
CHAPTER 4: COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Introduction

A comprehensive plan will recognize the importance of services provided and available to the community. This section outlines government institutions and community organizations that provide required services to Piatt County residents.

Schools

There are currently 26 public schools within seven different school districts that serve the residents of Piatt County. Table 4-1 shows there are 12 elementary level schools, six middle schools, and seven high schools. Enrollment varies from 27 students at Deland-Weldon Middle School to 862 students at Mahomet-Seymour High School.



Monticello Middle School

Table 4-1: Schools Serving Piatt County

School	Village	2007 Enrollment	Grades Served
<i>Atwood Hammond Community Unit School District #39</i>			
Atwood Hammond High School	Atwood	115	9-12
Atwood Hammond Elementary School	Atwood	322	P-8
<i>Bement Community Unit School District #5</i>			
Bement Elementary School	Bement	217	P-5
Bement High School	Bement	137	9-12
Bement Middle School	Bement	83	6-8
<i>Blue Ridge Community Unit District #18</i>			
Blue Ridge Mansfield Elementary School	Mansfield	195	4-6
Blue Ridge Junior High School	Mansfield	135	7-8
Blue Ridge High School	Farmer City	281	9-12
Ruth M Schneider Elementary School	Farmer City	321	PK-3
<i>Cerro Gordo Community Unit School District #100</i>			
Cerro Gordo Elementary School	Cerro Gordo	287	P-5
Cerro Gordo High School	Cerro Gordo	176	9-12
Cerro-Gordo Middle School	Cerro Gordo	125	6-8
<i>Deland Weldon Community Unit School District #57</i>			
Deland-Weldon Elementary School	Weldon	135	P-6
Deland-Weldon High School	Deland	53	9-12
Deland Weldon Middle School	Weldon	27	7-8
<i>Mahomet-Seymour Unit #3</i>			
Mahomet-Seymour High School	Mahomet	862	9-12
Mahomet-Seymour Junior High School	Mahomet	650	6-8
Middletown Early Childhood Center	Mahomet	239	PK-K
Lincoln Trail Elementary School	Mahomet	616	3-5
Sangamon Elementary School	Mahomet	390	1-2
<i>Monticello Community School District #25</i>			
Lincoln Elementary School	Monticello	230	K, 1-2
Monticello High School	Monticello	520	9-12
Monticello Middle School	Monticello	428	6-8
Washington School	Monticello	385	3-5
White Heath Elementary School	White Heath	133	P-4

Source: Illinois State Board of Education

School Districts

Residents of Piatt County attend seven school districts, each serving different geographic areas of the County. Enrollment within these school districts ranges from 215 students at Deland-Weldon CUSD 57 to 2,757 students at Mahomet-Seymour CUSD 3. Student/teacher ratios were lower than Illinois averages in Piatt County school districts except for Mahomet-Seymour CUSD 3.

Table 4-2: School Districts

School District Name	Enrollment	Pupil- Elementary Teacher Ratio	Pupil- Secondary Teacher Ratio	2004 Equalized Assessed Valuation per Pupil
Atwood Hammond CUSD 39	437	12.7:1	12.0:1	\$88,406
Bement CUSD 5	437	16.6:1	12.5:1	\$97,980
Blue Ridge CUSD 18	932	18.5:1	15.2:1	\$109,022
Cerro Gordo CUSD 100	588	14.7:1	14.7:1	\$82,632
Deland-Weldon CUSD 57	215	13.0:1	16.6:1	\$218,043
Mahomet-Seymour CUSD 3	2,757	19.1:1	19.6:1	\$73,854
Monticello CUSD 25	1,696	16.6:1	14.1:1	\$98,074

IL Pupil/ Teacher ratio - 18.8:1

Source: Illinois State Board of Education - 2007 Report Card

Fire Districts

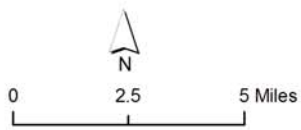
Piatt County is served by eleven Fire Protection Districts (FPD) serving the smaller villages and unincorporated areas of the County, and one Municipal Fire Department which serves Monticello. Each station provides coverage for an assigned geographic area, as outlined in Map 4-1. Three FPDs not located in the County, Farmer City FPD, Ivesdale FPD, and Weldon FPD, also provide protection.

Map 4-1:

Fire Protection Service Piatt County, Illinois

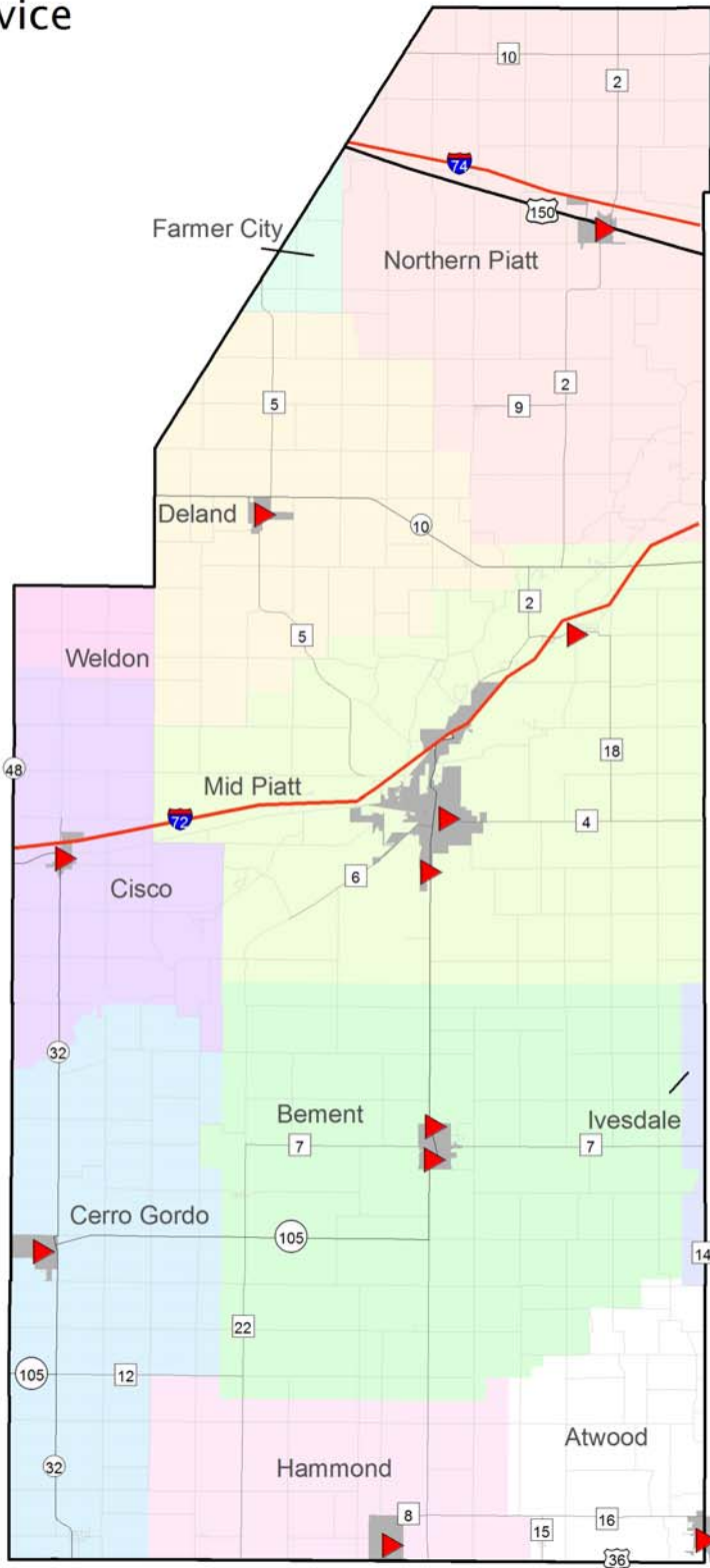
Legend

-  Fire Stations
-  County Hwy
-  State Hwy
-  U.S. Hwy
-  Interstate



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ISO Rating

Fire suppression capability is rated by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial Risk Services Inc. using the Fire Suppression Rating Scheme (FSRS). Under this system, each fire protection district is evaluated and given an ISO rating which is used to determine the fire fighting capability of an individual district. This number can vary from 1, being the best, down to 10, which represents no fire protection. Many small FPDs have a dual rating. The first number represents the protection to urban areas and those within a five mile radius of the fire station. The second number represents rural areas and those outside a five mile radius. Table 4-3 lists Fire Protection Districts providing coverage in Piatt County, and their ISO Ratings where available.

Table 4-3: Fire Protection Districts and ISO ratings

<u>Department/ District</u>	<u>Station Location</u>	<u>ISO Rating</u>
Atwood FPD	Atwood	5/9
Bement FPD	Bement	9/10
Cerro Gordo FPD	Cerro Gordo	6/9
Cisco FPD	Cisco	9/10
DeLand FPD	DeLand	7/9
Farmer City FPD (DeWitt Co.)	Farmer City (DeWitt Co.)	6/9
Hammond FPD	Hammond	7/9
Ivesdale FPD (Champaign Co.)	Ivesdale (Champaign Co.)	8/9
Mid-Piatt FPD	White Heath	6/9
Monticello Fire And Rescue	Monticello	5
Northern Piatt County FPD	Mansfield	6/9

Source: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshall

Police

Piatt County Police Protection is provided to unincorporated areas by the Piatt County Sheriff's Office. The City of Monticello's Police department is comprised of six full-time and three part-time employees.

Emergency Medical/Ambulatory Services

There are three emergency medical/ambulance providers in Piatt County: Cerro Gordo Community Ambulance Service, Kirby Ambulance Service in Monticello, and Emergency Ambulance Service in Monticello.

Hospitals and Healthcare Centers

Carle Clinic- Monticello- Carle Clinic serves residents of Piatt County, providing routine care and treating minor and more serious illnesses. Preventative care, minor surgery, and diagnostic services are provided on location. Additionally, patrons have access to the collective knowledge of Carle Clinic's other physicians and medical experts who can consult through the patient's personal doctor.

Kirby Hospital- Kirby Hospital, located in Monticello, is the only hospital located in Piatt County. Kirby Hospital has served the Piatt County region for over 60 years, providing Emergency Services including 24/7 ambulance service, EMT, and homebound patient care. Additionally, the hospital offers Laboratory, Oncology, and general surgical service. Therapy services include Cardiac Rehabilitation, Diabetes Care, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy. Residents of the Atwood/Hammond/Arthur area can gain access to medical facilities at the Kirby Medical group at Atwood.

Peterson Health Care Center- The Peterson Health Care Center is a 60-bed facility located in Bement, providing nursing facility care to seniors in Piatt County.

Piatt County Mental Health Center- Located in Monticello, the Piatt County Mental Health Center provides behavioral health services to the area. Care is provided for persons with a full range of developmental disabilities. Services provided include outpatient therapy, vocational evaluation and placement, and alcohol and drug outpatient services.

Piatt County Nursing Home- Piatt County Nursing Home is a 100-bed intermediate nursing facility providing 24-hour care in Monticello. Piatt County Nursing home has 150 staff available to serve county residents. Professionals provide in-house care for residents, and also sponsor outreach programs such as Piatt County Services for Seniors, Faith in Action, and Care Management Services, all providing care to older adults living in the community.

Senior Living Centers

Tatman Village- Tatman village is a senior residential community located in Monticello. Established in 1981, Tatman village offers elderly persons the opportunity to reside in the community and still maintain an independent lifestyle. Tatman Village offers 52 apartments ranging in size from individual studios to 2 bedroom units. Preference is offered first to residents of Monticello Township, then Piatt County residents, and finally affiliates of the County.

Maple Point – Maple Point is a supported living community with 30 apartment style units. The center will be opened in 2008 and provide preferential admission to Piatt County residents.

Social Services

Food Pantries- A variety of organizations have food pantries: Mansfield United Methodist Church; Piatt County Ecumenical Food Pantry, Monticello; Central Illinois Economic Development Corporation, Monticello; Lord's Storehouse, La Place; Lodge Church of God; and God's Lifeline, Cerro Gordo. Days and hours of service vary.

DeWitt-Piatt Bi-County Health Department- The DeWitt-Piatt Bi-County Health Department offers health assistance for residents in the bi-county area. Services include immunizations, wellness clinics, environmental health services, as well as establishing public health policy.

Illinois Department of Human Services- Illinois Department of Human Services was established in 1997 to provide Illinois residents access to services intended to relieve financial stress. Services include housing assistance, food stamp program, addiction counseling, child care, medical assistance, violence prevention, and disability rehabilitation.

Senior Citizens Transportation Advisory Board- Based in Cerro Gordo, the Board provides mini-bus services for senior citizens in Cerro Gordo, Monticello, Bement, Mansfield, and Deland.

Piattran County Transportation- Piattran provides a program for those with special transportation needs in Piatt County. Medivan provides medical transportation for those who are in a wheelchair or who cannot navigate a standard vehicle. Piattran also offers services to teens aged 12 and up for recreational opportunities in neighboring counties.

Piatt County Services for Seniors- Provides information and assistance on senior services for citizens 60 and older. Transportation assistance is available for medical appointments. Services for Seniors also provides direction to area services, ensuring that Piatt County seniors are connected to the programs, agencies, and assistance they need.

Piatt County Faith in Action- Is a volunteer caregiver ministry that offers assistance to senior adults. Services include companionship, minor home repair, yard work, grocery shopping, meal preparation, transportation for errands, and respite care.

Dove Inc.- Provides support and services for domestic violence victims, assistance for homeless persons, and a number of other programs for residents of Macon, Moultrie, Piatt, Shelby, and DeWitt Counties.

Willow Tree Mission- Willow Tree Mission provides a clothing pantry, food share program, and shelter for victims of domestic violence.

Plans for Public Services

This section establishes goals, objectives and strategies for the future conditions of Piatt County's public services. Recommendations in this chapter are intended to provide tools by which the community can be improved in terms of quality of life, health and safety. Providing public services can be challenging in terms of who has the responsibility for providing them and ensuring that all residents are served as optimally as possible.

Issues

Piatt County residents indicated a variety of issues related to public services during the public input opportunities afforded by the planning process.

- Smaller towns have a lack of ambulances, resulting in high response times.
- Recycling could be expanded in the County.

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Piatt County will support a system of public safety, justice and law enforcement that provides equal and fair treatment to all.

Objective 1.1: Encourage police, fire, and ambulance service for all residents of Piatt County.

Objective 1.2: Periodically assess whether there is adequate service given considerations such as population growth, new employment centers, and barriers to accessibility by emergency vehicles and facilitate solutions.

Goal 2: Piatt County will be a place where residents have access to community services that foster healthier lives.

Objective 2.1: Encourage programs for senior citizens.

Objective 2.2: Encourage programs for low income families.

Objective 2.3: Encourage programs for victims of domestic violence.

Objective 2.4: Encourage programs for children.

Objective 2.5: Encourage programs for continuing adult education.

Future Conditions

Schools

Population projections for horizon year 2030 suggest that there will be fewer school aged children in Piatt County than there are currently. To fully identify future needs, a school facilities plan should be completed by all Piatt County school districts that identifies capacity, building age, existing expansions, and perceived needs. A prioritized project list should be created that allows some room for potential growth. The future of schools in Piatt County should continue to espouse the ideals of quality education, adequate facilities, and equity for all students.

Police

Population and municipal growth will both be determining factors in the amount of police presence needed in Piatt County. While there is no standard for the number of police officers needed for a given population, public sentiment can be a gauge used to determine need. Police response times can also be useful in identifying geographic gaps in coverage.

Fire

The future of fire protection in Piatt County, as in every county, should focus on improving response times. A gap analysis can be performed that identifies areas with high response times. Lower ISO ratings are a reflection of improved response times, among other factors. Gaps should be prioritized for potential expanded service, for which funding can be sought.

Ambulance

Ambulance service is geographically focused on the central and western portions of the county. Like police and fire, a gap analysis can be undertaken to prioritize where future service expansion could take place if funding becomes available.

Social Services Programs

There will always be a need for a variety of programs that serve residents. In order to ensure that Piatt County maintains and implements necessary programs in the future, periodic opportunities should be provided for residents to identify their needs and prioritize them. In twenty years, Piatt County should be more self-sufficient in its provision of social services. It should be inclusive of all needs and coordinate efforts so that resources can be found and used equitably and efficiently.

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