

OVERVIEW

Having quality facilities is important for a strong community. Government, education, childcare, health care, public safety, parks and recreation and cultural resources are interacted with on a regular basis by residents and therefore it is crucial to have these resources suitable for the area. Having quality facilities may also be used to attract new residents and businesses that can further develop the community.

The goal of this chapter is to guide the City in providing quality facilities and services to its residents. This chapter will analyze the existing conditions of DeWitt's facilities and provide a list of goals and objectives to determine how the City can best use its existing facilities and to analyze areas of improvement.

INFRASTRUCTURE

This section goes over existing conditions regarding DeWitt's infrastructure.

Water

DeWitt's water shop is located at 124 8th Avenue. The facility contains multiple wells capable of 2.5 million gallons per day (GPD), two elevated spheroid water towers and one ground storage tank. The City adds chlorine and ortho-polyphosphates to their water system. All fire hydrants are flushed in the Spring and the Fall.

Wastewater Treatment

DeWitt's Sanitary Sewer Plant is located at 511 South 6th Avenue. It was originally constructed in 1940 for \$26,566 (about \$588,027 in 2023 dollars). It was then modified and upgraded in 1960 for \$276,200 (about \$2,900,298 in 2023 dollars).

In 1988 the plant was updated again in a two-phase project. This project involved building two new effluent clarifiers, building a new laboratory and construction of a new aerated storm water-holding lagoon, as well as covering the 98' diameter Trickling Filter with a geodesic dome. There were also improvements to the solid handling process, which included revisions to the anaerobic digesters, which included new interior piping, new lids and a gas mixing system. The overall project cost was \$1,600,000 (about \$4,254,742 in 2023 dollars) and was assisted by a \$700,000 (about \$1,861,449 in 2023 dollars) Community Development Block Grant administered by the State of Iowa and ECIA.

From 1997 to 1998 the plant was upgraded to an Oxidation Ditch for \$3,800,000 (about \$7,348,522 in 2023 dollars). The new plant has an average daily flow of .913 MGD, a Maximum Wet Weather flow of 2.74 MGD and a 5.0 MGD Peak Hourly Flow.

The plant influent enters the Headworks Building for preliminary treatment and then passes through several buildings for treatment before reaching the Oxidation Ditch. From the Oxidation Ditch the flow is distributed to the Final Effluent Clarifiers and is afterwards discharged from the

processing plant. Solids are sent back to the Oxidation Ditch from centrifugal pumps located in the RAS/WAS Building and are then sent to the Primary Digester where it produces methane gas for fueling the Primary or Secondary Boilers.

The solids eventually are transferred to the North Secondary Digester and the South Secondary Digester where they are stored until disposed of. Disposal is either done through putting the solids in the Drying Beds or applying them as a liquid across 250 acres of land.

The City recently added a \$2 million ultra violet disinfection process. The City is currently in a process review for additional nutrient removal and a heavy metals study.

Electricity

Electricity in DeWitt is provided by Alliant Energy and in some areas, the Eastern Iowa Power and Light company. Eastern Iowa Light and Power is located at 500 S 5th St.

Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling

The City contracts with a private hauler for solid waste and recycling collections. Republic currently holds this contract, but the City periodically requests proposals for this service.

Broadband Internet and Cable

Telecommunications are covered by Windstream, Mediacom, and Grand Mound Telephone.

Roadways

DeWitt is located off both Highway 30 and Highway 61 which provide quick access to Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Dubuque, Maquoketa, and the Quad Cities. Refer to Chapter 8. Transportation chapter for more information regarding DeWitt's roadways and street maintenance program.

GOVERNMENT

There are many different governmental facilities within DeWitt with different purposes. This section goes over the existing conditions with each facility.

City Hall

DeWitt City Hall is located at 510 9th Street and is the workplace for many appointed and elected officials. Originally a federal post office, the current City Hall was purchased and renovated by the City in 2003 to serve as City Hall. It is also the home of the City Council, which meets there on the first and third Mondays of every month.



Source: City of DeWitt Facebook

County Facilities

Clinton County has a satellite building located at 226 11th Street. This building opened in 2014 is home to the county's Health department, Zoning department, and the Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa program. This building also serves as a satellite office for the Recorder, Sherriff, Treasurer and Veteran's Affairs Department.

The Clinton County Secondary Roads Department also has their maintenance shop located on 104 3rd Avenue.



Source: Origin Design Facebook

EDUCATION

Providing quality education is important for community well-being. A better educated population may develop many skills that can be used to increase a community's capacity for development. This section looks at the educational facilities that exist in DeWitt and in what ways they can serve the community.



Source: Central DeWitt Community School District

Central DeWitt Community School District

The Central DeWitt Community School District is the public school district for the entirety of the City of DeWitt as well as the smaller surrounding communities of Grand Mound, Low Moor and Welton.

As of the 2022-23 school year the district has a certified enrollment of 1,453 students. Figure 4.1 shows the change in enrollment between the 2013-14 school year and the 2022-23 school year. The district's certified enrollment has remained stable within the 10-year period.

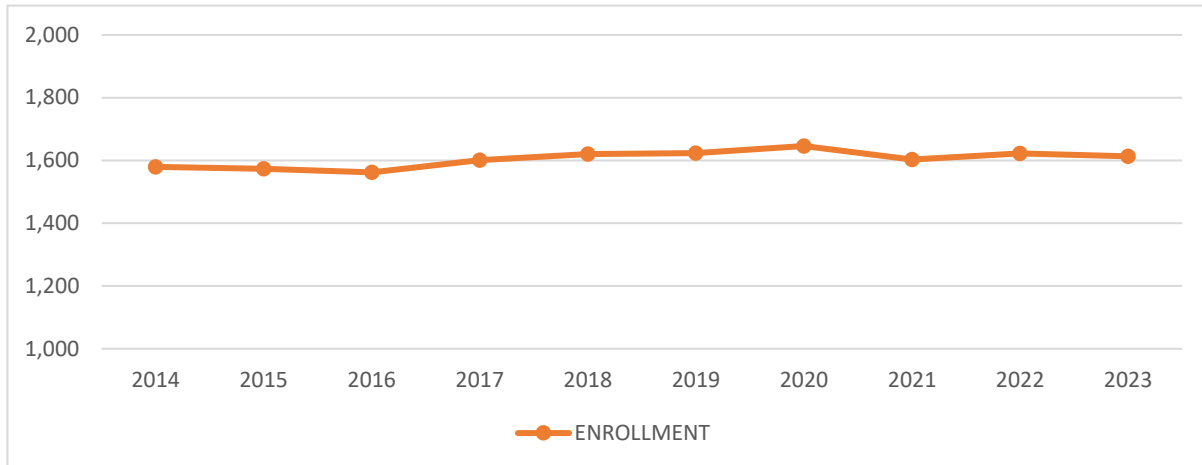


Figure 4-1. Central DeWitt CSD Enrollment, 2014-2023

Source: Iowa Department of Education

There are 4 schools within the Central DeWitt school district. Ekstrand Elementary School is located at 1140 15th Street and educates children from preschool to 3rd grade. The school was built in 1970. As of the 2022-23 school year the school has a total enrollment of 460 students.

The other 3 schools are located on the same campus along 11th Street and 4th Avenue East. Central DeWitt Intermediate School educates children from 4th to 6th grade and is located at 1010 4th Avenue East. The building opened in 1992 as a middle school and became an intermediate school in 2012. The school had an enrollment of 329 students in the 2022-23 school year.

Central DeWitt Middle School opened in 2012 at 425 E. 11th Street in 2012 for 7th and 8th grade. As of the 2022-23 school year the school had an enrollment of 230 students, making it the smallest school in the district.

Central DeWitt High School is located at 519 E. 11th Street and educates students from 9th through 12th grade. There are 546 students enrolled at the school, making it the largest in the district.

St. Joseph Catholic School

Outside of the Central DeWitt school district there is also St. Joseph Catholic School. The school is located at 417 6th Avenue and houses preschool through 8th grade. The original school was established in 1865, bouncing around many different locations until the current school was built in 1954. As of the 2022-23 school year there were 183 students enrolled at the school.



Source: St. Joseph Church

DeWitt Career Advancement Center

In the Fall of 2023, Eastern Iowa Community Colleges opened the DeWitt Career Advancement Center at 817 E Industrial Street. The 26,000 square foot facility serves 8 rural school districts in both Clinton and Jackson counties and features six different career programs in career and technical education. Students have opportunities to earn short-term certificates and credits towards diplomas and associate degrees in agriculture, computer numerical control (CNC) machining, construction technology, health care, information technology and small business management. The facility is split into two wings with both classroom learning and hands-on training with industry-standard equipment.



Source: Iowa Department of Education

CHILDCARE

Access to quality childcare is very important for many small communities, especially for young families. This section examines the types of childcare available in DeWitt.

DeWitt has five licensed providers within the city according to the Iowa Department Health and Human Services (HHS). Table X.X. contains information on both providers. This number does not account for unregistered in-home childcare facilities that may exist in the city.

There are three types of regulated childcare in Iowa: Licensed Centers, Child Development Homes and Child Care Homes. Three providers in the city are Licensed Centers while two are Child Development Homes

All childcare providers must complete background checks and first aid, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and mandatory child abuse reporter training. All childcare providers may apply for a Child Care Assistance (CCA) Provider Agreement with Iowa HHS which allows these providers to care for children that qualify for public assistance with child care costs.

Iowa's Quality Rating System (QRS) is a voluntary childcare rating system with five levels for child development homes, licensed child care centers, preschools, and child care programs that are operated by school districts.

The Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Agency helps families to select child care providers who best meet their needs. Child Care Consultants provide on-site consultation to licensed preschools, centers, nonregistered home providers, and Child Development Home providers. DeWitt is served by CCR&R of Southeast Iowa in Davenport. For more information, visit Source: Iowa CCR&R at <https://iowaccrr.org/>

Provider Type	Active CCA Provider	Provider Capacity	Provider QRS Level
Licensed Center	Yes	100	0
Licensed Center	No	16	0
Licensed Center	Yes	75	2
Registered Child Development Home B	Yes	12	0
Registered Child Development Home C	Yes	16	3

Table 4-1. Licensed Childcare Providers in DeWitt

Source: Child Care Client Portal, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, accessed 11/1/2023

PUBLIC HEALTH

Public health is an important marker of community well-being. This chapter examines the public health facilities available for the residents of DeWitt.

Genesis Medical Center

The city is home to Genesis Medical Center, DeWitt located at 1118 11th Street. The center is a 13-bed not-for-profit hospital and has been in the community since 1952. They provide a wide range of services including:

- Ambulance
- Emergency Services
- Hospitalists
- Imaging
- Infusion
- Laboratory
- Pain Management
- Pharmacy
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Physical Therapy
- Respiratory Care
- Sleep Disorders
- Surgery

There are also many clinics and specialized medical services (eyecare, dentistry, physical therapy) that aid in the public health in DeWitt.



Source: Genesis Health System

Elder Care

Table 4.2 has a list of elder care facilities in DeWitt. Both facilities offer a variety of care options on their campuses.

Facility	Address	Types of Care
Fieldstone of DeWitt	1301 Maynard Way, DeWitt, IA 52742	Assisted Living, Memory Support, Short-Term Rehabilitation, Long-Term Care
Maggie's House Assisted Living	107 East 2nd Street, DeWitt, IA 52742	Self-Directed Care, Assisted Living, Enhanced Living, Special Needs
Legacy of the Meadows	119 East 2 nd Street, DeWitt, IA 52742	

Table 4-2. Elder Care Facilities in DeWitt

Source: Fieldstone of DeWitt and Maggie's House Assisted Living

PUBLIC SAFETY

It is important to develop communities that feel safe for its residents to live and experience in. This section looks at the public safety departments in DeWitt.

DeWitt Police Department

DeWitt's police department provides public safety for the City of DeWitt. The department is led by its chief and includes 10 sworn officers, 8 reserve officers and two administrative employees. The department is located at 1505 6th Avenue. The DeWitt Police Department has been accredited by the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies since 2011.

The new police station is 8,840 square foot and provides centralized file storage, adequate space for officers to file reports, locker rooms with showers, secure holding cells and processing areas, a three-car vehicular sally port, an animal holding area, and a training room. The current facility is expected to meet the needs of the community for the next 30 years.



Source: Origin Design

DeWitt Fire Department

DeWitt also has a full-service and all-volunteer Fire Department. There are currently 29 members, and their fire station is at 711 10th Street. They cover DeWitt and the surrounding rural area for fire and rescue services. The Fire Department is currently planning to expand their building to add new offices, meeting rooms, a large training room and sleeping quarters. The expansion will include 5,600 square foot on the first level and 2,800 square foot on the second level. This will allow the department to host county-wide trainings without having to pull trucks out of the bay area and will help keep the department within pace of the City's growth.



Source: DeWitt Fire Department Facebook

PARKS AND RECREATION

The City of DeWitt offers a variety of parks and recreational opportunities for its residents. The main offices are in the DeWitt Fitness Center at 900 14th Street. There are 11 facilities within the department. Figure X.X. has a map showing the location of each park within the city.

Ashindel Park

Ashindel Park is located at 8th Avenue and 14th Street. The park was acquired and developed in 1988 with the assistance of Jan Shindel and named after Dr. Wallace Ash (the founder of the fitness center) and Dr. George Shindel. The park is 3.5 acres and includes natural areas with flowers and trees and a sitting area. There is also a basketball court, volleyball area and a walking and fitness trail. The park is also the home of the DeWitt Fitness Center.



Source: DeWitt Parks and Recreation

DeWitt Fitness Center

The DeWitt Fitness Center is a city-owned 17,000 square foot fitness facility. Members have access to racquetball courts, a swimming pool, hot tub, sauna, indoor track, cardio equipment, free and machine weight rooms, group exercise classes, Taekwondo, tumbling, swimming programs among other amenities.

Lincoln Park

Located at 6th Avenue and 11th Street, this 2.1-acre park is considered the city's premier park. The park is situated under the city's water tower and has amenities such as a picnic shelter and tables, bandshelter, playground equipment and public restrooms. The park is also home to the DeWitt Chamber and Development Company in the historic Hausbarn as well as the DeWitt Community Center.



Source: DeWitt Parks and Recreation

Little Trees Park

Little Trees Park is located on 8th Avenue and 1st Street. The land was previously owned by the Irwin family who had let the community use the land as a park since the mid-1940s. The park has featured a wide variety of activities including baseball, kite flying, flag football, and soccer. In the summer of 2003, the community was able to raise funds for the purchase of the park, and today includes a ball diamond, restrooms, playground, basketball court and parking.



Source: DeWitt Parks and Recreation

Paarmann Park

Paarmann Park is a 1-acre park located in the 100 block of E. 4th Street. The park is the City's newest park and was named after Lois M. Paarmann, who left funds for the Parks and

Recreation department who used it to purchase the land and develop it into a new park. The park includes a picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground equipment and a basketball court.



Source: DeWitt Parks and Recreation

Westbrook Park

Westbrook Park is DeWitt's largest park, opening in 1968 and comprising 100 acres west of the city on 11th Street. The park's amenities include five picnic shelters, four ball diamonds with lights, three playground equipment areas, an 18-hole disc golf course, camp Minor Boy Scout camp, an off-road bike trail, two public restrooms and a concession stand. The park also includes a natural timber area with foot trails and the Paul Skeffington Memorial Trail which is a 10' wide multi-purpose trail. Silver Creek runs through the park.

Westbrook park's north section is home to a 6.3-acre soccer field complex containing 3 fields and a concession stand. DeWitt Parks and Recreation hosts both a fall and spring league.

DeWitt Dog Park is also located within Westbrook Park and provides 2 acres of fenced-in land for dogs to run free. There are separate areas for both large and small dogs and both areas provide benches for owners to sit while their dog socializes and plays.



Source: DeWitt Parks and Recreation

DeWitt Aquatic Center

DeWitt Aquatic Center located at 1000 14th Street was built in 1998 and is home to features such as a zero-depth entry pool, diving board, children's slide, lily pads, climbing wall and water slides. There are also opportunities for swimming lessons and private pool parties at the facility.

Pool Park

Located north of the Aquatic Center, this 4.7-acre park contains two ball fields and a walking path. Public restrooms are located outside the fitness center as well.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

DeWitt also has a wealth of cultural resources that contribute to its strong identity as a community.

DeWitt Community Library

The DeWitt Community Library is located at 917 5th Avenue and is a municipal library providing materials and information services to residents in the City of DeWitt as well as in rural Clinton County. DeWitt also has contracts with several cities to provide these services to their residents. The current library opened in 1987 as the Frances Banta Waggoner library, with an expansion occurring in 2020. The library also has access to many different online resources, a wide variety of programming and events for many different age groups.



Source: DeWitt Community Library Facebook

Central DeWitt Performing Arts Center

The Central DeWitt Arts Center is located at 519 E. 11th Street on the campus of the Central DeWitt School District. It is a 799-seat venue for plays, musicals, comedians, recitals, dancers, speakers, business meetings and other events in an auditorium-type setting. The venue opened in 2011 as a joint venture of the Central DeWitt Community School District and the City of DeWitt.



Source: DeWitt Chamber and Development Company

DeWitt Community Center

The DeWitt Community Center is located at 512 10th Street near Lincoln Park. It is a community meeting and reception facility that is provided to meet the gathering, conference and reception needs of area organizations and residents. The center is managed by the Parks and Recreation Department and is available to rent for a variety of uses.



Source: DeWitt Parks and Recreation

DeWitt Hausbarn Museum

Lincoln Park is also home to the DeWitt Hausbarn Museum. The building, built in 1727 originates from Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. This is culturally significant, as Clinton County is said to have some of the largest migrations of people from this area in the United States. It was dismantled and brought to DeWitt where it was reassembled in 2008 with the help of community volunteers. The building's exterior has retained its historical character, with the thatched roof being a notable feature. Outside of being a museum, the building also functions as the location of the DeWitt Chamber and Development Company.



Source: DeWitt Chamber and Development Company

Central Community Historical Museum

The Central Community Historical Museum, operated by the non-profit DeWitt Historical Society, offers numerous permanent and rotating displays that capture the history of the area. Items featured at the museum are from a variety of time periods, ranging from the tools of indigenous tribes to household items from the 1950s. The museum contains both memorabilia from DeWitt's history as well as a wide array of pieces from across the Midwest. Research materials for genealogy such as county atlases from 1868 to the present, obituaries, cemetery records, county histories, marriage and birth records and family histories can also be found at the museum.



Source: DeWitt Chamber and Development Company

RECCOMENDATIONS

Infrastructure and Community Facilities Recommendations to be added later.