovation.

***Diversion Channel/Bicycle Trail***

*Rings the west side of the city of Marshall from the Redwood River to the Public Works Maintenance Facility.*

The city of Marshall has developed a complete system of pedestrian and bicycle trails which link the parks and open spaces of the city to neighborhoods, schools and the central business district. The bicycle trail runs along the Diversion Channel, west and north of the city and also includes 11.3 miles of on and off street trails. An additional 1.5 miles of off street trails are planned along the Diversion Channel. The city's trail system is tied to the State Trail System which extends along the Highway 23 bypass linking Marshall to other area towns and cities. This paved trail is in good condition. An additional 0.7 miles of the trail along the channel is yet to be completed. A maintenance program dedicated to the bicycle trail system should be considered.

***Independence Park***

*Nuese Lane and East Lyon Street*

This 51-acre community park has fast become the community's recreational center. The park has a large playground, two volleyball courts, a rolle bolle court, two multi-purpose ball fields, sliding hill, two restroom facilities, a veterans monument, a large picnic shelter, fishing pier, a pond (which functions as a storm retention pond), a gazebo and warming house and outdoor skating rink. There are also benches and two miles of walking trails. A youth activity complex is being considered for incorporation into Independence Park. This park was developed in the 1980's and is in excellent condition. Maturity of the trees is needed. There are plans for more playground equipment and development of tennis courts.

***New Downtown Park***

*Corner of East College Drive and West Main Street*

This 1.5-acre park will contain a new shelter, restrooms, pedestrian bridge, lighting and fencing as a new gateway into the downtown. This will be built in 2002.

**Lynd**

***City Park***

*West of City*

The park was developed in 1989 on a historic site. The facilities at the park include horseshoe pits, picnic area, renovation of former 1<sup>st</sup> courthouse of Lyon County, rolle bolle area, portable restroom facilities in the summer and many well-developed trees.

Each year the city has Prairie Days the last Saturday of June.

**Russell**

***Russell Park***

The Russell Park is approximately 9 acres. The park has a football field, tennis courts, playground, softball diamond, basketball court and volleyball court. Recent renovations to the park include the shelter being re-shingled in 1999 and a new fence for the ball field in 2000.

**Cottonwood**

***Cottonwood City Park***

*Between Prairie & Park Street and Cherry & Orchard Street*

The 2-acre park was dedicated in the 1940's. The facilities at the park include: picnic facilities, shelter house, restrooms, basketball court and volleyball area. Renovations are planned or needed for the restrooms and shelter house. There is no room for further expansion of the park.

The park is used primarily by the residents of Cottonwood for picnics. Another favorite use of the park is for basketball games by the youth of the community.

***CW Reishus Park***

*367 Barstad Road North*

The 3.4-acre park was developed in two phases, one in the early 1960's and the second in the mid 1980's with renovations to the existing facilities. The trees in the park are all mature and very beautiful. The facilities in the park include a swimming beach, restrooms, shelter house, picnic facilities and a playground.

Renovations that are planned or needed are the addition of another restroom and a shelter house. There is no room for further expansion of the park.

The major uses of the park are for swimming and picnics, both for families and businesses. The primary users of the park are community members with visitors from a twenty-mile radius of Cottonwood.

***Lakeview Park***

*210 Shoreview Drive*

The one-acre park was developed in the early 1980's. The trees by the lakeshore are mature while the trees in the park are younger. The facilities in the park include: public access to the boat landing, a dock, picnic facilities, a small swimming beach and restrooms.

The major activity of the park is the launching of boats for fishing and recreation. People also use the park for picnics. The primary users of the park are from a twenty-mile radius of Cottonwood.

***Public Access / Boat Landing***

*255 Barstad Road North*

The half-acre landing was developed in the 1960's. Along with the landing there is a dock to tie boats to as well as to fish from. There is no room to expand the landing. The primary activity of the landing is water skiing by people from a twenty-mile radius.

**Balaton**

***Wayside Park***

*North ¼ section 24 Township 109 Range 42 West*

The 1.79-acre park provides many activities for the people of southern Lyon County. The park offers playground swings, volleyball and a swimming beach. The bathrooms, picnic shelter and fishing pier meet ADA requirements.

The park is used primarily for the water activities. The Southwest Athletic Association sponsors a triathlon each year. The city would like to pave the parking lot in the future.

***Lion's Park***

*Northwest ¼ Section 23, Township 109, Range 42*

This park has a playground and old and new trees. A new restrooms and a picnic shelter were added in 1985. This park is used for all community outdoor functions. One of the three city wells is located in the park.

**Minneota**

***Lester Christian Park***

*South Jackson Street*

This small park is less than 10 years old and serves the neighborhood. The park has playground equipment. The Park Board would like more equipment in the future.

***Riverside Park***

*Sixth Street*

The park was developed in 1920 on approximately 2 acres of land. The park is located at the entrance of the Minneota Football and Baseball fields. The park has a shelter area, playground equipment, bathroom facilities and camping spaces, two with electrical hook-up. The city of Minneota and Minneota Public School share in the SNAP Program as it relates to prairie plantings with grasses and flowers. Most of the park is wooded with shade trees.

North of the park area may be developed as part of a regional trail system. This trail would be four miles in length and would cross the river in and around the park.

***Memorial Park***

*Highway 68 (First Street)*

The park was developed in the 1920's covering 140 feet by 100 feet. The park has benches and flower plantings. The park is used for community events like Box Elder Bug Days, Legion Activities, band concerts and small gatherings.

***Eastwold Park***

*North Madison Street, Minneota*

The park was developed in the 1950's covering 1 acre. The park has no vegetation and has a basketball court and rolle bolle Court. The park is used for community and neighborhood activities as well as Thursday night rolle bolle. The Park Board would like to add restroom facilities in the future.

***Tennis Court / Skating Rink***

*Sixth Street*

This 330' x 300' portion of the school property is owned and maintained by the city. The four tennis courts cover the entire area. The Park Board plans to rebuild the courts in 2004.

## **SCHOOLS**

### **Southwest State University**

*1501 State Street, Marshall*

The first of 26 buildings was constructed in 1968. All of the buildings but one, the Child Care Center, is built of concrete, concrete block and steel beam with brick veneer. The campus covers 215 acres of land. The current student to teacher ratio is 18:1.

A design for renovations to the library is in progress. Approximately 67,000 gsf is planned to be remodeled, with a possible addition of 4,000 – 12,000 gsf for a new entry space to the library / campus building.

The Southwest State University 2000 Facilities Master Plan projects they should have sufficient classroom space until 2006 – 2007 academic year. It is expected that University facilities can handle 4,200 – 4,500 students. The Master Plan describes a 30-50 year scenario for future development of the campus and indicates that there is ample land area within the boundaries of the campus to accommodate building needs for this time frame. Per the Master Plan, six guiding principles were developed for the future expansion.

1. Distinguish the campus from the surrounding context
2. Create clear campus entries
3. Create clear vehicular circulation
4. Distinguish parking areas and better integrate into campus
5. Create a more legible way-finding system
6. Acknowledge current density and compactness and take advantage of existing space.

The University currently offers 45 majors including 4 joint programs with the University of Minnesota. There are two graduate programs, a Global Studies Program, NCAA Division II athletics, over 80 clubs and organizations, and sport and leadership activities for students. The fall 2002 full time enrollment was approximately 2,800.

### **Samuel Lutheran School**

*500 Village Drive, Marshall*

The original wood frame building was constructed in 1969-70 and purchased by Samuel Lutheran School in 1975. In 1986 an addition, built of wood frame and block, was added to the building.

The school has students ranging from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade from all over the Marshall 413 District. The current enrollment is 60-70 students. The meeting hall has a capacity of 150 people and the gymnasium has a capacity of 650 people.

**Marshall Area Christian School**

***K-6<sup>th</sup> Grades***

*711 Bruce Street North, Marshall*

***7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades***

*305 Camden Drive, Marshall*

These facilities are rented from Assembly of God Church and Grace Life Church in Marshall. The school is part of the Marshall Public School District with students from Balaton, Minneota, Tracy, Amiret, Russell, Lynd and Cottonwood.

The student to teacher ratio is 10:1 in grades K-8<sup>th</sup>. There are 6 staff and 60 students in the two facilities.

**Yankton Country School**

*Main Street 1133<sup>rd</sup> Street, Balaton*

The school was built in the summer of 1995 and is in excellent condition. This school serves students from Balaton, Tracy, Slayton, Valda, Iona and Lake Wilson because there are no district lines. There are no plans for remodeling but there is need for possible expansion in the future. Grades 9-12 are in the school consisting of 20 students and 3 ½ teachers. The maximum capacity for the school is 60 people.

**East Side Elementary School**

*600 East College Drive, Marshall*

The school was built in 1951 of brick covering 46,000 square feet. In 1955 8,000 square feet were added. ADA Requirements were done in 1992. The overall building is in good shape. The building houses 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and the ECFE Program. The student to teacher ratio is 18:1. The special education program occupies five rooms in the school.

**Parkside Elementary School**

*1300 East Lyon Street, Marshall*

This school serves grades five, six, preschool and kindergarten, with an enrollment of about 510 students. Recreational facilities include a playground and ball field. This school was built in 1989 and is in excellent condition. There are no needs for additions or renovations.

**St. Edward School**

*210 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneota*

The school was built in 1937 of brick and cement with an addition in 1957. The current condition of the building is good. The school has a current enrollment of 116 students with 13 staff. Nine of the staff are teachers, eight full time teachers and one part time teacher making the student to teacher ratio 15:1. The total capacity of the building is 650 including the social hall which is used for a music room.

**West Side Elementary**

*500 South Fourth Street, Marshall*

The original building was constructed of brick in 1955 measuring 33,807 square feet. There was an addition added in 1960 that used brick and measured 15,000 square feet.

The school is currently occupied by 305 third and fourth graders. The student to teacher ratio for the third graders is 18:1 and the fourth graders are at 24:1. The cafeteria has a capacity of 180 people, and the gymnasium will accommodate 330 people.

**Marshall Junior High School**

*207 North Fourth Street, Marshall*

The original building was constructed of brick in 1931 measuring 49,140 square feet. The first addition was constructed in 1955 measuring 26,460 square feet and made of brick. A second addition constructed in 1961 measuring 18,000 square feet was also made of brick.

The school is occupied by 347 seventh and eighth graders. There are 12 core teachers, with 29 students per class, and 4 special area teachers, with 20 students per class. The projected enrollment is 345 students.

**Marshall Senior High School**

*401 South Saratoga Street, Marshall*

The original building was constructed of brick in 1967 measuring 222,208 square feet. The first addition was constructed in 1971 measuring 9,000 square feet and made of brick. A second addition was constructed in 1995 measuring 1,462 square feet and also made of brick.

The school is occupied by 928 ninth through twelfth graders. The school capacity is 1,200. The student to teacher ratio is currently 16:1 with projected enrollment to increase to 940 students. The I.T.V. has a capacity of 75, the theater has a capacity of 600 and each of the two sub-theaters has a capacity of 100.

**Holy Redeemer School**

*501 South Whitney, Marshall*

The building was constructed in 1950 and built of brick. The building is not completely handicap accessible, but it is not required to upgrade unless major remodeling is done.

The school is occupied by kindergarten through eighth graders. A portion of the building is rented to the Wee Care Preschool. The current student to teacher ratio is 18:1. The cafeteria seats 224, the gymnasium/auditorium will accommodate 450 people, and the chapel holds 400.



**Balaton Public School District 411**

*330 Third Street, Balaton*

The building was constructed in 1957 of brick and is in excellent condition. Recent remodeling includes new bleachers in 1999 and a new gymnasium roof in 1996. Another building made of brick was built in 1912, but has since been closed. A new roof was put on due to strong winds in 1993.

The school houses the pre-kindergarten to eighth grade. The student to teacher ratio is 12:1. The projected enrollment is 111 students. Special programs include ECFC and Community Education. The capacity of the gymnasium is 1,140.

**Lakeview Elementary / High School**

*76 West Front Street, Cottonwood*

The original building was constructed in the 1930's of brick and mortar. Additions were made in the 1940's and the early 1960's. There is currently a new school being built for K-12 located along CSAH 9 on the north side of Cottonwood.

Currently the school teaches to preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> graders and 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders. The enrollment is 426 students with the teacher to student ratio at 1:16. The projected enrollment is between 550 and 580 in the 2002-2003 school year. The new K-12 school will be 128,000 square feet, have a capacity of 600, and is anticipated to open Fall of 2002.

**Minneota Public School**

*504 North Monroe, Minneota*

The building was constructed in 1951 of brick measuring 13,389 square feet. In 1957 another 59,690 square feet was added of the same construction material. Two more additions were added in 1962 and 1969 measuring 9,404 square feet and 18,791 square feet respectively. The building is in good condition and meets all ADA requirements. Recent remodeling was completed of the computer rooms and media center.

The student to teacher ratio for K-12 is 17:1. Programs at the school include general and vocational education, school to work program, special education, preschool, adult education and English as a second language (ESL). The current enrollment for the school is 560 with a projected decline in the future. The gymnasium has a capacity of 650 people, the library / media center holds 45 and the conference room holds 12 to 20.

**St. Mary's Catholic School**

*225 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Tracy*

St. Mary's Catholic School provides kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade education and is supported by parishioners of the churches of St. Mary in Tracy and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Currie. The school provides an accelerated learning program for grades two through six.

**Tracy Elementary School**

*700 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Tracy*

Tracy Area Elementary School was built in 1971 when it replaced the former elementary school at Rowland and 5<sup>th</sup> Street that was destroyed by a tornado in 1968. It currently has 363 students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through grade 6. The school includes a 30-unit computer lab with Internet access.

**Tracy Area High School**

*934 Pine Street, Tracy*

The Tracy Area High School offers a variety of student and community programs. Eleven varsity sports are offered and fine arts activity opportunities have increased in the last five years. The school also offers programs in vocal and instrumental music, speech, Future Leaders of America, Knowledge Bowl, FFA and drama. The school also works with Southwest State University to offer post-secondary enrollment options. The school contains five computer labs as well as numerous workstations throughout the school. The school's Community Education programs offer both residents and students an opportunity to enhance their educational experience. The school also offers a special education program and English as a second language.

## **COMMUNITY CENTERS**

### **Balaton Community Center**

*134 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Balaton*

The building was constructed in 1993 of a wood frame and concrete slab measuring 6,655 square feet. The building is in excellent condition. The only improvement needed for ADA requirements would be an automatic opener for the front door.

The facility houses the City Hall and the Library. City Council meetings are held in the facility as well as a ballroom for meetings, fundraisers, wedding receptions and monthly non-profit meetings. The ballroom has a capacity of 300 people.

### **City of Lynd**

*111 West Railroad Street, Lynd*

The building was constructed in 1968 of metal material. The facility is in excellent condition and has a capacity of 75 people. There are plans to do some painting in the future.

### **Cottonwood Community Center**

*142 West Main Street, Cottonwood*

The wood frame and metal clad building was constructed in 1981 measuring 5,760 square feet. The building is in good condition and had an electric door opener installed to comply with ADA regulations. The building is not in need of major repairs.

The building is used for a meal site, community organizations and rented out for family gatherings and business meetings. A part time custodian maintains the building. There are two meeting rooms, the smaller one will accommodate 60 people and the large room has a capacity of 300 people.

### **Cottonwood Senior Citizens Center**

*40 West First Street North, Cottonwood*

The building was constructed in the late 1940's measuring 2,400 square feet. The building is in good condition due to roof construction and window replacement in the late 1980's. An electric door was installed to meet ADA requirements. There is one meeting room with capacity of 60 people. City council and other governmental meetings are held in the Senior Citizen's Center, including Revolving Loan Fund Committee meetings.

### **Minneota Community Center**

*129 East First Street, Minneota*

The Community Center is located in the same building as the City Hall and Police Department. The building was constructed in the 1950's of brick tile that is covered with metal siding is in good condition. Major remodeling was completed in the late 1980's.

The community center is a meeting room with a capacity of 90 people and attached kitchen area for serving or cooking meals if needed. Non-profit organizations use the room at no charge and other individuals or organizations pay a \$30 fee per event.

**Marshall Area YMCA**

*200 South A Street, Marshall*

Construction is planned for a 67,000 square foot, \$8.6 million dollar YMCA in Marshall. The facility is expected to open in July 2003. The facility will include an aquatic center, a wellness center, a gymnasium, a youth room and child watch center, a lobby/lounge area, kitchen facilities as well as multi-purpose meeting space.

## WASTEWATER /WATER

### WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

#### City of Balaton

The original two ponds were built in 1969. In 1989 a third pond was added and the dikes on the two original ponds were raised to increase capacity. The primary pond 1 measures 7.63 acres, primary pond 2 measures 3.12 acres and the secondary pond measures 5.01 acres. The plant is sized to treat 120,000 gallons per day of household sewage.

#### City of Cottonwood

*0.5 miles east of Cottonwood*

The three-cell, 25.2 -acre facility was built in 1981. The facility currently consists of three settlement ponds, each 5.4-acres in size. There is another 9 acres available for the construction of a fourth pond when it is needed. The facility is designed for 110,000 gallons per day. The City is planning to construct an additional settlement pond in the next 3-5 years.

#### City of Lynd

*Highway 23 1 mile east of Lynd*

The fifteen-acre facility was built around 1988. There are three ponds, 2.1 acres each, in a fenced in area 1 mile east of the city. The facility is designed for 35,000 gallons per day and is currently averaging 21,000 gallons per day.

Conditions may change due to housing developments around the ponds.

#### City of Marshall

*West Highway 23*

The original mechanical treatment plant was built in 1975. There was a major upgrade completed in 1994. There was a construction project started in the spring of 2001 that included replacement of existing effluent and additional sludge storage tanks. The facility employs a trickling filter/activated sludge system with dual media effluent filters and ultra violet disinfection. The plant's designed treatment capacity is 4.5 MGD, 12,000 lbs. CBOD/Day and 7,800 lbs. TSS/Day. Current loadings are 2.7 MGD, 7,500 lbs. CBOD/Day and 7,000 lbs. TSS/Day.

The City of Marshall is currently working with local industries to implement Significant Industrial User Agreements. These agreements tie up all of the available design capacities of the treatment plant. Current practice is to not accept any wastewater from outside the incorporated city limits.

**City of Minneota**

*North County Road 3*

The facility was constructed in 1988. There are three eleven-acre ponds, two primary ponds and one secondary pond. One hundred twenty thousand to two hundred thousand gallons of sewage are pumped into the holding ponds until it has stabilized. Once it meets the required time frame the water is discharged.

**City of Tracy**

The city of Tracy utilizes a community drainfield system to treat its sewage. The plant has a capacity of 750,000 gallons per day. Average daily demand is 160,000 gallons per day with peak demands reaching 400,000 gallons per day.

**City of Russell**

*Southeast ¼ of Northwest ¼ of Section 18, T 110 North, R42w, Lyons Township*

The facility provides stabilization treatment. The facility treats 30,000 gallons per day with a designed capacity of 84,000 gallons. After treatment the water is discharged into the Redwood River.

**WELLS / WATER**

**City of Balaton**

***Water Treatment***

*East Highway 14*

The facility was built in 1989 and is in good condition. The water is treated for public consumption at 310 gallons per minute.

***Well #1 “Old Well”***

A well with a diameter of 8 feet was constructed in 1915 at a depth of 30 feet 9 inches. The well pumps 210 gallons per minute with 140,000 gallons per month. City records indicate that additional deepening was done in 1933. The well was the city’s primary source of water until agricultural chemical impacts were observed in 1988. The well is now used for some public consumption and as a back up well for treatment plant backwash. Wellhead protection will begin sometime in 2001.

***Well #2***

*Northeastern portion of Brenning Slough*

The 43-foot deep well was built in 1989 to a diameter of 12 inches. The well pumps 310 gallons per minute. The well was found to have high iron and manganese concentrations and is used primarily as a back up well. Wellhead protection will begin sometime in 2001.

**Well #3**

*400 feet northeast of Brenning Slough*

In 1990 the third well was constructed at a depth of 56-feet with a diameter of 10 inches. The well pumps 310 gallons per minute at over 100,000 gallons per day. The well is the primary well for public consumption and Red Rock Rural Water purchases water supplied from the well. Wellhead protection will begin sometime in 2001.

**City of Cottonwood**

**Well #6**

*255 Barstad Road North*

This 97-foot deep well was built in 1968 of 8-inch casing and a 10-foot long screen. The well was not used in 2000. The well is occasionally used for spraying or road construction watering. This well is not hooked up to the city's potable water distribution system.

**Well #7**

*3 miles east of Cottonwood*

This well was constructed in 1969. The 122-foot deep well is built of 12-inch casing and a 10-foot long screen. The well pumps 170 gallons per minute with 678,333 gallons per month. This well is used for public consumption and is a backup well.

**Well #8**

*3 miles north of Cottonwood*

This 225-foot deep well was built in 1985 of 12-inch casing and a 53-foot long screen. The well pumps 350 gallons per minute with 2.35 million gallons per month. This well is the city's primary water supply. The city has a need for a water filtration facility.

**City of Lynd**

***North River***

The water treatment plant was constructed in 1974. A new well was added in 1990 that requires no pumping because it is a free flowing well. The water flows at about 30 gallons per minute averaging 21,000 gallons per day. The water from the well is used for public consumption.

**City of Minneota**

***South Well***

*South Jefferson Street*

The well pumps 50 gallons per minute and is in good condition. This well is used for agricultural purposes in the spring and summer and pumped 4,500 gallons in 2000. The well is fitted with a coin operated dispenser and key. Minneota is currently using Lincoln/Pipestone Rural Water for consumption.

***West Well***

*West Highway 68*

This well is in good condition and pumps 205 gallons per minute. This well is a back up for the city. 3,500 gallons were pumped in 2000 for exercising the system. Minneota is currently using Lincoln/Pipestone Rural Water for consumption.

**City of Tracy**

The city of Tracy's wells pump 900 gallons per minute to meet its average daily demand of 270,000 gallons. The city's peak water demand reaches 516,000 gallons per day. The city has a water storage capacity of 500,000 gallons.

**City of Marshall**

***Water Treatment***

*600 Erie Road*

In 1996 Marshall Municipal Utilities began the planning work for a new water treatment facility. There was a need for additional treatment plant capacity and a need to provide a more reliable means for iron and manganese and approximately 30% of the total hardness in the water. This process was tested using pilot plant facilities during the summer of 1996. The operating parameters determined during the pilot testing process were then used as a basis for the design of the facilities. The project bids were opened in August 1997 and construction was completed in July 1999. The construction cost for the new facility was \$9,005,277.

The oxygen for oxidation of iron and manganese is added to the water by aeration. Following aeration, lime is added at the Solids Contact Clarifier Unit. The lime raises the pH of the water, causing the precipitation of hardness and removal of carbon dioxide that may be present in the water. The higher pH also provides for more effective removal of manganese.

After the pH adjustment the water is filtered in sand filters to remove any particulate matter that may have carried over the weirs of the clarifier basins. The level in each cell and rate of flow to each filter is monitored continuously. Filter operation is also monitored at the main control room.



The filtered water flows by gravity to an underground clearwell. Chlorine is injected to disinfect the water as it flows to the clearwell. The treated water is pumped from the clearwell to ground storage reservoirs. The water from the ground storage reservoirs is pumped to the system using the high service pumps.

The hardness removed from the water is collected as lime sludge. The sludge is pressed and dried using plate and frame presses. The presses produce a sludge cake suitable for agricultural reuse. Marshall Utilities contracts with a sludge hauling company that delivers the lime sludge product to various customers for beneficial refuse.

The water treatment plant includes a standby generator system. The system is sized to operate the treatment process and the High Service Pumps that deliver treated water to the distribution system. The generator set provides improved reliability in the event of a power failure.

### **Wells**

Following are the wells in Marshall including the year each was constructed, the well casing diameter and pumping capacity:

Well Number	Year Constructed	Casing Diameter	Pumping Capacity (GPM)
11/241496	1962	12"	200
12/141497	1965	12"	250
14/241499	1972	12"	300
15/241500	1972	12"	300
16/241572	1977	12"	350
17/241573	1977	12"	400
19/197496	1983	12"	150
20/197497	1983	12"	150
22/455785	1988	12"	500
23/505307	1989	12"	500
24/478159	1991	12"	400
25/550189	1996	18"	300
27/587724	1997	12"	325

## **LIBRARIES**

### **Balaton Community Library**

*134 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Balaton*

The building was built in 1993 as the Balaton Community Center. The library occupies the front left side of the building. The library is part of the Plum Creek Library System, which includes 9 Counties (26 libraries). There is one computer with Internet access and one search terminal used for locating books, audiotapes, videos, puppets or cakepans.

### **Cottonwood Community Library**

*86 West Main Street, Cottonwood*

The building that the current library is located was built in the 1910's. The library was developed in 1992 occupying 966 square feet of the building. The building is in fair condition with no plans for remodeling.

There are currently 6,000 to 7,000 books and resources in the library. The Cottonwood Community Library is a branch of the Lyon County Library system, which is part of the Plum Creek Regional System. There is one public computer with Internet access.

### **Marshall-Lyon County Library**

*301 W Lyon St, Marshall*

The Marshall-Lyon County Library was constructed in 1967. Outer walls are brick and the inner walls are made of plaster. It houses approximately 80,000 books and 2,500 videos. A new library van was purchased April 2002. Energy efficient lighting was installed in 2000. A new main air-conditioning unit will be needed in the next 2-5 years. The library shares its building with Studio 8.

No major remodeling is planned, but maximum seating and table space has been reached and shelving space will reach maximum in the next five years.

### **Minneota Public Library**

*103 North Jefferson Street, Minneota*

The original building was constructed as a bank in 1900 of brick measuring 1,250 square feet. The building was remodeled in 1987 and more room will be needed in the future.

The library houses 7,125 books and 344 videos and is part of the Plum Creek Library System. There are three computers and a meeting room with a capacity of eight people.

### **Tracy Public Library**

*117 Third Street, Tracy*

Tracy has had a library in various locations since 1880. The library has been located in its current two room downtown site since the late 1980's. Readers will find more than 14,000 items, including periodicals, videos and books on tape.

The library has two computers for public use. Internet access is available. Students in kindergarten through sixth grade can participate in a summer reading program at the library.

The Tracy Public Library is part of the Plum Creek Library System.

## **ISSUES**

As part of the Comprehensive Planning process, the County hosted a project kick-off meeting on April 12, 2001. Meeting participants were led through a number of exercises to elicit Task Force and resident views on the issues, opportunities and threats facing the county as well as its strengths and weaknesses. Participants listed and then ranked their ideas in order of importance.

Participants in the workshop identified a number of community facilities, services and institutions that add to the quality of life in Lyon County (the number of votes received is in parentheses):

- Schools K-12 and SSU (19)
- Good Educational System (6)
- Railroad (6)
- Good Road System (5)
- Services (4)
- Churches (3)
- County Government (2)
- Parks and Natural Resources (2)
- Natural Resources and Recreational Opportunities (2)
- Airport (1)
- Hospital
- Highway

However, participants also identified a number of threats and issues relating to the ability to continue providing needed facilities, infrastructure and services:

- Lack of Groundwater/Water Resources for Expansion (14)
- Limited Water Supply and Flood Control Issues (13)
- Insufficient Funding to Preserve and Expand Present Transportation (9)
- Water Availability for Drinking Water (3)
- Major Transportation Corridors (2)
- Lack of Air/Bus/Train/Passenger Service (2)
- Threats to Natural Area and Resources (2)
- Not Capitalizing on Recreation (1)
- State Funding of Education (1)
- Decline in School Enrollment (1)
- Increased Health Care Costs
- Taxes
- Deteriorating Township Roads
- State Highway System Minimal

## **POLICY PLAN**

Lyon County recognizes the importance of efficiently providing important community facilities and services to serve all county residents. Following are the goals and policies of Lyon County to address community facilities and services.

**PUBLIC FACILITIES GOAL #1: MAXIMIZE PUBLIC SERVICE EFFICIENCIES BOTH THROUGH EFFECTIVE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, AND BY EXERCISING SOUND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE DELIVERY OF APPROPRIATE SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS.**

Policies:

1. Actively explore opportunities for all jurisdictions, agencies and public organizations in the area to share services and resources to reduce or eliminate duplication and improve efficiency while still providing appropriate levels of service.
2. Continue to support intergovernmental cooperation and existing joint governmental ventures in the delivery of services.
3. Continue to maintain community facilities and identify areas of improvement in a Capital Improvement Plan.
4. Continue to improve and update when possible the County's public service capabilities through the use of training, upgraded facilities and equipment, and improved management practices.