

## ELEMENT IV – UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

*The **Utilities & Community Facilities Element** is a compilation of objectives, policies, goals, maps and programs to guide the future development of utilities and community facilities in the Village of Prentice such as sanitary sewer service, storm water management, water supply, solid waste disposal, on-site wastewater treatment technologies, recycling facilities, parks, telecommunications facilities, power-generating plants and transmission lines, cemeteries, health care facilities, child care facilities and other public facilities, such as police, fire and rescue facilities, libraries, schools and other governmental facilities. The element shall describe the location, use and capacity of existing public utilities and community facilities that serve the local governmental unit, shall include an approximate timetable that forecasts the need to expand or rehabilitate existing utilities and facilities or to create new utilities and facilities and shall assess future needs for government services.*

### Introduction

Public utilities, facilities and governmental services are essential for the well-being of village residents and visitors to the community. The element includes background information, goals, objectives, policies, recommendations, and programs to guide the future development of utilities and community facilities in the Village of Prentice. See Map 3 for Community Facilities.

### Utilities and Community Facilities Profile (Inventory & Analysis)

#### Municipal Water & Sewer

In 1946, the Village of Prentice installed a sewer and water system. The systems consist of two village wells and water tower with a capacity of 180, 000 gallons. Daily water usage is approximately 60,000 gallons. The sewer system consists of an activated sludge process which treats wastewater using aeration and a biological floc composed of bacteria and protozoa. Four lift stations are active which help to move wastewater from lower to higher elevation through pipes.

The existing wastewater treatment plant was constructed in the 1970's and has reached the end of its useful life. The Village has begun the planning and funding process to upgrade the plant through replacement to meet the existing and long-term needs and growth of the community.



### Storm Water Management

Storm water management infrastructure in the Village of Prentice is currently limited to a series of ditches straddling village streets and curb and gutters.

### Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling

Curbside solid waste collection and recycling is provided by Advanced Disposal on a contractual basis. Each spring the Village hosts a “Spring Clean-up Week” where curbside pickup of lawn debris and leaves are disposed of. The village also has a used oil storage tank for residents to recycle used oil. The Village also participates in the Price County Cleansweep Program.

### Natural Gas Service & Electric Power

Xcel Energy provides village businesses and residents with both electrical and natural gas needs. According to the 2019 American Community Survey, 83.7 percent of homes in the Village of Prentice use utility gas<sup>1</sup> as their primary source of home heating fuel. Natural gas service is provided by Xcel Energy.



### Telecommunications Services

Telecommunications include the transmission of signals containing voice or data over a network. These services are essential for public safety and are becoming increasingly important in personal and business communications when residents work or school from home. The Village of Prentice is located within Norvado’s service area. Norvado also provides local internet services to the village. Telecommunication and Internet services are also available through several other carriers. Cable television is available through Norvado and other satellite companies.

### Wireless phone service

Cellular phone services are available in the Village of Prentice and surrounding areas. These services are provided by multiple carriers. The nearest cellular communications tower is located approximately one-quarter mile west of the village limits on Granberg Rd.

### Government Facilities

The center of village government operations is the Village Hall located at 403 Center Street. Other government facilities in the Village of Prentice are the golf course pro shop, village garage and wastewater treatment plant.



### Schools

The Village of Prentice is located within the Prentice School District. The District operates Prentice Elementary School (K-4), the Prentice Middle School (5-8) and the Prentice High School (9-12). The three are all within the same building located at 1025 Town Street. Enrollment in

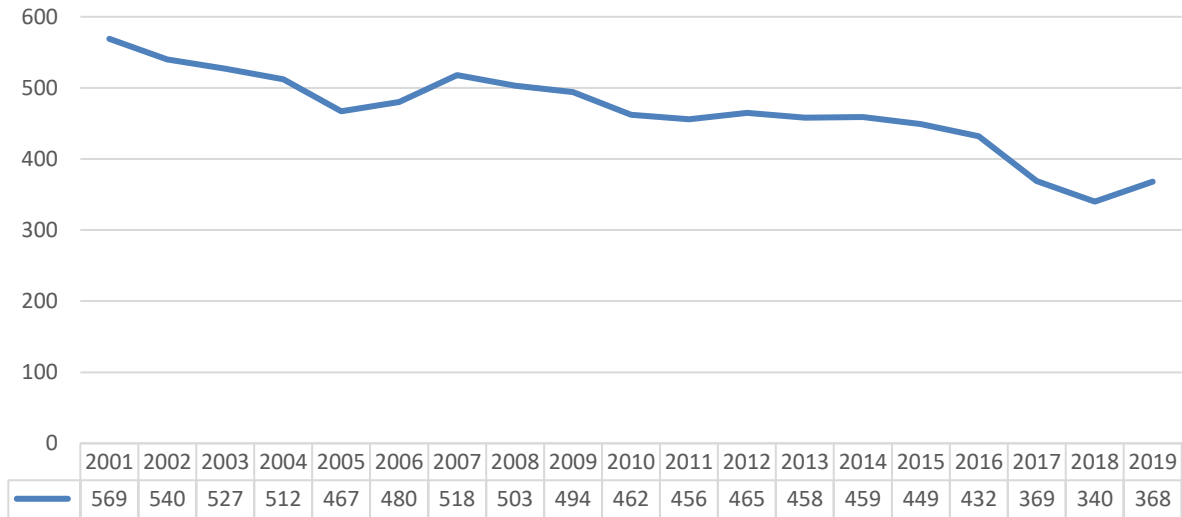
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<sup>1</sup> Includes gas piped through underground pipes from a central system

the Prentice School District has declined by more than 35 percent from 2001 to 2019. The Prentice School District anticipates stable or slightly declining enrollment over the next 10 years.

Recently, the Prentice School District completed an 8.5 million project adding additional classrooms, new band room, new art studio, science lab and cafeteria/commons area.

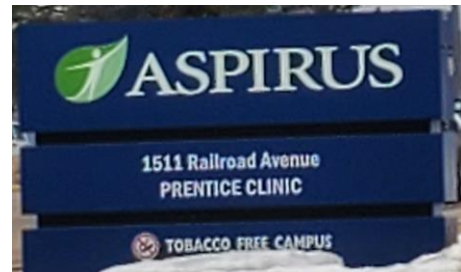
Prentice School District Enrollment 2001-2019



Source: WI Department of Public Instruction

### Health Care Facilities

There is one health care facility currently in the Village of Prentice. The Aspirus Prentice Clinic is a family clinic located at 1511 Railroad Ave. Services at this location include children’s health, flu vaccinations, laboratory services, physical medicine and rehab, radiology, family medicine and women’s health. Directly behind the clinic is a building used for physical therapy.



### Child Care Facilities

Within the Village of Prentice there are currently no certified or licensed child or day care facilities.

### Police Services

The Village of Prentice is served primarily by the Price County Sheriff’s Department.



### Fire & Ambulance Services

The fire departments first fire barn was on Center Street and used teams of horses for moving their fire buckets, ladders, hose reels and fire-fighting equipment. In the 1930's the village fire department had their first fire truck, which carried fire equipment, buckets, hose and ladders.



The Prentice Volunteer Fire Department is a Village and township owned organization directed by a Joint Fire Board. The Fire Department has fire protection contracts with the Towns of Prentice, Knox and Hackett. for a total service area covering approximately 250 square miles.

In 1968, the Prentice Volunteer Fire Department Ambulance Service was officially formed, with two ambulances that cover 500 square miles for the Villages of Prentice, Kennan, Catawba, Townships of Kennan, Prentice, Hackett, Knox, Catawba, Ogema, Spirit, Hill, and Georgetown. The department has low fire insurance with a Class 5 Insurance Services Office (ISO) fire rating thanks to the Volunteer Fire Department.

### Public Libraries

There is no public library within the Village of Prentice. For library services residents can patronize the City of Park Falls Public Library (121 N Fourth Ave), Phillips Public Library (286 Cherry St.) and the Ogema Public Library (W5005 WI-86) within Price County.

### Places of Worship

Three places of worship have been identified within the Village of Prentice.

1. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church – located at 935 Town Street
2. First Lutheran Church – Located at 670 Main Street
3. First Baptist Church – 757 Cherry Street

### Cemeteries

One cemetery is located within the village limits. Located on Cemetery Road south of the airport runway, the Prentice Cemetery Association maintains the cemetery.

### Parks & Recreation Facilities

There are four community parks and one designated trail located within the village. The Village of Prentice would like to explore possibilities of future recreational opportunities.

- **Buccaneer Pond** – Located at Town & Pine Street intersection, facilities include swimming, drinking water, toilets, picnic tables, fishing and grills.
- **Lions Park** – Located on South Street across from the school, facilities include baseball, volleyball, playground, pavilions, drinking water, restrooms and picnic tables.

- **Riverfront Park** – Located west of Railroad Avenue below the Jump River Reservoir. Facilities include picnic tables, fishing & grills.
- **Wayside Park** – Also known locally as MacKinnonn Park, it is located east of Railroad Avenue on the Jump River Reservoir. Facilities include picnic tables, fishing & hiking trails.
- **Pine Line Rail Trail** - The Pine Line is a rail-trail in Price and Taylor counties. The Pine Line Rail Trail is a 26-mile abandoned railroad grade starting on Morner Road in Price County and ending on Allman Street in Medford. Plans are underway to extend the trail into downtown Prentice. A temporary trailhead can be accessed via town and county roads at Buccaneer Park in Prentice (April 1-November 30 only). Trail accommodations includes ATV and UTV riding in the winter, hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding.
- **Prentice Pines Golf Course** – The Prentice Pines Golf Course is a nine-hole, par 35 course. Owned and operated by the village, the course offers a renovated clubhouse, pro shop, meeting space and restrooms.



- **Prentice River Walk** – Take a stroll through the Village of Prentice and discover the fascinating history of this Northwoods community. You will find historic markers throughout town commemorating important events, learn about the logging industry, railroad history, important citizens, famous Prentice natives, the area’s earliest settlers, historic businesses and buildings, some still in operation and others no longer in existence, which were important to the development of present-day Prentice, including the Prentice Creamery, the site of the United States Leather Company tannery and the Jump River Lumber Company Store. A map shows the location of the 17 outdoor historical markers and plaques located within the village of Prentice.

### Utilities & Community Facilities Assessment

Wisconsin’s comprehensive planning statutes require that a municipalities plan includes an approximate timetable that forecasts the need to expand, rehabilitate or create new utilities and facilities.

	Utilities & Community Facilities Assessment 2020-2040		
	Expand	Rehab	Create New
	2020-2040	2020-2040	2020-2040
Sanitary Sewer Service		●	
Storm Water Management		●	
Water Supply			
Solid Waste Disposal			
Recycling Facilities	●		
Telecommunication Facilities	●		
Electrical Service			
Natural Gas Service			
Cemeteries			
Health Care Facilities			
Child Care Facilities			●
Law Enforcement			
Fire Protection		●	
Emergency Medical Services		●	
Hazardous Materials Response	●		
Public Schools			●
Public Parks	●		
Recreational Trails	●		●
Village Hall/Garage		●	
Other Municipal Facilities		●	

### Utilities and Community Facilities

**GOAL: Maintain and upgrade current and future community facilities in the Village of Prentice.**

OBJECTIVE 1: Continue to work on upgrading the wastewater treatment facilities.

OBJECTIVE 2: Work to increase high-speed interment, fiber optic expansion and cell phone coverage for the village.

OBJECTIVE 3: Encourage more EMS personnel to carryout emergency medical services.

OBJECTIVE 4: Continue to support school expansion initiatives.

OBJECTIVE 5: Work to expand and promote rail trails.

OBJECTIVE 6: Work to promote usage of airport and rail service.

ACTIONS:

- Continue to provide affordable costs for sanitary sewer service to Village residents.
- Work to promote the current village parks (develop appropriate signage for parks).
- Create recycling/yard waste area within the village.
- Upgrade storm water/catch basin on CTH A.
- Continue to work closely with the development of a campground.
- Develop a needs assessment of upgrades to current utilities and facilities.