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RAMSEY MUNICIPAL BUILDING



Section 1:

Introduction to the Plan

The following section provides a brief introduction to the 2019 Borough of Ramsey Community Facilities Plan Element of the Master Plan. It identifies the obligatory contents of a Community Facilities Plan, highlights previous Community Facilities Plan Elements prepared by the Borough of Ramsey (Borough), and identifies existing and projected population levels in the Borough for context.

Section 1:

Introduction

1.1: Overview

A community facilities plan element is one of the many elements that may comprise a master plan. Its purpose, according to the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28b(6), is to show “the existing and proposed location and type of educational or cultural facilities, historic sites, libraries, hospitals, firehouses, police stations and other related facilities, including their relation to the surrounding areas.” This 2019 Community Facilities Plan Element includes data on existing and proposed municipal and other public facilities, semi-public facilities, parks and recreation, schools, utilities services, stormwater management and recycling.

The Borough last prepared a Community Facilities Plan Element in 2006. Although there have been no subsequent updates to that document, the Borough has undertaken a review of its community facilities needs on an annual basis since then. For example, many of the existing facilities have been upgraded over the course of the last two decades to reflect Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and other needs.

The purpose of this 2019 Borough of Ramsey Community Facilities Plan Element effort is two-fold. First, it is intended to provide an understanding of the Borough’s current community facilities needs. Secondly, it is meant to offer a blueprint for upgrading those facilities which are determined to be in need of upgrading and expansion, thereby serving as the basis for guiding improvements in the years to come. These assessments are based on both current usage and trends, as well as an estimation of the future needs based on population growth and changes in the Borough’s demographic characteristics.

The accompanying document presents an inventory of the Borough's existing community facilities and an assessment of the adequacy of facilities in terms of physical condition, size, equipment, location and/or staffing. Information is provided on existing and proposed municipal and other public facilities, semi-public facilities, parks and recreation sites, schools, utilities services, stormwater management and recycling.

It is based on interviews with department heads and various staff members of the individual departments, as well as information from the Borough's planning office.

According to United States Census Data, the Borough's population increased 4.4 percent between 2010 and 2016, rising from 14,473 residents in 2010 to 15,116 residents in 2016.

Population projections provide demand parameters for evaluating future community facility needs. In 2013, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) released population, household, and employment forecasts through the year 2040 for municipalities throughout northern New Jersey. The NJTPA forecasts estimate the Borough's population will grow to 16,750 by 2040, representing a 10.8 percent increase over current population levels.

1.2: Existing and Projected Population





Section 2:

Existing Facilities

The following section presents an inventory of the Borough's existing community facilities. Information is provided on existing and proposed municipal and other public facilities, semi-public facilities, parks and recreation, schools, utilities services, stormwater management and recycling.

Section 2:

Existing Facilities

Ramsey provides an excellent range and quality of community facilities to serve its population. The following inventory of existing facilities addresses seventeen separate categories of community facilities. These include the municipal building, Police Department, Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, Rescue Squad, Department of Public Works and Road Department, library, post office, Board of Health, parks and recreation, semi-public facilities, historic preservation, energy conservation, utilities, stormwater management, recycling, and public schools. Each facility is described in detail below.

An Existing Community Facilities Map, located at the end of this chapter, graphically depicts the locations of each of these facilities.

2.1: Municipal Building

Since 1939, Borough Hall has been located at North Central Avenue in an historic building originally constructed in 1892 as an elementary school.

Early on, the first floor housed the Borough Library, with the second floor providing municipal services. Major improvements to the building have been ongoing throughout the years and Borough Hall now includes a remodeled council chambers, handicapped bathrooms, an elevator and an access ramp to the front of the building.

Borough Hall houses offices and conference rooms for the Mayor, Council, Borough officials, and the various municipal agencies, commissions and boards, including the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Shade Tree Commission, Recreation Commission, Pool Commission, Recycling Committee, Environmental Commission, Design Review Board, Board of Health and Office of Emergency Management. In addition, there are offices for the following departments: Finance, Health, Fire Prevention, Tax Collector, Violations Bureau, Water Department, Building Department, Tax Assessor, Borough Engineer, Borough Administrator and Borough Clerk.

2.2: Police Department

The Borough's police headquarters is located adjacent to the Municipal Building on North Central Avenue.

The Police Station contains the following:

- (1) Communications room
- (1) Lobby with unisex bathroom
- (1) Records room
- (1) Squad room
- (2) Interview rooms
- (8) Offices
- (1) Booking room
- (2) Cells
- (1) Prisoner holding facility
- (1) Lunch room
- (1) Evidence room
- (1) Armory
- (1) Female locker room
- (1) Male Patrol Officers locker room
- (1) Sergeants locker room
- (1) Male bathroom with shower
- (1) Unisex bathroom
- (1) Female bathroom with shower
- (1) Storage room
- (1) Sally port

Police equipment includes the following:

- (11) Marked police vehicles
- (4) Unmarked police vehicles

The police department currently has 33 officers, 4 full-time dispatchers and 2 part-time dispatchers. A systemized logistical projection of present, as well as future needs is ongoing in order to continue to provide residents with a responsive, modern police department. The Department's authorized complement of officers and dispatchers is supplemented by civilians and crossing guards.

2.3: Fire Department

Ramsey's Volunteer Fire Department consists of one company and two stations. The first station is located on a parcel of 2.5 acres on Island Avenue south of Main Street. The second station is located adjacent to the Borough Road Department garage, on the west side of the railroad, where additional equipment is housed.

The Fire Department, which currently consists of approximately 80 volunteers, is a member of the Northwest Bergen Mutual Aid Association and the New Jersey-New York Volunteer Firemen's Association. The Fire Department has a Class 3 Protected rating. Two new trucks were added in 2018, the Fire Department is adequately equipped to meet the needs of the community.

Fire vehicles include:

- Engine 431 – 2002 E-1 2000 GPM Foam Pumper – Excellent Condition
- Engine 432 – 2014 Pierce 1500 GPM Pumper – Excellent Condition
- Engine 433 – 2014 Pierce 1500 GPM Pumper – Excellent Condition
- Engine 434 – 1994 E-1 1500 GPM Pumper – Excellent Condition
- Engine 435 – Retired in 2011
- Engine 436 – 2018 Ford F550/KME 1000 GPM Mini Pumper – Brand New
- Truck 441 – 2018 Rosenbauer 88' Mid Mount Tower – Brand New
- Truck 442 – 2004 E-1 95' Mid Mount Tower – Excellent Condition
- Squad 451 – 2012 Ford F550/Odysee Squad Truck – Excellent Condition
- Chief Car 430 – 2015 Chevy Tahoe – Excellent Condition
- Assistant Chief Car 440 – 2009 Chevy Tahoe – Fair Condition
- Deputy Chief Car 450 – 2009 Chevy Tahoe – Fair Condition

2.4: Ambulance Corps

The Ramsey Ambulance Corps is located on Island Avenue, south of Main Street. The purpose of this Emergency Medical Annex is to define and provide guidance for the development and operation of a viable emergency medical program.

The Ramsey Ambulance Corps is the responsible agency for carrying out and coordinating all the EMS function in the Borough. It is served by volunteers on call 24 hours a day, providing emergency medical services for Borough residents. The Ramsey Ambulance Corps has Basic Life Support (BLS) capabilities and represents one, independent operational area and operates under a unified command.

The Ramsey Ambulance Corps has 61 active members. All are trained in HazMat awareness. The following is a list of the Ramsey Ambulance Corps' equipment:

- Ambulance 424 - a 2015 International 4300 with a MaxxForce DT engine and an Allison transmission.

- Ambulance 425 - a 2007 Ford E-350 Type III ambulance conversion.
- One Command Vehicle.
- Rapid Response Vehicle 419: 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV. This vehicle is used to precede an ambulance to a request for emergency medical services, to initiate patient care faster and provide support services for the Fire Department.
- LSU - 1: Logistical Support Unit 1 which is a trailer that was purchased in 2012 with funds donated by the Ramsey Greater Unico.
- Special Operations Unit 418: 1997 Ford F-350. Retired Ramsey DPW pick-up truck primarily used to tow LSU-1.

The Independent Ramsey Rescue Squad is staffed by 50 volunteer members and is located at the Public Safety Complex on South Island Avenue.

Ramsey Rescue vehicles include:

- Two (2) Heavy Rescue trucks: Rescue 8 & 423 - fair condition
- One (1) Hazardous Materials Decontamination truck: Haz.-Mat. H-11- fair condition
- Two (2) 4x4 Pickup trucks: Rescue 9 - fair condition and Rescue 426 - good condition
- One (1) Technical (Confined Space, Trench & Structural Collapse) trailer T1 - fair condition
- One (1) ATV Transport Trailer - good condition
- Two (2) Hazardous Materials (Technical & Mass) Decontamination trailers T3 & T4 - fair condition
- One (1) 4x4 Polaris All-Terrain Vehicle: Rescue 428 - good condition
- One (1) 14 foot Zodiac Boat: Marine 1 - good condition

The Department of Public Works is located east of Maple Street behind the railroad station parking lot (Westside Plaza).

All equipment that is stored and maintained there is utilized in connection with: fleet maintenance, buildings & grounds, parks, water and sewer, stream and catch basin maintenance, road maintenance and shade tree work.

The existing Recycling Center is located at the rear of the Public Works yard.

2.5: Rescue Squad

2.6: Department of Public Works and Road Department

The following major pieces of motorized equipment are assigned to the Department of Public Works:

- Dump Trucks (6)
- 4x4 Trucks (12)
- Backhoes (2)
- Roll Off Container Truck (2)
- Sewer Cleaner Truck (2)
- Street Cleaners (1)
- Front End Loader (2)
- Rack Body Truck (1)
- Chipper (1)
- Generators (3)
- Snowplows (21)
- Gasoline Powered Pumps (4)

2.7: Ramsey Free Public Library

Ramsey's Fire Public Library is located on Wyckoff Avenue west of Main Street adjoining the Central Business District. The building contains a total floor area of 14,000 square feet situated on about 1.5 acres of a 3.3 acre tract of land, the balance of which is used for conservation and nature studies. There is currently sufficient parking on the site with 65 vehicle spaces.

Ramsey Free Public Library is a member of the Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS). This computerized network gives all cardholders access to Ramsey's library and to 77 other BCCLS member libraries. A complete redevelopment of the Library began in 2010 and has been completed. Exterior upgrades included, but were not limited to, overlay pavement and milling of the parking lot, replacement of curbs and sidewalks, replacement of site lighting. Interior upgrades included a dedicated area for children and teens, adult reading areas and updated wireless communication. At present there are 86,820 items in the Ramsey Library collection. Library users borrowed over 200,000 items in 2015. More than 70 percent of Ramsey's residents have library cards.



The Post Office occupies a leased building on a 0.53 acre site located on Main Street. Four Post Office employees provide window and P.O. Box services. All carriers and vehicles for the delivery of mail operate out of the Ramsey/Mahwah Postal Annex located at 46 Industrial Avenue in Mahwah.

2.8: Post Office

The Board of Health currently occupies two rooms on the second floor of Borough Hall. These offices provide adequate space for the Board's administrative staff.

2.9: Board of Health

The Board of Health sponsors adult health consultation services at the Woodlands Senior Housing complex.

Ramsey has a wide range of public park and playground facilities for active and passive recreational use. These facilities are listed in Table C-1. All of the park and recreational facilities taken together total 123.84 acres of land. In addition, Ramsey contains 77.5 acres of Darlington County Park and 214.7 acres of Borough-owned Conservation lands.

2.10: Parks and Recreation

Of the 123.84 acres of Borough parks and recreational facilities, approximately 37 acres are comprised of land and facilities owned and maintained by the Board of Education on its five school sites (including playgrounds) in addition to the Board of Education's baseball field. The remaining 86.84 acres of parks and recreational facilities are owned and maintained by the Borough.

The Ramsey Recreation Commission sponsors recreational programs from youth to senior levels. These programs include senior theater and Atlantic City trips, Yankee Stadium Day and the Ramsey Run. Theme events include the Halloween parade, home run derby and the Easter Egg Hunt.

A summer day camp is held at Finch Park. Bocci courts are located near the municipal pool. There is also a tennis court complex in Conklin Park on East Oak Street.

A creative playground facility is situated at Finch Park. Improvements that have been made to Finch Park include rebuilding playing fields, adding additional parking and traffic safety controls and the renovation of the refreshment stand.

A multi-use recreational field is located adjacent to MacFarren field, with a parking lot to service both fields.

The Ramsey Municipal Pool Complex, originally constructed in 1964, was completely renovated in 2014. This state of the art complex is located on East Oak Street between South Central Avenue and Wyckoff Avenue, and contains a full sized swimming facility including swim areas, slides and water features. The municipal pool offers swimming lessons, swim teams, refreshments, picnicking, recreational and social events. The pool opens Memorial Day weekend and remains open through Labor Day weekend.

In the fall of 2018, the Borough broke ground on the improvements to the pool site on East Oak Street. These improvements include a new state of the art pool bathhouse with family bathrooms and changing rooms, new snack stand, new entrance closer to parking and a complete renovation of the existing pool bathhouse into a community center. When completed, the new community center will provide 3,750 square feet to be utilized by many groups on nights and weekends, provide a large meeting room for public events and by the Borough's seniors for daily activities. Permits were required and received from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for the dedicated senior center addition to the community center, including parking lot improvements and expansion as well as upgrades to the storm water management system and implementation of storm water treatment. This final phase will begin in the fall of 2019.

In addition to the Borough's parks and recreational facilities, Ramsey residents have access to 215 acres of Conservation Area lands. These parcels are distributed throughout the Borough. Preserved sites range in area from 33 acres to under one acre and are, in many cases, suitable for hiking. Some of these sites were purchased with the help of State Green Acres Funds and others were contributed by housing developers with Planning Board encouragement to preserve wetlands and other natural features. All are owned by the Borough of Ramsey.

Darlington County Park encompasses a total of 182 acres of which 77.5 acres are in Ramsey and 104.5 are in Mahwah. The park includes facilities for swimming, fishing, hiking, boating, golf, a children's playground, four tennis courts and one large playing field. It is open seven days a week from April through November, remaining

closed from December to March. This facility is readily accessible to Ramsey residents and attracts people from around the County and neighboring New York State communities. The park is most heavily utilized during the summer months.

The National Recreation Association has determined that approximately 10 acres of parkland is needed per each 1000 persons of population. Based upon this standard, the Borough has more than sufficient parks, recreational facilities and green acres for its size. The Borough's park system and its recreational facilities are sufficient to meet the recreational needs of its population for the foreseeable future. The existing facilities are continually upgraded and improved.

**Table C-1: Public Parks and Recreation Areas
Ramsey, New Jersey**

Existing Public Recreation Facilities	Area in Acres
Conklin Park (Municipal Swimming Pool and Tennis Courts)	27.1
Finch Park	18.4
Suraci's Pond	17.8
Van Gelder's Pond	6.7
Veterans Park at Bonnieview	0.8
MacFarran Field Park	7.64
North Central Avenue Soccer Field	8.2
Board of Education facilities, portions developed as playgrounds and fields:	
Ramsey High School	17.1
Eric S. Smith Middle School	5.6
Tisdale Elementary School	8.5
Mary A. Hubbard Elementary School	4.0
Dater Elementary School	<u>2.0</u>
Subtotal	123.84
Darlington Park (County)	77.5
Green Acres Conservation Areas	<u>214.7</u>
Total	416.04



2.11: Semi-Public Facilities

Churches

There are eight churches located in Ramsey. These are identified in Table C-4 and are shown on the map of Community Facilities, as well.

Clubs

There are two clubs with permanent facilities in Ramsey: the Masonic Association and the Columbian Association of Northwest Bergen County.

2.12: Historic Preservation

At this time, the Borough does not have an historic district.

However, the following sites are listed on the New Jersey and/or National Registers of Historic Places, according to the State Historic Preservation Office:

- **Erie Railroad Main Line Historic District:** Erie Railroad Right-of-Way westward from Hudson, Jersey City at Coles Street to undetermined extent.
- **Post House:** 245 Shadyside Road
- **David Van Gelder House:** 37 West Crescent Avenue
- **Westervelt-Ackerson House (Old Stone House):** 538 Island Road

2.13: Energy Conservation

Energy conservation strategies have traditionally been part of the Planning Board's consideration of both the Land Use and Traffic Circulation Elements of the Master Plan. Even though Ramsey is almost totally developed with little land available for new residential or non-residential development, efforts are made in the review of subdivision applications, in particular, to create efficient roadway systems that can help to minimize driving distances. Ramsey has attempted to reduce automobile travel by upgrading its commuter parking facilities and encouraging the use of busses and trains. As a suburban community, Ramsey has no significant employment base of its own. Consequently, there are no locations where it would be advantageous to construct new mass transit facilities.

2.14: Utilities

Ramsey owns and operates its own water supply and distribution system. The system is supervised by the Board of Public Works (BPW). Ramsey obtains its supply from fourteen wells within Ramsey and obtains a supplemental supply from SUEZ-NA. Ramsey's peak average and maximum daily water usages are 1.6 and 3.7 million galls per day (MGD). In the near future, based on population trends, these quantities are expected to increase to 1.78 and 4.08 MGD. The Borough's distribution system has three storage facilities with a combined capacity totaling 4.5 million gallons. This is enough to meet current peak demands and also provide for a fire protection reserve. Ramsey recently signed a 20-year agreement with SUEZ-NA to purchase a minimum of 900,000 additional gallons per day and up to a maximum of 3.5 additional million gallons per day.

In order to protect the quality of the water supply, the BPW takes over 440 water samples per year and analyses the samples for over 100 contaminants. In addition, the BPW has developed contingency plans such as the Emergency Response Plan, the Water Conservation Plan, the System Operation and Maintenance Manual and an Employee Manual to safeguard the safety and dependability of the water supply.

Ramsey is served by a sanitary sewerage system that is maintained and operated by the BPW. The system is part of the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority (NBCUA) sewer service area. All sewage collected in Ramsey is directed to the NBCUA facility in Waldwick for treatment and disposal. The Borough is a party to a service contract with the NBCUA and is obligated to pay its fair share of the Authority's cost of operation.

The Rockland Electric Company supplies electric power throughout the Borough, and gas is supplied by the Public Service Electric & Gas Company. Verizon serves the Borough and operates a switching station on Franklin Turnpike. Cablevision of

Northern New Jersey holds the cable TV system franchise. Trash, garbage, and other refuse collection in Ramsey are handled by private companies. Disposal occurs outside of the Borough.

Department Facility addresses:

- Airmount Well – 342 Airmount Ave
Block 4001, Lot 17, Peach Hill Townhomes
- Brookfield Lane Sanitary Sewer Lift Station – 123 Brookfield Lane
Block 4103, Lot – N/A, 20' Drainage Easement
- Brookfield Well – 450 Darlington Avenue
Block 202, Lot 6
- Crescent #2 Well/ Air Stripper and Booster Station – 12 Arrow Road
Block 4401, Lot 4, 100' wide, 200' deep
- Crescent Avenue #1 Well – 705 East Crescent Avenue
Block 4001, Lot 21
- Darlington Avenue Well – 340 Darlington Avenue
Block 2101, Lot 6, 30' Ingress and Egress Easement 200' square
- Dixon Street Well – 30 Dixon Street
Block 5001, Lot 71, Board of Education
- East Oak Street Well – 100 East Oak Street
Block 3204, Lot 28, Borough Parklands
- Elbert Street Well – 298 Elbert Street
Block 1503, Lot 28, Board of Education
- Green Acres Tank 2.0 MG Water Ground Storage Tank – 175 Williams Drive
Block 3902, Lot 12, McFarran Field
- Island Avenue Sanitary Sewer Lift Station – 460 Island Avenue
Block 4202, Lot1, Regency Park Co-ops
- Martis Avenue Well – 65 Martis Avenue
Block 3403, Lot 1, Borough Parklands
- Mountain View Vault/Pressure Zone Connection – 1 Mountain View Drive, USR
Block/Lot N/A, NJDOT property outside cloverleaf for the N. bound
entrance ramp to Mountain View Drive
- N. Central Avenue Wells #1 and #2/Air Stripper & Booster Station – 611 N.
Central Ave
Block 139, Lot 5, Mahwah

- North Franklin Turnpike/Interconnection with Mahwah Water – 583 N. Franklin Tpke,
Block 3607, Lot 4.01, Medical/Office Building
- Orchard Place Well – 159 Orchard Place
Block 2802, Lot 74, Borough Parklands
- Ridge Road/Interconnection with Mahwah Water – 490 Ridge Road
Block 1601, Lot 1, Orange & Rockland Electric Facility OOS
- Sauna Road Sanitary Sewer Lift Station – 85 Sauna Road
Block 2002, Lot 19.1
- Spring Street Well/Air Stripper and Booster Station – 30 Spring Street (In Rt. 17 N Cloverleaf) Block 3802, Lot N/A, NJDOT property at the Rt. 17 northbound exit to Spring St.
- Suez Interconnection aka United Water – 43 South Island Avenue (Ramsey Ambulance)
Block 4903, Lot 10, South Side of Ramsey Ambulance Building
- Vaughn Drive Sanitary Sewer Lift Station – 24 Vaughn Drive
Block 1102, Lot 1.01
- West Oak Tank .5MG Water Elevated Storage Tank – 19 Hubbard School Road (Hubbard Grammar School)
Block 3101, Lot 15, 25' Ingress and Egress easement 100' square
- Woodland Avenue Well – 315 Woodland Avenue
Block 2501, Lot 8

The Ramsey surface drainage system consists of a number of lakes and waterways that are subject to periodic flooding due to heavy rainfall. The Borough's efforts to manage and regulate stormwater runoff have been designed to protect lives, property and the natural resources of the area from the effects of such periodic flooding. Land development and the additional impervious surface coverage that attends it are the primary contributors to increased stormwater runoff and flooding. In 1985, the Borough of Ramsey commissioned a study by Killam Associates (now known as Hatch, Mott, McDonald) of Millburn, New Jersey, that culminated in a report entitled "Master Drainage Plan" for the Borough (September, 1985).

The following is a summary of the most recently adopted programs and regulations that affect stormwater management in the Borough of Ramsey:

2.15: Stormwater Management

1. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP), adopted October 6, 2014. This document is a comprehensive plan to both correct and prevent pollution of surface and groundwater.
2. Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP), adopted on July 19, 2005, as part of the Borough's Master Plan. This document addresses the control of stormwater within the Borough of Ramsey. The document has been reviewed by Bergen County, on behalf of the NJDEP, and has been approved.
3. The Borough adopted on December 13, 2006 a Stormwater Control Ordinance implementing the plan and regulating the management of stormwater runoff.

The Borough's Master Drainage Plan, as well as the SPPP and the SWMP, will serve to guide development by identifying existing drainage patterns, determining impacts and outlining requirements to be incorporated into the Stormwater Control Ordinance to minimize impacts on both the Borough of Ramsey and the overall drainage area. Both the Master Drainage Plan and the Stormwater Management Plan, in their entirety, are incorporated by reference into this Master Plan.

2.16: Recycling

In 1987, New Jersey adopted a Statewide Mandatory Recycling Act. In compliance with the act, the Borough has instituted and implemented the following practices:

- A. Developed a Municipal Recycling Center/Depot:

The Recycling Center/Depot is open to both residents and commercial establishments. The following materials are currently being collected and must be source-separated:

1. Plastic containers labeled #1, #2 and #5 (but not frozen food microwave trays or platters).
2. Glass bottles and jars.
3. Tin/steel, aluminum cans.
4. Newspapers and magazines.
5. Store catalogs.
6. Telephone books.
7. Corrugated cardboard and brown bags.
8. Office paper and junk mail (except blue and black carbon).
9. Grass, leaves, branches and stumps.

10. Used clothing and other textiles.
11. Automobile tires.
12. Scrap Metal (no white goods).
13. Electronics
14. Thin plastic bags ie. dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, supermarket bags; no black bags.

Electronics weighing 100 lbs. or more will be picked up by the Department of Public Works. Computer equipment and other electronic equipment may be dropped off. The Borough provides two free shredding days per year for residents.

The Center/Depot has the capacity to accommodate mandated recyclables for the foreseeable future.

B. Established a Curbside Pick-up Program for Residential Recycling:

Recyclable materials are collected every other week. Only items #1 – #8 listed above under Recycling Center/Depot are collected curbside. The Borough has a curbside collection for “white goods” (home appliances) along with other household metal material on the second Wednesday of each month.

C. Established Program and Policy for Commercial Establishments:

All offices, stores and industrial establishments must recycle. Commercial establishments are required to recycle all office paper including computer paper in addition to all other paper recyclables required of residents. In most cases, collections are performed by private haulers rather than by the Borough.

D. Borough Recycling Coordinator:

The services of the Borough Recycling Coordinator are available to both residents and commercial establishments to assist in developing and complying with recycling programs.

2.17: Public Schools

The Ramsey Public School System consists of three elementary schools, one middle school and a high school. Two of the elementary schools serve grades kindergarten through third grade, while the other houses grades four and five. The middle school has classes for grades six through eight, and the high school serves grades nine through twelve.

Table C-2 lists general information regarding each of the public schools in Ramsey.

**Table C-2: Public Schools
Ramsey, New Jersey**

School District	Grades	Age	Site	Playground Area	Current Enrollment
John Y Dater	4-5	2006	4.1	2.0	384
Wesley D. Tisdale	PK-3	1953	12.1	8.5	383
Mary A. Hubbard	PK-3	1958	10.8	4.0	377
Eric S. Smith	6-8	1967	15.3	5.6	714
Ramsey High School	9-12	1936	27.0	17.1	869
Total					2,727

Source: Board of Education

Beginning in the mid-nineteen nineties, the Ramsey Public Schools had experienced consistent growth in student population. This increase could be attributed to a changeover from empty nest families whose children had gone through the school system a number of years ago to young families moving into Ramsey. Additionally, several multi-family housing complexes were built on the east side of Route 17 during that decade, further increasing the population of the schools. Since the mid two-thousands, the student population has remained flat due to the limits of developable land and the overall trend of smaller family sizes.

State mandated programs for special education students' requirements are met both in the Ramsey School District and through a consortium comprised of Northwest Bergen County towns that share facilities. In order to meet the needs of students who are either physically challenged or learning disabled, the Ramsey Public Schools provide services as deemed educationally appropriate. School facilities have been added and modified over the years in response to the needs of Ramsey's special education students. Programs which meet the needs of pre-school handicapped children, children with learning/language disabilities, students in need of kindergarten readiness services, students with autism, students with various multiple disabilities and students with either resource room or replacement subject needs all

require low student/teacher ratio settings and in many cases modified classroom facilities. These programs each need a teaching location/classroom in the building in which the students are housed. The dedication of classroom and required office space for a building-based Child Study Team (C.S.T.), consisting of a psychologist, social worker, speech teacher, reading teacher, learning disabilities consultant and an administrator, as well as for additional aides and therapists who are required to staff these specialized classes has increased the demands made on the space available in each of the District's school buildings.

District tuition funds along with building referendums supported by the community in 1996 (\$9.4 million) in 2003 (\$23.1 million) and in 2018 (\$42.9 million) provided the opportunity for the replacement of an elementary school in 2006 and for facility improvements in the areas of instruction, infrastructure and security for all district buildings which is currently ongoing.

Additional mandates which have impacted facility utilization and programs were: The Americans with Disabilities Act (regarding handicapped accessibility) and the need to provide Basic Skills Instruction, English as a Second Language Instruction, Technology/Computer Instruction and enhanced courses designed to meet NJ Core Content Standards in the areas of Science Education, Technology Education and Humanities/Art Education have all further contributed to the need for additional facilities and classroom space in Ramsey's schools.

Ramsey High School:

Ramsey High School is located near the center of the community at Franklin Turnpike and Main Street. It was originally constructed in 1936, and had additions constructed in 1967, 1976 and 2006. The 1936 portion (which is the front of the building) is three stories high. The 1967 and 1976 portions are one story each with a media center, offices and classroom space located at the southern end of the 1967 addition. In 2006, additional classrooms were added to prior additions. Ramsey High School is handicapped accessible based upon the ramps, elevator and chair lift that are now in place. The brick building has a large front lawn which is utilized for physical education classes, interscholastic sports and marching band practice. The facility boasts two artificial turf fields and modern track accommodations all with lighting. There is limited parking available on both the Main Street and Prospect Street sides of the building. The High School site is supplemented by a 10.6 acre playing field located on the opposite side of Franklin Turnpike.

Ramsey High School is a four year, comprehensive high school housing grades nine through twelve. The High School offers a diverse program of adult education courses as well as after school and summer activities.

The facility has classrooms dedicated to departmental instruction along with specialized instruction. Many of the classrooms have shared applications throughout the course of the day. Applications of classroom, office and C.S.T. space include:

First Floor: Life Skills, Health, Chorus/Band, Science Labs, Photo and CAD Labs, Guidance Suite, General Office, Supervisor's Office, Attendance Office, Health Clinic, Cafeteria, Lecture Hall, and Two Gymnasiums.

Second Floor: Math, English, World Languages, Art, Media Center, Writing Center, Family and Consumer Science, Reading, Special Education, C.S.T. Office, Athletic Director and Technology Office.

Third Floor: Social Studies and Business Education.

[Eric S. Smith Middle School:](#)

Eric S. Smith Middle School is located in the northwest section of the Borough. It houses students from Ramsey and Saddle River in grades six through eight. It was constructed in 1967 and opened in January, 1968. Additions to the original building were completed in 1997 (five classrooms), 2001 (second story; 5 classrooms) and 2006 (mini-gym, two classrooms, small group instruction). The library media center was renovated in 2006 and includes a state of the art media lab. The building is fully handicapped accessible. Smith School has a total of 40 full-size instructional classrooms and nine small group instructional classrooms that are utilized to deliver a comprehensive academic program in regular and special education. These include specialized classrooms for Technology Education and Shop, Art, Life Skills, and Technology Applications. In addition, there is a Choral Music classroom, two instrumental music practice studios, a gymnasium and a mini-gym for physical education, and an all purpose room that serves as the cafeteria, auditorium and band rehearsal center. The school houses administrative and guidance offices, offices for Child Study Team members, speech and other special services.

[Wesley D. Tisdale School:](#)

Wesley D. Tisdale School is one of the two primary schools serving grades PK-3 in the Ramsey School District. Tisdale School is located on 12 acres along Island Avenue. The one-story brick school is located in the northeast portion of the Borough and is handicapped accessible based upon its one-story construction and ramping. The school has well maintained grounds, sports fields and playground areas. In September of 1993, Tisdale School began housing students in grade kindergarten through three in addition to special education students.

The school was built in 1953. Its first addition was completed in 1962, a second addition was completed in 1998, and a third addition was completed in 2003. Currently, there are two and one-half classrooms dedicated to kindergarten classes with eighteen classrooms housing grades one through three. In addition, two classrooms house LLD students, four classrooms accommodate handicapped students, and one classroom is used one half day for a kindergarten readiness class (it is also utilized for a morning kindergarten class). The school has a number of special facilities which include: a gym/auditorium/stage, music area, art room, clinic, cafeteria/kitchen and office space. There are also several smaller teaching areas for speech, ESL and Basic Skills Instruction. The media center, completed in the spring of 1998, houses a library of fiction and non-fiction, a large instructional area and a lab with 24 computers. Each classroom is also equipped with the latest technology peripherals.

Mary A. Hubbard School:

Mary A. Hubbard School is one of two primary schools serving grades PK-3 in the Ramsey School District. Hubbard School is located off Wyckoff Avenue on Hubbard Lane. The one story brick school (with a basement level as well), is located in the southwest portion of the Borough and is handicapped accessible based upon its single-story construction and the addition of an elevator connecting the basement level with the ground floor. The school has well maintained grounds, sports fields and playground areas. In September, 2006, Hubbard School began housing students in grades pre-K and kindergarten through grade three in addition to special education students.

The school was built in the early 1950s with additions in 1962, 1998, and 2005. In 2006, two classrooms were dedicated to kindergarten classes with fifteen classrooms housing grades one through three. In addition, three classrooms house LLD or MD self-contained students, two classrooms are used for Resource Program instruction, and one classroom is used one-half day for a kindergarten readiness class. The school has a number of special facilities which include: a gym/auditorium/stage, music area, art room, clinic, cafeteria/kitchen and office space. There are also several smaller teaching areas for speech, occupational and physical therapy, ESL and Basic Skills Instruction. The media center houses a library of fiction and non-fiction, a large instructional area and a lab with 24 computers. Each classroom is also equipped the latest technology peripherals.

John Y. Dater School:

John Y. Dater School opened in the fall of 2006. It replaced the old school building that was constructed in 1912. The new Dater School is a three story brick building centrally located in the community next to the Borough Hall and the Ramsey Police Department. Dater School serves all of Ramsey's students in grades four and five and is handicapped accessible with an elevator centrally located in the building. Dater School also house the District's Special Services Department.

Dater School has 25 full sized classrooms and 9 small group instruction rooms that are used for special education and other purposes such as speech and Basic Skills Instruction. In addition, there is a media center, computer lab, art room, vocal music room, instrumental music practice rooms, enrichment room and a television studio for producing Ramsey Alive. Each classroom is equipped with the latest technology peripherals. Finally, there is a full-sized gymnasium with bleachers for seating and a stage for performances.

Table C-3 on the next page shows Board of Education school enrollment projections from 2018-19 through 2022-23.

Table C-3: Ramsey Public School Student Enrollment Projections

TABLE C-3

**RAMSEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STUDENT ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS**

School Year	Births 5 Yrs. Ago	PK	K	1st Gr.	2nd Gr.	3rd Gr.	4th Gr.	5th Gr.	PK-5 Total	6th Gr.	7th Gr.	8th Gr.	6-8 Total	9th Gr.	10th Gr.	11th Gr.	12th Gr.	9-12 Total	UNGRADED	DISTRICT TOTAL	
2018-19	135	43	124	168	157	179	158	198	182	1084	252	226	243	720	228	206	205	229	868	71	2743
2019-20	125	0.34	1.00	1.00	1.01	1.01	1.04	1.03		1.15	1.83	1.00		0.83	1.01	1.01	1.00				
2020-21	128	44	155	168	160	180	165	203	1076	210	256	226	691	207	229	208	204	847	69	2683	
2021-22	127	44	159	156	171	161	188	169	1048	235	213	256	704	192	208	231	207	838	68	2658	
2022-23	126	43	158	160	159	173	167	193	1053	195	239	213	647	218	193	210	230	851	67	2618	
NET DEVELOPMENT IMPACT		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022-23 TOTAL ENROLLMENT		43	156	159	162	160	180	172	1031	223	199	238	660	182	219	195	209	805	66	2562	

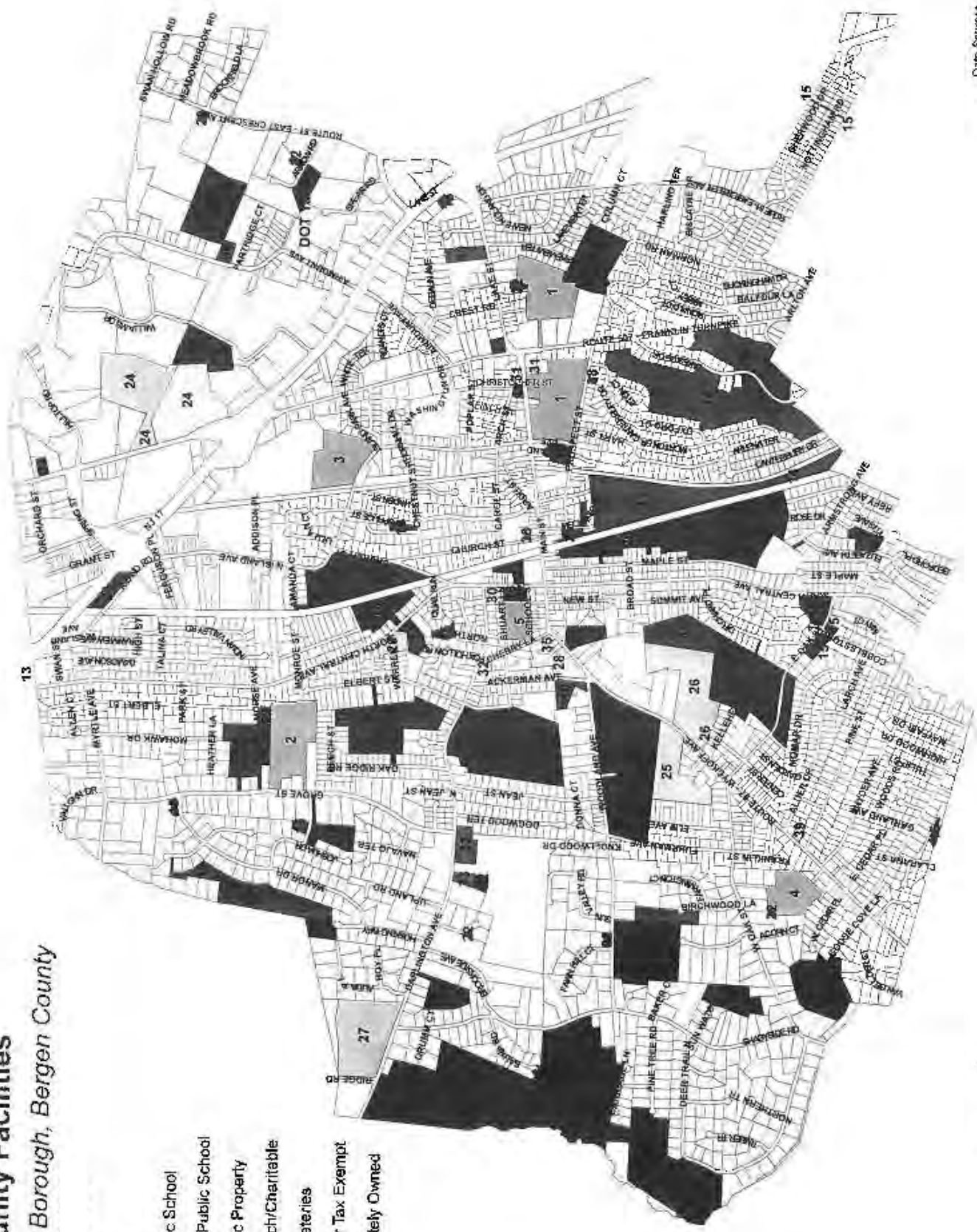
- NOTES: 1. Births in the dashed boxes were calculated by a regression analysis. Students in those year groups have not been born or reported to date.
 2. The solid boxed area to the lower left of the table is an area of low confidence in that these children have not been born or reported to date.
 3. All calculations are carried to eight or more decimal places. Since there cannot be fractions of a student, the district total may vary by one or two students if added manually.

Community Facilities

Ramsey Borough, Bergen County

Legend

-  Public School
-  Non-Public School
-  Public Property
-  Church/Charitable
-  Cemeteries
-  Other Tax Exempt
-  Privately Owned



Date Source:
Borough of Ramsey
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**Table C-4: Key to Community Facilities Map
Borough of Ramsey, 2019**

1	Ramsey High School (incl. Bd. Of Ed. Admin. Offices)
2	Eric S. Smith Middle School
3	Tisdale Elementary School
4	Mary A. Hubbard Elementary School
5	Dater Elementary School
6	Darlington Park (County)
7	Municipal Swimming Pool and Tennis Courts
8	Finch Park
9	Suraci's Pond
10	Garrison Pond (*)
11	Veterans Park at Bonney View
12	MacFarran Park
13	North Central Avenue Soccer Field (**)
14	Ramsey Golf and Country Club (***)
15	Green Acres/Conservation Land/Unnamed Parks (various locations)
16	Borough Hall
17	Police Department
18	Fire Department and Rescue Squad/Ambulance Corps
19	Public Library
20	Borough Road Department
21	Commuter Parking Lot/Garage (various locations)
22	Water Pumping Station (various locations)
23	Sewage Pumping Station
24	Don Bosco Preparatory School and Church
25	Academy of St. Paul
26	St. Paul Roman Catholic Church
27	Adorno Fathers Church and Soccer Field
28	Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
29	Grace Baptist Church
30	First Presbyterian Church Of Ramsey
31	St. John's Episcopal Church
32	St. Paul's Ukrainian Catholic Church
33	Union Cemetery
34	Bergen County Housing Authority/Presbyterian Homes
35	West Bergen Mental Health Counseling
36	Masonic Temple Hall
37	Knights Of Columbus
38	Community Residence (unwed mothers, battered women - various locations)
39	Religious Preschool
40	Vacant Land - Fire Department Trustees

(*) Not publicly owned; passive public recreational use easement.

(**) Located outside of Ramsey Borough.

(***) Privately owned recreational facility.