

TOWN OF RYE

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS AND ORGANIZATION

The Master Plan helps guide infrastructure investments and municipal capital improvement projects. Rye's municipal facilities and services include the municipal buildings, such as the town hall and public library - municipal sites, such as its cemetery and recreational fields - infrastructure, such as water and sewer - and community services, such as road maintenance, recreation programs, transfer station services, and others. The Master Plan will be implemented by many partners within the municipality and in collaboration with other town, regional, and state entities.



5,478 children and young adults participated in 277 programs offered by the Rye Public Library in 2022.



3 water providers service the town including Rye Water District, Aquarion Water Works, and the City of Portsmouth. The remainder of the community has individual private wells.



7,374 calls for service were received by Rye's Police Department in 2022, which is a decrease from previous years.



There has been a **10% increase** in calls for service made to the Fire Department between 2021 and 2022.



555 parcels are serviced and overseen by the Rye Sewer Department and Sewer Commission.



45 miles of town-owned road are maintained by Rye's Highway Department.



1 cemetery is located in Rye - the Central Cemetery, which is approximately 17 acres.

A FEW OF RYE'S DOCUMENTED MUNICIPAL BUILDING NEEDS INCLUDE:

- * A New Public Works Facility
- * A New Recreation Department Facility
- * Improvements and upgrades to the Library, Town Hall, and the Schools

Over time, the town will need to respond to an increased demand for services and plan for anticipated future needs. New services and facilities may be needed to accommodate a growing elderly population or to meet other emerging issues. These changes will impact the ways that services are provided, and the buildings which house them. They will also impact capital needs and, therefore, the town budget.

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A FEW OF RYE'S MUNICIPAL FACILITIES



The Library is a **vital and heavily utilized community space** and resource in Rye. According to the 2022 Rye Annual Report, all library services, programs, and usage increased an average of 51% from 2021 to 2022. Circulation of library materials increased 23% from 2021; Library visits increased 37%; and program event attendance increased 48%.

There are several entities responsible for **sewage disposal** in Rye including the Sewer Department and Sewer Commission, who oversee the town's public sewer system, which consists of 6.9 miles of gravity sewer, 3.5 miles of force main, and three pump stations. Rye's wastewater is treated by the Town of Hampton's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Key future projects for the town's sewer system include the replacement of aging infrastructure, installation of two new pumps, and the completion of an infrastructure vulnerability assessment.

Rye's network of groundwater resources is utilized for **drinking water** through several types of systems that are maintained by a variety of entities. Rye residents access water either by **private wells** or by one of the three **service providers** in town. Documented future water system needs include repair and replacement of specific water tanks and pump stations, a water treatment plant, and protection of new groundwater resources. **These improvements will protect the quality and quantity of Rye's groundwater resources.**