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COMMUNITY SERVICES

"The schools ain't what they used to be and never was"

Will Rogers

9.0 Community Services

9.1 GOALS

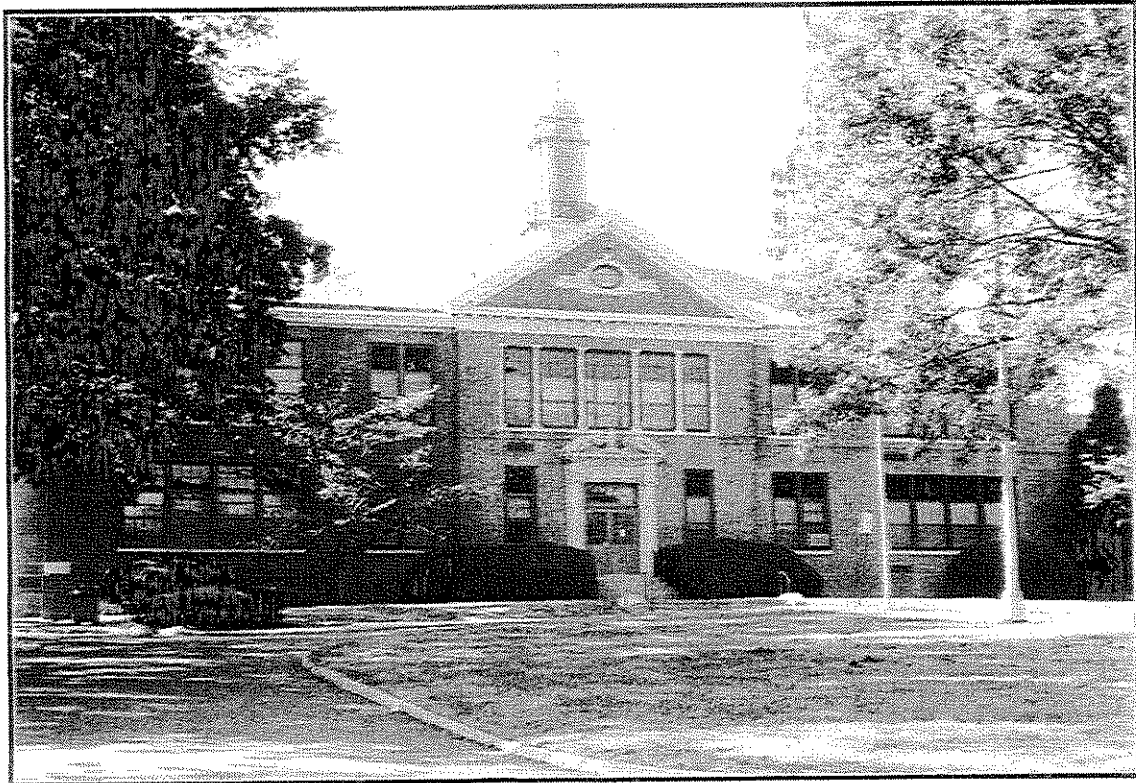
Goals: Maintain and enhance the quality services currently enjoyed by the residents of the town.

9.2 EXISTING CONDITIONS

A. Schools:

Two school districts are situated within the Town of Eastchester. The majority of the town falls within the Eastchester Union Free School District. The southern portion of the town is located within the Tuckahoe Union free School District (Figure #9-1).

Eastchester is divided between the Eastchester and Tuckahoe school districts



(Greenvale School)

The Eastchester School District contains three elementary schools: the Anne Hutchinson School located on Mill Road serving the south end of the district, and the Greenvale School located on Gabriel J. Rescigno Drive serving the northern portion of the district. These schools serve grades 1 through 5. The Waverly Early Childhood Center houses all of the district's kindergarten and pre-kindergarten classes. The Middle School, serving grades 6 through 8, and the High School, serving grades 9-12, share a site in the center of town on White Plains Road.

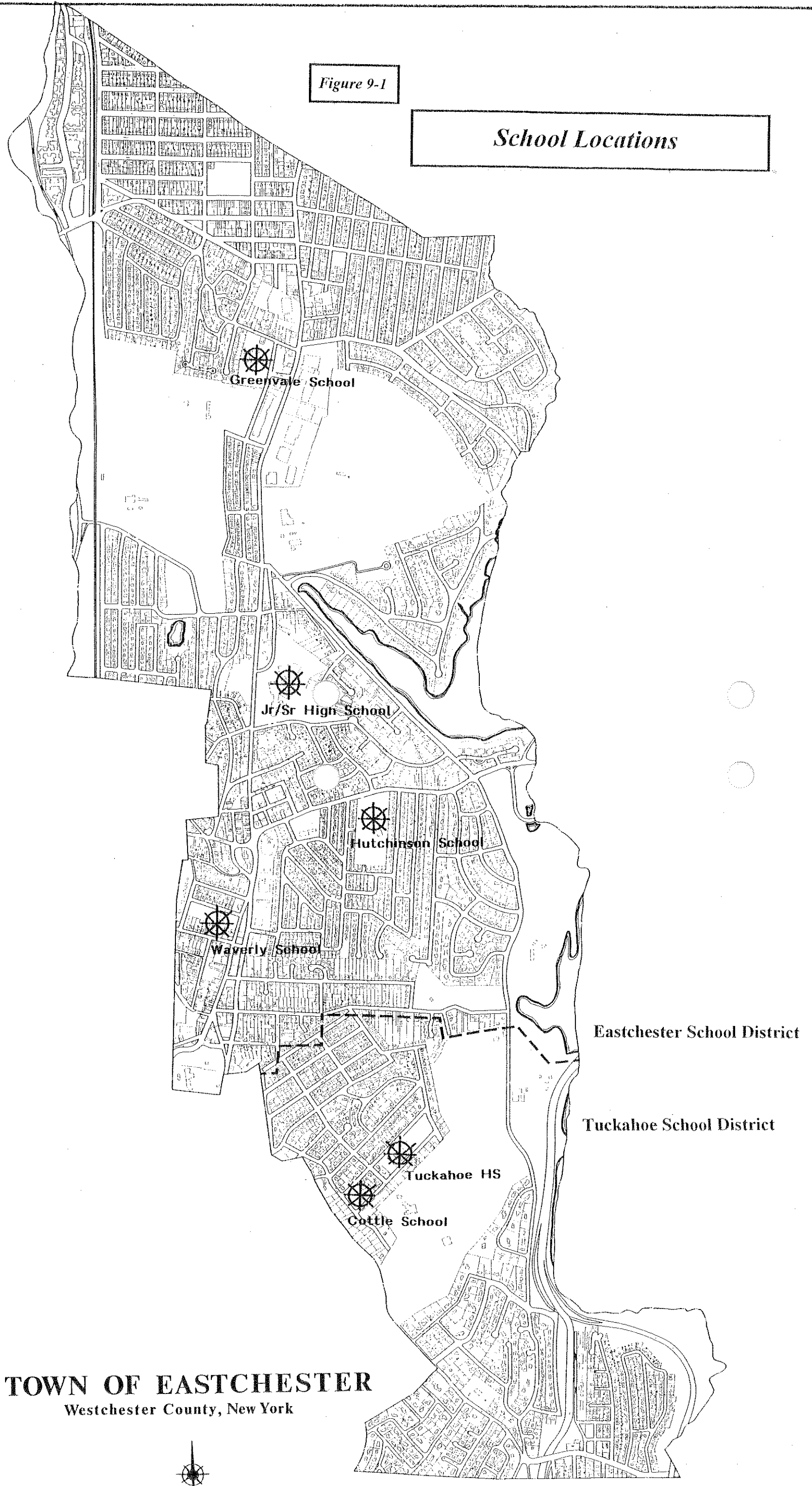
The following table (Figure #9-2) provides a distribution of enrollments as of October 1994.

Figure 9-2
Eastchester School District, October 1994 Enrollments

Grades	Waverly	Hutchinson	Greenvale	Middle School	High School	Total
Pre-K	26	--	--	--	--	26
K	177	--	--	--	--	177
K Spec. Ed.	10	--	--	--	--	10
1	--	92	101	--	--	193
2	--	91	96	--	--	187
3	--	80	89	--	--	169
4	--	80	74	--	--	154
5	--	60	74	--	--	134
Spec. Ed.	--	--	31	--	--	31
6	--	--	--	150	--	150
7	--	--	--	142	--	142
8	--	--	--	127	--	127
9	--	--	--	--	133	133
10	--	--	--	--	98	98
11	--	--	--	--	92	92
12	--	--	--	--	103	103
Spec. Ed.	--	--	--	--	21	21
Totals	231	401	465	419	447	1,945

Figure 9-1

School Locations



TOWN OF EASTCHESTER
Westchester County, New York



The 1994-1995
Eastchester UFSD
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The 1994-1995 school budget is \$21,559,586. Anticipated revenues are \$3,147,004. The Eastchester UFSD assessed valuation is 69,261,655, and the tax rate per \$1,000 in assessed valuation is 311.2774.

The Tuckahoe UFSD contains two schools, the William E. Cottle School located on Siwanoy Blvd., serving grades K through 6, and the Tuckahoe High School, also located on Siwanoy Blvd. serving grades 7 through 12. The following table (Figure #9-3) provides the enrollment distribution for the schools.

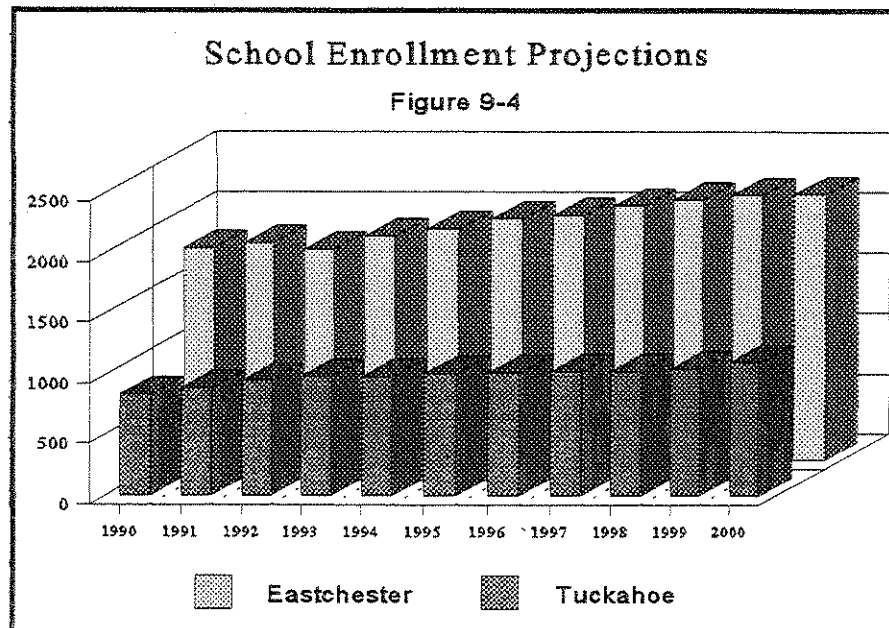
Figure 9-3
Tuckahoe School District, October 1994 Enrollments

Grades	Cottle	High School
K	90	--
1	93	--
2	91	--
3	73	--
4	86	--
5	73	--
6	53	--
Spec. Ed.	11	--
7	--	79
8	--	74
9	--	51
10	--	49
11	--	64
12	--	60
Total	570	377

Increases in school enrollments are anticipated into the next century.

The 1994 - 1995 Tuckahoe school budget is \$9,107,998. Anticipated revenues are \$2,077,868. The Tuckahoe UFSD assessed valuation is 25,563,025, and the tax rate per \$1,000 in assessed valuation is \$356.2959.

As can be seen on Figure 9-4, the cohort survival analysis conducted by the school districts to determine the number of school aged children in the community, project modestly increasing enrollments into the new century.



B. Emergency Services

i. Police:

The Town of Eastchester is served by its own local police department. The department currently employs 51 sworn officers. Additionally, 20 civilian support personnel are employed by the department, 10 of which are full time. The department has downsized from 62 officers due to budget constraints. Modest expansion is anticipated, perhaps in conjunction with the recently passed federal Crime Bill.

The Eastchester Police Department is wholly housed in the

Town Hall building. This includes maintenance and garage facilities. The department maintains 23 vehicles. 85% of these vehicles are patrol cruisers. The remaining 15% include a riot van, prisoner van and maintenance vehicles.

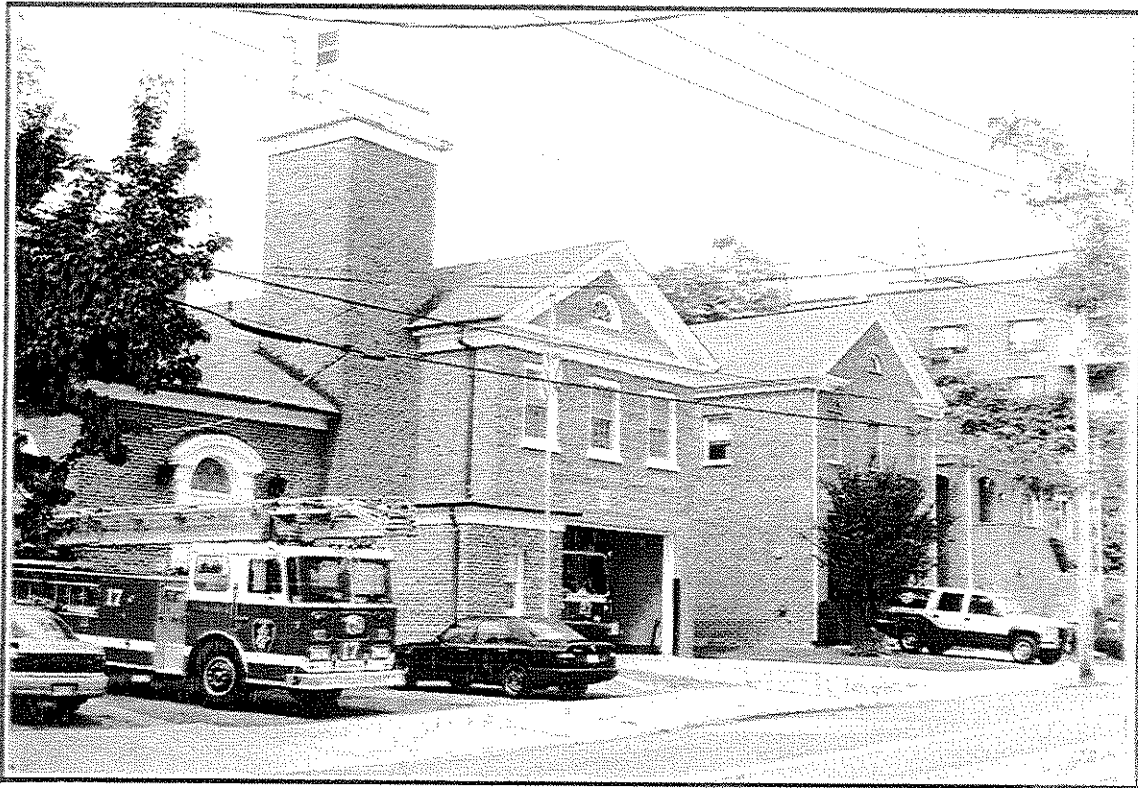
ii . Fire Department:

The Eastchester Fire Department has jurisdiction throughout the town, including the Villages of Bronxville and Tuckahoe. 60 paid firemen, including 8 career officers make up the department. Once heavily supported by a volunteer corps of over 100, today the fire department is supplemented by only 15 volunteer fire fighters.

The department maintains five fire stations: three in Eastchester on Wilmot Road, on Oregon Avenue, and on Main Street; one in Bronxville on Palumbo; and one in Tuckahoe on Underhill.

The department utilizes five engines, two ladder trucks, one heavy duty rescue truck and 8 other vehicles.

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(Waverly Engine Co. No. 1 & EVAC)

iii . Eastchester Volunteer Ambulance Corps

The Eastchester Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC) provides ambulance service throughout the Town of Eastchester and the Villages of Tuckahoe and Bronxville, including the portions of the Hutchinson River Parkway, Bronx River Parkway and Cross County Parkway that pass through the town.

The Corps force of about 110 volunteers is composed of 54 EMT-D's, 10 Paramedics, with the remainder certified in first aid and CPR. The Corps utilizes two ambulances, and is housed in its station on Main Street.

The EVAC initiated an Advanced Life Support System in 1995, allowing for a higher degree of paramedic support.

C. Town Facilities

i. Library

The Eastchester Public Library, located at 11 Oakridge Place, is a member of the Westchester County Library System. It is supported through a local budget, and managed by its own independent Board of Directors, appointed by the Town Board.

The library houses 83,636 volumes and offers a full range of services and programs, in particular an extensive children's program.

D. Infrastructure/Utilities

i. Water Supply

Eastchester is served by two water suppliers. The New Rochelle Water Company, a private water supplier, provides water to the majority of the town. A small portion of the northern part of town is served by Eastchester Water District No. 1, a municipal water supplier operated by the Village of Scarsdale. Both systems draw their water from the New York City Surface Supply System.

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The town is divided between the Hutchinson and Bronx Valley Sewer Districts.

All areas of the town are served by the sub-surface distribution networks of these two water suppliers.

ii. Sanitary Sewers

The town is bisected by the boundary of two separate sewer districts. Beginning just to the east of White Plains Road, and approximately paralleling the road, the Hutchinson Sewer District collects effluent generated in the eastern portion of town. To the west, the Bronx Valley Sewer District is present. Force Mains run along both the eastern and western edge of the town and connect to the Yonkers Sewage Treatment Plant. The Yonkers plant has a design capacity of 92 mgd, and currently operates above capacity at 145 mgd between November and April and between 120 mgd from May to October.

The town maintains a sanitary sewer system that fully serves the entire community and has excess capacity to allow for reasonable anticipated future connections.

iii. Storm Sewers

The town supports a separate storm sewer system. Service extends throughout the town; however, some areas require additional service. No official mapping exists of the entire townwide storm sewer network.

iv. Electric/Telephone/Cable TV

Electric service is provided to the town by Consolidated Edison. The majority of Con Ed's power lines are hung overhead from utility poles. Current electric service is adequate for the needs of the community and the utility can meet the needs of reasonable anticipated future power demands.

NYNEX provides and maintains the telephone system in Eastchester. Telephone lines are also hung overhead from utility poles.

Cable TV service is available for the entire town through a franchise agreement negotiated jointly between TCI of Westchester, Inc; and the Town and the two villages. As is the case with Con Ed and NYNEX, cable shares overhead space on utility poles for it's facilities.

E. Social Services

The Town of Eastchester provides a range of programs for residents including Veterans Services, Programs for the Aging including two senior centers at Garth Road and at Lake Isle, a Senior Nutrition Program and a Youth Council. These programs, offered to young and old alike, contribute to the superior quality of life enjoyed by the residents of Eastchester.

9.3 POLICIES

9-1 Maintain committed support for the rich array of social services offered by the town.

9-2 Support the school districts in strengthening links between the Eastchester and Tuckahoe School Boards to work as a single entity serving the same public. Work together to realize economies through sharing, cooperation and coordination.

9-3 Support the expanded recruitment for volunteer fire fighters.

9-4 Work with the County to mitigate infiltration inflow into the sanitary sewer system which is placing unnecessary stress on the Yonkers treatment facility.

9-5 Support an expanded program of maintenance of the storm sewer system.

9-6 Require that all utilities be placed underground for all new developments and major improvement projects.

9-7 Map the town's storm sewer system.

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