

Chapter 6. Community Facilities Element

The most basic and essential services are provided through community facilities. Collectively known as the community infrastructure, these facilities include the buildings, facilities, lands, and services that support the public health, safety, and welfare of City of Newberry residents. These assets help shape daily living and work environments, provide the physical framework for the attraction of new businesses and employment opportunities, and provide a foundation for new growth and development. While many community facilities are administered by the local government, others are provided by utilities, hospitals, school systems, and nonprofits.

The Community Facilities Element provides an inventory and assessment of the facilities and services available in the City and surrounding areas. The Element profiles community functions including the organization of local government, annexation, water and sewer service, utilities, solid waste collection, fire and emergency medical services, police, education, health care, recreation, and libraries.

A. GOVERNMENT

Governmental facilities house activities, persons, and records used in government operations from municipal to federal. The need for new or expanded public facilities is directly related to the growth of a community, since the addition of more people, more homes, and additional businesses and industries prompt the need for new and expanded governmental services. In some cases, increased services can be accommodated using existing space. However, in many cases a substantial increase in the level and scope of services can require additional operational space or service access points.

1. City of Newberry

Incorporated in 1832, the City of Newberry is the county seat of Newberry County. In 1948, the City adopted the council-manager form of government. The mayor is elected at-large for a term of four years. Under the single-member district plan approved in September 1990, the City is divided into six districts, each represented by a council member. The Mayor presides over Council meetings as a Council member.

The City Council appoints a City Manager to serve as the City's Chief Administrative Officer. The City Manager is responsible for implementing the policies of the City Council, directing business and administrative procedures, and appointing departmental officials and other City employees. City management is carried out under the direction of the City Manager through ten departments. The City of Newberry employs 154 full-time and 12 part-time employees.

The Newberry City Council appoints a total of 57 members to eight different boards and commissions that have oversight responsibility for issues ranging from building construction and housing to the Newberry Opera House.

All jurisdictions in South Carolina that regulate land use, including the City of Newberry, must have a *planning commission* and a *board of zoning appeals*. Members of both bodies are appointed by the governing body of the jurisdiction – the county, city, or town council. The duty of the planning commission is to develop and carry out a continuing planning program for the physical, social, and economic growth, development, and redevelopment of the community. The planning commission directs the preparation and advises the governing body on the adoption of the development and update of the comprehensive plan. It also directs the preparation and update of land use regulations, including the zoning ordinance and land development regulations, and provides recommendations on the adoption of such regulations to the governing body. The City Council appoints seven members to the City of Newberry Planning Commission for a term of three years.

The role of the board of zoning appeals is quasi-judicial and includes considering appeals to determinations made by the zoning official as well as hearing and ruling on applications for variance from the requirements of the zoning ordinance. The City Council appoints five members for individual terms of three years to the City of Newberry Zoning Board of Appeals.

Local governments that include provisions for preservation or protection of historic or architecturally valuable districts, preservation and protection of significant or natural scenic areas, or protection or provision for the unique or special character of a defined district in their zoning ordinance may appoint a *board of architectural review* (BAR) or similar body to administer such provisions. The City Council appoints five members to the City of Newberry Architectural Review Board for individual terms of four years.

The City's budget provides the means by which public services and facilities are paid for in a timely and efficient manner. As such, the budget is one of the primary implementation tools of the comprehensive plan. City departments must submit requests for appropriations to the City Manager by mid-April of each year. Once the proposed budget is completed, it is presented by the City Manager to the Council for review. City Council is required to hold public hearings on the proposed budget and to adopt a final budget before July 1, the beginning of the City's fiscal year. The City budget for FY 2019-2020 exceeds \$64 million.

Most of the administrative functions of the City are housed in the City Hall, located on College Street. The building was originally constructed in 1967 as the Newberry Federal Savings Bank and was dedicated as the City Hall in 1994. Numerous buildings and parking lots are also under City ownership in relation to these facilities. Major City of Newberry facilities are listed in Table 6-1.

Included in the facilities owned by the City are the Newberry Opera House on Boyce Street, the Fire House Conference Center on McKibben Street, and the Wells Japanese Garden on Lindsay Street. Originally built in 1882, the Opera House underwent a \$5.5 million renovation in 1995, which transformed it into a state-of-the-art performance facility that has served as a catalyst for revitalization of the downtown. In 2006, a former nineteenth century fire station was converted into the state-of-the-art Fire House Conference Center to host multi-day meetings, conventions and events. The Wells Japanese Garden, a small park that includes a variety of indigenous and

exotic flora in a landscaped setting, was privately developed in 1930. It was donated to the City and has been held in trust for public use since 1971. Both the Opera House and the Garden are on the National Register of Historic Places, as detailed in the *Cultural Element*.

Table 6-1. Major City and County Facilities

Facility Use	Location
City of Newberry	
City Hall – Human Resources, Finance, Planning and Development, Utility Director, City Manager	College Street
Newberry City Fire Dept. Station 20	Nance Street
Newberry City Fire Dept. Station 21	Wilson Road
Police and City Court Complex	Nance Street
Parks, Recreation and Tourism	College Street
Bush River Wastewater Treatment Plant*	S.C. Highway 34
George H. Connelly Water Treatment Plant*	S.C. Highway 121
Newberry Housing Authority	Grant Avenue
Newberry Opera House	Boyce Street
Fire House Conference Center	McKibben Street
Wells Japanese Garden	Lindsay Street
Newberry County	
Former Agricultural Building – Assessor, Delinquent Tax, Building, Planning and Zoning, Economic Development	Martin Street
Auditor and Treasurer	Martin Street
Community Hall – Chamber of Commerce, Public Meeting Space	Main Street
Courthouse – Circuit Judge, Clerk of Court, Solicitor	College Street
Courthouse Annex – Administration, County Attorney, Dept. of Juvenile Justice, Probate Judge, Probation and Parole	College Street
Detention Center and Magistrate's Office	Louis Rich Road
Fairgrounds	Adelaide Street
Health & Human Services Complex – DSS, DHEC, Veteran Affairs	Wilson Road
Lynch's Woods	Walter Cousins Road
Hal Kohn Memorial Library (Newberry County Library)	Friend Street
Piedmont Technical College	Wilson Road
Sheriff Headquarters	Wilson Road
Former Newberry County Library Building (currently vacant)	Friend Street
Voter Registration and Elections	Wilson Road
Recreation Office Building	Harrington Street

* Located outside of the City of Newberry

2. Newberry County

Newberry County is governed under a Council/Administrator format. The Council consists of seven members representing individual districts and a Chairman that is elected by the members of Council. Each representative on the County Council serves a four-year term. The County Administrator is appointed by the Newberry County Council to serve as its Chief Administrative

Officer. As the County seat, a number of County facilities are located within the City of Newberry as listed in Table 6-1.

3. Educational, State and Federal Facilities

The Newberry County School District owns and maintains six pre-K-12 schools within the City, including three elementary schools (Boundary Street, Gallman, and Newberry), Newberry Middle School, Newberry High School, and the Newberry Career Center. In addition, the administrative offices of the School District are located on Martin Street in the City.

State facilities include the Wilson Road campus of Piedmont Technical College, the S.C. Department of Transportation office on Mt. Bethel Garmany Road, the Newberry SC Works office on Wilson Road, the Newberry County Disabilities and Special Needs Board on Nance Street, and the Newberry County Council on Aging on Hunt Street. The Newberry offices of the S.C. Department of Social Services, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, and the Newberry County Office of Veteran's Affairs are located on Wilson Road.

Federal facilities in the City include the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Rural Development offices on Kendall Road and the U.S. Post Office on College Street.

B. ANNEXATION

Per South Carolina law, annexation of any area or property that is contiguous to a municipality may be initiated by filing with the municipal governing body a petition signed by all persons (100%) owning real estate in the area requesting annexation. The annexation is complete upon agreement to accept the petition and annex the area along with the subsequent enactment of an ordinance by the governing body declaring the area annexed. This option is most often used when all of the properties involved in the annexation are under the same ownership.

Annexation of any area or property that is contiguous to a municipality may also be initiated by filing with the municipal governing body a petition signed by 75% or more of the freeholders owning at least 75% of the assessed value of property in the area to be annexed. The annexation is complete upon agreement to accept the petition and annex the area, compliance with required procedures, and enactment of an ordinance by the governing body declaring the area annexed. The 75% petition method of annexation requires the annexing municipality to conduct a public hearing. During the public hearing, the municipality must present a statement addressing which public services the municipality will assume or provide, the taxes and fees required for the proposed services, and a timetable for services. While no other annexation method has this requirement, the feasibility of service delivery is an important consideration for any proposed annexation.

Property annexed pursuant to State law must be "contiguous" to the annexing municipality. "Contiguous" means property which is adjacent to a municipality and shares a continuous border. Contiguity is not established by a road, waterway, right-of-way, easement, railroad track,

marshland, or utility line which connects one property to another. However, if the connecting road, waterway, easement, railroad track, marshland, or utility line intervenes between two properties, which but for the intervening connector would be adjacent and share a continuous border, the intervening connector does not impede contiguity.

The third annexation option, the 25% petition and election method, was deemed constitutional after an amendment to the original annexation provisions in 2000. This method requires a petition of 25% of qualified electors residing in the area to be annexed. The petition is filed with the municipal council, which certifies the petition to the County election commission by resolution. The election commission then orders an election to be held within the area proposed to be annexed. If a majority of qualified electors in the subject area vote in favor of annexation, the council, by written resolution, must publish the results of the election. Residents of the municipality then have an option to submit a petition in opposition to the annexation. If no opposing petition (signed by 5% or more of the electors within the municipality) is received, then the annexation is adopted by ordinance. If an opposing petition is received, the matter is decided by a municipal election. The procedure for this annexation method is specified in detail in the statute and must be carefully followed.

Since 2000, 36 parcels totaling more than 1,544 acres have been annexed into the City of Newberry. The most recent large annexation was completed in 2005 and included 1,089 acres of land in parcels owned by the Fretwell Family Trust. The annexation extended the City boundary east between S.C. Highways 219 and 34 to Interstate 26. In 2017, nearly 215 acres on S.C. Highway 34 and Glenn Street Extension were annexed for the purpose of developing a City recreation complex.

The primary policy governing annexations into the City of Newberry is linked to the provision of City services. If the owner of a property that is outside of the City wants to receive City services such as water, sewer, or electricity, the property owner must agree to be annexed into the City once the property becomes contiguous to properties within the City. This agreement is formalized through the execution of a utility service annexation agreement signed by the property owner(s). A number of properties have executed utility service annexation agreements with the City of Newberry since 1997, with several subsequently annexed into the City.

The City has also identified "enclaves" – properties not included in the City but that are totally surrounded by properties within the City. These are also known as "donut holes." Properties outside of the City and surrounded on three sides by properties within the City, have also been identified as "pocket" properties. Annexation is an integral step in alleviating jurisdictional issues that frequently arise pertaining to such properties. Both enclaves and pocket properties are considered to be a priority for future annexations into the City.

C. UTILITIES

Like all communities, the vitality, growth and development pattern of the City of Newberry depends on a reliable and accessible network of public and private utilities and infrastructure.

Utilities include the provision of water, wastewater and solid waste, and electricity. Not only are these services essential for individuals, they are also vital to businesses and service providers and impact the long-term growth and development potential of the City. The availability of water and sewer determines the suitability of an area for future development. Ready access effects the location and affordability of residential development and is a key factor weighed by business and industry in site selection.

The City of Newberry owns, operates, and maintains a combined public utility (CPU) that provides electricity, water, and sewer services to City residences, institutions, and businesses.

1. Water Service, Treatment and Distribution

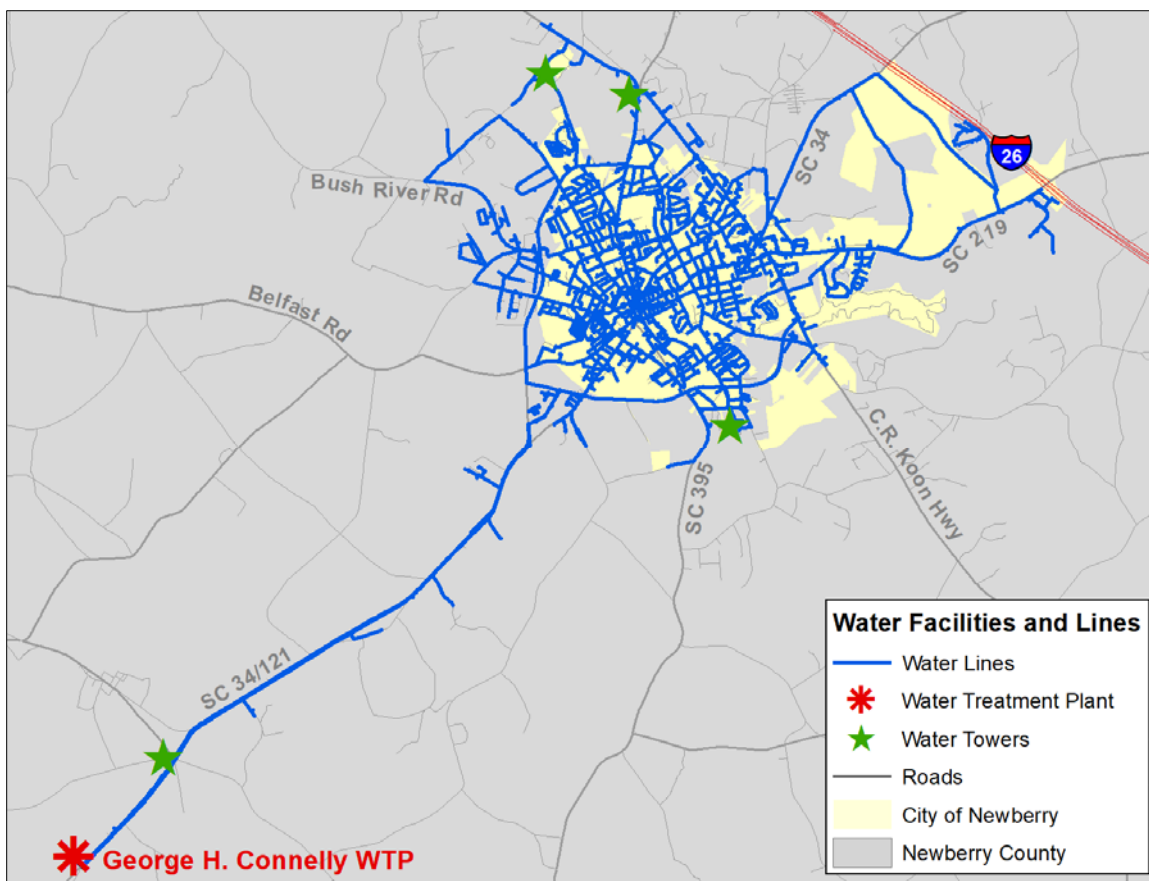
Access to water service plays an important role in shaping the development patterns of a community. Many businesses and industries require the reliability and access to water that only a public utility can provide. Residential development outside of water service areas must rely on wells, adding to the initial cost of each residential unit.

The City of Newberry provides water service within the corporate limits and a surrounding service territory. The City of Newberry has approximately 4,894 water customers, of which 4,124 are residential, 741 are commercial, and 29 are industrial accounts. The largest single water consumer is the Kraft Heinz poultry processing plant. Water customers are served by approximately 150 miles of water distribution pipes and 625 fire hydrants.

Raw surface water from the Saluda River is treated and converted to potable water at the George H. Connelly Water Treatment Plant, a facility owned and operated by the City of Newberry. The Plant was constructed in 1974 and has a treatment capacity of 8.1 million gallons per day (MGD), with an average daily demand of 5.5 MGD. In addition to serving the needs of the municipal system, potable water produced at the facility is sold on a wholesale basis to the Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority (NCWSA) and the Town of Saluda. The Plant has been well maintained and is forecast to meet the needs of the City and its utility customers for the foreseeable future.

Water storage to meet peak demand and fire flow requirements is provided via three elevated storage tanks with a combined capacity of 1.5 million gallons. The City is also adding a new 3.5 million gallon ground water storage tank and pump station on Airport Road. The new tank will service the Kraft Heinz plant and additional industrial customers, as well as provide a more even and regulated water flow to all water customers in the area.

The City's Water Treatment Plant is located to the southwest near the Newberry County border, connecting to City water facilities via a line running along S.C. Highways 34 and 121. City water lines provide service to nearly all areas of the City and extend to sizable unincorporated areas (Map 6-1). The water service area encompasses large areas to the east (stretching to I-26) and to the north, as well as areas west and south of the City. Water service is also available to the many "enclaves" and "pocket properties" that are not yet annexed into the City, but are surrounded by properties within the City.

Map 6-1. Water Service Area, City of Newberry

Source: City of Newberry, September 2019

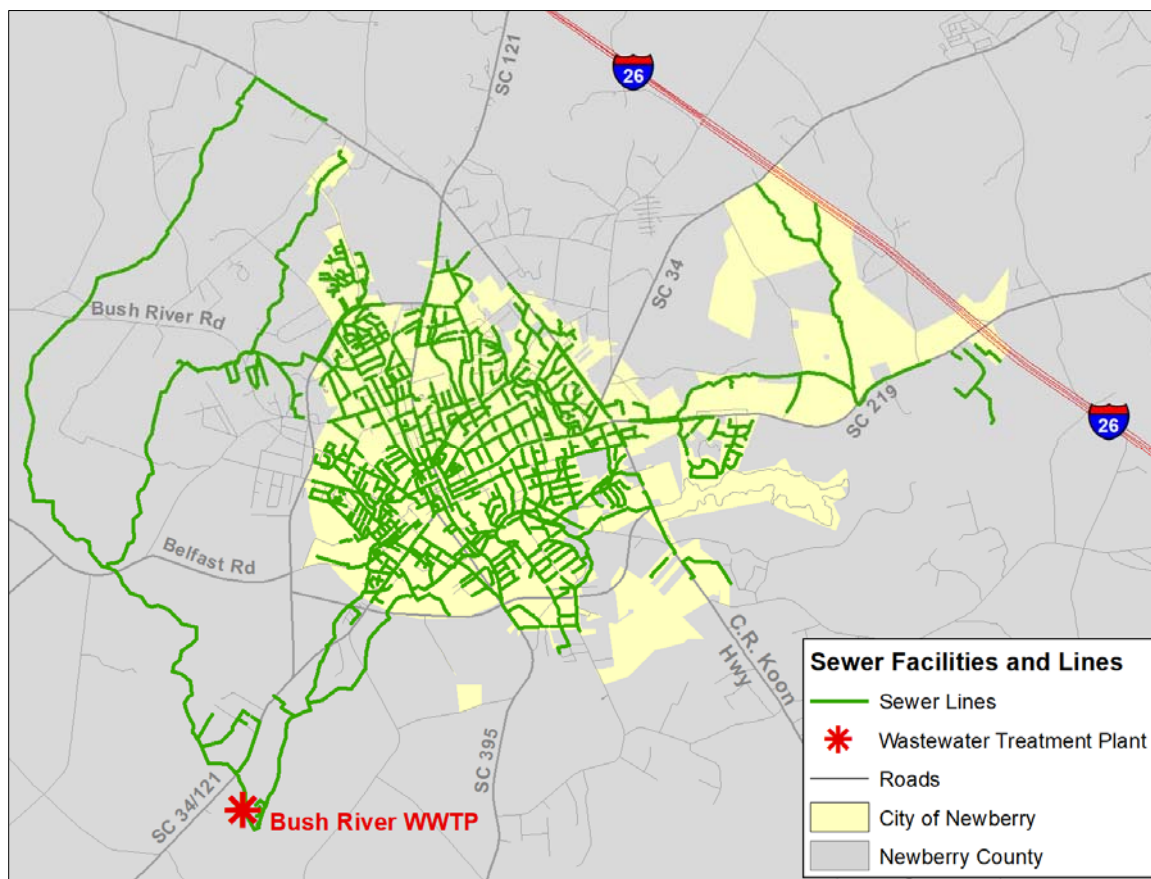
2. Wastewater Collection and Treatment

The availability of sewer service is requisite for higher density residential development, educational and health care facilities, and the location or expansion of business and industry. Residential development outside of sewer service areas must utilize septic systems, adding to the initial cost of each residential unit through installation, maintenance, and larger lot requirements.

The City of Newberry is the only wastewater provider in the immediate vicinity of the City of Newberry. The City has approximately 4,171 wastewater customers, including 3,573 residential, 576 commercial, and 22 industrial accounts. The City operates and maintains approximately 142 miles of gravity wastewater collection pipes and force mains that range in size from 4 to 30 inches in diameter. The system is supported by nine strategically located lift stations. Wastewater collected in the system is transported via the collection pipes to the Bush River Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment using a modified activated sludge process. Constructed in 1980, and expanded in 2011, the Plant has a 5.0 MGD capacity and an average daily flow of 2.53 MGD. An extensive network of sewer lines provides service to nearly all areas of the City, as well as large areas outside the City boundaries (Map 6-2). The City's sewer service area includes a large area to the west of the City and a substantial area to the east of the City stretching to I-26. As with water

service, sewer service is also available to the many “enclaves” and “pocket properties” surrounded by City properties. The City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant is located southwest of the City near S.C. Highway 34/121, connecting to City sewer facilities through lines running parallel to S.C. Highway 34/121 and northwest to Belfast and Bush River Roads.

Map 6-2. Sewer Service Area, City of Newberry



Source: City of Newberry, September 2019

3. Energy Sources

While electricity is the primary source of energy for the City, residents have several heating fuel options. Due primarily to the availability of natural gas in the Newberry area, 46.3% of homes in the City are heated with natural gas – considerably higher than the 25.8% of homes countywide and 22.2% of homes statewide heated with natural gas. More than half (51.9%) of City homes are heated with electricity. Other fuel sources of note include fuel oil and kerosene (1.0%) and bottled, tank or LP gas (0.7%).

Table 6-2. Heating Fuels for Occupied Housing Units, 2017

Type of Heating Fuel	City of Newberry		Newberry County		South Carolina	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
All Occupied Housing Units	3,748	100.0%	14,893	100.0%	1,871,307	100.0%
Utility (natural) gas	1,737	46.3%	3,835	25.8%	416,320	22.2%
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	25	0.7%	619	4.2%	74,302	4.0%
Electricity	1,947	51.9%	9,752	65.5%	1,333,368	71.3%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	39	1.0%	185	1.2%	17,554	0.9%
Other or no fuel used	0	0.0%	502	3.4%	29763	1.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 ACS

a. Electricity

As an electric city, the *City of Newberry* is the exclusive provider of electric service within the corporate limits, except in areas where the Newberry Electric Cooperative (NEC) or Duke Energy were serving existing customers at the time of annexation or where the City has franchised NEC to provide electric service. As a locally-based provider, the City of Newberry offers reliability of its electric system as well as responsiveness to customer needs.

The City of Newberry is a member of and obtains its supply of wholesale electric power from the *Piedmont Municipal Power Agency* (PMPA). PMPA is a non-profit, public utility that supplies electrical power, both directly and indirectly, for resale to its members. The Agency was created by ten municipal electric utilities in northwest South Carolina to purchase an ownership interest in the Catawba Nuclear Station to secure a reliable source of electric generation for its member utilities. The ten member utilities serve the Cities of Abbeville, Clinton, Easley, Gaffney, Greer, Laurens, Newberry, Rock Hill, Union, and Westminster.

PMPA owns a 25% undivided ownership interest in Unit 2 of the Catawba Nuclear Station, located in York County, South Carolina. Supplemental power to meet peak demands for members is furnished by contract through Santee-Cooper. Duke Energy serves as wheeling agent for the transfer of electricity to the PMPA system, with the City receiving wholesale power at three delivery points. Electric service in the City is furnished to more than 4,911 customers through approximately 275 miles of primary conductor and 86 miles of secondary conductor.

Duke Energy is one of the largest electric power companies in the United States, serving electricity to 7.6 million electric retail customers in six states. More than 756,000 of these customers are in South Carolina (*Duke Energy, 2019*).

Newberry Electric Cooperative (NEC) was founded in 1940 as a member-owned, not-for-profit electric distribution utility based in the City of Newberry. NEC serves homes, businesses, and industries in the majority of Newberry County as well as small portions along the county lines of Fairfield, Laurens, and Lexington Counties. The Cooperative obtains its power from Santee Cooper – South Carolina's state-owned electric and water utility. Santee Cooper directly serves customers

in Berkeley, Georgetown, and Horry Counties and distributes power either directly or through the State's electric cooperatives to two million customers in every county in the State.

b. Natural Gas

The *Clinton-Newberry Natural Gas Authority* (CNNGA) is the exclusive provider of natural gas service in the City of Newberry and surrounding service area. CNNGA is a Public Service District created by the General Assembly. The Authority is governed by a Board of Directors that includes the Mayor and two members each from the City Councils of the Cities of Newberry and Clinton, with a seventh at-large member appointed by the other six Board members. The Authority provides service to approximately 13,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers in its service area, which includes all of Newberry County, much of Laurens County, and southern Spartanburg County.

Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company and Carolina Gas Transmission provide the two major pipelines that serve the CNNGA natural gas transportation needs. Transcontinental is one of the largest natural gas producers in the nation, providing interstate natural gas transport, primarily via pipeline, from the Gulf Coast to the eastern and southeastern states. Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation (CGT) is an interstate natural gas transportation company that delivers natural gas to wholesale and direct industrial customers throughout South Carolina and the southeastern United States.

c. Energy Conservation

Community facilities have substantial influence on energy usage and provide an effective arena for the introduction and implementation of local energy conservation measures. While most community facilities are provided and maintained by local governments, some facilities such as roads and educational centers are built and maintained by the state or federal government. Efforts to reduce energy consumption and mitigate rising energy costs have come to the forefront for many local governments and public institutions as they seek to operate within the confines of a limited budget. As high-profile energy consumers, these entities have a unique responsibility to promote energy conservation through energy efficient use within their operations. In addition to the significant energy cost savings that can be realized within public institutions, successful programs can also encourage private entities and citizens to conserve energy.

Local governments are among the leading energy consumers in a community. This is due in large part to the size of public buildings and facilities, coupled with the fact that such facilities are often older and less energy-efficient. Local government conservation efforts can be made through policies and employee education, community facility site selection, building efficiency and site design, facility management practices, and fleet efficiency. Conservation measures by the City of Newberry include the installation of new heat pumps in City facilities and the use of waste oil for heating in the City garage. The City of Newberry also provides energy audits for residential properties upon request.

d. Telecommunications

The City of Newberry is exploring telecommunications options that will serve the needs of all users citywide, including residents who operate businesses from home using the internet. The City's efforts to expand local access has been assisted by a \$500,000 grant from the S.C. Department of Commerce. The City plans to develop a high-speed fiber optic network in partnership with a third-party provider to operate the subscription-based system, with the City retaining system ownership. Increased telecommunications access will enhance the attractiveness of Newberry to visitors and potential new residents as well as improve the livability, sustainability, and public safety of the community. A coordinated community-wide approach to telecommunications planning and delivery in the City is expected to yield numerous benefits in the areas of public safety and homeland security, utilities management and efficiency, and lifelong learning opportunity for all residents.

D. STORMWATER AND FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces such as parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and discharge them into a storm sewer system or directly into a lake, stream, river, or wetland. Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and humans.

A number of local governments have been granted Delegated Review Authority for stormwater management and sediment control by SCDHEC per *S.C. Code of Laws § 48-40-60*, which enables local review of stormwater erosion and control activities. These jurisdictions have adopted a local stormwater management and sediment control ordinance that is administered by a SCDHEC Certified Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Inspector who is employed by the jurisdiction. Jurisdictions such as the City of Newberry that have not been granted review authority rely on SCDHEC for administration and enforcement of stormwater regulations. The regulations require developments to keep stormwater on-site in the event of a ten-year, 24-hour storm event.

SCDHEC also issues local permits for land disturbing activities greater than one acre in size. These activities must meet the requirements for a *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System* (NPDES) General Permit under the *Clean Water Act*. Stormwater discharges are considered point sources and operators of these sources are required to receive an NPDES permit before discharging stormwater runoff.

The City of Newberry currently is not actively involved in stormwater management and infrastructure maintenance and has not sought designation as a Regulated Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The City is among places in South Carolina that are located outside of an urbanized area that were not automatically designated by the Federal Phase II Storm Water NPDES regulations as a Regulated Small MS4 and therefore must be evaluated by SCDHEC for potential future designation.

Floodplains consist of a stream or river (floodway) and the adjacent areas that have been or can be covered by water (floodway fringe). Floodplains perform a critical function by temporarily storing and carrying floodwaters, reducing potential flood peaks, recharging groundwater supplies, and providing plant and animal habitats. Development within a floodplain expands the floodplain boundary and increases the volume of runoff, making more areas and properties susceptible to flooding. Local development review processes should ensure that new construction and activity will not increase flooding on adjacent and nearby properties.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency manages the *National Flood Insurance Program* (NFIP). In South Carolina, the NFIP is administered by the Flood Mitigation Office of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) with financial support from FEMA. Community participation in the NFIP is voluntary. Nearly 20,000 communities participate in the NFIP by adopting and enforcing flood plain management ordinances to reduce future flood damage. In exchange, the NFIP makes federally-backed flood insurance available to homeowners, renters, and business owners in these communities. As a participating NFIP jurisdiction, the City of Newberry adopted a *Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance* in 2011 that requires the review of each building permit application for proximity to flood prone areas identified by FEMA.

Local governments are the first line of comprehensive floodplain management. Not only do localities plan for, determine, and supervise the use of land within their jurisdictions, the impetus for obtaining financial and technical assistance from the state and federal levels also originates with the local community. Planning is a crucial tool for minimizing future flood damage. Managing development can reduce losses by avoiding encroachment in flood-prone areas, protecting floodplain resources, and building in ways that are flood-resistant. Floodplain management at the local level involves the operation of a community program of corrective and preventative measures for reducing flood damage. These measures generally include requirements for zoning, subdivision or building, and special-purpose floodplain ordinances. As an NFIP participant, each community agrees to:

- Adopt and enforce a flood damage prevention ordinance;
- Require permits for all types of development within the floodplain;
- Assure that building sites are reasonably safe from flooding;
- Estimate flood elevations that have not been determined by FEMA;
- Require new or improved homes to be elevated above the Base Flood Elevation;
- Require other buildings to be elevated or flood-proofed;
- Conduct field inspections and cite violations;
- Require Elevation Certificates to document compliance;
- Carefully consider requests for variances;
- Resolve non-compliance and violations; and
- Advise FEMA when updates to flood maps are needed.

The City of Newberry participates in the NFIP through the State program and is a NFIP *Certified Local Government*. The City's Building and Zoning Department administers the flood plain management program in compliance with federal and State regulations. An explanation of flood plain designations within the City are included in the *Natural Resources Element* of the Comprehensive Plan.

E. SOLID WASTE

The City of Newberry provides solid waste collection service as part of its municipal service package. Solid waste collection includes residential and commercial garbage collection and residential yard trash collection, as well as special pickups. The service is offered to all residences, businesses, and industrial facilities located within the corporate limits. While the City does not offer recycling service, Newberry County maintains voluntary recycling collection centers at locations convenient to both incorporated and unincorporated residences and businesses.

Curbside solid waste collection is provided for City households once a week in conjunction with the use of a roll cart at each residence. Base level service consists of one roll cart collection per week for a monthly fee, with the option of obtaining additional containers for an additional user fee. Collection of shrubbery trimmings and limbs no longer than eight feet in length or 12 inches in diameter, seasonal pickup of leaves, and removal of furniture and appliances is also available on demand. Homeowners must notify the Public Works Department when such service is needed.

The City offers commercial solid waste service to all businesses in the City of Newberry. Use of City services is not mandated and businesses have the option to contract with private haulers. The base level of service is once per week collection, with the option of requesting additional service based on a combination of the number, size, and collection frequency of containers. Additional service is billed based on the volume of cubic yards collected.

Transport and disposal of the City's solid waste stream is provided by Newberry County. Solid waste collected by the City is delivered to the County's transfer station located near I-26 at the intersection of S.C. Highway 34 and General Henderson Road. Waste from the station is then transported and disposed in the Lee County landfill. Operation of the County transfer station including transportation of solid waste to the landfill is through the Newberry County contract with a private contractor.

F. PUBLIC SAFETY

The personnel, facilities, equipment, and services dedicated to protecting public safety and property are among the most essential community resources. A safe and secure environment that projects a climate of health, vitality, and community spirit for all residents is integral to building a strong community. Public safety is foremost in the minds of both elected leaders and their constituents, prompting most cities and counties to allocate sizable percentages of their annual

budgets to provide the level and quality of fire and police services that can ensure civic stability, security, and quality of life.

1. Emergency Preparedness

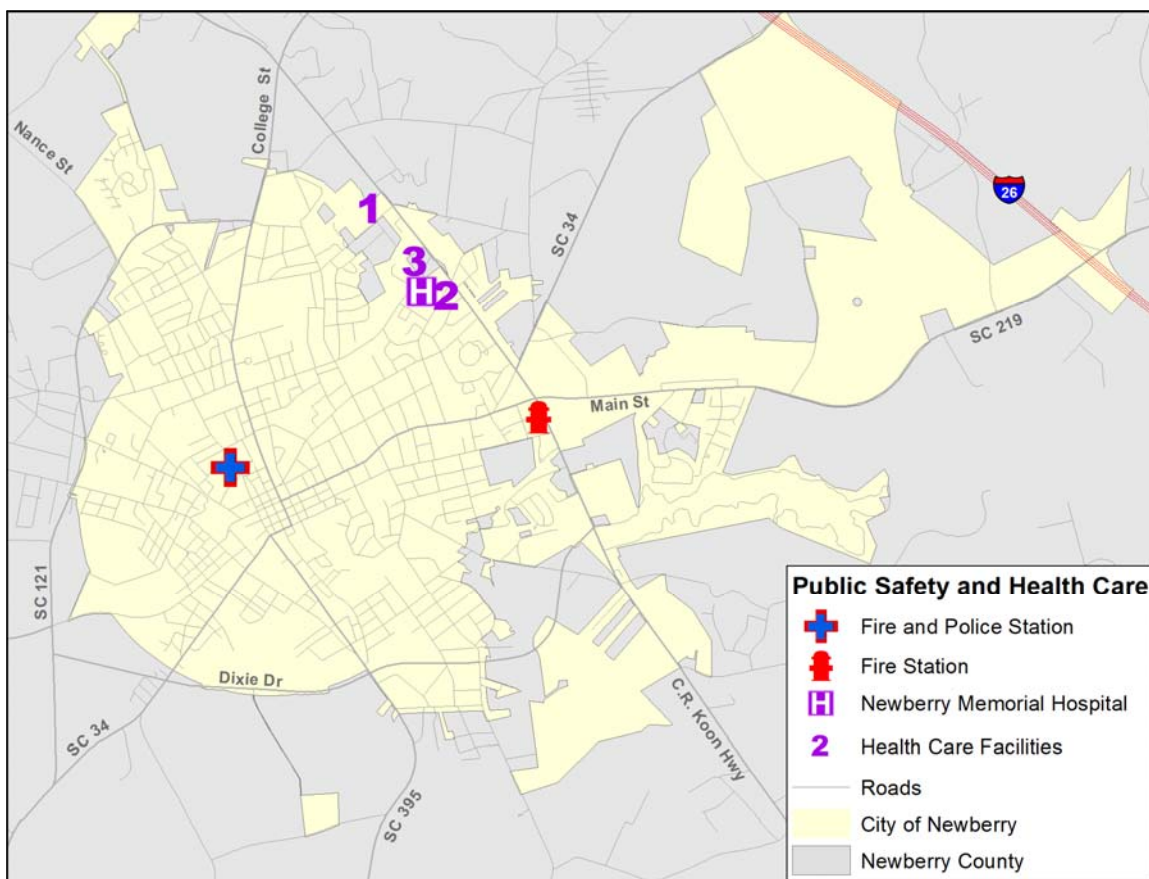
Although rare, Newberry County is vulnerable to various natural and man-made emergencies including tornadoes, thunderstorms, flash flooding, drought, wildfires, multi-vehicle accidents on I-26, and train derailments. Advance planning and preparation for such emergencies is essential in equipping community leaders, response staff, and the general public to make rapid and informed decisions that will save lives and quickly restore infrastructure and services when disaster strikes.

The Newberry County Department of Public Safety is the designated Disaster Preparedness Agency with responsibility for emergency and disaster planning for Newberry County. The County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is the focal point of activity during an emergency – coordinating public safety, law enforcement, and recovery efforts with other key areas of City, County, and State government. Newberry County has prepared a series of emergency preparedness plans and public advisories that address a range of natural and man-made disasters that are available on the County web site at www.newberrycounty.net.

2. Fire Service

As one of the most fundamental and valuable services provided by local government, fire protection and community risk reduction is of vital importance to every citizen and visitor in the City of Newberry. The City of Newberry provides fire service within the corporate limits of the City, and provides assistance to the County fire service in the unincorporated areas through automatic mutual aid agreements. The mutual aid agreements also formalize the City's participation in the statewide mutual aid program and participation in the *S.C. Firefighter Mobilization Plan*.

The City Fire Department was formed in 1873 and was originally housed in the lower level of the Newberry Opera House. The City now maintains two fire stations. The main station, the Otis L. Whitaker Fire Station, is located on Wilson Road and a second station is in the Public Safety Complex on Nance Street (Map 6-3). The Nance Street station also serves as the County's Public Safety Access Point for backup of the 911 system.

Map 6-3. Public Safety and Health Care Locations in the City of Newberry

Source: City of Newberry, 2019

The Department employs 20 fire fighters, with more than 25 volunteer fire fighters supplementing all activities of the paid staff and providing valuable assistance, resulting in significant savings for the City. Firefighters are trained in interior structural firefighting, confined spaces rescue, hazardous materials incident mitigation, and fire prevention and inspection. The Department runs three 24-hour shifts, with 48 hours off-duty between shifts. This schedule enables six responders (three per station) to be available for fire service needs around the clock. The City of Newberry Fire Department answered 511 calls in 2018.

While the provision of adequate, state-of-the-art firefighting equipment and trained personnel is vital to the preservation of life and property, it also significantly impacts the cost of individual fire insurance premiums in a community. Insurance companies use a classification system provided by the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) to determine the level of fire protection for each insured home. ISO is an independent statistical, rating, and advisory organization that collects and analyzes information on a community's public fire protection and assigns a public protection classification. Classifications range from 1 to 10, with Class 1 representing the best public protection and Class 10 indicating no recognized protection. Classification criteria include the effectiveness of the fire department in receiving and dispatching fire alarms, the number of fire stations, the availability and amount of water needed to fight fires, training provided to local fire

fighters, and maintenance and testing of equipment. In addition, the distribution of fire stations and service throughout the community weighs heavily in the determination of the classification. Properties that are located more than five road miles from a fire station are not considered to have adequate fire protection and therefore receive higher ISO classifications. Since water availability for fire protection comprises 40% of the total ISO rating, areas served by municipal or other water services benefit from lower ISO ratings and ultimately, lower insurance rates. The ISO rating within the City of Newberry is 2.

3. Police

Efficient and effective law enforcement directly impacts the quality of life in a community. The City of Newberry Police Department serves within the municipal boundaries and is headquartered in the City's Public Safety Complex on Nance Street (Map 6-3). The Department mission is to work in a true partnership with the citizens of the City of Newberry to enhance the quality of life, to preserve property, and to promote individual responsibility and community commitment. The City of Newberry Police Department employs 32 police officers and five support personnel.

The City's Police Department consists of Patrol and Investigative Divisions. *Patrol Division* duties include crime prevention patrol, suppression of disturbances, offender apprehension, call response, rendering of first aid, preliminary investigations, and traffic enforcement, direction and control. The primary function of the *Investigation Division* is follow-up investigation of criminal offenses that occur within the jurisdiction of the City and the eventual identification, apprehension, and successful prosecution of criminal offenders.

More than 500 index crimes were reported in the City of Newberry in 2017 – a slight decrease from the 507 index crimes reported in 2016 (Table 6-3). The number of index crimes countywide also decreased from 917 in 2016 to 879 in 2017. Larceny accounted for 74.1% of crimes in the City, while breaking and entering and aggravated assault accounted for 11.2% and 9% of crimes, respectively.

Table 6-3. Index Crimes Reported, 2016 and 2017

Index Crime	City of Newberry Police Department				Newberry County All Departments			
	2016		2017		2016		2017	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Murder	0	0.0%	2	0.4%	1	0.1%	3	0.3%
Sexual Battery	4	0.8%	12	2.4%	7	0.8%	19	2.2%
Robbery	12	2.4%	8	1.6%	18	2.0%	14	1.6%
Aggravated Assault	50	9.9%	46	9.0%	86	9.4%	86	9.8%
Breaking & Entering	53	10.5%	57	11.2%	158	17.2%	114	13.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	1.2%	7	1.4%	26	2.8%	35	4.0%
Larceny	382	75.3%	377	74.1%	621	67.7%	608	69.2%
Index Total	507	100.0%	509	100.0%	917	100.0%	879	100.0%

Source: S.C. Law Enforcement Division, *Crime in SC Book*, 2017

G. HEALTH CARE

Access to quality health care is an essential component of community well-being. Building a healthy community ensures an acceptable quality of life for all residents and prevents costly problems that inhibit the realization of full individual, economic and community potential. The health care system encompasses a broad continuum of care that begins with preventative care and progresses through end-of-life care. Public health is negatively impacted when service gaps are present in this continuum.

Newberry County is a federally-designated *Medically Underserved and Health Professional Shortage Area* (HPSA) for primary medical care and dental care among low income populations and for mental health care among all residents (SCDHEC, 2019). Shortage Areas are designated geographic areas, special populations, or facilities that have shortages of primary medical care, dental, or mental health providers. The number of practicing health professionals serving Newberry County is detailed in Table 6-4.

Table 6-4. Selected Practicing Health Professionals in Newberry County

Health Profession	Number
Physicians	30
Family Practice	12
Internal Medicine	5
Obstetrics/Gynecology	1
Pediatrics	3
General Surgery	2
All Other (Specialists)	7
Nurses	286
Registered Nurses	178
Certified Nurse Midwives	0
Nurse Practitioners	16
Nurse Anesthetists	3
Licensed Practical Nurses	89
Other Health Professions	82
Dentists	11
Pharmacists	26
Physical Therapists	17
Occupational Therapists	5
Physician Assistants	3
Optometrists	2
Respiratory Care Practitioners	18

Source: South Carolina Health Professions Data Book,
S.C. Office for Healthcare Workforce, 2016

Locations of key health centers are shown on Map 6-3 and include the Newberry County Memorial Hospital, the County Health Department (Site 1), the Free Medical Clinic (Site 2), and the EMS station (Site 3). These health care services are profiled in the following sections.

1. Emergency Medical Service

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provide direct and responsive, rapid pre-hospital medical care to individuals who are in need of assistance, serving as the critical first link in the trauma care continuum that begins with pre-hospital care and access. Pre-hospital medical care is necessary for incidents as varied as automobile accidents, heart attacks, drowning, childbirth, and gunshot wounds.

Newberry County Memorial Hospital operates Newberry County EMS for all areas of the County. The Hospital deploys ambulances from four stations located throughout the County. The Central EMS station is located behind the Hospital on Evans Street in the City of Newberry (Map 6-4). The station operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and offers non-emergency transport Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Dispatching, including Enhanced 911 (E-911) service, for Newberry County EMS operates out of the Newberry County Sheriff's office, as does dispatching for all public safety calls in the County. EMS medical personnel observe State field triage protocol, with the goal of assuring the appropriate level of care for each patient. When needed, patients are transported to the regional trauma care center.

2. Newberry County Memorial Hospital

Newberry County Memorial Hospital (NCMH) is licensed for 90 acute care beds. Founded in 1925, the Hospital has grown to accommodate changing community health needs over the years. The Hospital and staff offer a full range of inpatient and outpatient community medical services including surgical services, obstetrics, orthopedics, respiratory and physical therapy, wound care, oncology, diagnostics imaging/radiology, and rehabilitation and wellness programs. Emergency room services are available on a 24-hour, seven days per week basis. The Hospital is located on Kinard Street in the City (Map 6-3).

Other major health facilities offering additional specialized health care are located in neighboring Richland County at Prisma Health Richland Hospital (including a Level I Trauma Center and Children's Hospital) and Providence Health (widely known for acute care and the Heart and Vascular Institute). Lexington Medical Center also offers a range of services including surgery, imaging, birth center, and 24/7 emergency care.

3. Public Health

The *Newberry County Public Health Department* is located on Wilson Road in the City of Newberry (Map 6-3). The Health Department provides health-related services including immunizations,

family planning, pregnancy testing, nurse-family partnerships for first-time mothers, postpartum/newborn home visits, services for children and teens with special health care needs, tuberculosis testing and treatment, immunizations, testing for sexually transmitted diseases, and teen education and counseling. The Department also administers the *Women, Infants and Children* (WIC) program. WIC is a nutrition program that provides food products, health screenings, and health information for women, infants and children five years of age or younger in qualified South Carolina families.

4. Newberry County Free Clinic

Founded in 2004, the Free Clinic of Newberry County provides professional health care to County residents who would not otherwise have access to medical services due to a lack of funds or health insurance. As a non-profit organization, the Free Clinic is staffed by volunteers from the health professions community including physicians, dentists, and nurses, as well as volunteer support personnel. Since its opening in 2004, the Clinic has provided care for hundreds of Newberry County residents. The Free Clinic is located in the City on Kinard Street, directly across from the Newberry County Memorial Hospital (Map 6-3).

Services provided by the Clinic include medical needs assessments, on-site treatment or referrals, access to dental care, free prescriptions for common medications including antibiotics, and wellness education. Volunteers from the Department of Social Services (DSS) are also available to provide free assessments and information on family planning, food stamps, and resources to obtain adequate housing and heating. To qualify for services at the Free Clinic, patients must be a Newberry County resident, earn below 140% of the Federal Poverty Level (per the current U.S. Department of Health and Human Services income guidelines), and lack Medicaid, Medicare or any type of health insurance.

H. SOCIAL SERVICES

There is a strong relationship between the condition of a community and the condition of its residents – the presence of a strong, productive, healthy, and caring citizenry enhances the livability of the City. Human investments in the form of social services target the special needs of individuals and groups. Effective social service delivery systems are designed to provide information and access to services and link residents with agencies and programs that can meet their needs. The State of South Carolina provides a variety of health and social services to its citizens through regional and county delivery networks. The residents of the City of Newberry have convenient access to most of these services through local offices located within the City.

The *S.C. Department of Disabilities and Special Needs* (SCDDSN) serves persons with mental retardation, autism, head and spinal injury, and related conditions. Their mission is to "assist people with disabilities in meeting their needs, pursuing their individual possibilities and achieving their life goals, and minimize the occurrence and reduce the severity of disabilities through prevention." The Disabilities and Special Needs Board of each County serves as the single planning and service coordination point for all services funded by DDSN. The *Newberry Disabilities and*

Special Needs Board office is located in the City on Nance Street. The local DSN board is responsible for developing a local service plan and supervising service coordination either through direct delivery of services or arrangement with other community organizations. Through this system, residents with disabilities and special needs are able to remain in their own homes, or if not an option, to live in a family-like setting within their home communities.

The mission of the *S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC)* is to "promote and protect the health of the public and the environment." In addition to its health services, the *Newberry County Health Department* provides social work services and referral to other State programs.

The *S.C. Department of Mental Health* assists citizens with mental disorders in improving the quality of their lives. This mission is accomplished in partnership with consumers, families and their diverse communities. The Department provides services to approximately 100,000 patients per year, 30,000 of whom are children, through its 16 community mental health centers, four licensed hospitals (one for substance abuse treatment), and four nursing homes. The Beckman Center for Mental Health Services is located in the City of Greenwood and provides services for Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, and Saluda Counties. Services provided through the Beckman Center include: emergency and screening services; day treatment; consultation, education, and prevention; inpatient services; child and adolescent services; elderly services; outpatient services; alcohol and drug abuse services; community support programs; intensive case management; supported employment programs; living skill programs and various outreach programs. Local mental health services are provided by the Beckman Center's Newberry Mental Health Clinic located in the City on Medical Park Drive. Community health clinics such as the Newberry Mental Health Clinic are primary entry points into the S.C. Mental Health System, providing initial evaluation, assessment, intake of clients, short-term outpatient treatment, and continuing support services.

The *S.C. Department of Social Services (DSS)* seeks to provide protective and other services to children and adults who cannot protect themselves and to provide job training and other needed services to help South Carolinians who can work to become self-sufficient. The Department is responsible for the administration of the Family Independence program, the SNAP (food stamp) program, Child Support Enforcement, and children, family, and support services. The Newberry County DSS office, located in the City on Wilson Road, provides child care licensing, child protective and prevention services, provision and monitoring of foster care, family violence prevention and counseling, and emergency shelter.

The *Newberry County Office of Veterans Affairs*, located on Wilson Road in the City, provides assistance to veterans, their widows, and survivors in applying for any and all benefits to which they may be entitled from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the State of South Carolina, the VA Hospital, and local agencies. Assistance includes research, preparation, development, presentation and prosecution of claims submitted to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Board of Veterans Appeals.

I. ELDERLY SERVICES

The nation's expanding elderly population will affect every segment of the social, political, and economic landscape. Significant changes in living patterns and conditions often accompany the aging process. The health and functional status of senior residents is of growing interest with implications for public policy, health care, and long-term care costs. With projected increases of frail elderly, there will be an increased need for home care and institutional and community-based acute care and long-term care. The numbers of persons suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's disease is also projected to grow dramatically in the coming decades, while the costs of care continue to rise. The demands on informal caregivers such as family and friends in the community will concurrently increase.

Nearly 16% of City residents (1,594 persons) are aged 65 or older. City seniors comprise nearly than one-fourth (23%) of seniors countywide. The attractiveness of the Newberry area to retirees, coupled with an aging population led by the last of the baby boomers, will fuel a growing need for specialized services for the elderly in coming years.

1. Area Agency on Aging

A majority of aging services are federally funded through the *1965 Older Americans Act*. This law requires designated service districts plan and implement aging services. To that end, the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging has divided the State into ten planning and service districts. The Central Midlands Council of Governments was designated as the Midlands Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in 1976 with responsibilities that include planning and oversight of programs and services for the elderly residents of Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry and Richland Counties. The COG is assisted by a Regional Aging Advisory Committee, comprised of older individuals or individuals who are eligible to participate in *Older Americans Act* programs, representatives of older persons, and the general public. AAA programs and services are carried out by local service providers at the county level, with funding priority given to group dining, home delivered meals, home care, and transportation. State funds are allocated to local agencies on aging based on a multi-factored formula that include an equal base, the percent of population aged 60 and above living below poverty, the percent of minority population over the age of 60, the percent of the population who are moderately or severely impaired, and the percent of State rural population.

2. Newberry County Council on Aging

The Newberry County Council on Aging (NCCOA) is the primary provider of services to senior citizens countywide. NCCOA is a private, non-profit organization established in 1970 to provide necessary services for Newberry County older adults that will allow them to gracefully age-in-place. The mission of NCCOA is to holistically enhance the quality of life for Newberry County senior citizens through a comprehensive, focal point service delivery system.

NCCOA operates two senior centers in Newberry County. The Dave C. Waldrop, Jr. Senior Center is located in the City on Hunt Street and the Baker Senior Center is on Main Street in Whitmire.

These centers provide social support, health screening, recreation, activities, and nutritious lunches to persons 60 years of age or older. In addition to the Centers, NCCOA provides other services to the elderly residents of Newberry including:

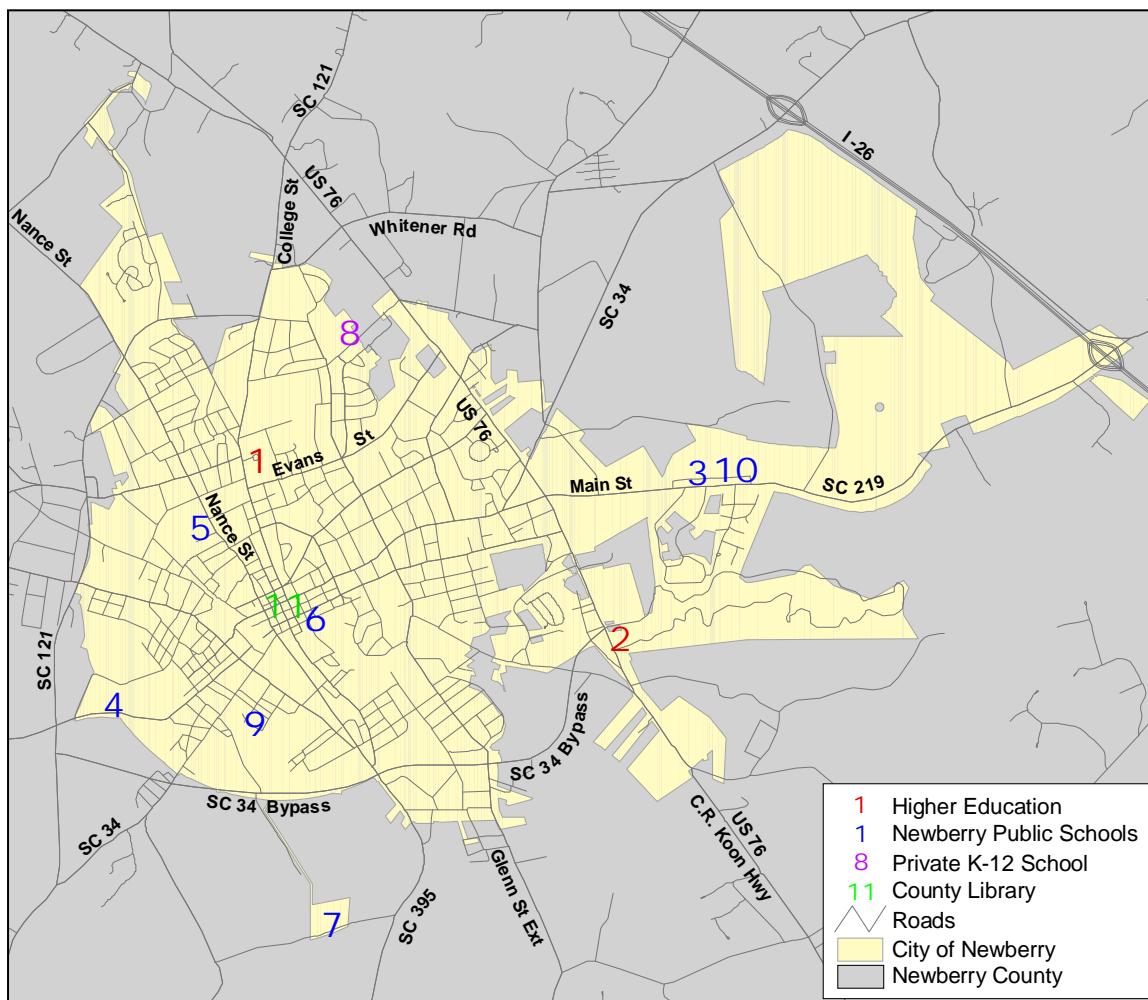
- The NCCOA *Meal Program* delivers hot, nutritionally balanced meals to homebound seniors within in the City of Newberry each weekday.
- Through the *Retired and Senior Volunteer Program* (RSVP), volunteers serve through nonprofit, private, and public community organizations. RSVP is open to anyone 55 years or older who is committed to helping others through volunteerism.
- *Adult Day Health Care* is offered daily at the Dave C. Waldrop, Jr. Senior Center to provide specialized assistance for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, developmental disabilities, and short-term respite.
- *Project Near*, a cooperative effort between the NCCOA RSVP program and the Newberry County Sheriff's Department, provides daily wellness check calls to frail elders living alone.
- Additional services include information and referrals for older adults concerning services to meet their individual needs, legal aid through a joint collaboration with the Columbia Urban League, and non-emergency medical transportation for Medicaid eligible clients.

J. EDUCATION

Education is a lifelong process in which a foundation of basic education through the pre-K-12 system is followed by an on-going individualized pathway of higher education and advanced career training opportunities. Communities that promote a philosophy of lifelong learning among residents are better positioned to successfully compete in a global economy. The average American worker now changes jobs five times or more over a working lifetime, making access to advanced workforce training programs an integral component of community and individual economic sustainability.

Locations of public and private educational institutions are shown on Map 6-4 and include Newberry College (Site 1), Piedmont Technical College (Site 2), pre-K-12 public schools (Sites 3 through 7), Newberry Academy (Site 8), Adult Education (Site 9) and the Career Center (Site 10). These educational institutions and facilities are profiled in the following sections.

**Map 6-4. PK-12, Adult, and Higher Education and Library Facilities
in the City of Newberry**



Source: City of Newberry, 2019

1. Public Schools

The School District of Newberry County provides educational services to more than 6,000 students in grades 4K through 12, with an annual budget that exceeded \$54 million in FY 2017-2018. The District employs more than 444 teachers and 350 administrators and support staff. South Carolina Department of Education report card data indicate the District has the 34th largest enrollment among the State's 81 districts. The District spent \$10,973 per pupil in FY 2017-2018, a slight increase from the previous year's expenditure of \$10,583.

The District operates a total of seven elementary, two middle, and two high schools. In addition, the Whitmire Community School serves students in pre-K-12. The Newberry Career Center serves high school students in grades 9 through 12 (Map 6-4). The District is divided into the three attendance areas of Mid-Carolina, Whitmire, and Newberry. The Newberry attendance area serves

students within the City of Newberry. Table 6-5 provides a listing of the schools within the Newberry attendance area with enrollment data for FY 2017-2018.

Table 6-5. Enrollment in City of Newberry Schools, FY 2017-2018

School	Grades	Enrollment
Boundary Street Elementary	Pre-K-5	513
Gallman Elementary	Pre-K-5	435
Newberry Elementary	Pre-K-5	482
Newberry Middle	6-8	611
Newberry High	9-12	803
Newberry Schools - City Total	Pre-K-12	2,844
Newberry School - District Total	Pre-K-12	6,053

Source: S.C. Department of Education, Annual Report Card, 2018

2. Private Schools

There are two private schools in Newberry County – Newberry Academy and Newberry Christian Academy. Accredited by the S.C. Independent Schools Association, Newberry Academy opened in 1966 and has a current enrollment of approximately 190 students in grades 2K through 12. Newberry Academy is located in the City on Smith Road. Newberry Christian Academy was established in 1986 and currently has an enrollment of approximately 25 students. Newberry Christian Academy provides instruction in grades pre-K through 12 through in a Christian environment. Newberry Christian Academy is located south of the City on Colony Church Road.

3. Adult Education and Literacy

The *Newberry County Adult Education* program offers out-of-school adults aged 18 and older an opportunity to earn a high school diploma or GED (Map 6-4). The program, located on McSwain Street, enrolls more than 200 GED and diploma graduates annually. The *Newberry County Literacy Council* has served the County for four decades to improve the literacy skills of Newberry residents. The Council offers tutoring and instruction in skills that are essential to functioning in a job and in society, as well as other programs to help individuals reach their literacy goals. The Council provides services to more than 150 residents each year.

4. Higher Education

The City is also home to two postsecondary institutions, Newberry College and Piedmont Technical College (Map 6-4). These institutions provide Newberry residents and employers with greater access to cultural and recreational events, research resources, meeting and conference facilities, and distance education opportunities. A number of other public and private institutions of higher learning are located within commuting distance for City residents in the nearby cities of Columbia and Greenwood.

a. Newberry College

Newberry College is a four-year, private liberal arts institution located in heart of the City of Newberry. The College was originally established in 1856 by the Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, an affiliation that continues with the S.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. The 90-acre campus is home to 33 academic, administrative, athletic, and residential buildings and facilities that serve more than 1,200 students. Full-time students are required to live on campus in one of the College's eight residence halls.

Newberry College is also an integral part of the Newberry community, with many of the College's 150 employees also residents of the City. Newberry residents also take part in the more than 60 cultural events including concerts, plays, art exhibits and lectures, and the numerous sporting events held at the College each year. The College athletics program includes twenty NCAA Division II teams for men and women. The Physical Education Complex is home to the 1,600-seat Eleazer basketball arena, racquetball courts, a stress lab, offices, and classrooms. Other athletic facilities include lighted tennis courts, a 4,000-seat football stadium, an outdoor swimming pool, and soccer, softball, and baseball fields. In addition to the Wessels Library and the 1,000-seat Wiles Chapel, the Alumni Music Center houses a 150-seat recital hall, practice rooms, a band room, offices, and classrooms. Many local groups use the College's academic and athletic facilities for special events such as statewide band competitions, conferences, conventions, and athletic camps.

b. Piedmont Technical College

Founded in 1966, Piedmont Technical College (PTC) is one of 16 public, two-year colleges that comprise the S.C. Technical Education System. The College serves a seven-county service area from its main campus in Greenwood and a network of satellite campuses in the six surrounding counties. The total PTC enrollment is 6,195 students. The Newberry Campus accounts for 13% of PTC's curriculum and 23% of continuing education credit hours. The Newberry Center provides students with access to student services including financial aid, placement testing, career counseling, registration, and library services.

The Newberry Campus, sited in the City on Wilson Road, moved to a renovated state-of-the-art facility that was formerly a Walmart in 1992. The Newberry campus has emerged as the fastest growing of all PTC campus sites, encompassing 45,000 square feet of classroom, labs, and office space. The facility includes a Community Conference Center that provides a 225-seat auditorium and classrooms available for private and public rental.

c. Additional Area Higher Education Opportunities

Newberry's central location and ready access to Interstate and State highways enables a feasible commute to higher education facilities in the Columbia area including the University of South Carolina, Benedict College, Allen College, the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia International University, Columbia College, and Midlands Technical College. Lander University in

Greenwood and Presbyterian College in Clinton are also located within commuting distance of the City of Newberry.

K. LIBRARIES

The *Newberry County Library System* was created through the merger of the Newberry City Library and the Newberry County Library in 1941. The System manages two locations – the main branch library in the City of Newberry and a location in Whitmire. The main branch of the Library System was originally housed in the County Courthouse and was later moved to the renovated 6,500 square foot, historic post office building at the corner of College and Friend Streets in 1968. In 2009, the main branch was moved to its present location in the new *Hal Kohn Memorial Library* building on Friend Street, two blocks away from its former location. The 22,000 square foot facility includes a South Carolina Room that houses genealogy records, a large children’s room, an 80-seat public meeting room, and public computer terminals with internet and wireless access. The Newberry County Library System holdings include nearly 63,000 volumes, with an annual circulation of more than 101,100 (*Libraries.org*, 2019).

The *Wessels Library* on the campus of Newberry College houses a print collection of 35,000 volumes that includes reference materials and books. The Library also provides online access to electronic resources including e-books, full-text journals, and periodical articles. Participation in the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL) provides access for users to more than one million books. The *Special Collections Room* of the Library houses many historical documents relating to Lutheranism and to the local area.

L. RECREATION

The provision of quality recreational activities and facilities is vital to the well-being of a community. Parks and recreation facilities are valuable tools in showcasing the natural beauty of a community, in preserving open space, in attracting visitors, and in providing healthy and safe recreational options for residents of all ages.

Although Americans spend most of their waking hours at work, they value their leisure time and have very specific preferences on how to spend it. According to the national *2018 Outdoor Participation Report* developed by the Outdoor Foundation, the most popular outdoor activities are running/jogging, fishing, cycling, and hiking. Newberry residents and visitors are fortunate to have access to numerous and diverse opportunities for passive and active outdoor recreation both within the City and nearby.

Recreational opportunities are particularly abundant for outdoor enthusiasts. In addition to the scenic Saluda, Broad, Enoree, and Tyger Rivers that border Newberry County, Lake Murray and Lake Greenwood provide more than 150 miles of recreational shoreline, with significant portions in Newberry County. Access to fishing and water sports is available at the many public and commercial boat landings. The rural areas of Newberry County are popular with game hunters,

with expanses of privately managed game land as well as the Sumter National Forest providing ample populations of dove, quail, deer, and turkey.

The *Sumter National Forest* lies north of the City and covers nearly 57,000 acres of northeastern Newberry County. Outdoor activities available in the Forest include bird watching, camping, picnicking, fishing, hunting, target shooting, paddling or rafting on one of the three rivers that flow through the District, and hiking or horseback riding on the 133 miles of trails. *Dreher Island State Park* is a 348-acre facility located near the southern tip of Newberry County with 12 miles of shoreline on Lake Murray. Open year-round, the Park offers 112 lakeside camping sites, sheltered picnic areas, nature trails, boat ramps and rental slips, and vacation villas. Public access to Lake Murray is also available at the Sunset Road Recreational Area and Kempson's Bridge Pier off of S.C. Highway 395. The 914-acre *Lake Greenwood State Park* is located near the southwestern corner of Newberry County and provides lakeside camping, fishing, picnicking, boating and hiking.

Newberry County is also bounded by the scenic Saluda, Broad, Tyger and Enoree Rivers. A public boat ramp accessing the Saluda River is located at Higgin's Bridge, just off S.C. Highway 121 south of Silverstreet. Access to the Broad River and the Parr Reservoir is available where Heller's Creek and Cannon's Creek cross Broad River Road, with boat ramp and picnic areas provided at both sites. The Sumter National Forest maintains two boat ramps with restrooms on the Enoree River, located at Brazelman's Bridge Road, and Keitt's Bridge on Maybinton Road.

The *Palmetto Trail* is South Carolina's largest bicycle and pedestrian project. Four sections of the Trail are open in Newberry County, with one located in the City in the Lynch's Woods Park and a new section added in 2019 in Downtown Newberry. The *Enoree Passage* is a 36-mile section of the Palmetto trail that begins at the southern trailhead located off of Old Whitmire Highway at the end of Franklin Road in the Sumter National Forest. The *Lynches Woods Passage*, located in Lynch's Woods Park in the City of Newberry, is a three-mile trail that serves as the Gateway to the Upstate portion of the Trail. Additional trails within the Lynch's Woods Park are also available for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. The *Peak to Prosperity Passage* follows the inactive Southern Railroad line for 10.8 miles from Peak to Prosperity. The most recent addition to the Palmetto Trail in the Newberry area is the 11-mile *Newberry Passage* that travels down Main Street, loops around the square, and travels north along College Street and Old Whitmire Highway before tying into the Enoree Passage in the Sumter National Forest.

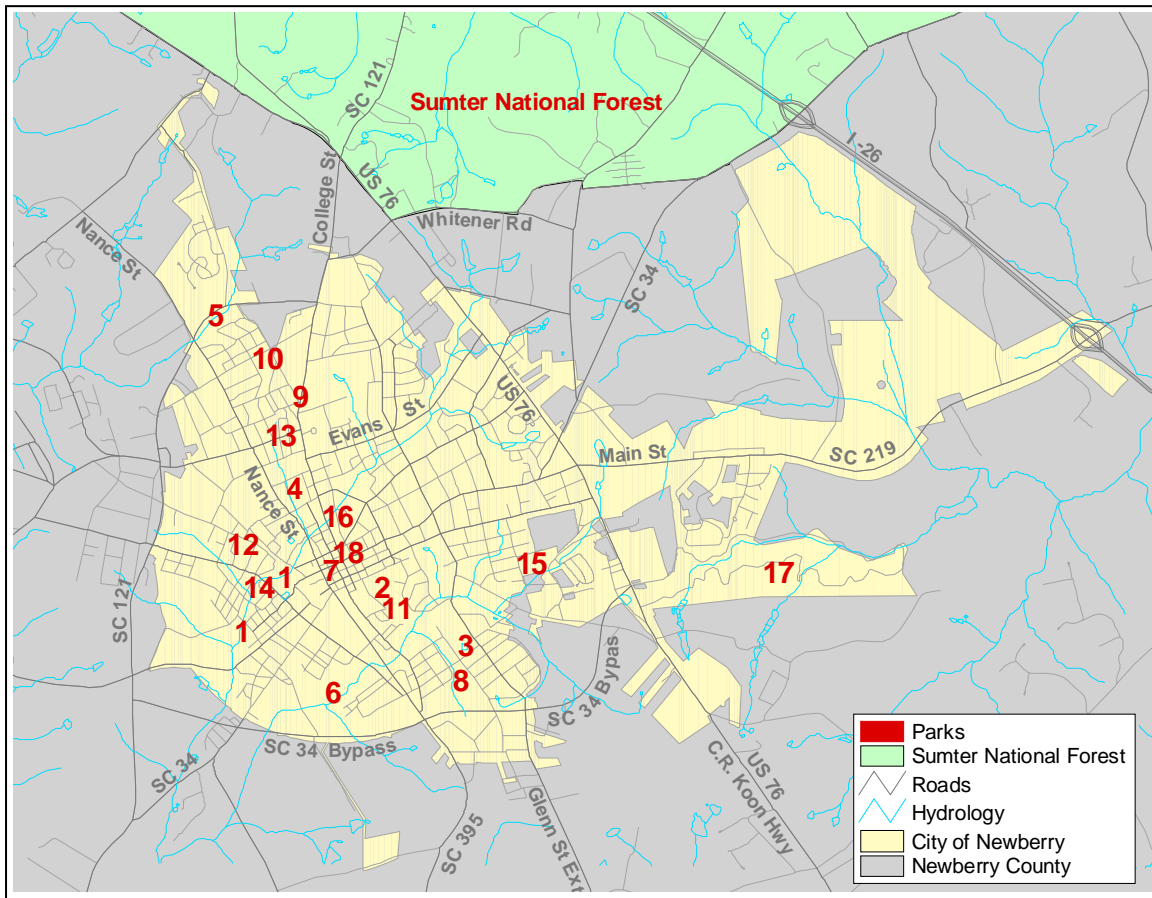
There are 18 public parks and recreation facilities encompassing more than 350 acres in the City of Newberry. Resources range from passive recreation such as picnicking to ball fields. The City is also developing a new 142-acre recreation complex on Glenn Street Extension with a first phase that will feature three ball fields, a multi-purpose field, playground, and splash pad. The second phase of the project will include nature trails and a paddle-boat and fishing lake. The countywide capital project sales tax provided \$4.6 million for the recreation complex project. A listing of the parks and associated recreation resources within the City is included in Table 6-6. Each park has an identification number that depicts the corresponding park location on Map 6-5.

Table 6-6. City of Newberry Parks and Recreation Facilities

#	Facility Name	Location	Size (Acres)	Facilities
1	Greenway Park & Trail	Academy Street/O'Neal Street	20.14	0.6 mile Scotts Creek Greenway Trail
2	J.D. Rook Field	Coates Street	2	Ballfield, concession stand, restrooms
3	Kendall Park	Glenn Street/Milligan Street	11.71	Ballfield, basketball court, restrooms, concession stand
4	Margaret Hunter Park	Chapman Street	5	Picnic shelter, disc golf course, creek, passive park
5	Marion Davis Park	Kendall Road	12.3	Playground, picnic shelters, 24 horseshoe courts, restrooms
6	Dr. Ulysses S. Gallman Park	McSwain Street	15.8	Basketball court, playground, picnic shelters, walking trail, restrooms
7	Memorial Park	Main Street/Nance Street	1	On grounds of Opera House, war monuments, passive park
8	Mollohon Park	Player Street/Milligan Street	4	Picnic shelter, horseshoe courts, playground, restrooms
9	Nosegay Park	Fair Avenue/College Street	1	Picnic tables, passive park
10	Oakland Tennis Center	First Street	4.5	6 hard and 3 clay tennis courts, pro shop, restrooms, play ground
11	Old Town Cemetery	Across from J.D. Rook Field	2.5	Cemetery
12	Dr. Julian E. Grant Park	Vincent Street	2.04	Basketball Courts, playground, picnic shelter, restrooms
13	Wells Park	Wells Park Drive	4.08	Passive park
14	Willowbrook Park	Crosson Street	5.12	Picnic shelter, playground, walking trail, multi-purpose courts, creek, restrooms
15	Wise Street Park	Wise Street/Holloway Street	8.3	Picnic shelter, playground, ball field, basketball and multi-purpose courts, restrooms
16	Wells Japanese Garden	Lindsay Street	0.5	Scenic passive park including creek, ponds, bridges, pagodas, exotic plants
17	Lynch's Woods Park (managed by Newberry County Soil & Water Conservation District)	Wilson Road	250	Trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding, picnic shelter, restrooms
18	Astwood Park	Main Street between Lindsay & College Streets	0.16	Scenic passive park including benches, walkways and a downtown kiosk
Total			350.15	

Source: City of Newberry, 2019

Map 6-5. Parks within the City of Newberry



Source: City of Newberry, 2019

In addition to maintaining City park and recreation facilities, the *City of Newberry Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department* provides a wide range of activities for City residents of all ages. The Department provides youth and adult sports activities including youth football, cheerleading, soccer, baseball, softball, and basketball and adult softball and basketball leagues. The Department also manages a Senior Adult program and the Oakland Tennis Center.

The *Newberry YMCA*, located on Jollystreet Road in the City, provides a full range of recreational activities for all ages. The YMCA opened in 1992, with facilities including a heated indoor/outdoor pool, weight room, cardiovascular workout area, steam room, sauna, whirlpool, outdoor field, general purpose room, and a childcare room. Programs provided at the YMCA include health and fitness, aquatics, a competitive swim team, child care, summer camp and after school programs, basketball, and a fitness program for seniors called *SilverSneakers*.

Many golf courses are located within a close drive of Newberry including the Mid Carolina Country Club in Prosperity and numerous courses in Chapin, Lexington, and the Columbia area. The *Country Club of Newberry* is a semi-private club that allows public play on its 18-hole golf course. The Club is located just northwest of the City on Country Club Road. Swimming and tennis are also available at the Country Club.

M. CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX

Section 4-37-30 of the *South Carolina Code of Laws* empowers counties to levy a special sales and use tax as a source of revenue for highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit systems, greenbelts, and other transportation-related facilities including, but not limited to, drainage relating to highways, roads, streets, bridges, and other transportation-related projects. The one percent tax equates to an additional penny on every dollar spent. The public must approve the tax through a referendum. The key advantage to such a tax is that out-of-county workers and tourists who work and shop in the receiving county also contribute to the tax revenues through their purchases, helping to offset the costs of roads and other facilities.

Under the legislation, counties that implement a one cent sales tax must share the proceeds with their municipalities using a formula based on population. The tax is also limited to a specified period of time for collection of a set amount of money for the identified projects (not to exceed 25 years or the length of payment for the specified projects). Implementing counties must appoint a commission to consider proposals for funding capital projects and formulate the referendum question for public vote. In addition to funding transportation facilities, revenue from the one cent tax may also be used for civic, educational, and cultural facilities; water and sewer projects; flood control and storm water projects; and dredging, dewatering, and constructing spoil sites.

Newberry County, in accordance with *S.C. Code section § 4-10-300*, has appointed a *Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST) Commission* to consider and prioritize proposed capital improvement projects within the County or its municipalities that are to be funded by the one percent sales and use tax. The CPST consists of six members comprised of three County appointees and three municipal appointees. Three appointments are made by the Newberry County Council, and per the statutory index, the City of Newberry is charged with making two of the three municipal appointments. The two City Municipal appointees choose the third Municipal appointee, who must be a resident of a County municipality other than the City of Newberry. Once the Commission has considered and prioritized the capital projects submitted, County Council enacts an ordinance setting forth the priority in which the net proceeds are to be extended, and then formulates a referendum question regarding the Commission's recommendations for inclusion on the ballot during the general election.

Key public infrastructure and facilities needs have been identified for Newberry County in the most recent *2016 Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) Master Plan*. County voters first approved the capital projects sales tax in 1998, with subsequent referendums passed in 2004, 2010, and 2016. Projects submitted for funding under the CPST are non-recurring public facility projects within the County and its municipalities and may include:

- a. Highways, roads, streets, bridges, and public parking garages and related facilities;
- b. Courthouses, administration buildings, civic centers, hospitals, emergency medical facilities, police stations, fire stations, jails, correctional facilities, detention facilities,

libraries, coliseums, educational facilities under the direction of an area commission for technical education, or any combination of these projects;

- c. Cultural, recreational, or historic facilities, or any combination of these facilities;
- d. Water, sewer, or water and sewer projects;
- e. Flood control projects and storm water management facilities;
- f. Jointly operated projects of the county, a municipality, special purpose district, and school district, or any combination of those entities, for the projects delineated in sub-items (a) through (e); and
- g. Any combination of the projects described in sub-items (a) through (f).

The 2016 CPST Master Plan identifies 12 projects that were screened, voted on, and selected by the locally appointed Sales Tax Commission from all of the projects submitted for consideration. Two of the projects are in the City of Newberry. Newberry County voters approved the continuation of the *One Percent Sales Tax* for use in funding the projects outlined in the Master Plan in November 2016. Based on the history of collections from the penny sales tax in Newberry County, future collections are estimated at \$860,000, with \$2.9 million carried forward from the 2010 CPST. Projects to be completed through 2016 CPST bond funds in the City of Newberry include:

- \$4.075 million for construction of the 142-acre recreational complex, located off of Glenn Street Extension. Construction is underway on the first phase of the project, which includes three ball fields, a multi-purpose field, playground, and splash pad. The second phase of the project will include nature trails and a paddle-boat and fishing lake.
- \$155,000 for HVAC improvements at the Newberry Opera House, to be administered by Newberry County.

N. GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	Time Frame for Completion
Goal 6.1. Provide effective, efficient and responsive delivery of government services.		
Objective 6.1.1. Plan the location and development of community facilities to accommodate present and future needs.		
<u>Strategy 6.1.1.1.</u> Support and encourage the continued presence of community institutions such as City, County and State administrative offices and service centers, arts institutions, the County library, and the Post Office within the Downtown area.	City of Newberry Newberry County State Agencies Federal Entities	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.1.1.2.</u> Explore and pursue infrastructure cost-sharing opportunities with developers and encourage development where services are already available.	City of Newberry Newberry County Private Developers	On-going
Objective 6.1.2. Implement the goals, objectives, and implementation strategies of the Comprehensive Plan.		
<u>Strategy 6.1.2.1.</u> Determine staff, facility and resource needs and partnerships to implement the Comprehensive Plan.	City of Newberry Newberry County Partner Agencies and Entities	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.1.2.2.</u> Conduct a periodic review and update of the Comprehensive Plan to ensure relevance and timeliness.	City of Newberry Planning Commission	On-going
Objective 6.1.3. Continue City growth and expansion of the tax base through annexation of contiguous properties when appropriate.		
<u>Strategy 6.1.3.1.</u> Continue to offer public utility services to properties close to the City when appropriate provided the owner enters into a Utility Service Annexation Agreement.	City of Newberry Property Owners	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.1.3.2.</u> Annex properties that are served by the City's public utilities when they become contiguous to the City boundaries.	City of Newberry Property Owners	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.1.3.3.</u> Encourage owners of unincorporated enclave and pocket properties to annex into the City.	City of Newberry Enclave/Pocket Property Owners	On-going
Objective 6.1.4. Strengthen coordination with the County, neighboring municipalities, and State agencies.		
<u>Strategy 6.1.4.1.</u> Continue coordination with the County and State on matters relating to public safety including fire and police service, homeland security, and emergency preparedness.	City of Newberry Newberry County State Agencies	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.1.4.2.</u> Continue regional coordination through CMCOG and CMRTA, with the County, and with other public and private agencies in matters related to transportation and transit.	City of Newberry Newberry County CMCOG/CMRTA Newberry County Council on Aging	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.1.4.3.</u> Continue coordination of the provision of water, sewer and electricity with the County and other public and private entities.	City of Newberry Newberry County Utility Providers	On-going
Goal 6.2. Ensure the provision of adequate, safe, and efficient utilities and services within the City.		
Objective 6.2.1. Maintain and update water distribution facilities to serve present and future residential and commercial needs in the City.		
<u>Strategy 6.2.1.1.</u> Rehabilitate and replace aging water distribution infrastructure and conduct preventative maintenance of existing equipment and facilities.	City of Newberry Newberry CPU	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.2.1.2.</u> Maintain accurate and integrated mapping of current water infrastructure and growth patterns.	City of Newberry Newberry CPU	On-going
Objective 6.2.2. Maintain and update wastewater collection and treatment facilities to serve the present and future residential and commercial needs in the City		
<u>Strategy 6.2.2.1.</u> Rehabilitate and expand the wastewater treatment plant and aging wastewater collection infrastructure.	City of Newberry Newberry CPU	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.2.2.2.</u> Conduct preventative maintenance of existing wastewater collection infrastructure and facilities.	City of Newberry Newberry CPU	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.2.2.3.</u> Maintain accurate and integrated mapping of current sewer infrastructure and growth patterns.	City of Newberry Newberry CPU	On-going

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Objective 6.2.3. Provide adequate, safe, reliable, and cost-effective energy for the businesses and residences in the City.		
<u>Strategy 6.2.3.1.</u> Maintain accurate and integrated mapping of current electric service infrastructure and growth patterns.	City of Newberry Newberry CPU	On-going
Goal 6.3. Protect lives and property within the City through effective stormwater and floodplain management.		
Objective 6.3.1. Analyze and identify solutions for stormwater problems and flooding in the City.		
<u>Strategy 6.3.1.1.</u> Retain engineering services to evaluate stormwater problems in the City and make recommendations to minimize future flooding potential.	City of Newberry Consulting Engineer	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.3.1.2.</u> Explore adoption of a stormwater management ordinance and stormwater utility to facilitate the implementation of study recommendations to include best management practices.	City of Newberry	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.3.1.3.</u> Review impervious surface limitations in new developments and substantial redevelopments to minimize stormwater runoff.	City of Newberry SCDHEC	On-going
Goal 6.4. Ensure the efficient, safe, and cost-effective removal and disposal of solid waste.		
Objective 6.4.1. Plan for and provide solid waste removal and disposal services to meet the current and future needs of businesses and residences in the City.		
<u>Strategy 6.4.1.1.</u> Continue to provide efficient and cost-effective removal of solid waste for City residents, institutions, and businesses.	City of Newberry	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.4.1.2.</u> Continue coordination with the County for disposal of the City's solid waste stream.	City of Newberry Newberry County	On-going
Goal 6.5. Protect the health, safety, and welfare of City residents and visitors through responsive, adequately equipped, and well-trained and staffed public safety services.		
Objective 6.5.1. Reduce vulnerability and exposure of the public to catastrophic events and effectively implement assistance and recovery operations in the event of man-made or natural disasters or emergencies.		
<u>Strategy 6.5.1.1.</u> Continue coordination with Newberry County, State and Federal agencies on procedures and programs related to disaster preparedness and emergency operations.	City of Newberry Newberry County	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.5.1.2.</u> Seek funding to bury overhead power lines within the City and encourage the location of future power lines underground.	City of Newberry Newberry CPU	On-going
Objective 6.5.2. Provide timely and prepared response to police and fire emergencies in the City.		
<u>Strategy 6.5.2.1.</u> Continue to provide adequate staffing and equipment levels needed for timely response to police and fire emergencies.	City of Newberry City of Newberry Police Dept. City of Newberry Fire Dept.	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.5.2.2.</u> Plan for future service and facility expansions to accommodate population growth and business/commercial development.	City of Newberry City of Newberry Police Dept. City of Newberry Fire Dept.	On-going
Objective 6.5.3. Provide a highly trained and skilled police force and firefighters to respond to emergencies.		
<u>Strategy 6.5.3.1.</u> Continue to provide necessary training for fire and police personnel to ensure an up-to-date, informed and skilled public safety workforce.	City of Newberry City of Newberry Fire Dept. City of Newberry Police Dept.	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.5.3.2.</u> Continue to provide in-house training and coordination of additional training through the Police Department's Training Lieutenant.	City of Newberry City of Newberry Police Dept.	On-going
Objective 6.5.4. Continue to make prevention of crime and fire emergencies a priority.		
<u>Strategy 6.5.4.1.</u> Continue to provide programs aimed at preventing juvenile delinquency and crime.	City of Newberry Police Dept. Newberry County Sheriff Newberry County School District Faith-based Organizations	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.5.4.2.</u> Continue public education and training on crime prevention through programs such as Neighborhood Watch.	City of Newberry City of Newberry Police Dept. Neighborhood Associations Civic Groups	On-going

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Goal 6.6. Foster a climate of community wellness through support for quality, accessible health services for all City residents.		
Objective 6.6.1. Ensure access to quality and affordable health care for all City residents.		
<u>Strategy 6.6.1.1.</u> Continue to support the Newberry County Memorial Hospital in the provision of local quality health care for area residents.	Newberry County Memorial Hospital City of Newberry Newberry County	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.6.1.2.</u> Support the Hospital and other health care providers in the expansion of facilities and addition of services to meet the growing needs of area residents.	City of Newberry Newberry County Memorial Hospital Newberry County	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.6.1.3.</u> Support the Hospital in the recruitment of health professionals to the community.	City of Newberry Newberry County Memorial Hospital Newberry County Chamber of Commerce Newberry County School District	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.6.1.4.</u> Promote the prevention of chronic health problems through the continued operation of the Newberry Free Clinic to serve the community's indigent population.	Newberry Free Clinic City of Newberry Newberry County Health Care Providers	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.6.1.5.</u> Support workforce development efforts to increase the number of Newberry residents who pursue advanced training and employment in the growing health care sector to help meet critical workforce shortages.	Upper Savannah WIA Higher Education City of Newberry Newberry County	On-going
Goal 6.7. Support the provision of quality, accessible, and effective social services and support systems to City residents in need.		
Objective 6.7.1. Support State, County, and other social service providers in identifying and meeting the support needs of City residents, including local special populations.		
<u>Strategy 6.7.1.1.</u> Support the provision of adequate facilities by agencies serving the social service needs of City residents.	City of Newberry State and Local Agencies	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.7.1.2.</u> Support actions by State agencies to maintain and enhance social services provided to residents of the City.	City of Newberry State and Local Agencies	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.7.1.3.</u> Support the Newberry County Council on Aging in the provision of needed services for elderly City residents.	City of Newberry NCCOA	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.7.1.4.</u> Encourage the continued involvement of area faith-based organizations in providing services and outreach to those in need.	City of Newberry Governmental Service Providers Faith-Based Organizations	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.7.1.5.</u> Work with local higher education institutions, such as Newberry College, to identify potential service-learning projects to address community needs and improve the quality of life for City residents.	City of Newberry Newberry College Piedmont Technical College	On-going
Goal 6.8. Ensure access to quality, lifelong educational opportunities for all residents.		
Objective 6.8.1. Promote coordination among local government and service providers with the K-12 school system to ensure adequate existing facilities and planning for future growth and needs.		
<u>Strategy 6.8.1.1.</u> Strengthen coordination with the School District on the location of new schools and expansion of existing facilities.	City of Newberry Newberry County Newberry County School District	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.8.1.2.</u> Support School District efforts to pursue additional funding to improve instruction through improvements in facilities, teacher recruitment, community involvement, curriculum enhancement, and the integration of instructional technology.	City of Newberry Newberry County Newberry County School District Chamber of Commerce Employers	On-going

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Objective 6.8.2. Promote coordination among local governments, the K-12 school system, service providers, employers, and local institutions of higher education to support workforce and college readiness.		
<u>Strategy 6.8.2.1.</u> Assist local postsecondary institutions in facility planning and curriculum offerings to accommodate existing and future educational and economic development needs.	City of Newberry Newberry College Piedmont Technical College	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.8.2.2.</u> Strengthen coordination with local postsecondary institutions to determine appropriate sites for future campus and facility expansions in the strategic and master planning processes.	City of Newberry Newberry College Piedmont Technical College	On-going
<u>Strategy 6.8.2.3.</u> Support literacy and workforce training providers that improve the job and life skills of City residents.	City of Newberry Piedmont Technical College Newberry County School District	On-going
Goal 6.9. Support the provision of adequate and accessible library resources for all City residents.		
Objective 6.9.1. Promote the expansion of the Newberry County Library system within the City.		
<u>Strategy 6.9.1.1.</u> Support the Newberry County Library in the provision of quality programs and materials, particularly at the Main branch in the City.	City of Newberry Newberry County Library Newberry County	On-going
Goal 6.10. Preserve, maintain, and expand parks and recreational facilities to showcase the natural beauty of the City, attract visitors, and provide healthy recreational options for residents.		
Objective 6.10.1. Provide passive and active recreational opportunities to meet the diverse needs of City residents and visitors.		
<u>Strategy 6.10.1.3.</u> Maximize, where feasible, pedestrian and bicycle connectivity between City parks, recreation areas, and the greenway.	City of Newberry Newberry County	On-going