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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Chapter identifies facilities to support Littleton's projected needs, and promote coordination between local government and the school district as well as regional, state, and federal entities. Growth in population, and residential and commercial development often result in an increase in the demand placed on municipal services and infrastructure. Careful planning for this growth is important in order to ensure that an adequate level of service is provided to residents, businesses, and visitors at a manageable cost level. The Community Facilities Chapter identifies Town-owned facilities, and important private facilities that serve the residents of Littleton.



Planning for the replacement and expansion of existing community facilities and the addition of new facilities is an integral part of the master plan. Adequate facilities such as fire and police protection, recreational opportunities, and equipment help make the Town a safe, pleasant, and convenient place in which to live and work. Both the adequacy of a particular facility and its cost are greatly affected by the Town's development policy. The following discussion of the Town's community facilities is basically an inventory of existing conditions and future needs. Much of the information included was received by surveying department heads, town officials, and town employees.

2.0 PUBLIC SAFETY

2.1 Littleton Fire Department

In 2002 the department responded to almost 700 calls, an increase of 8% over 2001 responses and a 100% increase in five years. Currently the department is comprised of four full-time staff members, one full time staff Captain and a full time Chief. The call force in the department is currently staffed by 12 to 15 individuals who respond consistently, recruitment and retention remains difficult as is shown by a nationwide reduction in volunteerism.

The division of hours for the staff members is typically as follows:

- 20% Equipment Maintenance
- 15% Inspections (Life Safety/Building)
- 10% Emergency Management and Pre Fire Planning
- 10% Prevention Programs
- 25% Training
- 20% Response and Mitigation

A description of these duties is as follows:

Equipment Maintenance- The vehicles are checked on a regular schedule as are all the tools and equipment to assure that this equipment is ready to be used when needed. Equipment that cannot be repaired in house is sent out for servicing.

Inspections- Life Safety inspections include Assembly Permits, Boiler Inspections, Day Care Inspections, and School Inspections. Additionally, plan reviews and site inspections are completed for new construction.

Emergency Management and Pre Fire Plans are checked and updated on an annual basis, and developed for new construction to assure adequate response when needed.

Prevention Programs – The department conducts community classes as needed including Fire Prevention workshops in the elementary schools, juvenile fire setters programs, CPR, and fire extinguisher training.

Training – Department drills are conducted twice each month and staff meetings are held once each month. Certified Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians are required to maintain a level of continuing education to satisfy their certification requirements.

Response and Mitigation - Actual response to calls for service including but not limited to; fires, motor vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, rescues, and investigations.

A new addition to the work load for the Fire Department in 2002 was the addition of the New Hampshire Building Code which is administered under the Fire Marshal's Office. The inspection of buildings during construction requires specialized training and continuing education as well as increased hours of work. Additional assistance in the area of inspection is needed to keep up a level of safety in the community.

2.11 Facility

The Fire Department is located at 230 West Main Street. The building was constructed in 1989 and houses all the staff and equipment for the Littleton Fire Department.

Current concerns with the Fire Department facility include:

- Continued upkeep of the structure
- Site location for training
- Room for future expansions

2.12 Mutual Aid

The Littleton Fire Department (LFD) is a member of the Twin State Mutual Aid district which is comprised of 22 communities in Grafton County and Vermont. LFD is also a member of the Northern New Hampshire Mutual Aid Pact, which is comprised of towns in Coos County and Northern New Hampshire.

2.13 Land Use Implications and Potential Actions

Land Use Implications

Littleton's Fire Department is a valuable piece of the community. Here are a few items to consider related to the Fire Department in Littleton.

- 1) The Fire Department building was built in 1987 and is in need of some repair. With the growth of the commercial sector there is little question that this building will need to expand to house new equipment and personnel over time.
- 2) The current site is constrained for training.
- 3) Increased demand has been placed on staff time to administer state and local codes, and the call volume has increased by 100% in the past five years.

Potential Actions

There are an array of possible actions the Town may want to consider pursuing as it evaluates the impact of the Fire Department on Littleton and the land use implications. This section will be used to identify the specific actions for Littleton to take upon completion of the master plan.

- 1) Consider developing a training site on the Fire Station Property.

2.2 Littleton Police Department

The Police Department is currently housed in eight small rooms on the first floor of the Opera House. The largest of the eight rooms serves as a general office for the patrol officers and all the external agencies that also use the facility. The remaining rooms function as offices for the Chief, Deputy Chief, Sergeants, Prosecutor, administrative/secretarial staff, interview room and processing room.

The Littleton Police Department presently consists of fourteen full time employees: The Chief,

Deputy Chief, two Sergeants, six Patrol Officers, one School Resource Officer (assigned to the high school) and two Administrative staff. There is also one part-time Parking Enforcement Officer and one part-time office assistant.

The full-time force has previously been bolstered by up to six special officers; presently there is one. When available they are used for part-time duty covering open patrol shifts and working special events.

When at full staffing strength the department provides two to three cruiser patrols on up to a six shift-per-day basis. The Police Department maintains a mutual aid agreement with the Towns of Lisbon, Monroe, Haverhill, Whitefield, Bethlehem, Franconia, Sugar Hill, Lincoln and Dalton, as well as the New Hampshire State Police. Officers from these agencies can assist, when available, with law enforcement matters, and are sometimes hired to help with other details and special events such as street fairs, parades, and fireworks displays.

In 2003, the Police Department answered 17,912 calls for service. These calls cover the entire spectrum of police service, including but not limited to: assaults, sexual assaults, shootings, burglaries, thefts, domestic violence, vandalism reports, silent bank alarms, residential and commercial burglar alarms, medical emergencies, open doors, motor vehicle stops, motor vehicle crashes, traffic/speed enforcement, traffic details, assists to citizens, the fire department and to other agencies, escorts, criminal arrests, animal complaints, and citizen concerns. Additionally, officers conducted over 20,000 business and residence checks in 2003. The department continues to develop and expand the use of our information management software to ensure the most accurate records and data possible.

The Police budget for fiscal year 2003 was \$895,501.00. This budget includes salaries, benefits, operating supplies and services and equipment purchases. An additional \$87,690.00 was budgeted for the cost of police dispatch services provided by Grafton County. The total cost for Police services in 2003 was \$983,191.00.

The Police budget for fiscal year 2004 is \$1,043,644.00, with an additional \$91,131.00 budgeted for dispatch services, bringing the total for 2004 to \$1,134,775.00.

The Town of Littleton does not have a Police Commission. Police services, operations and personnel needs are reviewed yearly by the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager. They work closely with the Chief of Police in planning and goal setting for the year.

2.21 Land Use Implications and Potential Actions

Land Use Implications

Littleton's Police Department protects and serves the community on a daily basis. Here are a few items to consider related to the Police Department in Littleton:

- 1) The Police Department has critically outgrown its present location and should be relocated.
- 2) Increased activity in the downtown area has resulted in safety concerns and a need for further management of parking resources.

Potential Actions

There are an array of possible actions the Town may want to consider pursuing as it evaluates the impact of the Police Department on Littleton and the land use implications. This section will be used to identify the specific actions for Littleton to take upon completion of the master plan.

- 1) Develop a plan for the renovation and expansion of the existing Police Department facility, or consider relocation of the Police Department. A location that meets the needs of the Department, and reinforces the Town's commitment to keeping municipal facilities as part of the mix of uses in the downtown area, would be ideal.
- 2) Work on further development of the Town's Parking Management Plan, to include increasing the number of metered spaces available to the public and updating the meter systems.

3.0 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department is located on West Main Street across from the Glenwood Cemetery. The Department is housed in a 1957 Butler-type steel and concrete building which consists of a parts storage room, a shower and locker room, the supervisor's office, and a large, 4-bay garage for equipment storage and a salt storage shed. An addition was recently added to this building to provide additional space for the Department.

The Highway Department is managed by the Highway Operations Manager whose job is to oversee the construction, repairs and maintenance of roads, and bridges in Littleton. This includes catch basins, culverts and drainage ditches, and covers approximately 55 miles of roadways and six bridges. The Department also maintains parking lots and sidewalks. Working under the direction of the Highway Operations Manager are one foremen and ten operators.

3.1 Land Use Implications and Potential Actions

Land Use Implications

Littleton's Highway Department plays a critical role in the land use and transportation cycle. Here are a few items to consider related to the Highway Department in Littleton:

- 1) The Highway Department will play a critical role in the implementation of many of the recommendations in the Transportation Chapter of this plan.

2) The Highway Department facility is not large enough to house the Town’s equipment, and needs a new salt storage shed.

Potential Actions

There are an array of possible actions the Town may want to consider pursuing as it evaluates the impact of the Highway Department on Littleton and the land use implications. This section will be used to identify the specific actions for Littleton to take upon completion of the master plan.

- 1) Explore the possibility of creating a new Highway Department facility with the necessary number of equipment bays, and a new salt shed.
- 2) Involve the Highway Department in the promotion of transportation improvements and the preservation of a hierarchy of streets in Littleton.

4.0 PARKS AND RECREATION

The Town Parks and Recreation Department is administered by a 3-person commission that is elected at Town meeting on a three year rotation basis. The Department employs one full-time and one part-time person.

Park Facilities include:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Facilities</u>
<i>Remick Park*</i>	15 Acres	2 baseball fields, soccer field, outdoor pool, 2 tennis courts, basketball court, ice rink, recreation room, locker room, play ground, concession building.
<i>Apthorp Park</i>	5 Acres	2 tennis courts, softball field, soccer field, basketball court, concession building.
<i>Norton Pike Fields</i>	3 Acres	softball field, youth soccer field, concession building.
<i>Brickyard Road Field</i>	3 Acres	full size soccer field.
<i>Dells Conservation Area</i>	10 Acres	passive recreation (hiking, fishing, wildlife viewing, picnics, etc.).
<i>Mt. Eustis Ski Area</i>	37 Acres	passive recreation.
<i>Kilburn Crag Area</i>	21 Acres	passive recreation.

* The Littleton High School also utilizes Remick Park for its sports program.

The Town's 2003 budget for the Parks and Recreation Department was \$174,000. Of this \$130,000 was generated by local taxes. The extensive use of volunteers, donations and user fees compliments the funding from the Town. The programs sponsored by the Department include: softball and basketball leagues; youth basketball, softball, and soccer programs; summer day camp; ice skating; and a winter carnival which attracts approximately 2,000 people. In 2003 the summer park program had 125 children enrolled.

The Parks and Recreation Commissioners' present objectives include the continual upgrading and beautification of present facilities. The Commissioners also expressed a need for a youth-oriented recreational center and a full-time recreation director for the community.

4.1 Land Use Implications and Potential Actions

Land Use Implications

Littleton's Parks and Recreation Department plays an important role in the community promoting health and wellness through recreation. Here are a few items to consider related to the Parks and Recreation Department in Littleton.

- 1) With the continued land development in Littleton availability of lands for recreation and for connections between these recreation resources is critical. The recreational resources in the community provide opportunities for exercise, social interaction, and community building. This is important for residents of all ages.
- 2) Increases in the number of programs and participants indicates the need for a full-time coordinator.

Potential Actions

There are an array of possible actions the Town may want to consider pursuing as it evaluates the impact of the Parks and Recreation Department on Littleton and the land use implications. This section will be used to identify the specific actions for Littleton to take upon completion of the master plan.

- 1) Work with the School District, community leaders, and the hospital to explore the possibility of developing a recreation/community center that may promote general health and wellness of residents. The facility could be located in an existing structure, and could serve seniors and young children during the day, and provide after-school programs and other youth programs when school is not in session.

5.0 HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Littleton Area Historical Society, established in 1967, is a non-profit organization which is dependent on the generosity and support of its many contributors. The purpose of the Society is to promote interest in Littleton's heritage, to preserve significant architecture, artifacts and memorabilia, and to educate the public in this respect. Membership is currently over 200.

The Society's Museum, located in the Littleton Town Building on Cottage Street is open on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 4:00 in the summer, and is open by appointment only in the winter. Needs for expansion is evident and would allow the Society to accept gifts of furniture and other large items. Currently this is not possible. Monthly programs are presented at the Community House, and occasionally at other designated locations, by a variety of writers, historians, businessmen and women, and collectors.

At present the Museum exhibitions include toys, apothecary items, silver, china, paintings, clothing, an original town charter, a goat cart, Silvester Marsh's chair, a spinning wheel, and numerous other objects. We also have Littleton town histories, books by local authors, and a large number of photographs, stereo views, and notebooks on file.

The Society has initiated a number of projects including the Town Buildings weather vane; the republication of the 1890's booklet, "*Littleton and the White Mountains*;" the Kilburn Apartments' State Historical Marker; writing the 1984 Littleton Town History, *Littleton, Crossroads of Northern New Hampshire*; registering all Glenwood Cemetery markers; purchasing the Library's microfilm reader; print the "*Walking Tour of Littleton*;" researching and providing building date plaques; and printing Littleton postcards. Additionally the Society answers and advises on countless queries regarding Littleton's history and genealogies.

5.1 Land Use Implications and Potential Actions

Land Use Implications

Littleton's Historical Society and Museum play a critical role in the community and provide a strong tie to Littleton's past. Here are items to consider related to the Historical Society and Museum in Littleton:

- 1) The current museum location is not large enough to display the entire collection, and does not provide adequate meeting space for the special programs the Society offers.

Potential Actions

There are an array of possible actions the Town may want to consider pursuing as it evaluates

the impact of the Historical Society and Museum on Littleton and the land use implications. This section will be used to identify the specific actions for Littleton to take upon completion of the master plan.

- 1) Identify new space within the Opera House, or elsewhere downtown, that can display the museum collection, and move the museum into that new space.
- 2) Hire an engineer to evaluate the Opera House.
- 3) Keep cultural facilities in the downtown area.

6.0 PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Littleton Public Library is located on the corner of Main and School Streets in a well constructed, three-story building. The library was constructed in 1906 with the aid of gifts from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation and Harry Bingham. The building was designed by Robert Coit, a Boston architect. The library houses the Kilburn collection of White Mountain art, and the world's second largest collection of Kilburn stereoviews. A bronze, life-size statue of the fictional character "Pollyanna" from the book by Littleton-born author Eleanor Hodgman Porter graces the library's front lawn.

The library employs three full-time and four part-time staff members. A nine-member Board of Trustees is responsible for setting policy. Another main function of the Board is to ensure adequate funding for the library.

At the end of 2002 the library's holdings of both print and non-print materials totaled 46,695. In addition, the library subscribes to over eighty magazines and newspapers. Littleton Public Library provides extensive interlibrary loan services, and will borrow for its patrons materials it does not own, from other libraries world-wide. Equipment available to the public includes a microfilm reader/printer, a photocopier, computers for word processing and internet access, and the Optelec 20/20 Plus magnifying machine for low vision users. The library is open 44 hours a week year-round.

Littleton Public Library is part of the New Hampshire State Library System which provides a van service for the delivery of interlibrary loan materials, access to full-text article databases from both library and home computers, and materials for the visually impaired.

The library receives the majority of its operating funds from Town appropriation, and receives additional funds from donations, trust funds, non-resident fees, and an annual fund drive.

Improvements to the library over the past fifteen years include a new handicapped entrance and the installation of a lift that provides access to the first two floors of the library, a handicapped

accessible public restroom, conversion to an automated catalog and circulation system, and the creation of a New Hampshire History and Genealogy Room which attracts researchers nationwide. The main floor of the library was also painted and re-carpeted.

6.1 Land Use Implications

Littleton's Public Library is a valuable resource for the community. Here are items to consider related to the Public Library in Littleton:

- 1) The current library building has been renovated and maintained over the years and this care should continue.
- 2) The library continues to offer a range of programs, especially for children, that draw people downtown.
- 3) The library's Main Street location contributes to the mix of structures and activities in the downtown, and this facility should remain in the downtown area.

7.0 TOWN OFFICE AND OPERA HOUSE

The Town currently has an agreement with the Laconia Savings Bank to use the second floor of their building located at 125 Main Street for Town Offices until June 1, 2007. Originally the term was for five years. The Town requested two additional years when it became obvious that raising the monies required to renovate the Opera House for the return of the town offices was going to take longer than anticipated.

A Bond Issue, to renovate the Opera House, in the amount of \$2.5 million was presented to the voters at the 2003 Town Meeting and was soundly defeated. Nearly 80% of the votes received were against the proposed plan. This plan would have resulted in the renovation of all of the space within the structure except the Opera House room. The plan called for renovation of the basement to house an Environmental classroom and to tie into the Riverwalk Project. The Town Offices would return and occupy the Cottage Street Level, the Opera House, dressing rooms, lobby, etc, would all be located on the Union Street level. The Historical Society would have been relocated to the third floor. Installing an elevator was suggested to service all floors.

The Opera House building, completed in 1894, was placed on the Registry of Historic Places in 1973. The building is a three-story, wood-framed structure with a brick and granite block-style foundation built into the bank of the Ammonoosuc River. The exterior is white aluminum, beveled siding with double-hung windows and combination aluminum storm and screened windows. The roof consists of two interlocking mansard roofs. The Opera House occupies approximately one half of the building.

The current plan for the Opera House calls for the Town Offices to return to renovated space on the Cottage Street Level. There is approximately 7200 sq. ft. on this level. The basement area will only have minimal work done at this time. The Union Street Level will undergo little if any renovation. The third floor will be renovated for the Historical Society Museum. Only the work that is necessary to satisfy the Fire Marshals Office in the unoccupied areas will be considered, everything else will be put on hold until other funds can be raised through grants, donations, fund raisers, taxes, or other means. The estimated cost to do this work is in the area of \$1.5 to \$1.9 million. The decision to present this scaled down version to the voters in 2004 year has yet to be decided.

If this plan is also defeated then Town Officials are uncertain what the long-term solution will be for the Town Offices. The only item that is definite is that in 2007 the Town Offices need a new location.

6.1 Land Use Implications and Potential Actions

Land Use Implications

Littleton's Town Offices provide a central location in the downtown for Town employees and municipal services. Here are items to consider related to the Town Offices in Littleton:

- 1) The Town Offices are currently in a temporary location and must be relocated by June of 2007.
- 2) Renovation of the Opera House is a community goal, and could accommodate the Town Offices.

Potential Actions

There are an array of possible actions the Town may want to consider pursuing as it evaluates the impact of the Town Offices on Littleton and the land use implications. This section will be used to identify the specific actions for Littleton to take upon completion of the master plan.

- 1) Secure the support of the community and the necessary financial resources to renovate the Opera House and move the Town Offices back into that structure.
- 2) Keeping the Town Offices in the downtown area is very important. The presence of municipal facilities and services in this area shows the Town's commitment to the downtown.

8.0 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Town of Littleton's public school system, Supervisory Administrative Union #35, had an enrollment of 951 students as of October 1, 2003. The 2003-04 enrollment included Kindergarten through grade 12, handicapped and special education students. The operating budget for the 2003-04 school year is \$11,111,294.00.

The public school system is housed largely in three main buildings:

- Grades K-6 Lakeway Elementary School, 325 Union Street
- Grades 7&9 Daisy Bronson Middle School, 96 School Street
- Grade 9-12 Littleton High School which includes the Hugh J. Gallen Vocational Center, 159 Oak Hill Avenue

Littleton High School is currently involved in a \$6 million addition and renovation project which is due to be completed no later than June 30, 2004. The High School athletic program utilizes Remick Park for most of its outdoor activities.

In the spring of 1999 the Littleton School Board and the Board of Selectmen worked with residents to develop a plan titled Envisioning Littleton's Future. Envisioning Littleton's Future focused on integrating community assets to support life long learning, integrate resources to meet community needs, and having schools serve as the center of the community. The following recommendations from the plan are oriented toward establishing Littleton as a premier living and learning community:

- **Create Premier 21st Century Education Facilities** – Renovate and expand Littleton school facilities to meet the needs for a 21st Century learning community environment.
- **Create Community Learning Academies** – The geography of the Town offers a great opportunity for locating learning centers in specific areas of Littleton.
- **Create Fitness/Recreation Center** – The Littleton community and especially the teens need an identified place for fitness and recreation.
- **Support Career Development for Students** – Support career development for students in order to prepare them for the workforce and to encourage them to remain in the community.
- **Create a Community Cultural Center** – Establish a cultural center for residents and visitors to showcase the rich history, artistic talent, and culture of Littleton.
- **Provide for expanded and high quality day care facilities and services for the community** – This is an immediate need in Littleton with the increase in single parent families and families where both parents are working.
- **Provide Advanced Technology and Training** – Use technology to connect the community for teaching and learning, integration of services, resources and economic development.
- **Create a Multi-age Community Social Center** – A multi-age social center could bring people of all ages together to create a stronger community.

- **Use Community Facility Resources for Meetings and Conventions** – Many of Littleton’s facilities could be used for meetings and conventions within the region with further planning and coordination.
- **Support ongoing projects and initiatives** – The Envisioning Littleton’s Future Steering Committee is committed to coordination and integration of all community projects and initiatives.

8.1 Enrollment

The enrollment statistics for Littleton can be found in Chapter Six (Table 6H and 6I). These enrollment statistics show relatively consistent class sizes. As of 2003-2004 there are 187 students who are identified as having an education disability. Currently 163 of these students are enrolled in Littleton Schools and included in the above counts. The remaining 24 students are served in a variety of private programs.

Enrollment in the Littleton School District has decreased 7.6% since the 1986-87 school year. The enrollment decreased by 5% from the 1998-1999 school year to the 2003-2004 school year. These decreases in enrollment are expected to continue through the 2007-2008 school year at a minimum. It is important to note that this decrease in enrollment is at a time when the population of Littleton has been increasing. Figures 10-A and 10-B show the increase in population from 1990 to 2000 and the decrease in enrollment during the same time period.

Figure 10-A Increase in Population from 1990 to 2000

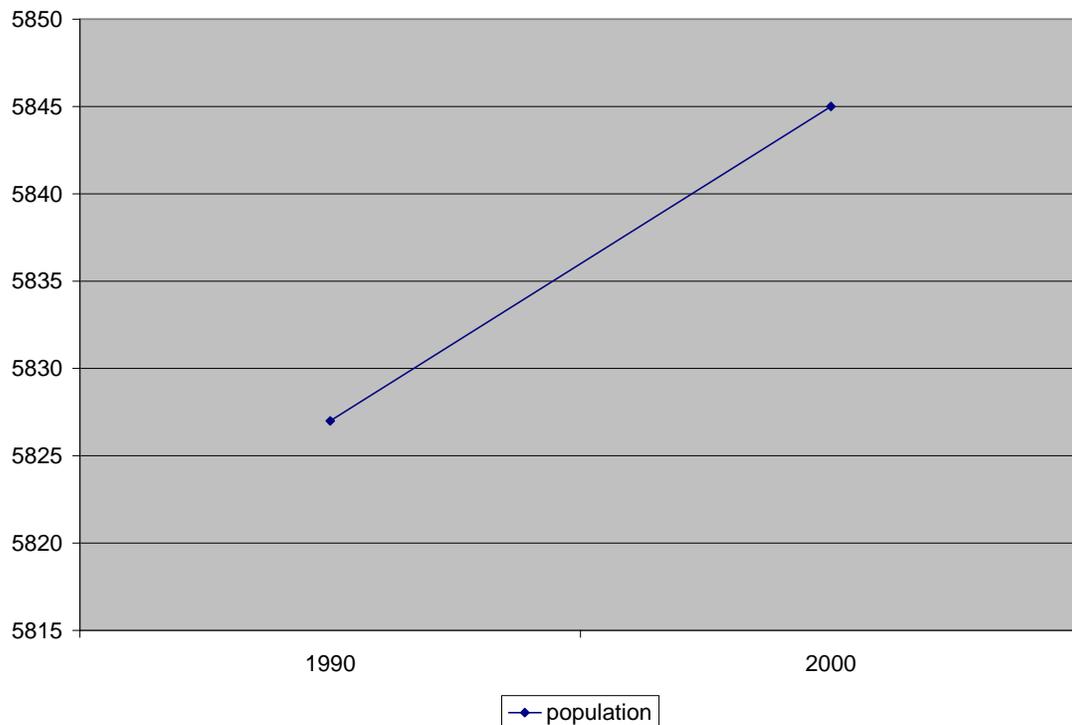
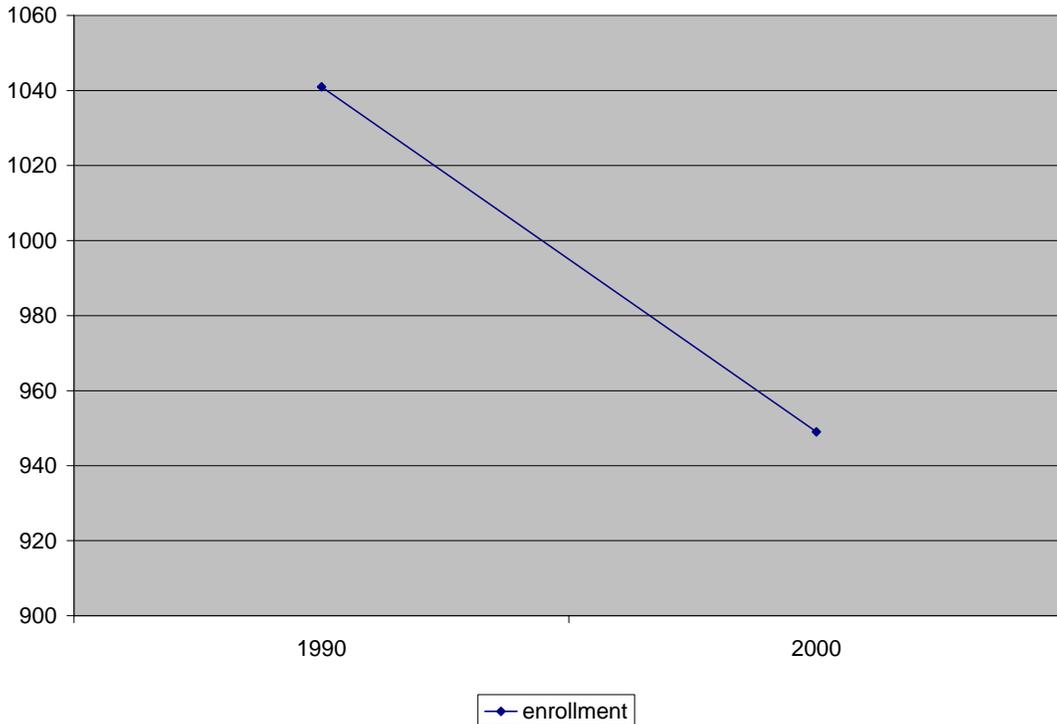


Figure 10-B Decrease in School Enrollment from 1990 to 2000



The Four Year Enrollment Projection is as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>K-6</u>	<u>7&8</u>	<u>9-12</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2004-2005	477	139	326	942
2005-2006	488	125	325	938
2006-2007	471	127	294	892
2007-2008	472	129	273	874

These projections are provided by NESDEC (New England School Development Council) for the school district on an annual basis. They are in the process of being updated at this time.

8.2 Land Use Implications and Potential Actions

Land Use Implications

Littleton’s public schools are a valuable resource for the entire community, and can play a major role in the community. Here are items to consider related to the Public Schools in Littleton:

- 1) The Town of Littleton and the public school system have already been very innovative by creating the Envisioning Littleton’s Future plan.
- 2) There may be a need for additional middle school and vocational school space in the future.

Potential Actions

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- 1) With declining enrollment, the Public Schools and the Town should work together. This will make better use of the resources within the schools, and elsewhere in town, for the benefit of the student population, other residents, and businesses in Littleton.

9.0 CEMETERIES

There are three functioning cemeteries in Littleton. The Glenwood Cemetery Association owns and operates the Glenwood Cemetery. The St. Rose Cemetery contracts with the Association for maintenance services, and the Town subsidizes the Association's budget for the operation and maintenance of its cemeteries. Table 10-C illustrates the size and remaining acreage of each facility.

Table 10-C Cemeteries in Littleton

Name and Location	Total Acreage	Remaining Acreage	Life Expectancy
Glenwood Cemetery - West Main Street	45 acres	4 acres	20 years
St. Rose Cemetery - West Main Street	20 acres	5 acres	30 years
Wheeler Hill Cemetery - NH Route 135	16.64 acres	12 acres	30 years

9.1 Land Use Implications and Potential Actions

Land Use Implications

Littleton's cemeteries are a necessary resource for the community and provide a final resting place. Here are items to consider related to the cemeteries in Littleton:

- 1) Littleton has more than enough acreage available for burials for the foreseeable future.
- 2) The cemeteries have been discussed as potential locations for multi-use trail connections if they can be unobtrusive.

Potential Actions

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- 1) The Town should continue to contract with the Glenwood Association for the operation and maintenance of the Town owned cemeteries.

10.0 LITTLETON REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Littleton Regional Hospital (LRH) is located on NH Route 18 in Littleton, New Hampshire. The Littleton Hospital Association was founded in 1906 to provide health and medical services to the residents of the Littleton area, and was previously located on Cottage Street in Littleton. LRH is a community based, non-profit, Critical Access Care facility.

LRH currently serves nine communities in its primary service area and fourteen communities in its secondary service area. Its primary service area includes Bethlehem, Franconia, Lancaster, Lincoln, Lisbon, Littleton, Twin Mountain, Whitefield, all of which are located in New Hampshire and St. Johnsbury, VT. Some of these primary service area communities are also served by their own hospital facilities. Secondary service areas include Bath, Campton, Colebrook, Groveton, Jefferson, Monroe, North Stratford, North Woodstock and Woodsville all located in New Hampshire, and Concord, Danville, Gilman, Lunenburg and Lyndonville which are located in Vermont.

LRH offers a wide range of inpatient and outpatient medical, surgical and diagnostic services, including a 24-hour physician staffed emergency department, audiology, the Agnes Norris Birthing Center, diabetes education and support, coronary care, intensive care, cardiac rehab, diagnostic imaging including MRI and multi slice spiral CT scanner, hand surgery, hearing testing, hospice care, laboratory services, lithotripsy, mammography, occupational health services including injury treatment services, oncology services, orthopedics, rehabilitation services including physical therapy, occupational therapy, aquatic therapy, speech therapy and industrial therapy, surgical services and VA outpatient care. Forty-five active medical staff

members and twenty-seven courtesy and consulting members of the medical staff deliver these services on behalf of LRH.

LRH is the largest private employer in Littleton with 217 full time and 213 part time highly trained, dedicated professionals whose common goal is to provide high quality healthcare.

In addition to providing healthcare, LRH offers diverse wellness educational programs, support groups and community outreach services including Care-A-Van services, Paramedic Intercept Program, Sharps Disposal Program, Bridge to Wellness Educational Series, Bridge to Positive Parenting maternity and parenting program and a new community newsletter, *LRH's Community Health Focus*, designed to inform and educate community members.

LRH's commitment to provide quality health care is demonstrated in its development of the Littleton Regional Hospital Charitable Foundation. The Foundation will support the future resource development needs of LRH in order to ensure that the hospital can continue to offer the highest quality healthcare and a continuum of care that addresses the needs of the community at large.

10.1 Land Use Implications

The Littleton Regional Hospital is a valuable asset for the community and the region. Here are items to consider related to the Littleton Regional Hospital:

- 1) The hospital's location on NH Route 18 could be better tied to the community, and the downtown especially.
- 2) The old hospital site on Cottage Street is in need of revitalization, and is located at a prime location near the downtown.