

A. ATTICA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Attica Central School District serves residents in a 150-square mile area that includes the Towns of Attica, Bennington, Java, Middlebury, Orangeville, Sheldon, and Wethersfield in Wyoming County, the Town of Wales in Erie County, and the Towns of Alexander and Darien in Genesee County.

FACILITIES

There are four schools in the Attica Central School District. Attica Senior High School and Attica Junior High School are both located at 3338 East Main Street in the Town of Attica, which is approximately 1.8 miles from the village center. The schools are located in two separate buildings, and connected by a hallway and some common-use classrooms. Attica Elementary is located in the Village at 31 Prospect Street. Sheldon Elementary is located on School Street in Varysburg in the Town of Sheldon, about 13 miles from the Village of Attica.

All schools are equipped with recreation facilities, with outdoor facilities generally open to the public after school and during vacation. The elementary schools each have playgrounds, and the middle school/high school complex offers the full array of high school sports, including football, soccer, volleyball, track and field, wrestling, swimming, and basketball. The High School/Middle School complex also has an outdoor nature trail.

ENROLLMENT

District enrollment in 2000 for kindergarten through 4th grade is 715, 5th through 8th grade is 557, and for 9th through 12th grade is 644, totaling 1,916 students. The facilities' capacity is roughly 2,150 students. This indicates that, overall, attendance is at 89 percent of capacity. According to the District Superintendent, the high school and middle school complex could accommodate an additional 100 students. Sheldon Elementary is slightly below capacity and could support an additional 50 students, and Prospect Elementary could support an additional 100 students. Overall, enrollment throughout the system has been consistent over the years, with a very slight decrease in recent years. Enrollment is expected to remain stable for the next few years. It is estimated that the majority of students enrolled in the Attica Central School District are Village of Attica residents.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH

Attica Central School District does not, at present, offer community activities at any of the school facilities. The School District has recently retained a consultant for assistance in developing community outreach programs. According to the District Superintendent, involving the school in the community and making school resources accessible, is a priority for the District. Future programs include adult continuing education, intramural sports, weight training and aerobic classes, and home economics classes. The School District hopes to implement these

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programs after the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is complete, which is expected in September 2002. As discussed below, the CIP projects include upgrading and adding space, thus giving the School District the space needed to implement the community outreach programs. Attica Senior High School has received national attention as a result of the award winning marching band, which has competed in and won several national marching band competitions.

IDENTIFIED NEEDS/CAPITAL PLANS

The School District has nearly completed a \$30 million CIP for renovations and additions to existing facilities. The CIP, which was approved by voters in 1998, was started in September 2000 and is expected to be fully implemented by September 2002. Specific improvements to the High School/Middle School complex include 15 classrooms, renovations to all existing classrooms, the addition of a music wing (including a 1,000-seat auditorium, a band room chorus room, and an instructional music room), a new library, new gymnasium, new sporting facilities, a new bus loop and traffic improvements. Improvements to Prospect Elementary include the addition of a main office, a new library, a technology room, an art and music room, and a therapy room for disabled students. Improvements to Sheldon Elementary include a new large multi-purpose room, a music performance room, and five new classrooms.

Since the CIP was developed, other needs have arisen that are not being addressed in the CIP. These needs include new roofs at the elementary schools, a new gymnasium floor at the high school, and new floors in several of the rooms in each building.

B. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

ATTICA FIRE COMPANY

STAFF AND FACILITIES

The Attica Volunteer Fire Company provides fire protection and emergency medical protection services to the Village and Town of Attica and assists with protecting the surrounding municipalities of Bennington and Middlebury. The Fire Company operates from the station adjacent to Village Hall at 9 Water Street. The Fire Company is funded by the Village of Attica, and the Town of Attica contracts with the Village for fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS).

The Department has about 63 volunteers and is part of a 911-dispatch system that is located in Warsaw, NY and serves all of Wyoming County. The Fire Company receives nearly 400 calls each year, 25 percent of which are fire-related. Through the New York State Mutual Aid Agreement, the Fire Company also responds to both fire and medical related calls in neighboring municipalities. In 2001, the Fire Department responded to 28 fire-related mutual aid calls and 15 medical-related mutual aid calls. The average response time for all calls is five to six minutes.

The Fire Company has nine certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and two first responders. If no medical volunteers are available to respond to calls, paramedics from Wyoming County Community Hospital or the City of Batavia are dispatched. Volunteers attend EMT training classes at the Village Fire Hall, neighboring Town and Village Fire Halls, or Wyoming County Community Hospital in Warsaw. Training is paid for by the Attica Fire Company and the Village of Attica.

Services and Equipment

The Attica Fire Company provides both fire and EMS. Some volunteers are also trained as part of the Wyoming County Rope Rescue squad. Rope rescue is a highly specialized operation that uses special ropes and equipment to rescue people from hard to access areas such as silos, buildings, cliffs, ditches and mine shafts, and transport them to safety. In Wyoming County, volunteers trained in rope rescue operations is necessary due to the volume of railroad infrastructure, cliffs, and gorges.

The major pieces of equipment used by the Attica Fire Department are described below in Table 2.2-1:

**Table 2.2-1
Attica Fire Department Equipment**

| Equipment | Year and Model | Tank Capacity (gallons) | Velocity (gallons per minute) |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Pumper | 1981 Ford Chassie | 500 | 1,000 |
| Pumper | 1992 International Chassie | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Pumper | 1998 Freightliner Chassie | 1,000 | 1,250 |
| Heavy Rescue Truck | 1988 Ford Chassie | | |
| Brush Truck | 1989 Ford Pickup | | |
| Mack Tanker | 1969 | 2,500 | |
| Ambulance | 1994 Ford Chassie | | |
| Pumper* | 1938 | | 500 |
| Note: *Used for parades only Source: AKRF, 2002 | | | |

The Department also has access to fire equipment, including a ladder truck, from neighboring municipalities as part of the New York State Mutual Aid Agreement that facilitates the sharing of fire and EMS resources.

According to Fire Chief Jay Myers Fire Company is well supported by the Village, but partakes in many fundraising activities that include barbeques, picnics, and carnivals. The Fire Company also provides community outreach and public education programs, and sponsors events such as child car-seat safety inspections.

IDENTIFIED NEEDS

According to Chief Myers, most of the Village infrastructure works well for Fire Department needs. The roadways are adequate for fire trucks and other equipment. The fire hydrants are well placed, provide adequate coverage, and are in good working condition. The water lines in the Town and most of the Village are generally adequate, but Chief Myers identified some potentially problematic areas. The water lines in the eastern portion of the Village are only four-inches in diameter. The narrow, four-inch lines result in low water pressure from the hydrant. Some sections of the Town have six-inch water lines, including an area near the senior

citizen's housing complex on Sokol Drive. In the event of a fire, Chief Myers feels that these lines may not be sufficient to effectively fight a structure fire. Chief Myers recommends a minimum diameter for all water lines of eight-inches.

A new Tanker was identified as a need by the Fire Company. The current 1969 Tanker is very old but is equipped with a new tank and is experiencing some age-related mechanical problems. Because there are some water lines in the Village that are problematic, a well-functioning Tanker is necessary to bring in extra water to fight fires.

Despite efforts with volunteer drives and advertising, more volunteers are needed. There are currently 63 volunteers, but Chief Myers would like to see 100 active volunteers and more medically-trained volunteers. The Fire Company publishes a monthly report in the Attica Penny Saver to keep residents informed of their activities.

C. POLICE PROTECTION

VILLAGE OF ATTICA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police protection in the Village is provided full-time by the Attica Village Police Department, located at 43 Exchange Street next to the railroad tracks. The Village employs a staff of three full-time and nine part-time officers. The full time staff includes one chief and two officers. The part time staff includes nine officers and one clerk. Staff responds to about 1,500 calls per year, mainly within the Village. The Police Department also assists on calls in the Town of Attica. Average response time is less than three minutes. Major equipment consists of two marked cars (a 2000 Chevy Impala and a 2002 Crown Victoria) and one unmarked car (a 1992 Ford Taurus).

All calls are dispatched through the Wyoming County Sheriff's Department, and the Sheriff's Department alerts the Village Police Department via radio to respond to calls within the Village. The Department mainly receives calls related to larceny, specifically in relation to stealing gasoline at self-service stations. Other calls the police respond to are related to DWI (driving while intoxicated) and speeding (the majority of speeding occurs on Exchange Street and Clinton Street, both of which are used to access the correctional facilities). The Police Department does not have a lock-up facility on-site, and uses the Wyoming County Correctional Facility when needed.

According to Kent Storch, Acting Chief of Police, the police department receives adequate funding by the Village, and current staffing levels are sufficient. He identified the need for the surveillance equipment and mobile phones for each car.

D. LIBRARY FACILITIES

STEVENS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

STAFF AND FACILITIES

Stevens Memorial Library is located on Main Street in Attica's commercial center. The 5,100-square-foot facility was formerly part of the Pioneer Library System and is one of nine libraries in Wyoming County. Stevens Memorial Library recently became a school district library, and is now operated under the New York State Department of Education.

The Library's primary service area includes the eight towns surrounding the Town and Village of Attica (the Towns of Bennington, Sheldon, Orangeville, Warsaw, Middlebury, Darien, Alexander, and Bethany). The library closest to Stevens Memorial Library is located 13 miles away in Batavia. Stevens Memorial Library has an on-site parking facility and is fully wheelchair accessible. Additional facilities include one meeting room which seats 20 people.

The library hosts programs for the community, including story hours, holiday concerts, book discussions, and computer training classes. The facility owns three six-year-old public computers equipped with Internet access and Microsoft Office.

As part of the Pioneer Library System, patrons have access to resources at 43 participating libraries in Wyoming, Wayne, Livingston, and Ontario Counties. The Attica Branch has an impressive variety of system-wide resources given its smaller size, with 29,770 books, magazines, CDs, and videos. The Branch is also the busiest in Wyoming County, circulating over 67,000 items each year.

IDENTIFIED NEEDS

Needs that were identified by library staff include upgrades to the public computers, and a wheelchair lift to replace the interior ramp. The interior ramp takes up a significant amount of space within the library that, if available, could be used to accommodate a larger collection.

E. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES

VILLAGE OF ATTICA REFUSE TRANSFER STATION

Village residents use the Refuse Transfer Station at 43 Exchange Street to dispose of solid waste. The Transfer Station is open on Tuesdays between 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM, and on Saturdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Residents pay \$1.95 for specially-made garbage bags at local stores, and dispose of all garbage and recycling at this facility. Monthly curbside pickup is provided by the Village for brush disposal only.

A number of respondents to the Planning Board's survey indicated that they would like to see the transfer station open more frequently, or the implementation of curbside pick-up.

F. HEALTHCARE AND OTHER SERVICES

Village residents are primarily served by two area hospitals, both within an approximately 20-minute drive of Attica. Wyoming County Community Hospital (WCCH) is located 13 miles from the Village in Warsaw. United Memorial Medical Center (UMMC) is located 11 miles from the Village in the City of Batavia, in Genesee County.

WYOMING COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

WCCH is the only hospital in Wyoming County. WCCH has a total of 102 certified beds, including 73 medical/surgical beds, seven pediatric beds, 12 psychiatric beds, and 10 maternity beds. The WCCH has satellite centers throughout Wyoming County, including the Attica Physical Therapy Office at 12 Water Street in the Village. Other WCCH healthcare facilities outside of Warsaw include the Arcade Health Care Center and the North Java Health Care Center.

UNITED MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER

UMMC is located in Batavia, and was formed after the merger of two local hospitals - Genesee Memorial Hospital and St. Jerome Hospital. UMMC has a total of 96 certified beds, including 67 medical/surgical beds, nine pediatric beds, two alcohol detoxification beds, and 18 alcohol rehabilitation beds.

COMMUNITY CENTERS

Community centers offer organized social, educational, and recreational activities for various groups within many municipalities. In the Village of Attica, there is heavy citizen involvement in service-oriented groups including the, Lions Club, Oldfellows, Masons, Knights of Columbus, etc. However, no public community center presently operates in the Village. As described above, the Attica Central School District does not, at present, offer community activities at any of the school facilities, but is currently exploring ways to involve the community and provide recreational services to School District residents of all ages.

Village officials and residents have identified a community center as a need for both youth and seniors. The results of the survey conducted by the Village of Attica Planning Board in 2001 indicated the desire of the Village residents for a community or youth center.

DAYCARE

The Itty Bitty Daycare center is located in the Genesee County portion of the Village on Prospect Street.

G. PARKS AND RECREATION

INTRODUCTION

The following analysis provides an inventory of existing parks and recreational facilities that serve residents of the Village of Attica, and assess the adequacy of existing facilities to serve the population.

The evaluation of Attica's park and recreational facilities include the following elements:

- A summary of the type and quantity of existing parkland,
- National standards used in park planning,
- An estimate of recreational demands,
- A summary of the condition of the facilities available to the community, and
- A general identification of deficiencies and possible enhancements to the park system.

DEFINITION OF PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE OPEN SPACE

“Public open space” is land that has been specifically dedicated or reserved for active or passive recreational use, or for conservation purposes. No such restrictions have been placed on “undeveloped” or “vacant” land, and it can be assumed that all or part of this land will eventually be developed for some other use.

Designated open space in the Village of Attica fall into the following categories: Village-owned parks and recreational facilities; recreational facilities located on school property; land with

limited public access owned or leased by private or not-for-profit entities; and state parks located near the Village.

FUNCTIONS OF OPEN SPACE

Open space serves many different purposes in the Village. It provides recreational opportunities for residents, provides public access to Tonawanda Creek, protects wildlife habitat, preserves important scenic features and a visually pleasing landscape, and serves to maintain critical environmental resources, such as stream corridors.

Recreational resources in Attica include such active use facilities as ballfields and tennis courts, playgrounds, a pool, and an ice skating rink.

The factors provided by the NRPA (National Recreation and Park Association) help to define each type of parkland and include typical site criteria for each type of parkland. This information was used to help examine the adequacy of the supply of Attica's public recreational facilities. In addition, the study used NRPA population-based standards to determine the amount of neighborhood and community parkland potentially required in Attica.

INVENTORY OF EXISTING RESOURCES

An inventory of existing public and private recreational facilities within the Village was conducted. Existing facilities included:

- All parks and open spaces which are currently owned and/or operated by the Village,
- Publicly-owned facilities that are not owned or leased by the Village but are used by residents either free of charge or on a fee basis.

The locations of the recreational facilities are described in Table 2.2-2 and illustrated in Figure 2.2-1.

Table 2.2-2
Parks and Recreational Facilities In and Around the Village of Attica

| Name | Ownership | Acreage | Type | Features |
|--|---|---------|--------------|--|
| Village of Attica | | | | |
| <i>Designated Parkland</i> | | | | |
| Attica Village Park | Village of Attica | 6.0 | Neighborhood | Walking path (0.1 mile); tennis, volleyball, and basketball courts; baseball diamond (1); rollerblading; outdoor ice skating rink; swimming pool; wading pool; gazebo, picnic tables (10); shelters (3). |
| Attica Youth Association Recreation Park | Village of Attica/ Attica Youth Association | 6.0 | Neighborhood | Soccer fields (3); baseball diamonds ((6); picnic tables (10); shelters (1). |
| Subtotal | | 12.0 | | |
| School Facilities - Limited Use by Residents Permitted* | | | | |
| Attica Senior High School/ Middle School | Attica Central Schools | N/A | School | Football, soccer, volleyball, track, basketball, baseball, nature trail |
| Prospect Elementary | Attica Central Schools | N/A | School | Playground |
| Total Designated Park | | 12.0 | | |
| Notes: * Not included in totals for needs assessment because facilities are not designated parkland or available. | | | | |

ATTICA YOUTH ASSOCIATION

The Attica Youth Association (AYA) operates a six-acre park on Exchange Street, directly across from the Village Park. In addition to maintaining the park, AYA programs sporting activities for children and teenagers. Activities include baseball, softball, soccer, wrestling, and football.

The AYA is a not-for-profit organization that is run by a volunteer board of directors. Membership is drawn from the same geographic area as the Attica Central School District. AYA is funded through donations, fundraising, sponsorship, Town and Village grants, and revenues from a concession stand in the park. Members are charged a small annual fee to cover the cost of the team uniforms.

ATTICA RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Village sponsors a six-week recreational summer program for Town and Village youth. Each summer, a part-time recreation director is hired to program activities in the Village Park. Past activities include crafts, games, and weekly field trips. The Department has also held holiday parties on the second floor of the Village Hall. The program’s \$12,000 budget is provided by the Village and the Town. The program draws between 80 and 100 children per day.

NATIONAL STANDARDS USED IN PARK PLANNING

Planning organizations have formulated open space standards to guide decision-makers in determining how much open space is needed or desirable in an area. The standards are based on the type of open space provided (i.e., community or neighborhood, active or passive), the size of the population to be served, and distance from the open space. A standard measure of access to open space is provided by the ratio of available open space acreage per 1,000 residents. As discussed above, open space serves many different purposes. These standards apply to the amount of open space for recreation al

purposes. Passive open space or preservation of site-specific features or natural resources cannot be similarly quantified and these decisions must be based on a site-specific evaluation. In order to evaluate the existing park and recreational facilities, national standards were used to project the probable demand for park facilities. For purposes of this study, the NRPA general parkland acreage standards were used. This study addresses the adequacy of neighborhood parks which serve Village of Attica residents.

The factors provided by NRPA which help to define each type of parkland and include typical site criteria for each type of parkland are listed below. This information was used to help examine the adequacy of the supply of Attica's public recreational facilities. In addition, the study used NRPA population-based standards to determine the amount of neighborhood and community parkland potentially required in Attica.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

- Generally 2-20 acres in size
- Serves people most desirably within a one-half mile radius, with 1.7 acres minimum available per 1,000 persons
- Preferably located near an elementary school or near the center of a population concentration.
- Usual facilities are for unsupervised sports, play equipment, multi-use areas, turf area, tree plantings, some passive area, and minimal allocations for auto parking. With a summer playground program, a small shelter is desirable.
- May include the following types of facilities:

Ballfields

- Examples include softball or little league field; bleachers, team benches, backstop, and fences.

TOT LOTS

Generally less than one acre in size,

- Usual facilities include play apparatus for small children only, benches, sand area, small wading pool or spray pool, landscaped areas, and shaded areas for supervising parents,
- May include alternate facilities such as quiet game areas, multipurpose court, or other features.

SCHOOL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- May be considered a neighborhood park, yet access is limited and serves most of the people within the community through normal school activities,
- Usual facilities include children's playground areas, multi-purpose courts, school athletic playing fields, off-street parking, and related uses.

COMMUNITY PARK

- Generally 50-100 acres, or more, in size. May be considerably smaller if the park contains a unique attribute (i.e., waterfront location),
- Serves the whole community, but most desirably located within a three mile radius, with seven acres minimum available per 1,000 persons,
- Location depends on availability of appropriate sites. However, community parks should be located as close to the population centers as possible,
- Usual facilities include active athletic areas similar to playing fields, with at least half of the area left more natural in character, with picnicking, hiking, camping, archery, golf, fishing, boating, ice skating and water sports, if appropriate, included.
- Interior roadways with area parking required,

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- Shelters, swimming pools, and quiet areas are desirable.

FACILITY PLANNING STANDARDS

In addition to the general parkland acreage standards, the NRPA, the New York Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) standards, and specific sport federation standards were used to establish the number of units of functional activity (i.e., baseball fields and tennis courts), which on average, should be provided.

The types of activities include a broad range of outdoor facility types, including baseball, softball, volleyball, skiing, nature trails, areas for picnicking, tennis courts, playground equipment, ice skating, swimming pools, fishing, basketball, football, soccer fields, archery, golf and horseshoes. The recommended standards for each activity are listed in Table 2.2-3. The planning standard identified in the column with “Average/1,000” represents the combined average ratio per 1,000 Village residents. These ratios were selected as the basis for this analysis because the park facilities are shared by residents of the combined community.

**Table 2.2-3
Facility/Activity Planning Standards**

| Facility | NRPA Standard/ 1,000 | NYS Comprehensive Recreation Plan/ 1,000 | Average/ 1,000 |
|--|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Tennis | .5 courts | .5 courts | .5 courts |
| Volleyball | .2 courts | | .2 courts |
| Basketball | .2 courts | 1 court | .2 courts |
| Baseball | .2 fields | | .2 fields |
| Softball | .2 fields | | .2 fields |
| Football | .05 fields | 3 acres | .05 fields |
| Soccer | .1 fields | | .1 fields |
| Ice Skating/Hockey | .01 rink | .4 rink | .05 rink |
| Field Hockey | .05 field | | .05 field |
| 400-Meter Track | .05 track | | .05 track |
| Swimming Pool | .05 pool | | .05 pool |
| Trails (bike, walk, x-country, horse) | .25-.5 mile | | .25-.5 mile |
| Picnic Shelters | .5 shelters | | .5 shelters |
| Picnic Tables | 8 tables | | 8 tables |
| Rollerblading/ Skating | .05 rink | | .05 rink |
| Toddler Playground | .1 acre | 1.0 acre | .5 acre |
| Source: National Recreation and Parks Association, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation | | | |

ADEQUACY OF OPEN SPACE RESOURCES

COMMUNITY-WIDE QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

General Parkland Criteria

This section addresses the adequacy of general types of parkland - neighborhood parks and community parks. The Village of Attica owns 12-acres of neighborhood parkland, which serve residents of the Village, Town of Attica, and other neighboring Towns. Taking into account land owned by the Town, Village, County, and State, there are no designated larger community parks (defined as parks 50 to 100 acres in size which serve a wider area) available to the residents of Attica within the three-mile radius recommended by NRPA.

In 2000, the permanent year-round population of the Village of Attica was 2,597 and the Town of Attica was 3,431, for a combined population of 6,028. According to the NRPA standards, the combined facilities located in the Village and Town of Attica fall short of national guidelines for the availability of total open land and recreational space.

Total Acreage.

According to the NRPA standards, the Village of Attica should have roughly 23 acres of combined neighborhood and community parkland based on 2,597 residents. Based on NRPA standards, the Village should have about 18.2 acres of community parkland, and 4.4 acres of neighborhood parkland. The analysis shows that the Village population is well served by neighborhood parks, exceeding the national standards by three times (see Table 2.2-4).

The Village Park serves both the Town and Village residents. When applying national park planning standards to the Village and Town, it is recommended that approximately 43-acres of community parkland be available to residents, based on the combined population. As stated above, there is no larger community park within three miles of the Village or the Town. The Village has 12 acres of neighborhood parkland, which serves both Village and Town residents. The neighborhood parkland exceeds the NRPA standards by 1.8 acres, based on the combined population of the Village and Town.

**Table 2.2-4
Recommended Acres of Parkland
Based on Combined Population of the Village and Town of Attica**

| Park Type | National Standard (Acres/ 1,000 Persons)* | National Standard Applied to Village/ Town Population in 2000** | | Existing in Village | Existing in Town |
|---------------------------------|---|---|-------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Neighborhood Park or Playground | 1.7 | 4.4 | 10.2 | 12.0 | 0.0 |
| Community Park | 7.0 | 18.2 | 42.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 6.5-10.0 | 22.6 | 52.4 | 12.0 | 0.0 |

Notes:

*National Recreation and Parks Association Standards

**U.S. Census Bureau - 2000 Census of Population, Combined permanent year-round population of the Town and Village of Attica

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PARK DISTRIBUTION

The geographic distribution of the Town's and Village's park system is another major planning consideration. The locations of the Village facilities were examined to determine whether there are areas of the community not adequately served by the existing neighborhood parklands or playgrounds. NRPA recommends that each neighborhood park serve a surrounding area of an approximately 0.5-mile radius in a village or urban setting. For purposes of this study, given the generally lower density and higher auto ownership rates of the Village compared to many more urbanized areas included in the national standards, the recommended service area for neighborhood parks was extended to a 1.0-mile radius.

All areas in the Village fall within the 1.0-mile radius of both the Village Park and the Attica Youth Association Park, indicating that Village residents have good access to neighborhood parks. However, the radius only extends 0.6-1.0 miles into the northern portion of the Town, leaving many portions unserved. This may indicate a need for additional neighborhood or community parks to serve the Town.

**Table 2.2-5
Village and Town of Attica Recreational Facility Need Assessment**

| Activity | Existing Village-Owned Facilities* | Facilities Needed to serve Village Population | Facilities Needed to serve Combined Village and Town Population |
|--|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Tennis** | 2.0 courts | 1.3 courts | 3.0 courts |
| Volleyball | 1.0 court | 0.5 court | 1.2 courts |
| Basketball (Outdoor) | 1.0 court | 0.5 court | 1.2 courts |
| Baseball (Little League, T-Ball, Minor League) | 7.0 field | Less than one field (0.5) | 1.2 fields |
| Softball | 2.0 fields | Less than one field (0.5) | 1.2 fields |
| Soccer | 3.0 field | Less than one field (0.5) | Less than one field (.60) |
| Football | 0 fields | Less than one field (0.1) | Less than one field (.30) |
| Ice Skating | 1.0 rink | Less than one rink (0.1) | Less than one field (.30) |
| Field Hockey | 0 field | Less than one field (0.1) | Less than one field (.30) |
| 400-Meter Running | 0 track | Less than one track | Less than one field (.30) |
| Swimming | 1.0 pool | Less than one pool (0.1) | Less than one pool (.30) |
| Trails (Biking, Walking, X-Country Skiing, etc.) | .52 miles | 0.6-1.3 miles | 1.5-3 miles |
| Rollerblading/In-Line Skating | 1.0 rink | Less than one rink (0.1) | Less than one rink (.30) |
| Toddler Playground | 1 Playground (.25) | 3 playgrounds (1.3) | 7 playgrounds (3.0 acres) |
| Picnic Shelters | 5 shelters | 1.5 shelters | 3 shelters |
| Picnic Tables | 20 tables | 20 tables | 48 tables |
| Fishing | Tonawanda Creek | No Applicable Standard | No Applicable Standard |
| Boating | NA | No Applicable Standard | No Applicable Standard |

Note: *There are no Town-owned recreational facilities

**The Attica Central School District has six tennis courts

Source: AKRF, 2002

ADEQUACY OF SPECIFIC FACILITIES

Table 2.2-5, above compares the facilities recommended by the park planning standards (based on the analysis above) and the actual facilities currently provided by the Village. As the table indicates, based solely on the quantitative park standards, the Village meets or exceeds most of the national standards for individual activities. The only deficiencies are found in the lack of playgrounds, trails, and running tracks. The Village also falls short on football and field hockey fields, however, these needs are met on the school district level. In analyzing the facilities needed to serve the combined Village and Town population, it is noted that additional shortfalls are found in the number of tennis courts and picnic tables. Though the number of baseball and softball facilities exceed national standards based on current population, residents have expressed desire for additional facilities. Current usage patterns of the Village parks indicate that enhancements to the park and recreation system may be warranted.

CONDITION OF PARKS

Attica Village Park

The six-acre Attica Village Park, located on Exchange Street, is in very good condition as a result of investments made by the Village and local community organizations. In 2001, public restroom facilities were donated by the Lions Club, a gazebo was donated by the Attica Chamber of Commerce, and the Village Department of Public Works (DPW) installed new bleachers, tennis courts, an ice rink, rollerblading rink, and a toboggan hill. Other facilities include a .52-mile walking path, volleyball courts, basketball courts, baseball diamonds, a wading pool, and picnic areas. In 2002, the DPW plans to continue making improvements to park facilities, including making improvements to the basketball court and planting 5,000 flowers.

The 52-year-old swimming pool in the Village Park is in need of repair and will not be open in 2002. The age-related damage to the pool is estimated to be between \$70,000 and \$100,000, but due to its age, the Village will have to consider investing in a new public pool. The wading pool, however, is in good condition.

The Village Board has met with residents to discuss possible improvements to the Village Park. Specific items suggested by the residents include making improvements to the horseshoe pits, trail, drainage, pool house, and lighting, as well as improving general maintenance, security, and segregation between the park and the transfer station. Residents have also requested additional picnic pavilions and pay phones in the park.

Attica Youth Association Park

The six-acre Attica Youth Association Park is located across the street from Attica Village Park on Exchange Street. The Park is owned by the Village and maintained by the Attica Youth Association, a not-for-profit organization. Facilities include five baseball diamonds, three soccer fields, one shelter, and a storage building. The Park also provides the only public access point to Tonawanda Creek in the Village, and residents use it to fish. The park is well-maintained. Flooding from Tonawanda Creek sometimes affects usage.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO TONAWANDA CREEK

As mentioned above, the only public recreational access to Tonawanda Creek is located in the Attica Youth Association Park. Residents are permitted to use the Creek for fishing in the park.

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The majority of the creek shoreline is located on private, residential property.