

1 **Chapter 5** **Community Services, Facilities and Amenities**  
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4 **Strategic Objectives**

5 The Town of Snowmass Village values the services, amenities, and facilities provided by  
6 both the public and private sectors. The community also values the amenities and  
7 facilities provided by the natural environment. In order to complement commercial and  
8 business enterprise with the appropriate community services, facilities, and amenities, a  
9 solid understanding of community values and service deficiencies in the Town of  
10 Snowmass Village is important. The Town must evaluate future growth in relation to  
11 whether adequate public services, amenities, and facilities should exist or expand.  
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13 **Background**

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15 ***Carrying Capacity of Services, Facilities, and Amenities***

16 Snowmass Village residents recognize that the Town must live within the Town's  
17 carrying capacity, which applies to community services, facilities, and amenities. The  
18 town should function within its ability to adequately and properly service its population  
19 without exceeding water supplies, overusing roads, and compromising education and  
20 health facilities.  
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22 ***The Role of Aspen and the Roaring Fork Valley***

23 The City of Aspen and the Roaring Fork Valley (RFV) provide complementary lodging,  
24 dining, and shopping opportunities to the Town of Snowmass Village. Snowmass  
25 Village's sense of community extends into Aspen and RFV with schools, recreational  
26 facilities, cultural amenities, and sources of employment. Many Snowmass Village  
27 residents enjoy the small-town feel of Snowmass Village while having the option to also  
28 enjoy Aspen and RFV amenities. Community facilities are divided into three categories in  
29 relationship to Aspen and the RFV:  
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- 31       ▪ Unnecessary Duplication. There may be no need to duplicate Aspen facilities  
32       in Snowmass Village. For example, the Aspen Valley Hospital and the Aspen  
33       and Roaring Fork School Districts service Snowmass Village.
- 34       ▪ Required Duplication. Some facilities continue to be necessary in Snowmass  
35       Village regardless of whether Aspen has similar facilities, such as childcare  
36       facilities, post office, grocery store, gas station, recreation center, library,  
37       church, etc.
- 38       ▪ Optional Duplication. Aspen has some facilities that Snowmass Village may  
39       want to duplicate. For example, Aspen emphasizes its summer performing arts  
40       facilities. Snowmass Village may want to develop its own performing arts  
41       facilities, which could have year-round use.  
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1 **Existing Conditions and Guiding Principles**

2 The Town of Snowmass Village provides trash collection, road maintenance, police  
3 protection, public transportation, affordable housing, and administrative services to the  
4 community. Other agencies provide fire and emergency medical services, water and  
5 sewer services, electricity, telephone, cable, and natural gas.

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7 ***Community Amenities***

8 The community values areas where there can be repeated spontaneous encounters with  
9 neighbors. The ability to do this not only creates a sense of community and a safe, small-  
10 town feel but also it creates vitality and energy. Nonretail amenities are vital in  
11 generating added drawing power and a more well-rounded year-round Snowmass Village  
12 community. For the Town’s three commercial nodes to be truly complementary, the  
13 inclusion of desirable nonretail amenities should be planned.

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15 *Snowmass Ski Area.* The Snowmass Ski Area is currently operated by the Aspen Skiing  
16 Company and includes 3,100 acres of terrain. In addition to skiing, snowboarding, and  
17 other traditional winter sports, the ski area offers year-round recreational opportunities.  
18 The Snowmass Ski Area is a significant economic engine in the community, providing  
19 jobs, generating revenue, and contributing to the viability of other businesses linked to  
20 the ski resort and tourism.

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22 *Snowmass Village Golf Course.* Award-winning architect Jim Engh designed the  
23 Snowmass Club Golf Course. He took cues from the ranching families that had inhabited  
24 these valleys for a century, and the result is an 18-hole course with majestic views,  
25 challenging landscapes, and sensitivity to the land and the sky above it. With five sets of  
26 tees, novices and pros alike are guaranteed an adventure.

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28 *Parks, Trails, and Open Space.* Parks and trails are significant community assets. They  
29 provide passive and active recreation opportunities for residents and visitors. Snowmass  
30 Village has an extensive trail system with 5.9 miles of paved trails and 46.5 miles of  
31 unpaved trails, including 15 miles of groomed Nordic trails. Open space areas secure  
32 wildlife habitat and preserve visual character. Including the Snowmass Ski Area, more  
33 than 8,700 acres are dedicated to public open space/conservation and recreation with  
34 close proximity to wilderness areas and U.S. National Forest land.

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36 *Town Park.* The Snowmass Village Town Park offers year-round recreational  
37 opportunities and consists of the recreation center and indoor gym, tennis courts, soccer  
38 field, softball field, playgrounds, skate park, sand volleyball courts, basketball court,  
39 active wetlands area, and rodeo events arena.

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41 ***Community Services***

42 Community services play an important role in determining carrying capacity, and  
43 development should not cause a significant decrease in the level of service provided.  
44 These services and capacities should be evaluated periodically to establish carrying  
45 capacity and then addressed at the time of land use or development application submittal.

1 To expand and best leverage services with surrounding districts and government entities,  
2 the Town should work with local and regional districts and utility providers.

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4 *Current List of District Service Providers (for a more detailed description of services  
5 provided, see Chapter 5 appendix).*

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- 7 • Snowmass Water and Sanitation District
- 8 • Snowmass-Wildcat Fire Protection District
- 9 • Aspen School District
- 10 • Aspen Valley Hospital District
- 11 • Colorado River Conservation District
- 12 • Colorado Mountain College
- 13 • Telecommunication and Transmission Services
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### 15 ***Community Facilities***

16 Community facilities are also crucial in regard to carrying capacity. New development  
17 should not result in a strain to our facilities.

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19 *Current List of Facilities in the Town of Snowmass Village (for a more detailed  
20 description of all facilities and the services provided, see Chapter 5 appendix).*

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- 22 • The Little Red Schoolhouse
- 23 • The Snowmass Village Recreation Center and Gym
- 24 • Town Hall with satellite library
- 25 • Base Village Conference Center
- 26 • Silvertree Conference Center
- 27 • Viceroy Conference Center
- 28 • Public plazas and event areas
- 29 • The Snowmass Chapel and Community Center
- 30 • Anderson Ranch
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### 32 **Policies**

33 The Town of Snowmass Village shall:

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- 35 ▪ Provide for a variety of parks, trails, and recreational facilities that meet resident  
36 and visitor needs and that enhance the community's quality of life.
- 37 ▪ Provide public services in an efficient, responsible and financially viable manner.
- 38 ▪ Create incentives for the provision (and/or) development of essential community  
39 services and facilities such as professional community-based service office space  
40 and public space.
- 41 ▪ Ensure that land use decisions maintain and enhance the Town's ability to provide  
42 services, facilities, and amenities for the resort community. New development  
43 shall assist in providing these in a fair and equitable manner and adequately  
44 compensate for its impact on public services and infrastructure.

- 1       ▪ Provide incentives for providing communitywide cellular coverage, wireless
- 2       service, or other technologies.
- 3       ▪ Evaluate future growth to the Town's carrying capacities in relation to facilities,
- 4       services, and amenities.
- 5       ▪ Examine every development proposal for opportunities to create, enhance, and/or
- 6       maintain the Town's facilities, parks, and trails infrastructure.