

**BALDWIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2008 - 2025
COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL FACILITIES ELEMENT
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The Community and Cultural Facilities Element addresses the needs of public facilities and services such as public buildings, library facilities and services, public schools and the school system, police and fire protection, emergency services facilities, community and recreation centers, art galleries, museums and theaters.

Public Buildings

County-owned buildings and facilities include those shown in the table below.

Facility	Location
Bay Minette (County Seat)	
Communications & Information Systems	175 Courthouse Square
Probate Judge Facility	220 Courthouse Square
Baldwin County Annex	312 Courthouse Square
Administration Building	322 Courthouse Square
Land Management Division Facility	324 Courthouse Square
Area 100 Highway Barn	203 Dickman Road
Archives Facility (Tolbert M. Brantley Building)	305 East 2 nd Street
Purchasing Department	257 Hand Avenue
Corrections Center	310 Hand Avenue
Bay Minette Transfer Station	4291 Nicholasville Road
Regional Juvenile Detention Center	43405 Nicholasville Road
Elberta	
Eastfork Landfill	17971 CC Road
Fairhope	
Planning & Zoning – Fairhope Office	20555-A Bishop Road
License Inspection – Fairhope Office	20555 Bishop Road
Fairhope Satellite Courthouse	1100 Fairhope Avenue
Foley	
Foley Satellite Courthouse	201 East Section Street
Area 300 Highway Barn	1013 North Juniper Street
Loxley	
MacBride Landfill	14200 County Road 64
Robertsdale	
Baldwin Rural Area Transportation System (BRATS) Facility	18100 County Road 54
Central Annex II	22070 Highway 59
Emergency Operations Center	23100 McAuliffe Drive
Robertsdale Central Annex Building, Coroner's Office	22251 Palmer Street
Silverhill	
Area 200 Highway Barn	22220 West Boulevard
Summerdale	
Magnolia Landfill	15140 County Road 49
Highway Department Facility	22220 West Blvd.

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Libraries

The County's library system is provided through the Baldwin County Library Cooperative. Public library buildings are listed below, and are shown on the map entitled *Baldwin County Alabama: Existing Libraries*:

Facility	Location
Main Office/ Robertsdale Central Annex Building	22251 Palmer Street, Robertsdale
Bay Minette Library	205 West 2 nd Street, Bay Minette
Daphne Library	2607 US Highway 98, Daphne
Fairhope Library	501 Fairhope Avenue, Fairhope
Foley Library	319 East Laurel Street, Foley
Henry J. Wilters, Jr. Law Library	312 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette
Loxley Library	1001 Loxley Avenue, Loxley
Orange Beach Library	26267 Canal Road, Orange Beach
Oscar Johnson Memorial Library	21967 6 th Street, Silverhill
Perdido Bay Library	12634 Library Street, Lillian
Robertsdale Library	18301 Pennsylvania Avenue, Robertsdale
Thomas B. Norton Library	221 West 19 th Avenue, Gulf Shores

Public School Facilities

Baldwin County Public Schools are listed below, in order of elementary, middle and high (www.bcbe.org), and are shown on the map entitled *Baldwin Count Alabama: Existing Schools*:

Elementary School	Location	District
Bay Minette Elementary	800 Blackburn Avenue, Bay Minette	2
Bay Minette Intermediate	600 Blackburn Avenue, Bay Minette	1
Daphne East Elementary	26551 County Road 13, Daphne	1
Daphne Elementary North	2307 Main Street, Daphne	7
Daphne Elementary South	1000 Main Street, Daphne	7
Delta Elementary	10251 Whitehouse Fork Road Extension, Bay Minette	2
Elberta Elementary	25820 US Highway 98, Elberta	4
Elsanor Elementary	23440 US Highway 90, Robertsdale	3
Fairhope Elementary	2 North Bishop Road, Fairhope	6
Fairhope Intermediate	1101 Fairhope Avenue, Fairhope	6
Fairhope K-1 Center	100 South Church Street, Fairhope	6
Foley Elementary	200 North Cedar Street, Foley	4
Foley Intermediate	2000 South Cedar Street, Foley	4
Gulf Shores Elementary	1600 East Third Street, Gulf Shores	5
J. Larry Newton School	9761 CR 32, Fairhope	6
Loxley Elementary	4999 South Magnolia Street, Loxley	3

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Elementary School	Location	District
Magnolia School	1 Jaguar Loop, Foley	4
Orange Beach Elementary	494900 Wilson Boulevard, Orange Beach	5
Perdido School	23589 County Road 47, Perdido	2
Pine Grove Elementary	43980 Pine Grove Road, Bay Minette	2
Robertsdale Elementary	19150 Wilters Street, Robertsdale	3
Rockwell Elementary	10183 Highway 31, Spanish Fort	7
Rosinton Elementary	19757 County Road 64, Robertsdale	3
Silverhill Elementary	15800 4th Avenue, Silverhill	4
Spanish Fort Elementary	30900 State Highway 225, Spanish Fort	7
Stapleton Elementary	35480 Harriot Avenue, Stapleton	2
Summerdale School	400 East Broadway Street, Summerdale	4
Swift Consolidated	6330 Bon Secour Highway, Bon Secour	4
Vaughn Elementary	55260 County Road 21, Stockton	1
Middle School	Location	District
Bay Minette Middle	1311 West 13th Street, Bay Minette	2
Central Baldwin Middle	24545 Highway 59, Robertsdale	3
Daphne Middle	1 Jody Davis Circle, Daphne	1
Elberta Middle	13355 Main Street, Elberta	4
Fairhope Middle	408 North Section Street, Fairhope	6
Foley Middle	201 North Pine Street	4
Gulf Shores Middle	450 East 15 th Avenue, Gulf Shores	5
High School	Address	District
Baldwin County Alternative School	6925 Twin Beech Road, Fairhope	6
Baldwin County High	1 Tiger Drive, Bay Minette	2
Daphne High	9300 East Lawson Road, Daphne	1
Fairhope High	1 Pirate Drive, Fairhope	6
Foley High	1 Pride Place, Foley	4
Gulf Shores High	600 E. 15th Ave, Gulf Shores	5
N. Baldwin Center for Technology	505 West Hurricane Road, Bay Minette	1
Robertsdale High	1 Golden Bear Drive, Robertsdale	3
S. Baldwin Center for Technology	19200 Anderson Lane, Robertsdale	3
Spanish Fort High	1 Plaza de Toros Drive, Spanish Fort	7

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Fire Protection and Emergency Service Facilities

Baldwin County does not own or operate fire/ EMS facilities. Those stations listed below are mostly operated by volunteers and are funded by a tax collected by the County, and are shown on the map entitled *Baldwin County Alabama: Existing Fire Stations*.

Facility	Location
Barnwell Volunteer Fire & Rescue Dept.	13319 County Road 13, Fairhope
Bay Minette Fire & Rescue	300 North Hoyle Avenue, Bay Minette
Belforest Volunteer Fire, Search & Rescue	25490 Highway 54 West, Daphne
Bon Secour Volunteer Fire Dept.	7392 Highway 65, Bon Secour
Daphne Fire Dept.	28280 North Main Street, Daphne
Elberta Volunteer Fire Dept.	13120 Illinois Street, Elberta
Fairhope Volunteer Fire Dept.	
Fish River Marlow Fire & Rescue Dept.	13355 County Road 32, Summerdale
Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Dept.	12105 Highway 180 West, Gulf Shores
Gateswood Volunteer Fire Dept.	33014 State Highway 112, Robertsedale
Gulf Shores Fire & Rescue	91921 West First Street, Gulf Shores
Huggerlanding/ Oyster Bay Volunteer Fire Dept.	4590 County Road 6, Gulf Shores
Josephine Volunteer Fire Dept.	6824 County Road 95, Josephine
Lillian Volunteer Fire Dept.	34180 Widell Avenue, Lillian
Magnolia Springs Fire Dept.	14809 Gates Avenue, Magnolia Springs
Orange Beach Fire & Rescue	25853 John Snook Drive, Orange Beach
Rabun Volunteer Fire Dept.	47860 Rabun Road, Bay Minette
Robertsedale Volunteer Fire Dept.	22575 St. Paul Street, Robertsedale
Silverhill Volunteer Fire Dept.	22031 Sixth Street, Silverhill
Spanish Fort Fire & Rescue	7580 Spanish Fort Blvd, Spanish Fort
Stapleton Fire Dept.	P.O. Box 366, Stapleton
Styx River Volunteer Fire Dept.	23350 Dunbar Road, Robertsedale
Summerdale Fire Dept.	105 West Broadway Avenue, Summerdale

Community Centers and Cultural Resources (Art Galleries, Museums and Theaters)

Baldwin County residents have access to the following art centers, museums and community centers:

- Alabama Gulf Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Baldwin County Heritage Museum
- Barnwell Community Center
- Bay Rivers Art Guild
- Bay Minette Civic Center
- Belforest Community Center
- Christine Linson Art Gallery
- Clear Springs Fellowship Hall

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- Conde'-Charlotte Museum House
- Daphne Civic Center
- David L. Bodenhamer Center
- Douglasville Community Center
- Eastern Shore Art Center
- Eastern Shore Center for Performing Arts
- Elberta Civic Center
- Elsanor Community Center
- Fairhope Civic Center
- Fairhope Historical Museum
- Foley Archives & History Museum
- Foley Civic Center
- George C. Meyer Theatre Arts Center/ South Baldwin Community Theater
- George P. Thames Senior Citizen Center (City of Robertsdale)
- Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center
- Holmes Medical Museum
- James P. Nix Senior Activity Center (City of Fairhope)
- L.D. Owen Performing Arts Center at Faulkner State Community College
- Lillian Community Club
- Loxley Ellisville Civic Center
- Lyons Share Gallery
- Marietta Johnson School of Organic Education Museum
- Mifflin Community Center
- Museum of Sport Art
- Old Methodist Church Museum of Daphne
- Orange Beach Adult Activity Center
- Orange Beach Art Center
- Orange Beach Community Center
- Orange Beach Indian & Sea Museum
- Performing Arts Association
- Stapleton Community Hall
- Summerdale Community Center
- Tensaw Community Center
- Theatre 98 Community Theater
- Vaughn Community Center

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NEEDS ANALYSIS

The *Baldwin County Strategic Plan: 2006-2016* identifies the following needs related to community facilities and services:

Office of the Coroner: (p. 21)

- Improve the quality of response for unattended deaths and decrease response time by 50% by 2016
- Develop a long term model for a medical examiner program in cooperation with other regional and state entities by 2016

Office of the Presiding Circuit Judge: (p. 23)

- Judicial system will have a strategic plan that addresses staffing, court and office space and technology issues by 2007

Office of the Probate Judge: (p. 25)

- Probate Court will continue to upgrade technology, improve customer services, and provide efficient service to the public while meeting the challenges of increased demand due to continued population growth.

Office of the Revenue Commissioner: (p. 27)

- Improve customer service, upgrade technology and meet the increased demands for service resulting from continued population and building growth in the County

Office of the Sheriff: (p. 29)

- Complete a comprehensive plan for correctional facilities that would include alternative correctional strategies and address population increases based on a rate of jail population to overall population by 2009
- Ensure 25% of public safety revenues are obtained through an additional independent revenue source by 2014
- Establish community correction program by 2007; ensure it is self sustaining by 2008

Voter Registration: (p. 32)

- Upgrade technology and provide access to GIS software for mapping of voting precincts in order to improve efficiency of the voter registration process and ensure uniformity and standardization by 2010

Baldwin Rural Area Transportation System (BRATS): (p. 38)

- Develop a regional mass transit plan by 2008 for the county and 2010 for the region with 30% fixed and/ or flexible routes in county

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- Demonstrate improved cost and time efficiency through enhanced training and technology solutions for management information and data collection and reporting by 2008
- Offer 10 fixed/ flexible work routes for out-of-county residents to provide an adequate workforce and to promote the economic development in the county by providing reliable public transit work routes

Building Inspection Department: (p. 46)

- Improve and update technology and tools within the Department to improve efficiency by 2008
- Seek uniformity of building codes within county and municipalities by 2010
- Improve customer service and Department efficiency through better coordination with Planning, Highway and State Health Departments so that customers can fulfill permit conditions within 5 business days by 2008
- Ensure that 100% of building inspectors receive appropriate certifications and continue education as required to maintain certifications within 12 months of hire date
- Ensure building inspectors are multi-craft (trades), qualified and certified
- Ensure construction in flood zones is in compliance with federal regulations so that citizens and businesses can obtain low cost affordable flood insurance within the county permitting jurisdiction

Building Maintenance Department: (p. 49)

- Ensure county has adequate resources to maintain all county facilities in an efficient and effective manner by 2011
- Acquire an automated maintenance and custodial work order system to improve efficiency and documentation for utilization of county assets by 2008
- Ensure county facilities and services areas follow all applicable federal and local regulations and are clean, well-maintained, and free from environmental hazards that compromise the health and welfare of occupants and employees by 2009

Communications & Information Systems (CIS) Department: (p. 53)

- Maintain and enhance regional partnerships with municipalities and adjoining counties to address growth and related issues
- Implement countywide/ regional inter-operable communication system that provides seamless communication between government agencies to support first responders by 2016
- Ensure 75% of county citizens have access to broadband internet and other enhanced communication services by 2016
- Ensure 50% of county is covered by private wireless broadband network for government agencies in order to support virtual offices and field operations by 2011
- Improve customer service so that 90% of citizen inquiries/ complaints are responded to by the next business day by 2009; define success through a system such as 311

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- Develop performance information systems and management tools to promote communication, improve efficiency and establish shared accountability throughout county government
- Ensure every county position has an identified technology skill path and 60% of employees meet the skill path for their position by 2009
- Ensure county implements and upgrades technology software and hardware to remain efficient, innovative and keep pace with its citizens
- Obtain service level agreement with all customers in order to define and meet customer expectations by 2010
- Define and implement disaster recovery measures to meet the service lever agreements

Council on Aging: (p. 60)

- Extend evacuation route north of I-10/ 65 to maintain an 18-24 hour stated evacuation by 2020
- Maintain minimum rate of 2% occupancy space for emergency shelters for county's functional population
- Improve customer service so that citizen inquiries/ complaints are responded to by the next business day by 2009
- Ensure 70% of county residents report they know what services are provided by the county, and that they are satisfied or very satisfied with services by 2011
- Ensure a full compliment of services are designed to address the rapidly changing needs of the senior population

Office of County Administrator: (p. 64)

- Develop visibility with federal and state officials to obtain legislation and regional projects
- Ensure the county has regional/ county water authorities in place and regulatory authority over sewer companies and contingency plans for sewer service by 2008
- Ensure oversight of sewer services and septic systems include consumer protections and decrease spills by 33% by 2010
- Ensure the county has the authority to protect and maintain county assets and enforce violations similar to those authorities available to municipalities
- Consider/ conduct zoning elections for the remaining unzoned planning districts by 2011
- Develop a diversified economy so that no single industry is greater than 35% of the total economy
- Increase employment and business opportunities for skilled or professional positions in the region by 2016
- Review proposed economic development opportunities as they emerge and provide appropriate county information, support and/ or resources
- Ensure Commission and all department staff have timely and accurate access to county related information through a state of the art document retrieval system with appropriate policies and procedures by 2009

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- Utilize a more consistent and efficient automated agenda setting and approval system for meetings and work sessions
- Maintain a AA bond rating and credit worthiness
- Complete an assessment of volunteer fire districts/ search and rescue squads to ensure adequacy of coverage and to meet growth in the county by 2011
- Work in cooperation with veterans' organizations, federal, state, and local officials to strengthen the provisions for adequate burial space for veterans in southern Alabama

Emergency Management: (p. 73)

- Ensure each department has an emergency management plan in order to maintain the continuity of government during natural disasters and emergencies by 2009
- Require 90% of specific positions within fire departments, law enforcement agencies, Highway Department/ Public Works, EMS, and utility institutions to attend 16 hours of emergency preparedness training by 2008
- Obtain and maintain NFPA 1600 Standard on Disaster/ Emergency Management and Business Continuity Accreditation (EMAP) by 2011
- Ensure county is prepared to open 100% of its distribution sites within 72 hours following a catastrophic event
- Ensure 80% of mobile home/ RV communities and multi-family dwellings in excess of 25 units have access to a tornado/ hurricane shelter within new developments

Finance/ Accounting: (p. 77)

- Ensure efficient recording of transactions to accurately reflect financial conditions of county and to safeguard county assets
- Maintain financial and compliance audits with no findings

Highway Department: (p. 81)

- Resurface 10% of roads according to an inspection rating and traffic count study/ plan by area by 2008
- Complete 200 miles of county maintained dirt roads over the next 10 years and require paving of any additional roads according to subdivision regulations before acceptance for county maintenance
- Reduce county road related accidents by 5% by 2010
- Replace all functionally obsolete and insufficient bridges by 2016
- Identify frequently flooding roadway sites by 2008; reduce the number of roadway flooding sites by 40% by 2012
- Complete inventory of all roadway features including utilities located by GPS and layered on GIS
- Reduce number of roadway related complaints by 10% per 10,000 people by 2012

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- Provide parks, camping and playground areas at public accesses on water frontage, improve public access to 2 beaches, improve 2 current boat ramps, acquire 1 new boat ramp, and build 3 boat ramps by 2016
- Stripe/ improve 15% of road miles annually
- Complete a comprehensive stormwater plan to reduce flooding and maintain water quality by 2008

Regional Juvenile Detention Center: (p. 90)

- Require 90% of all graduating seniors to participate in environmental programs and community projects by 2010
- Ensure juveniles who successfully complete the Wilderness Program have a return (recidivism) rate of 20% or less by 2010

Legal Department: (p. 93)

- Provide an accessible system of legal expertise in order to identify and better serve the specialized legal needs of Commissioners, the County Administrator, and departments

Personnel Department: (p. 96)

- Ensure that the county is the “employer of choice” by offering a competitive salary and benefits package for qualified individuals by 2008
- Utilize an employee performance recognition plan that focuses efforts to retain and recognize employees by 2008

Planning and Zoning Department: (p. 99)

- Adopt a policy-based comprehensive plan in 2008
- Propose and support legislation for communities to maintain Heritage Zones which will perpetuate family friendly communities and protect the quality of life
- Decrease pollution and stormwater runoff in the county waterways to improve water quality and maintain EPA and ADEM standards
- Adopt regulations that require all new development to meet 100 year flood events
- Increase and protect open/ green/ wetlands space by 50% for a total of 1875 acres by 2012
- Protect a minimum of 500 acres of habitat of species of greatest conservation need with an emphasis on priority areas depicted in the State Wildlife Action Plan by 2009
- Create and foster partnerships with other local, state and federal agencies to protect endangered species habitat, to prevent species of concern from being listed, and to lessen impacts to existing endangered using strategies identified in the State Wildlife Action Plan

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Public Input:

Citizens who attended the two Public Workshops (Sept. 25th and 26th, 2007) ranked their list of County issues and comments by order of importance at the end of the each evening. Below are the results for this element, listed in order of importance:

Cultural Facilities

1. Provide fire hydrants and fire safety for the County.
2. Repair corridors and roadways.
3. Create Tourist Development Council Bed Tax to Improve Cultural Resources.
4. Enhance Community Centers with special focus given to the senior population.
5. Alcohol and Drug Rehab facilities are needed.
6. Incorporate Bi-Lingual Signs where needed.
7. Require Utilities to cooperate with planned growth through incentives (capacity of treatment plants)