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**The Questionnaire Report was adopted as part of this Comprehensive Plan as Appendix D. It is available on the Town's website as a separate document.*

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Purpose

Plan Overview

Plan Methodology and Process

Change is a fundamental characteristic of every community. Planning for this change with a comprehensive land use plan helps establish a framework to guide the physical development of the Town of Edgewood. As such, it provides policy guidance and a common direction for the Town's Mayor and Council, special committees such as the Planning and Zoning Commission, administrative staff and, most importantly, the general public.

Since the previous comprehensive plan was adopted, the Town has grown in population and land, and many of the amenities and services prioritized in the previous plan have now been implemented. The focus of this plan is to preserve the Town's assets and character, while ensuring sustainability for the future.

Purpose

An adopted comprehensive plan accomplishes several important objectives: it serves as a guide for future decisions about growth and development; it provides relevant information about the character of the community; it fulfills a legal requirement for municipal zoning regulations; and it serves as a point of reference for other more specific types of plans and programs in the community. This comprehensive plan promotes a long-range 20-year vision of Edgewood through the use of goals, objectives, and action recommendations for approaching a desirable and successful future.

While this comprehensive plan is oriented to a 20-plus-year horizon, it is important to realize that conditions can change quickly in a rapidly growing community such as Edgewood. Consequently, planning should be seen as a process that requires continual review of the official plan document followed by updates and modifications as necessary. As a general rule, the State of New Mexico Local Government Division recommends that a comprehensive plan be updated every five years in order to remain current.

Plan Overview

1 | Introduction

The Introduction explains the purpose of the comprehensive plan and the methodology and process used to build the plan.

2 | Community Profile

The Community Profile describes the essential character of the Town by providing information about community's regional setting and history, demographics, public facilities, and community amenities and attractions.

3 | Trends and Projections

The Trends and Projections chapter presents forecast data on population, housing, and employment to the year 2040.

4 | Goals, Objectives, and Action Strategies

This chapter includes the Town's goals, objectives that would show progress toward these goals, and potential actions that can be taken to help the Town achieve this community vision. The goals, actions, and strategies were developed through community workshops, and approved by the Town Council by resolution (see Appendices A and B). Additionally, the Town Council voted on the time frame priority for each action. These rankings are included next to each action.

Plan Methodology and Process

Previous Plans:

The Town of Edgewood is a relatively new municipality; yet, within a year of incorporation, a comprehensive plan was completed and adopted by the Town Council in October 2000. That Plan was entitled, “Town of Edgewood Comprehensive Master Plan.” In 2008, the Town adopted a new and updated plan, titled “Town of Edgewood Comprehensive Land Use Plan.” The 2008 Comprehensive Plan focused on enhancing the Town’s character, providing necessary public services in the Town, and strengthening connections between areas of commerce, recreation, and cultural opportunities in Edgewood. The 2008 Plan provided a starting point for developing this comprehensive plan.

Steering Committee:

The purpose of a comprehensive plan steering committee is to support the planning process as a local group of individuals representing the diverse interests and opinions of the community, and to oversee the development of the comprehensive plan. In accordance with the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, one of the duties of the Planning and Zoning Commission is to revise or amend the comprehensive plan. Since the Planning and Zoning Commission is regularly engaged in reviewing and implementing the Edgewood 2008 Comprehensive Plan, they were best suited to serve as the steering committee for this comprehensive plan. In addition, there was representation from the Greater Edgewood Area Chamber of Commerce and from the Town’s Parks and Recreation Committee on the steering committee since economic development and recreation are key focus areas for the Town.

The comprehensive plan steering committee helped vet the topics and questions in the public questionnaire for relevance; further develop the

goals, objectives, and action strategies language that was presented to the public for input; and assist MRCOG and Edgewood staff at public workshops by facilitating table discussions. Various drafts of the text and mapping included in this comprehensive plan were submitted to the steering committee for review and comment as the plan document was prepared.

The writing, research, statistical analysis, mapping, and graphics for this comprehensive plan were conducted and prepared by the staff of the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG), under a Planning Services Agreement with the Town. In effect, the MRCOG staff served as a supplemental staff to the Town for writing the plan document. The majority of the photographs in this document were graciously provided by Edgewood residents.

Public Participation:

A public meeting was held on September 12, 2018, to kick off the comprehensive plan process and open a questionnaire to the public. The questionnaire aimed to gauge public sentiment about various development issues in the Town, such as upgrading roads to hard surface, and allowing pockets of commercial development in residential areas. The results of the questionnaire are discussed in more detail in the report titled “Town of Edgewood, New Mexico, Questionnaire Report: Public Opinion About Future Development” that was finalized in January, 2019.

After the survey closed and the responses were compiled, three two-hour workshops were held to present this information to the public and to gather input on community priorities. The public provided valuable insight and assisted in editing the language of the plan’s goals and objectives. On February 20, 2019, Town Council formally adopted the goals and objectives of the

comprehensive plan by resolution.

In order to identify specific actions to actualize the Town's goals and attain their associated objectives, the Town held a three-hour public workshop on April 12, 2019. Attendees identified action strategies that were then vetted by the steering committee and town staff. These were then recommended by the Planning Commission on May 28, 2019, and discussed at Town Council over the course of two hearings. The Town Council passed the action strategies to implement the goals and objectives by resolution on June 19, 2019, along with a slightly revised version of the goals and objectives (see Appendices A and B). Chapter 4 includes the plan's goals, objectives, and action strategies.

Town Council also ranked the action strategies by implementation timeframe (short-range, mid-range, long-range, and ongoing). The action strategies' time frame priority rankings are included in Chapter 4.

At each of the public hearings to adopt the plan's goals and objectives, action strategies, and ultimately the plan itself, the public had the opportunity to provide input. This comprehensive plan was introduced at the November 20, 2019 Town Council hearing, further discussed at the December 4, 2019 hearing, and adopted by resolution on January 11, 2020 (See Appendix C).



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CHAPTER 2

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Regional Setting

History and Community Character

Demographic Information

Community Facilities and Services

Current and Future Land use

In order to plan for future development in the Town of Edgewood, it is important to understand the historical influences, geographic setting, and present conditions that characterize the community. This section of the plan establishes a Community Profile, which describes the regional setting, history of settlement, demographic statistics and data, and an overview of community facilities and public services that are currently available in Edgewood.

Regional Setting

The Town of Edgewood is located in the southwestern corner of Santa Fe County, although portions of the incorporated Town lie within Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties. The primary entrance to the Town is the freeway interchange where New Mexico Highway 344 crosses Interstate 40. This interchange is approximately 20 miles east of the City of Albuquerque. While located mostly within Santa Fe County, the Town of Edgewood is about 50 miles southwest of the City of Santa Fe, the State Capitol and County Seat. The closest municipalities to Edgewood include the City of Moriarty in Torrance County and the Village of Tijeras in Bernalillo County (see Figure 1).

Edgewood is appropriately named, as it is situated where the forested areas of the Sandia Mountains meet the grasslands of the Estancia basin. The Estancia Basin is a large, enclosed valley, which drains to a central area where mostly dry salt lakes exist as remnants of a



Photo courtesy of Roger Holden.

huge prehistoric lake formed during the last Ice Age. Another defining geographic feature of the Edgewood area is South Mountain, a prominent high point, which overlooks the northern and northwestern portions of the Town.

The Town of Edgewood is attractive to people who desire a rural lifestyle with large residential lots, remote to major urban areas. Edgewood remains dependent on regional economic centers, as much of the Edgewood workforce commutes to Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Moriarty, and other destinations for work; however a growing share of Edgewood residents are

employed in the Town. In fact, Edgewood's share of residents working in Edgewood has increased by more than half between the year 2000 and 2017 (5.9 percent to 9.4 percent)¹.

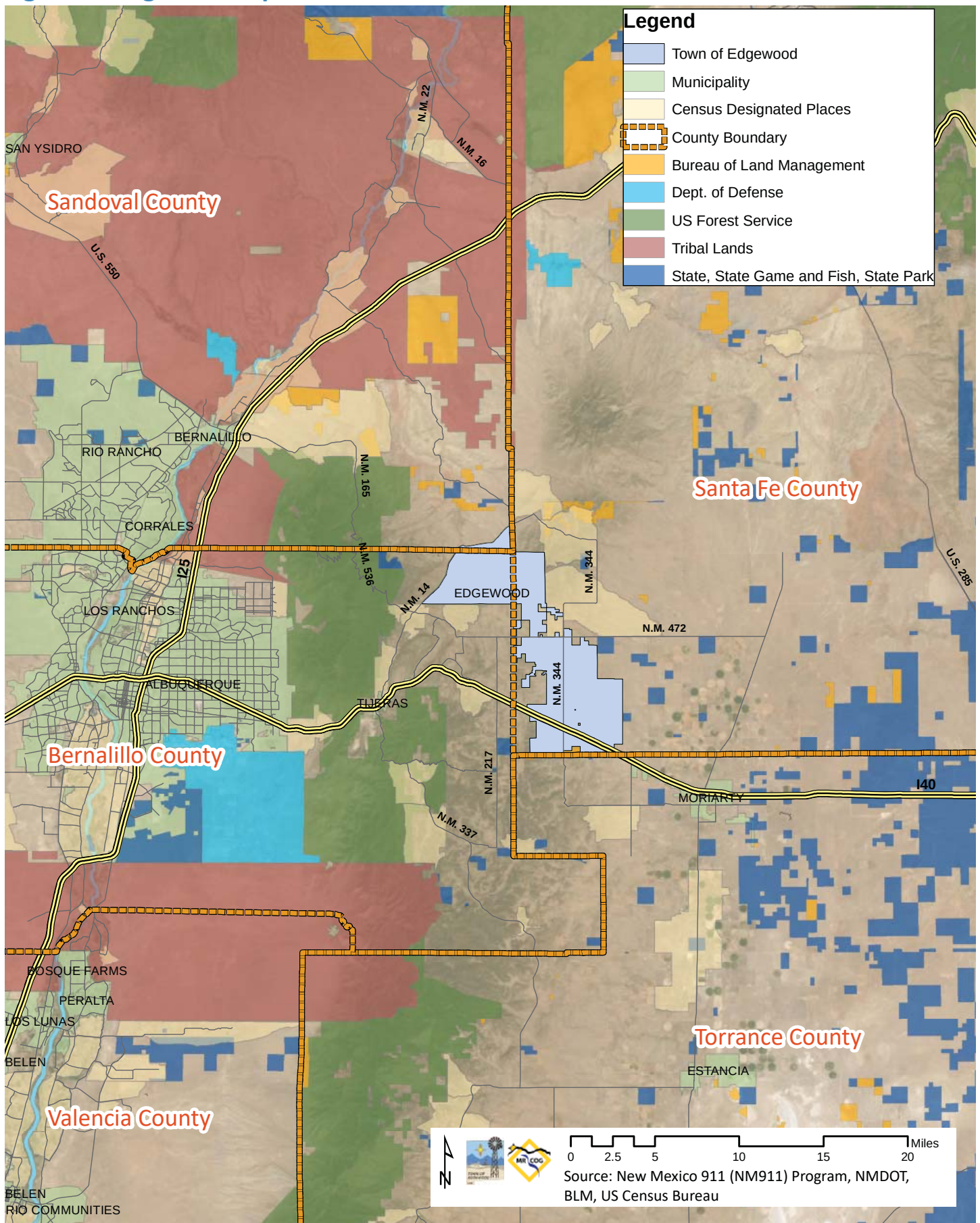
Edgewood generally qualifies as part of the Albuquerque metropolitan region, even though the Sandia Mountain Range creates a substantial buffer between Edgewood and the City of Albuquerque.



Photo courtesy of Roger Holden.

¹Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (Beginning of Quarter Employment, 2nd Quarter of 2002-2017)

Figure 1: Regional Map



History and Community Character



Building Terraces. Photo courtesy of Brad Hill.

Homesteaders moving into the American West created the initial settlements that grew into what is now the Town of Edgewood. Taking advantage of the federal Homestead Act, pioneer families obtained land claims and began farming and ranching in the Edgewood area during the late 1800s and early 1900s. Many descendants of the founding families remain today. Most well known are the Horton, Bassett, and Hill families who arrived around 1908-1909. Although subsistence farming prevailed, dry-land bean farming took off in the 1920s as the major cash crop in the Estancia Valley. The 1930s and 1940s were the peak years for the pinto bean industry in this area, but it came to an abrupt end around 1950. The entire region was affected by a major drought during the

1950s; and accompanying dust bowl conditions destroyed the productive farmland for many years afterward. Even today, farming in the Estancia Basin is dependent on groundwater pumped from irrigation wells.

In spite of the drought of the 1950s, rural communities continued to grow along the fringe of the Estancia Valley where the natural resources of the woodlands and forests of the Sandia and Manzano Mountains attracted more residents and businesses. Many of the new residents came from the Rio Grande Valley in search of a rural or pastoral way of life. In the region in and around Edgewood, early construction of community-oriented facilities and public works occurred partly as a result of



Edgewood Bean Bags Near 101 Motel, Carrol, Phyllis, Gordon Basset. Photo courtesy of Carrol Bassett.

depression-era programs such as those of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and the Civilian Conservation Corps. For example, the WPA built a schoolhouse in the Edgewood area in the 1930s. Electricity was brought into the region in the 1940s; and the first post office in Edgewood was built in the 1960s. The name of the Town of Edgewood also evolved through time, with such names as Venus, Mountain View,

New Barton, and Barton in past years.

One of the most important locational factors for the Town of Edgewood today is its history relating to regional and national transportation networks. With the opening of the New Mexico Central Railway from Lamy to Torrance in 1903, the Estancia Valley was made accessible for homesteaders travelling by train from the East.



Graduating Class, December 19, 1944 in front of the Edgewood Schoolhouse, a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. Photo source unknown.



Photo courtesy of Brad Hill.

A few established roadways were also present in the area and Edgewood was an important stop along westward travel routes before ascending and passing over the Sandia/Manzano mountain range.

Although Route 66 was commissioned through New Mexico in 1926, it was not until 1938 that the national highway was re-routed directly west from Santa Rosa through Edgewood to Albuquerque. Prior to that time, the road

originally turned north just west of Santa Rosa to Santa Fe, then south through Albuquerque to Los Lunas, then west through the Laguna and Acoma Indian Reservations. Today, Old Route 66 (currently designated as NM Highway 333) runs parallel to U.S. Interstate Highway 40 (I-40), which replaced U.S. 66 in 1985 and has become the principal thoroughfare for automobile traffic over the mountains. The interchange at I-40 and NM Highway 344 is the primary entrance to the Town of Edgewood, and has attracted most



C. Brad Jones/Ann Jones/Dick Jones pavement crew. Photo source unknown.



*Barton Bean House, "Tijeras Canyon, Moriarty, New Mexico, Section of Human Surveys
Page 58. UNM Library, <https://econtent.unm.edu/digital/collection/NMWaters/id/537>*



Photo courtesy of Brad Hill.



Charley's Hardware, 1984. Photo courtesy of Carrol Bassett.

of the current commercial development in the Town.

As farming and ranching settlements occurred in what is now the Edgewood area, a gridded, square-mile road network evolved from the rural section-line roads that provided access to residences and agricultural areas. Thus, the original farm-to-market road system has opened

up large areas to new subdivision development; and has effectively created a future street network for the Town of Edgewood and its surrounding community.

The current form of development is comprised of detached, low density residential areas with small commercial clusters along several major roadways of the region. Most notably,



Edgewood Fire Department. Photo courtesy of Carrol Bassett.

commercial development has grown along NM Highway 333 (Historic Route 66) and NM Highway 344, which forms a north-south spine for circulation through the Edgewood area. There are extensive open areas, which have been used in the past for grazing and other agricultural activities throughout the community. Although there are diminishing agricultural lands in the Edgewood area, there is still a desire among residents to acknowledge agriculture as part of the heritage of the community.

In 1977, the Edgewood Community Homeowners Organization (ECHO) was founded to protect local interests and define the needs of the Edgewood area to the Santa Fe County Commission, which had governmental jurisdiction over the community. The Santa Fe County Growth Management Plan allowed for the establishment of district plans (for subareas within the County), and the

Edgewood community district was subject to the regulations and administration of the Santa Fe County Land Development Code. Growing dissatisfaction with the County's administrative control and level of services provided by the County led to the consideration of incorporation as a municipality. ECHO was instrumental in initiating the move to incorporate, and in 1998 a special election was conducted to decide on the issue. As a result, the Town of Edgewood became an incorporated municipality of New Mexico on July 1, 1999.

Since its incorporation, the Town of Edgewood has expanded its municipal boundary multiple times. Its population has grown both as a result of these annexations and from attracting new residents. The Town has also increased its provision of services and amenities, as well as being home to new commercial development. More information on these topics is detailed in later sections of this Chapter.



Route 66 Run, Rally, Rock Town Celebration, 2017. Photo courtesy of Roger Holden.

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Demographic Information

Population

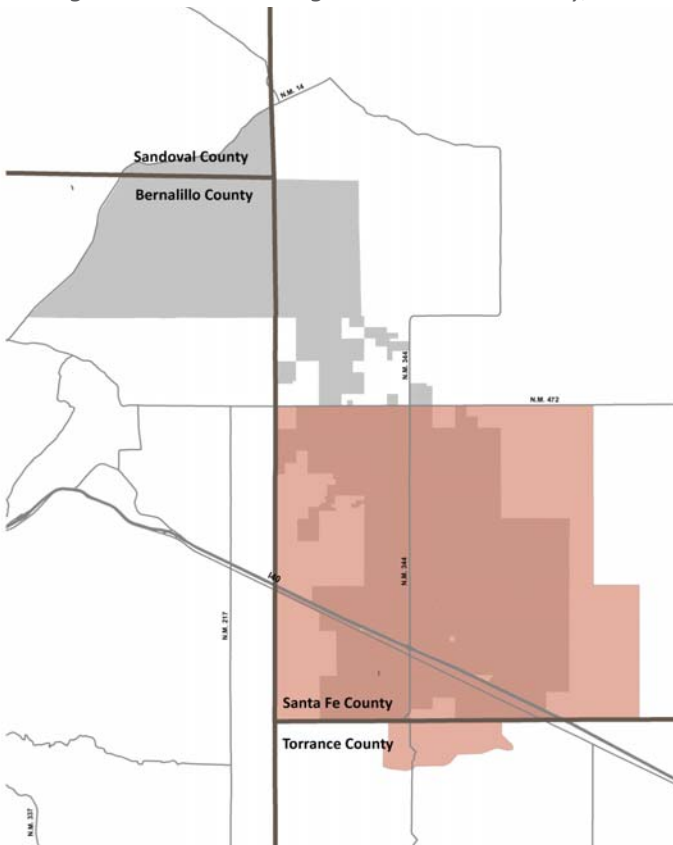
Edgewood's population continues to grow but has leveled off relative to the immense growth it experienced from 2000 to 2010. In addition to this growth, Edgewood completed an infill annexation in 2017 that further increased the Town's population by about 2000 people. Edgewood's median age has increased from 35.5 in 2000 to 42.4 in 2010 and while it may not be of immediate concern, the Town should be aware of community services that may be needed in the next 20 years to accommodate a larger 65 and over population.

Prior to incorporation in 1999, Edgewood was classified by the Census Bureau as a Census Designated Place (CDP) with significantly different boundaries than it had for the 2000 Census as an incorporated municipality. A series of annexations occurred after the Town's incorporation, including Campbell Ranch in 2001, and an approximately 18,214 acre

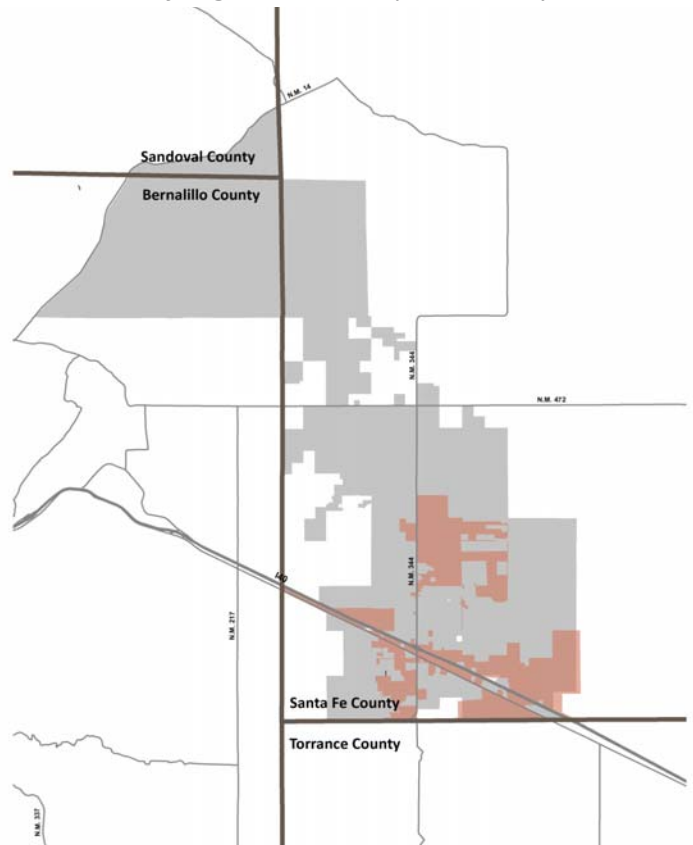
annexation in 2007, among others. While these annexations created most of the Town's municipal limits that exist today, it left a "swiss cheese" pattern of unincorporated land inside of the Town's boundary. In 2017 the Town finalized a sizeable infill annexation to include nearly all of the areas within the municipal boundary that were previously not part of the Town. The

Figure 2, A-D: Edgewood Boundary Over Time

*A. Edgewood Census Designated Place Boundary, 1990**



*B. Town of Edgewood Municipal Boundary, 2000**



*Edgewood boundary shown in pink.

Table 1: Population Growth

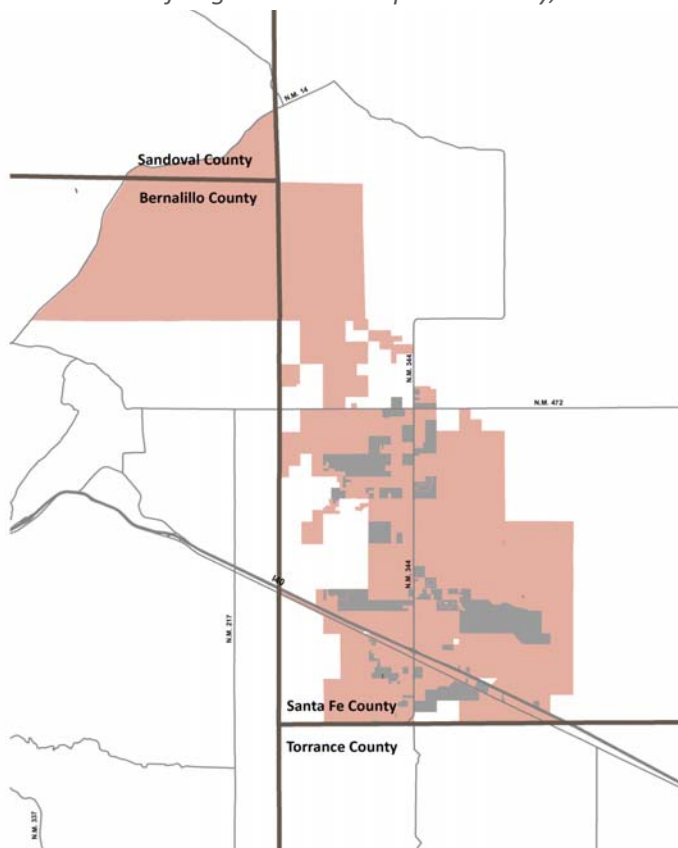
	2000	2010	2017*	Growth 2000-2010	Growth 2010-2017*
Edgewood town	1,893	3,735	3,892	97.3%	3.4%
Edgewood Annex**		2,137	2,210		3.4%
Edgewood total population		5,872	6,102		
Moriarty city	1,765	1,910	1,793	8.2%	-6.1%
Cedar Crest CDP	1,060	958	-	-9.6%	
Carnuel CDP	872	1,232	-	41.3%	
Cedar Grove CDP	599	747	-	24.7%	
Tijeras village	474	541	553	14.1%	1.8%

Source: *U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, Annual Estimates of the Resident Population

**The population growth rate of Edgewood's census defined boundary was applied to the 2010 population in the annexed areas to estimate the 2017 population

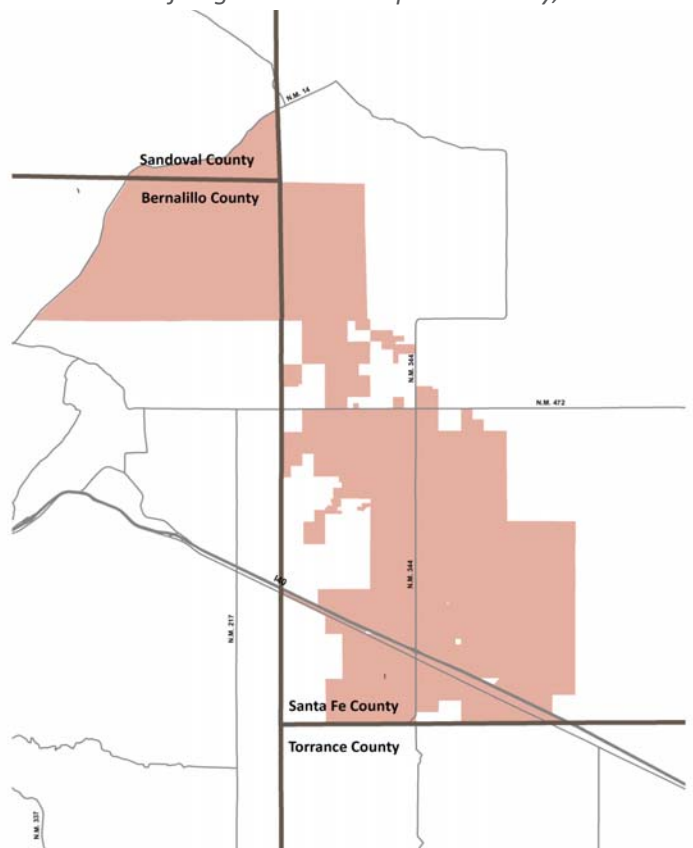
annexation increased the Town's population by just over 2,000 people, from approximately 3,892 to 6,102 people. Figure 2, A-D shows the evolution of Edgewood's municipal boundary, and Figure 3 shows the Town's most recent annexation.

*C. Town of Edgewood Municipal Boundary, 2010**



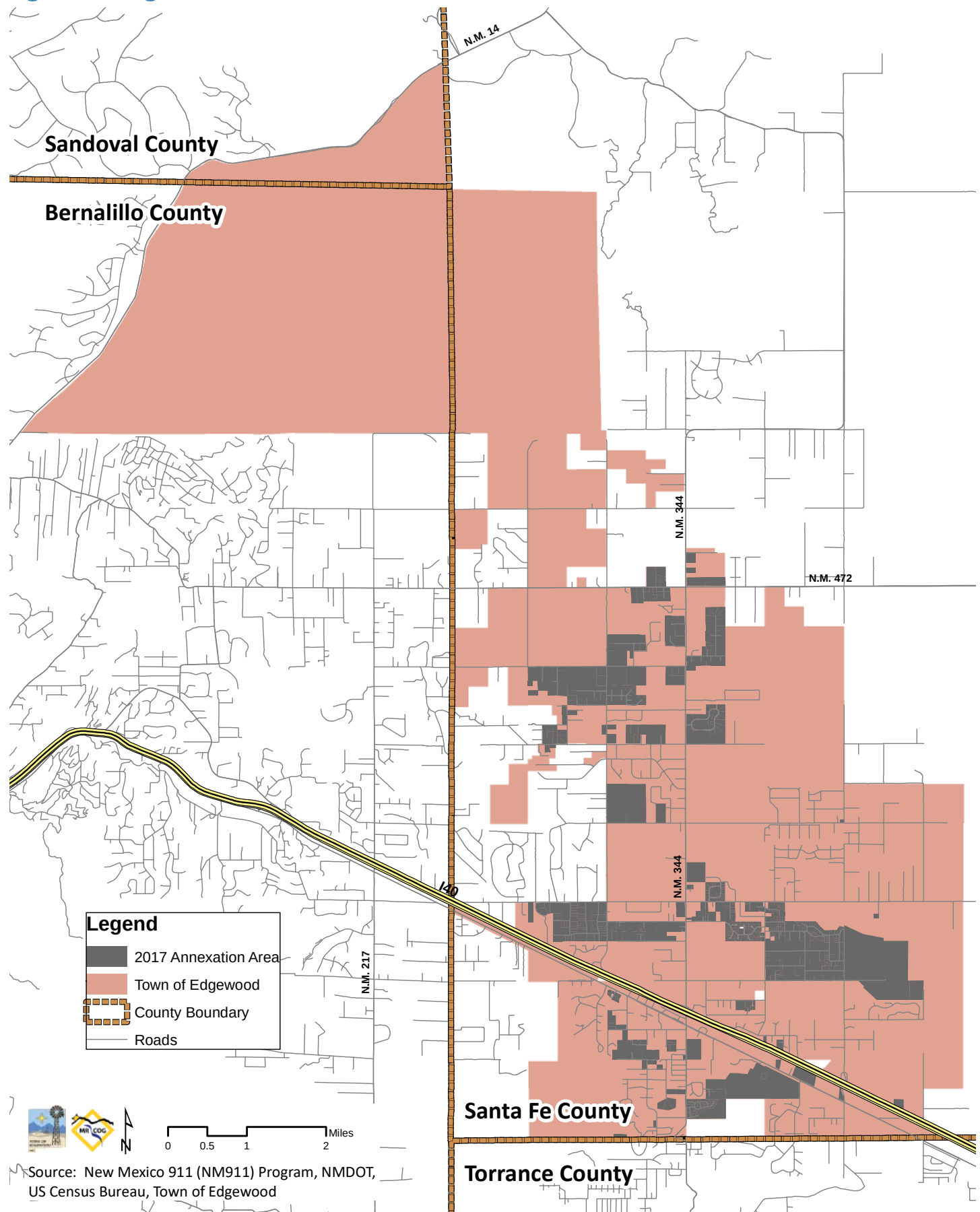
As shown in Table 1, over the 20 year period from 2000 to 2010, Edgewood's population grew by 97.3 percent from an estimated 1,893 to 3,735 people. In addition to population growth, this increase was due to annexations of areas

*D. Town of Edgewood Municipal Boundary, 2017**



*Edgewood boundary shown in pink.

Figure 3: Edgewood Annexation, 2017

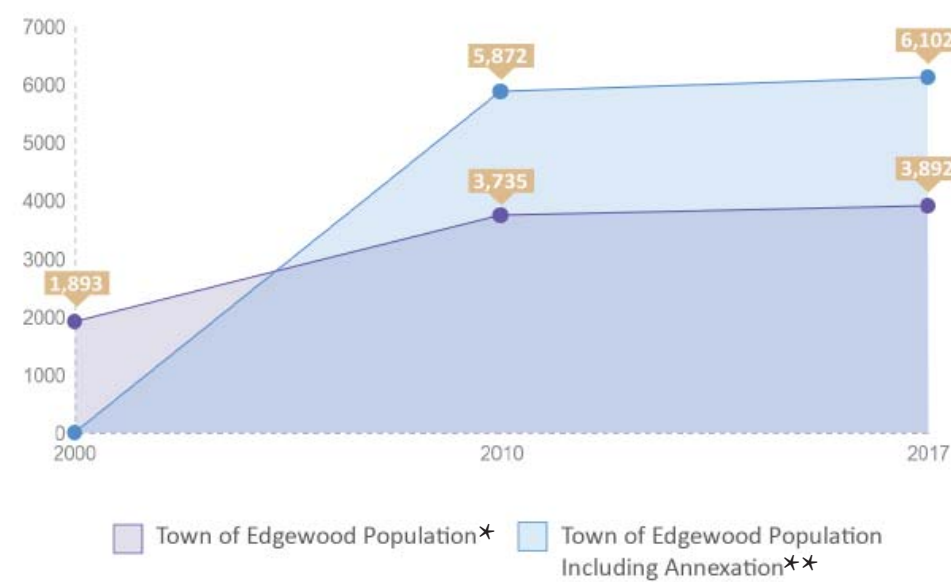


Source: New Mexico 911 (NM911) Program, NMDOT, US Census Bureau, Town of Edgewood

that were already populated, such as Square H. While population growth remained strong in the following seven years, the growth rate fell dramatically from just under 10 percent annually to just under three and a half percent, a drop that is likely due to the recession. This growth rate reduction was not unique to the area, and

in fact Edgewood shows higher growth rates between 2010 and 2017 than its neighbors Tijeras (1.8 percent) and Moriarty (-6.1 percent). Edgewood’s population growth between 2000 and 2017 and the population growth within the 2017 annexation areas are shown in Figure 4.

Figure 4: Town of Edgewood Population



Source: *U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, Annual Estimates of the Resident Population

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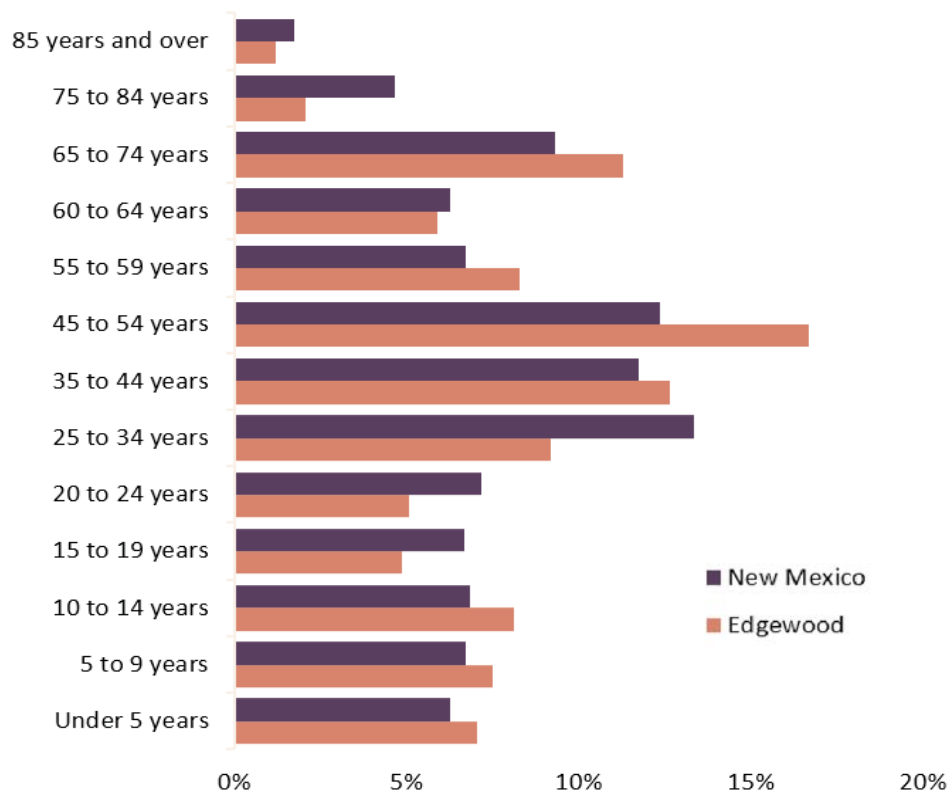
Photo courtesy of Roger Holden.

Figure 5 shows Edgewood's population broken out into five year age increments and compared to the same information for the state as a whole. Edgewood tracks closely with the state in its distribution of persons under the age of 14, accounting for 23 percent of the population. This indicates a need for amenities and activities for young people in Edgewood.

There is a slight drop off population between the ages of 15 and 24 that becomes more pronounced in the 25 to 34 age category. A variety of factors likely contribute to this, beginning with the lack of higher educational institutions in Edgewood. Another factor that may contribute to this is the lack of high-paying jobs in the Edgewood area that could attract a younger workforce.

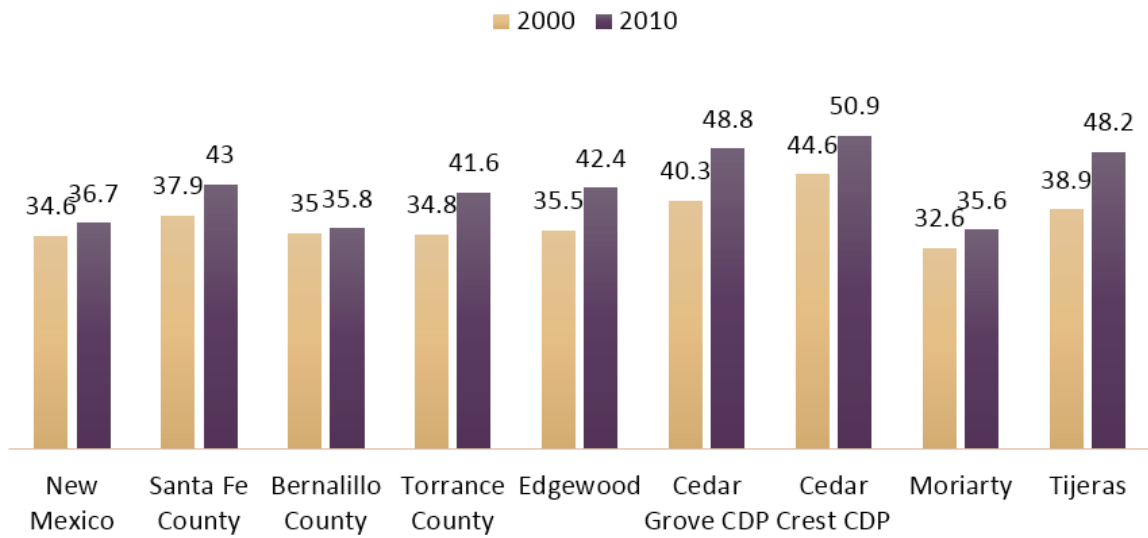
Where Edgewood shows a larger share of population than the state is in the 45 to 54 age category and in the 65 to 74 category. While senior services may not be an urgent need at the moment due to the Town's relatively smaller share of persons 75 and over, the Town should be aware that in order to accommodate these larger 45 to 54 and 65 to 74 age groups as they age, Edgewood will need to plan to accommodate more people aging in place. As shown in Figure 6, Edgewood's median age has increased from 35.5 in 2000 to 42.4 in 2010, an upward trend found in many neighboring communities, and to a lesser degree the state of New Mexico.

Figure 5: Age Distribution, Edgewood and New Mexico



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Figure 6: Median Age, 2000 and 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2000 and 2010



Brews on Bachelor, 2018. Photo courtesy of Teresa Farley.

Table 2: Education Level for Persons Age 25 and Over

	Edgewood	Moriarty	Tijeras	Santa Fe Co	New Mexico
No diploma or GED	5%	19%	8%	11%	15%
HS Diploma or GED	25%	38%	32%	22%	26%
Some College	37%	28%	34%	25%	32%
Bachelor's Degree	20%	13%	8%	21%	15%
Graduate or Professional Degree	12%	2%	18%	20%	12%

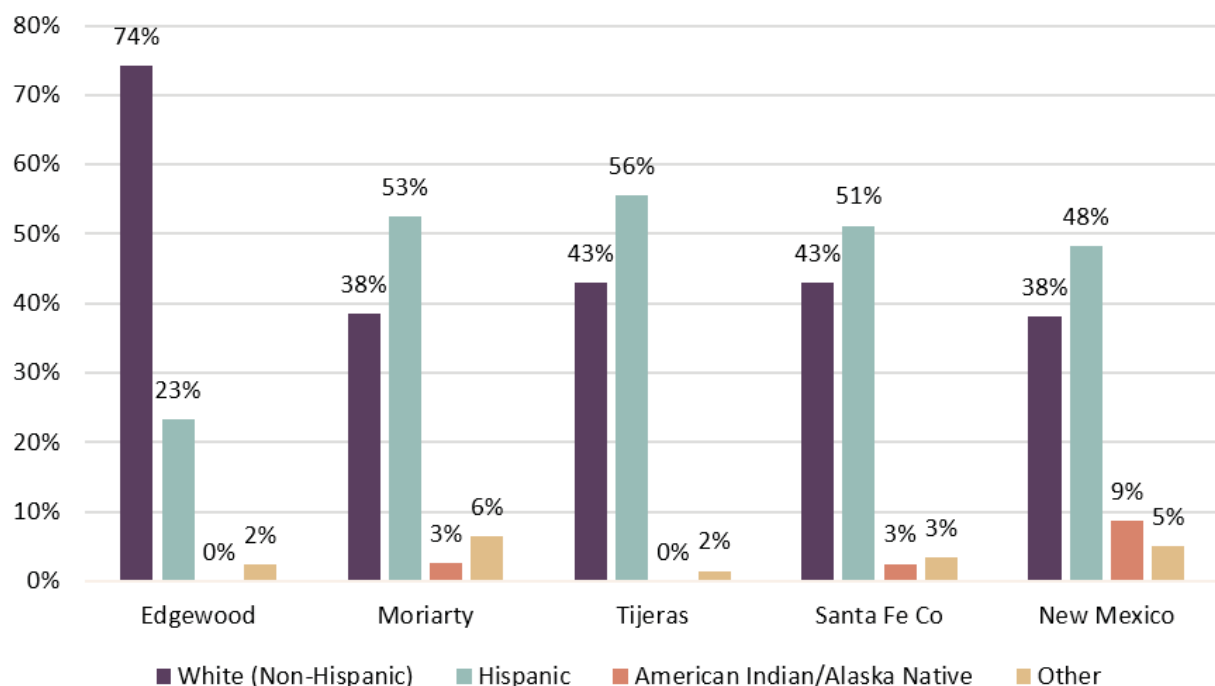
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Table 2 presents a comparison of the educational levels in the population of Edgewood with neighboring communities, Santa Fe County, and New Mexico. In general, Edgewood has a very low percentage of persons age 25 and over with no high school diploma or GED (5 percent) and a somewhat high percentage of residents with some college education (37 percent) or a bachelor's degree (20 percent) compared to the state and surrounding area. The percentage of Edgewood

residents with a graduate or professional degree is much higher than its neighbor Moriarty, lower than Tijeras and Santa Fe County, but tracks with the State.

Edgewood has a higher percentage of residents identifying as "White" (74 percent) and a lower percentage of residents identifying as "Hispanic" (23 percent) than its neighbors Moriarty and Tijeras, Santa Fe County, and the State (see Figure 7).

Figure 7: Race and Ethnicity



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Housing

Edgewood has a relatively new and stable housing stock, with a high percentage of owner-occupied units and a low vacancy rate. Most of the homes in Edgewood are single-family units, with few multifamily homes. This is a trend consistent with neighboring communities. Edgewood has less than half the share of rental units compared to neighboring communities, Santa Fe County, and the state, indicating that those locating to Edgewood will likely be purchasing a home rather than renting.

In 2016 the Town of Edgewood had approximately 1,553 housing units. The annexation added approximately 887 units, totaling 2,440 housing units in the Town of Edgewood. Edgewood's housing stock is relatively new, with the bulk of its residential growth having taken place between 1980 and 2009 (see Table 3). Between 2010 and 2017 there was a stark drop off in new development, a trend that is mirrored in the surrounding areas and the State. This is most likely due to the recession and the slow recovery that followed.

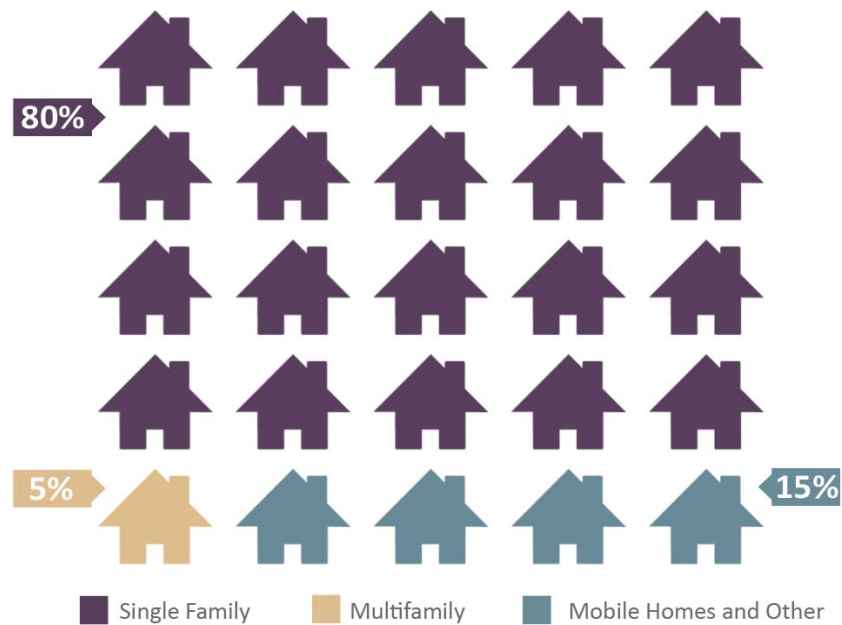
The US Census tracks housing type using the following three categories: "single family units," "multifamily units," and "mobile homes and other." Manufactured housing is included in the "single family" category, and housing units that have a permanent towing structure, or can move on their own such as recreational vehicles are included in the "mobile homes and other" category. Figure 8 presents housing units by type in Edgewood, and Table 4 presents a comparison with the neighboring communities and the State.

Table 3: Households

Housing - Year Built	Edgewood	Moriarty	Tijeras	Santa Fe Co	New Mexico
Built 2014 or later	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%
Built 2010 to 2013	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%
Built 2000 to 2009	29%	19%	3%	20%	16%
Built 1990 to 1999	44%	24%	21%	23%	18%
Built 1980 to 1989	18%	9%	10%	17%	17%
Built 1970 to 1979	7%	20%	24%	15%	18%
Built 1960 to 1969	1%	12%	24%	7%	10%
Built 1950 to 1959	0%	5%	13%	6%	10%
Built 1940 to 1949	0%	3%	0%	3%	4%
Built 1939 or earlier	0%	4%	5%	6%	5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Figure 8: Housing Type



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Multifamily units account for five percent of housing in Edgewood. This is consistent with Tijeras and Moriarty but is about one third the share of multifamily units in Santa Fe County and New Mexico, both having 15 percent.

According to the American Community Survey 2013-2017 Estimates, Edgewood has a lower percentage of vacant housing units (eight percent) than Moriarty (21 percent), Tijeras (16 percent), Santa Fe County (15 percent), or New Mexico (17 percent). A majority of the homes in Edgewood are occupied by their owners (81

percent), indicating a stable community where residents intend to settle as a matter of choice and are less inclined to move to another location (see Figure 9).

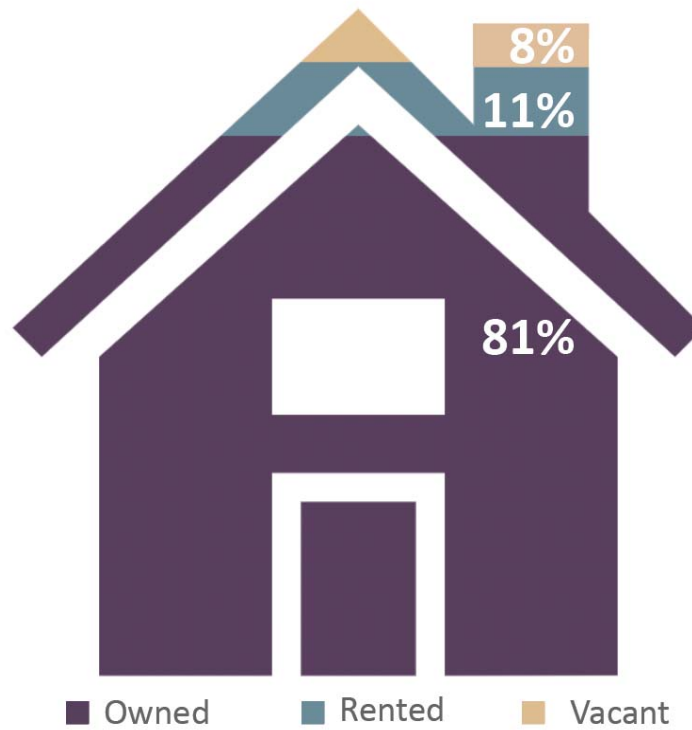
Edgewood has less than half the share of rental units compared to neighboring communities, Santa Fe County, and the state (see Figure 10), indicating that those locating to Edgewood will likely be purchasing a home rather than renting. This could be an impediment to young families moving to Edgewood.

Table 4: Housing Type, Comparison

	Edgewood	Moriarty	Tijeras	Santa Fe Co	New Mexico
Single Family Units	80%	67%	91%	71%	68%
Multifamily Units	5%	5%	5%	16%	15%
Mobile Homes and Other	15%	28%	4%	13%	17%

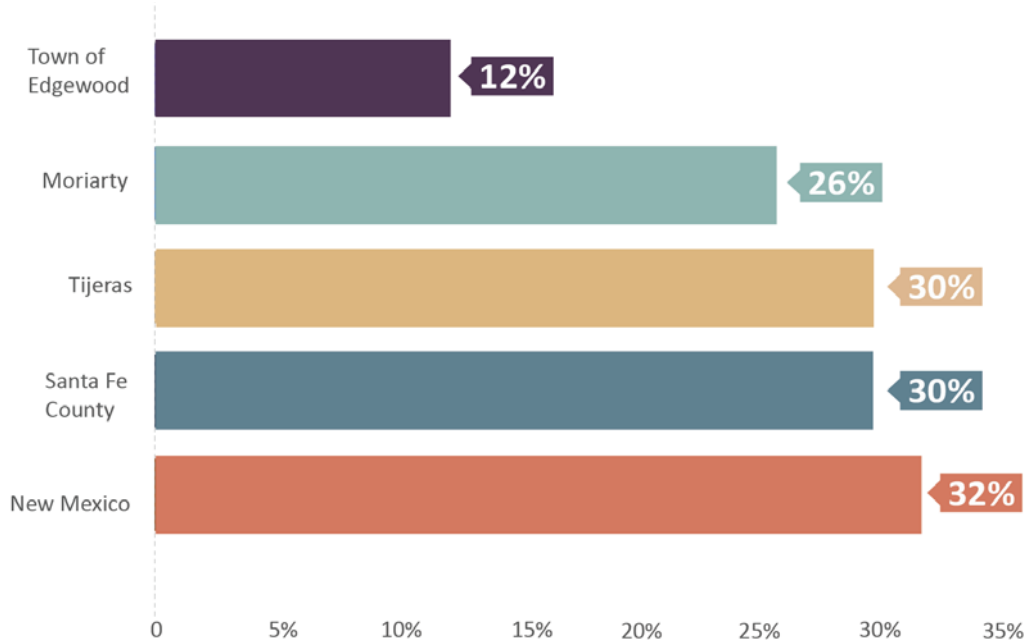
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Figure 9: Housing Tenure



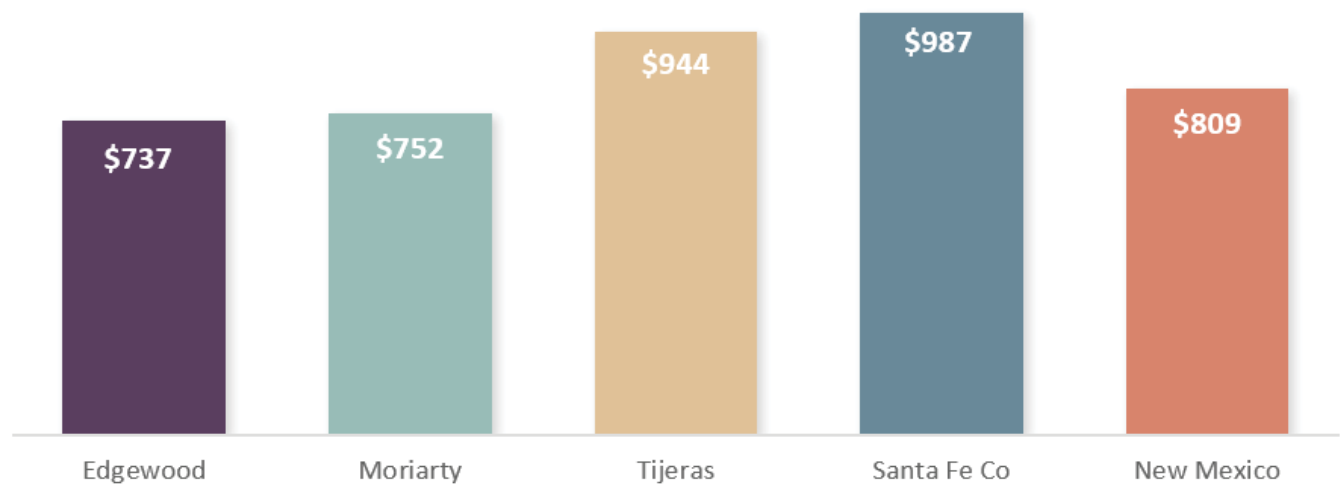
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Figure 10: Rental Households



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Figure 11: Median Rent



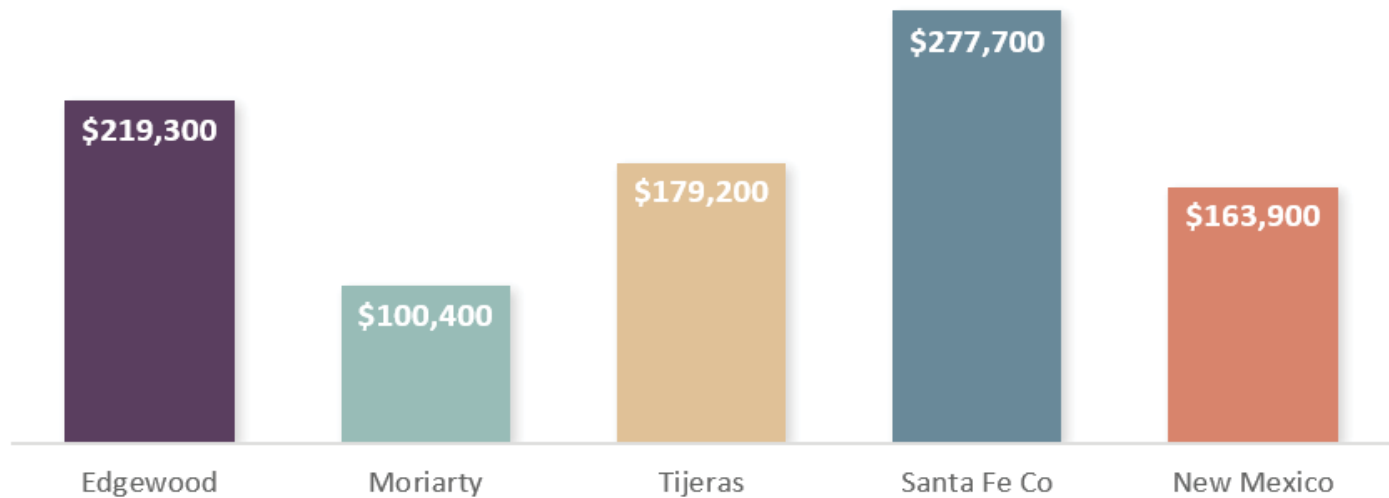
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The Town of Edgewood has a comparable median rent to Moriarty and the state, which are more similar peers than Santa Fe County, whose rents are pulled upward by the City of Santa Fe (see Figure 11). While rents present as competitive, as mentioned previously, there are fewer units available to rent.

Figure 12 presents a comparison of median home values. In 2016 the median home value

in the Town of Edgewood was \$219,300. This is high when compared to Moriarty, Tijeras, and the State, and indicates a barrier to home ownership in Edgewood for certain income brackets that is not present in some neighboring municipalities. Santa Fe County is an outlier, with a much higher median home value than the abovementioned jurisdictions due to the City of Santa Fe’s high median home value.

Figure 12: Median Home Value



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

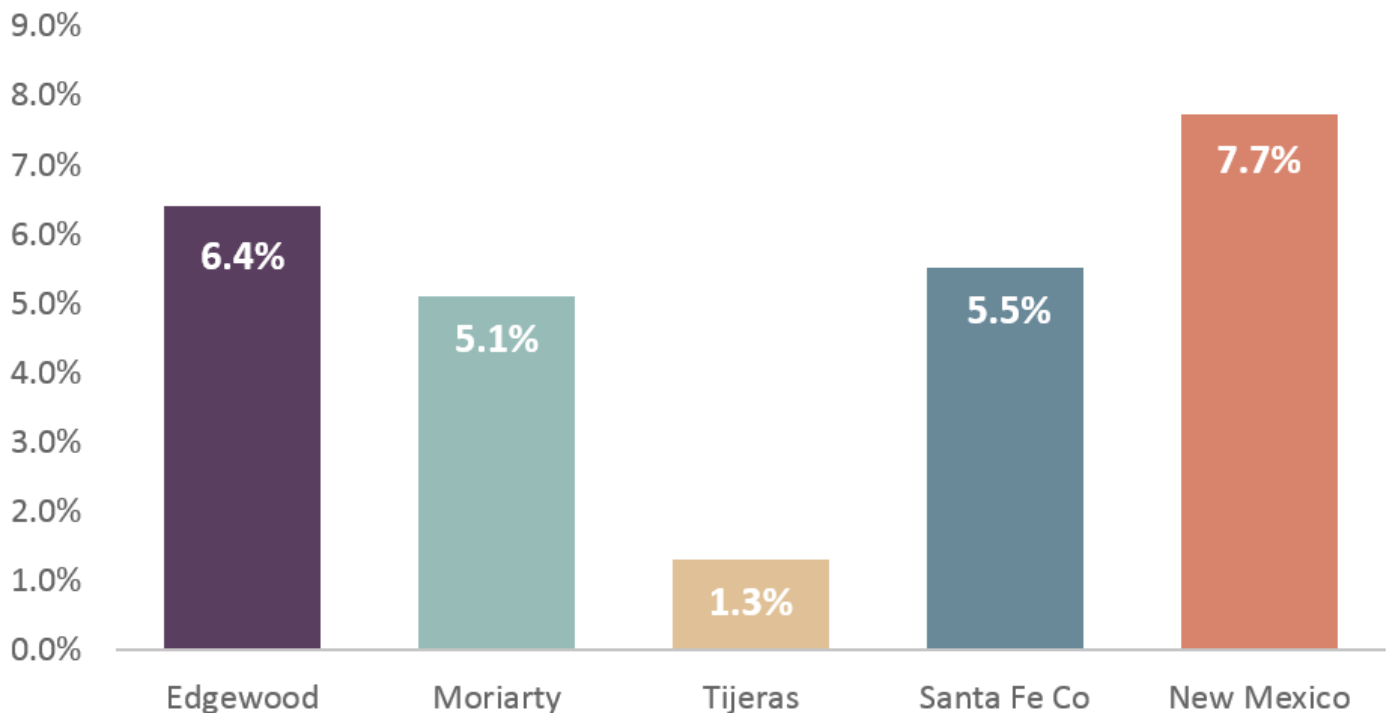
Employment

The socio-economic statistics for the Town of Edgewood provide insight into the general economy of the community. A healthy local economy is usually characterized by employment opportunities for residents within the community, an employed labor force, and an adequate tax base to generate revenue for the Town. The bulk of employment in Edgewood is in retail trade, due to the presence of large employers such as Wal-Mart and Smiths. Edgewood's unemployment rate is higher than neighboring communities but lower than the state.

Figure 13 presents a comparison of the unemployment rates for Edgewood, its close neighbors, the county, and the State. The US Census defines unemployed persons as civilians age 16 and over who were neither "at work" nor "with a job but not at work" during the reference week, were actively looking for work during the last four weeks, and were available to accept a job. Also included are civilians who did not work at all during the reference

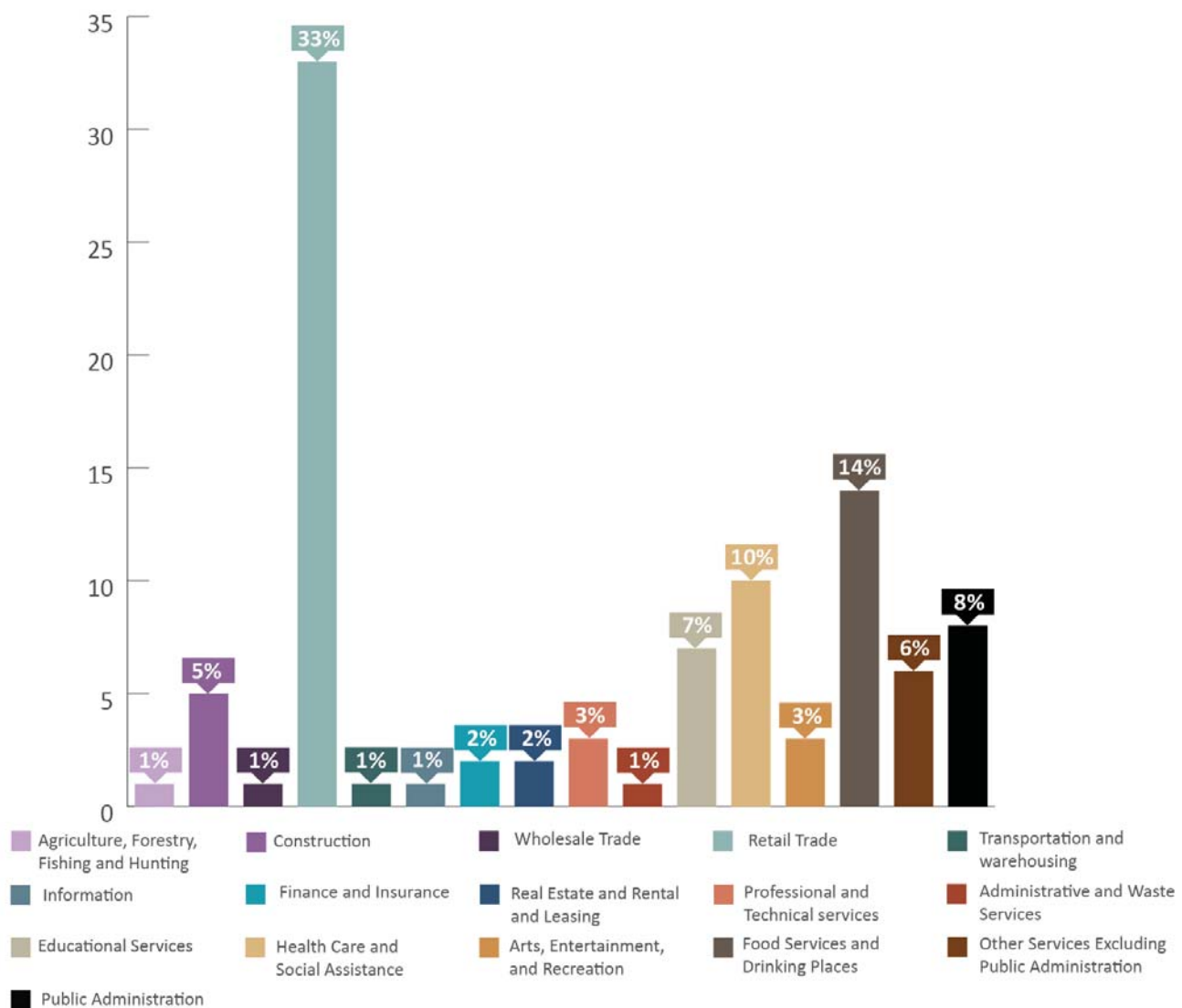
week, were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off, and were available for work except for temporary illness. The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed people as a percentage of the civilian labor force (US Census). Edgewood's unemployment rate is slightly higher than the City of Moriarty and Santa Fe County, and is slightly lower than the State of New Mexico.

Figure 13: Unemployment Rates



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Figure 14: Edgewood Employment by Industry



Source: Infogroup, 2016

Edgewood is beginning to transition from a rural bedroom community to a small town that is somewhat more self sustaining. Currently, retail trade accounts for the largest percentage of the jobs in Edgewood (33 percent), followed by food services and drinking places (14 percent), and health care and social assistance (10 percent). Large retail employers such as Wal-Mart and Smiths account for this large share of retail jobs.

The health care and social assistance job sector is poised to grow now that First Choice Medical Center's new facility opened in Edgewood. In order to further diversify the local economy, the Town is also looking into attracting limited light industrial uses. More high paying jobs in Edgewood could potentially help attract and retain a larger share of young families.

Income and Poverty

Household income in Edgewood spans a broad range, from under \$10,000 annually to over \$200,000, with 43 percent of households reporting earning \$75,000 or more. This range of incomes tracks fairly similarly to Santa Fe County, along with Edgewood's share of the population living below the poverty level, at 13.3 percent compared to Santa Fe County at 14.4 percent.

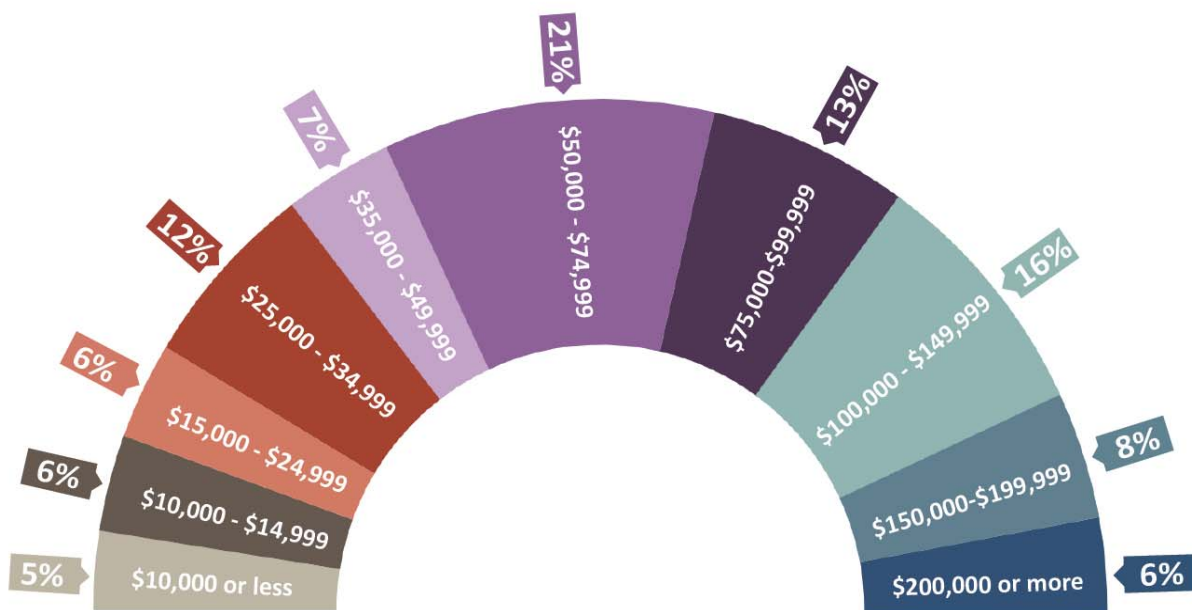
A broad spectrum of wage earners are represented in the Town of Edgewood, however the most well represented annual household income category reported by Edgewood residents is the \$50,000 to \$74,999 wage category, at 21 percent. 36 percent of households make under \$50,000 annually, and 43 percent report making \$75,000 or more (see Figure 15).

Table 5 shows household income for Edgewood compared to Moriarty, Tijeras, the county, and the State. Edgewood's household income skews higher than Moriarty, is overall somewhat higher than the State, and tracks similarly to Santa Fe

County. Tijeras is an outlier, with no household income reported to be under \$15,000.

The Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is in poverty. If the total income for a family or unrelated individual falls below the relevant poverty threshold, then the family (and every individual in it) or unrelated individual is considered in poverty. By these measures, 13.3 percent of Edgewood residents are living below the poverty level (see Figure 16). This is consistent with Santa Fe County, and is lower than the State.

Figure 15: Household Income Distribution



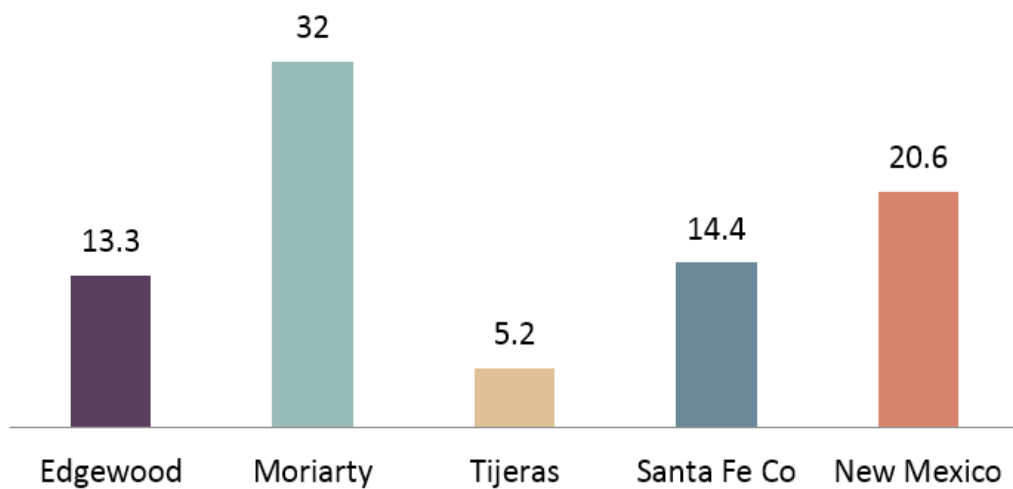
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Table 5: Household Income

	Edgewood	Moriarty	Tijeras	Santa Fe Co	New Mexico
Less than \$10,000	5%	12%	0%	7%	9%
10,000 to \$14,999	6%	16%	0%	4%	6%
15,000 to \$24,999	6%	13%	16%	10%	12%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	12%	17%	9%	10%	11%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	7%	15%	5%	13%	14%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	21%	12%	26%	19%	17%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	13%	7%	14%	11%	11%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	16%	5%	14%	14%	11%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	8%	1%	9%	6%	4%
\$200,000 or more	6%	0%	7%	7%	3%
Median Household Income	\$67,534	\$29,490	\$73,194	\$57,945	\$46,718

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Figure 16: Percent of the Population Living Below the Poverty Level



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Journey to Work

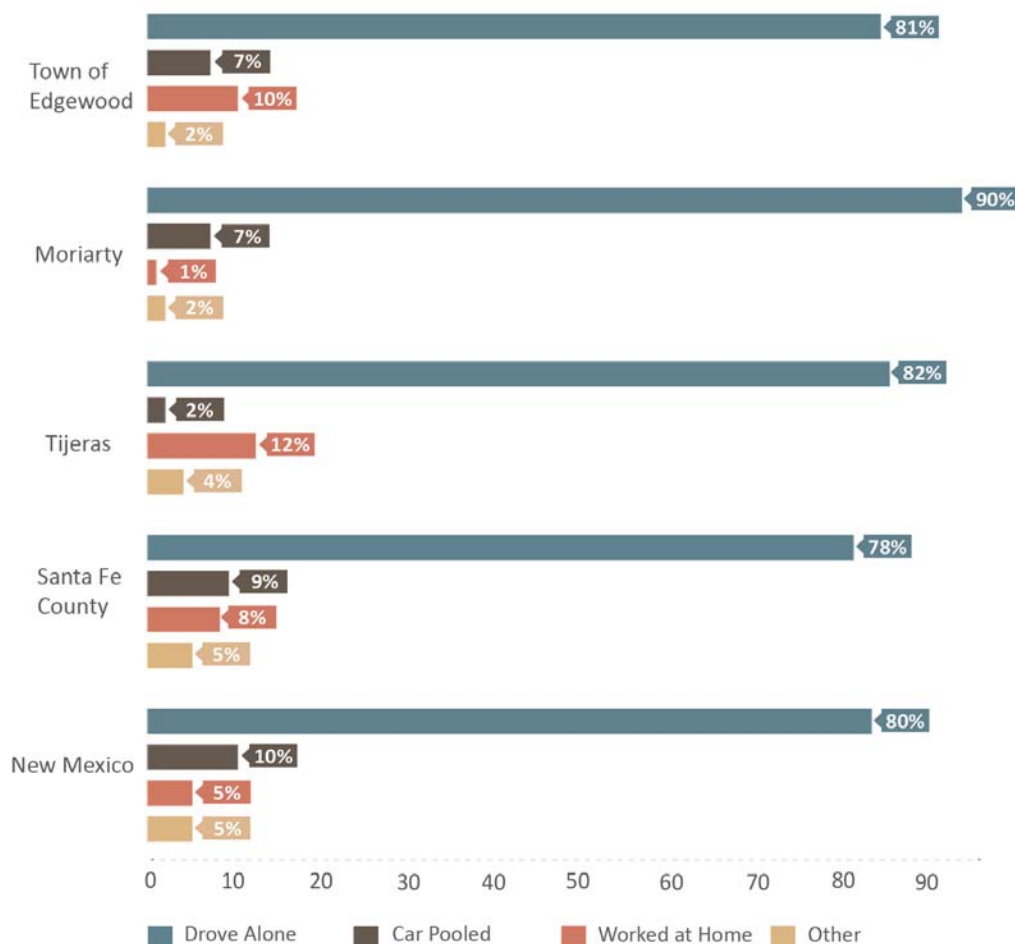
Driving alone remains the prevalent form of transportation to work for Edgewood residents, with an average travel time to work of 36 minutes. Edgewood residents who report working from home has increased since the 2000 Census, likely enabled by improvements in internet access. 67.2 percent of Edgewood's workforce works outside of Santa Fe County, and 76.6 percent of the workforce works outside of Edgewood. The travel time and place of work information is consistent with anecdotal information that many Edgewood residents commute to Albuquerque for work, with some going as far as Santa Fe.

According to the 2013 to 2017 American Community Survey, 81 percent of Edgewood residents drove alone to work, while another seven percent participated in carpools as a means of traveling to work (refer to Figure 17). This is down from 23.2 percent of residents reporting carpooling to work according to the 2000 Census. However, the share of residents

reporting working from home has grown from 3.8 percent in 2000 (2000 Census) to 10 percent, which may account for some of this reduction in carpooling.

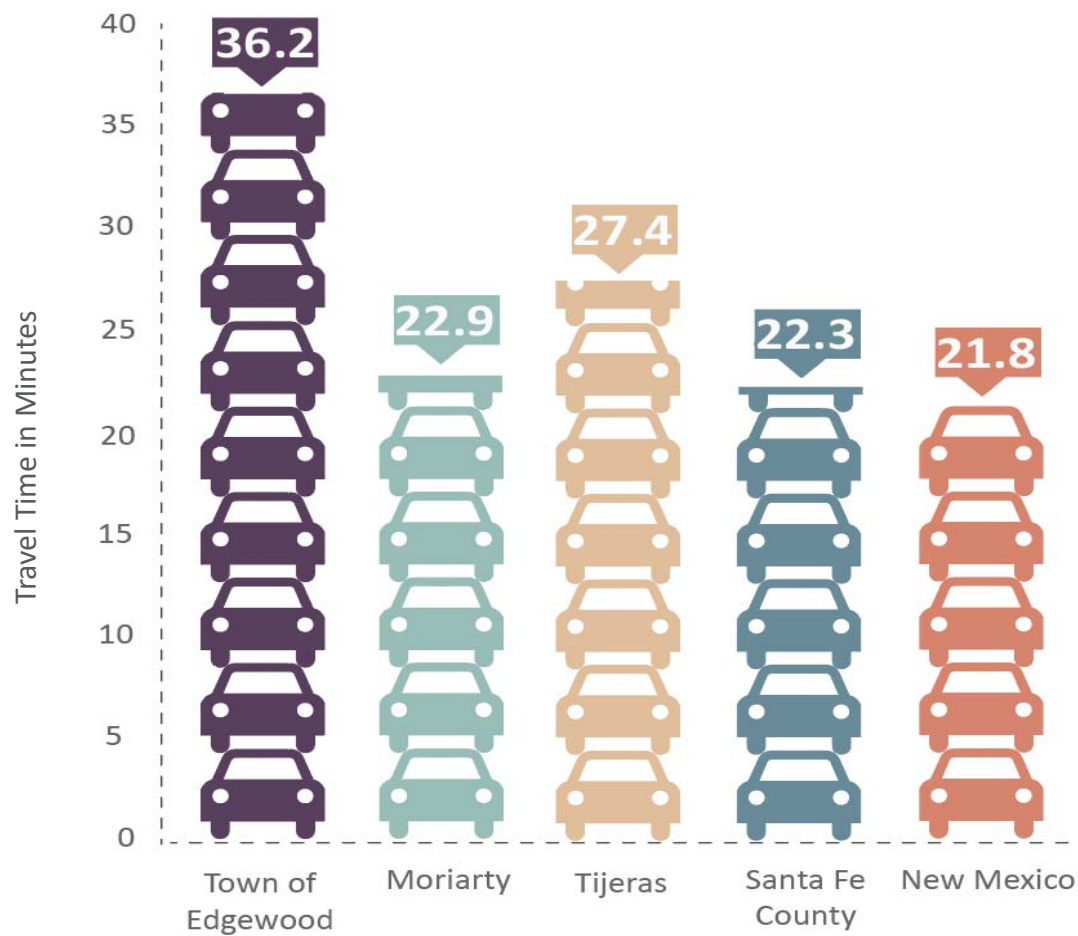
The average travel time to work for Edgewood residents is 36.2 minutes (see Figure 18), approximately the length of a trip to

Figure 17: Modes of Transportation to Work



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Figure 18: Mean Travel Time to Work



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Albuquerque. This is consistent with the information in Table 6, which shows that 67.2 percent of Edgewood residents work outside of their county of residence. In contrast, a similar share of Moriarty residents (68.7 percent) work *inside* their county of residence, Torrance. Edgewood retains 24.4 percent of their

residents' jobs, compared to 46.8 percent of Moriarty residents, 21.6 percent of Cedar Grove residents, and 18.6 percent of those living in Tijeras.

Table 6: Employed Persons that Worked in and Outside of County and Place of Residence: Edgewood, Moriarty, Cedar Grove, and Tijeras

	Edgewood	Moriarty	Cedar Grove	Tijeras
Total Employed Persons Age 16 and Over	1662	782	194	307
Percent Worked in County of Residence	30.6%	68.7%	45.4%	91.2%
Percent Worked Outside County of Residence	67.2%	31.3%	54.6%	8.8%
Percent Worked in Place of Residence	23.4%	46.8%	21.6%	18.6%
Percent Worked Outside Place of Residence	76.6%	53.2%	78.4%	81.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



Photo courtesy of Teresa Farley.

Community Facilities and Services

Local Government Operations

The Town of Edgewood is an incorporated municipality, and has a Mayor-Council form of government. There are six elective positions for the Town: The Mayor, four Town Councilors, and a Municipal Judge. The Mayor and Town Council are elected for terms of office which are staggered 4-year terms; the Municipal Judge also has a 4-year term. The Town's organizational structure is comprised of departments which include the Town Administration, Animal Control, Library, Municipal Court, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Zoning, Police, Road, and Wastewater. Edgewood currently maintains a staff of 32 employees. Appointed committees and advisory bodies include the Parks and Recreation Committee, the Library Advisory Board, the Lodgers Tax Board, and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

In 2018 the Town's offices relocated to the old Edgewood Elementary School building at 171 A NM 344 just north of Dinkle Road. Town Council meetings are held there as well.



Town Offices and Library. Photo by MRCOG staff.

Police, Fire, Ambulance, and Animal Control

The Town of Edgewood created a Police Department which became operational in 2008.

The Police Department is comprised of a chief, two sergeants, eight officers, and an administrative assistant. Edgewood has several active Neighborhood Watch groups. The Edgewood Police Department provides these groups with information and tips to help keep crime away from their neighborhood. Fire protection in Edgewood is provided



Municipal Court and Animal Control. Photo by MRCOG staff.

through the Edgewood Fire District. The Fire District serves the communities of Edgewood, Cedar Grove, and San Pedro. The stations in Edgewood are located at 1 Municipal Way and 18 Dinkle Road. Development of the fire station on Municipal Way in (2013-2014) dovetailed with the Town of Edgewood's development of municipal facilities in (Public Works July 2013 Animal Control/Municipal Court October 2015), also located on Municipal Way. The old fire station, located at 23 East Frontage Road, has



Santa Fe County Fire Department. Photo courtesy of the Town of Edgewood.

been acquired by the Town of Edgewood and repurposed as the Edgewood Police Station, while the old police station on Municipal Way is now the home of the Municipal Court, a use for which the building was better suited. The Fire District presently owns four fire engines, three tankers, and three brush trucks. There are also two advanced support ambulances and one basic life support ambulance on call to the Town.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) collects information (such as nearest water supply, fire station, station staffing, number of personnel, number and type of fire trucks, pumping capacity, and emergency communications) on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. Based on the information a numerical rating is given to the area which is used by insurance companies to determine premiums. The current Fire Protection Insurance Services Office ISO rating for the Edgewood Volunteer Fire District is 5/6. The number 5 is the class that applies to

properties within 5 road miles of the responding fire station and 1,000 feet of a credible water supply. The second number is the class that applies to properties within 5 road miles of a fire station but beyond 1,000 feet of a credible water supply.

Edgewood provides care and shelter for impounded animals through their Animal Control Program. They also provide services such as adoptions, capture of stray animals, and animal welfare within Town Limits. Edgewood has adopted an Animal Care and Control Ordinance that establishes regulations, requirements, and procedures for animal control. The Ordinance also sets up a local organizational structure, a licensing and permitting program, and defines penalties for violations of the ordinance. Edgewood has two animal control officers and receives assistance from community volunteers and non-profit organizations.



Photo courtesy of Roger Holden, BLM Section 34 Open Space

Solid Waste Disposal

Santa Fe County Solid Waste Division provides trash and recycling drop-off locations. Curbside solid waste disposal is provided by three private companies, which include Waste Management, East Mountain Disposal, and L. Mora Trash Hauling. Santa Fe County requires curbside companies to offer recycling services, and recycling is available at solid waste convenience centers. The nearest convenience center, Stanley Solid Waste, is located northeast of Edgewood. There are two nearby transfer stations; East Mountain Transfer Station and Hills & Valley Transfer Station. The nearest sanitary landfill for disposing of solid waste is the Estancia Valley Regional Landfill located east of Moriarty. However, some of Edgewood's waste may be transported to various other landfills.

Stormwater Management

The average annual precipitation for Edgewood is similar to that of the community Moriarty, located just east of Edgewood, at 13.67 inches

a year. The foothills of Albuquerque, located to the west of Edgewood, receive about 16.3 inches of rain in an average year (NOAA, 2010). During rainy periods, rains are often brief but intense storms, which can lead to flooding in the drainage channels and ponding in some areas. In addition to the potential property damage associated with stormwater runoff, there is also a possibility of waterborne pollutants and contaminants that may create a public health problem.

Edgewood is designated as an area of minimal flood hazard with some high-risk areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The areas in Edgewood that are categorized as X zones by FEMA are shown on Figure 19 with grey striping. The X zones represent the areas that are of minimal flood hazard. These areas are outside of the 500-year flood or are protected by levee from a 100-year flood. By definition, a 100-year flood zone is estimated to flood at a frequency of once in 100 years or have a one percent chance of flooding in any given year (FEMA). The areas categorized as A zones are high risk areas that are in a 100-



Wildlife West Nature Park. Photo courtesy of Roger Holden.

Figure 19: FEMA Flood Map

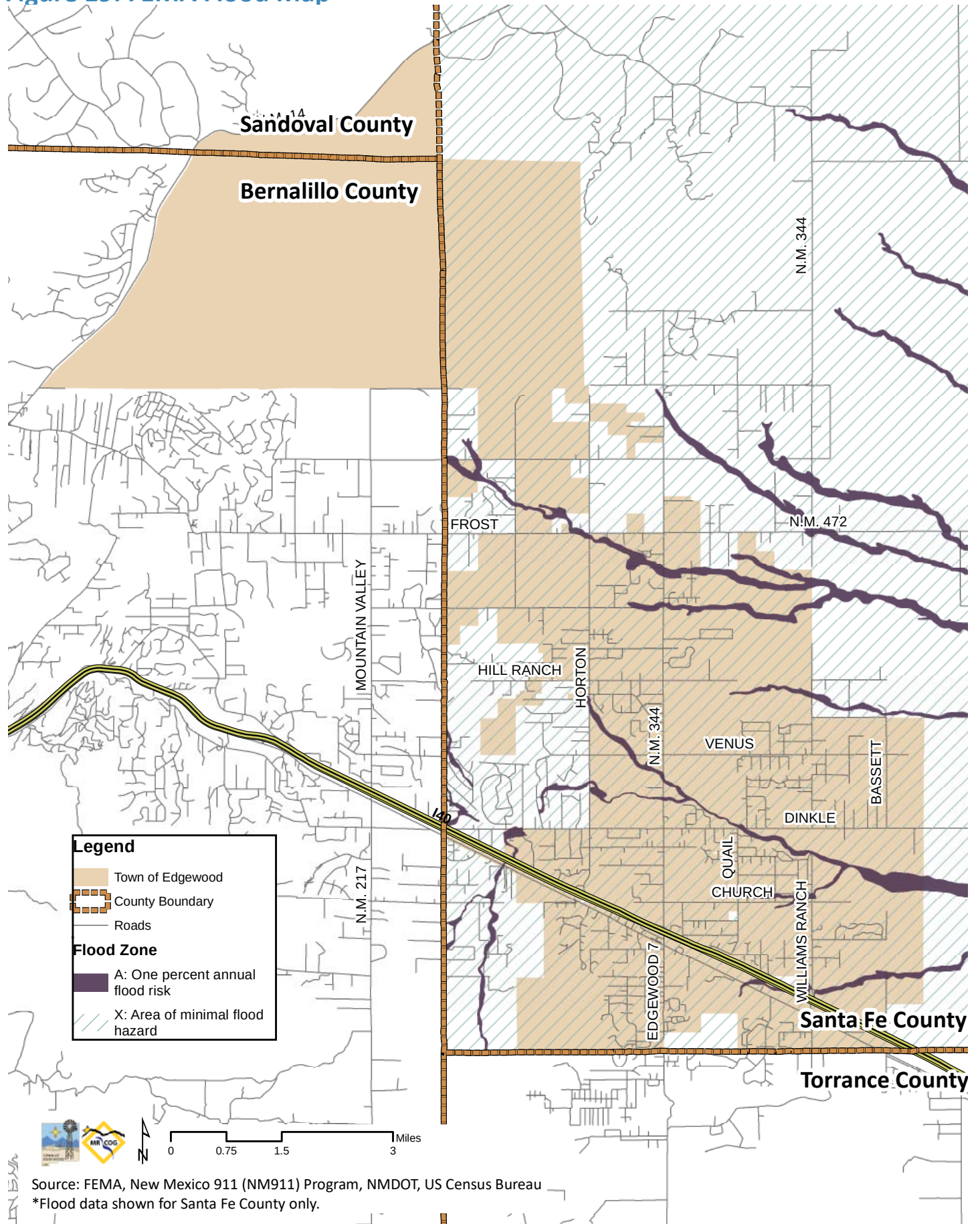
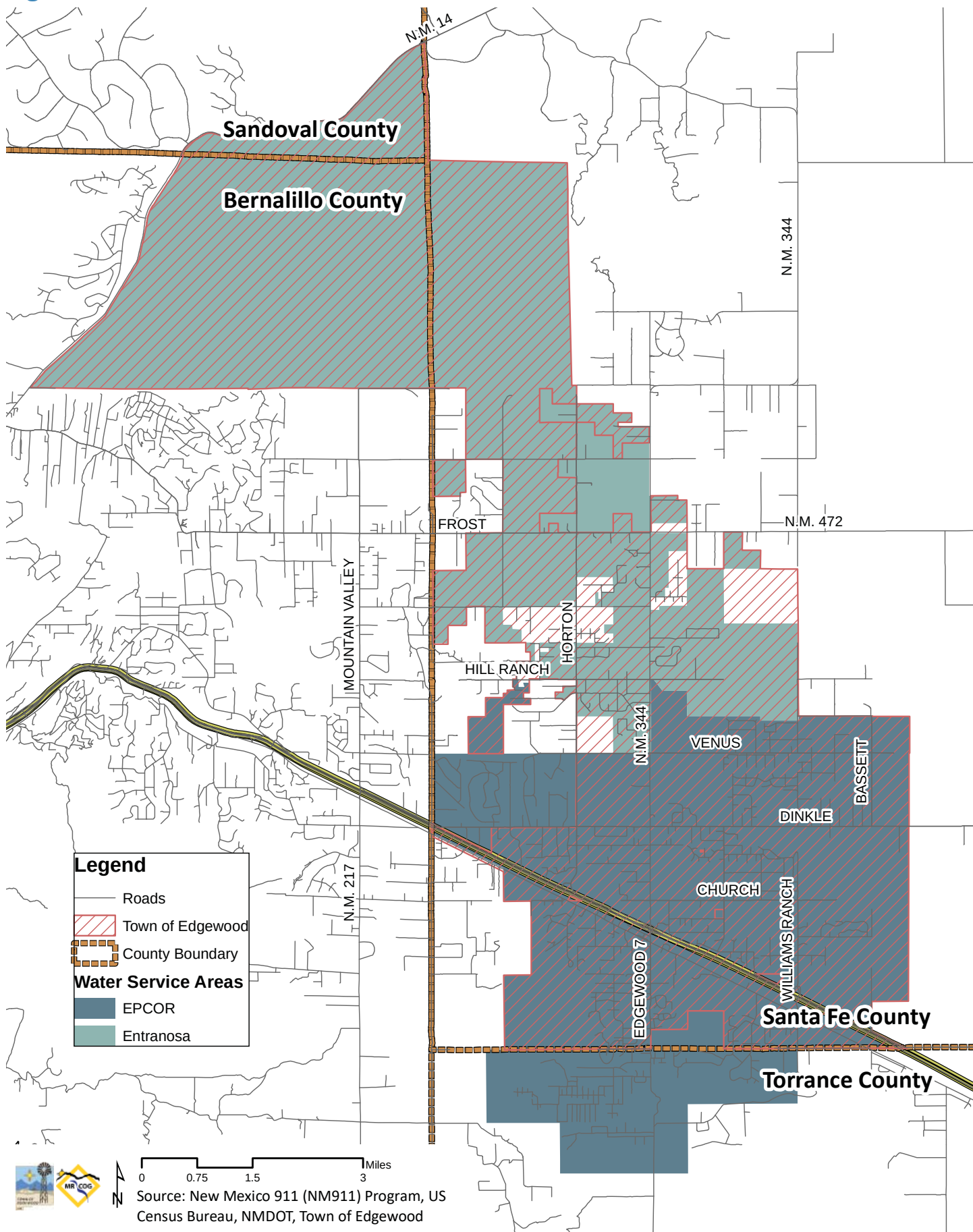


Figure 20: Water Service Areas



year flood zone. These areas, shown in purple on Figure 19, have a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage (FEMA). Development in the 100-year flood zones must be regulated by the Town or County to diminish the possibility of flood damage. In communities that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) property owners and renters within areas of minimal flood hazard, X zones, must have access to flood insurance. Property owners and renters in high-risk areas, A zones, are required to have flood insurance if the home has a mortgage. They are eligible for subsidized flood insurance through the Federal Insurance Administration of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Water Supply

Domestic, commercial, and fire flow water services are provided to the residents of the Town by two private water utility systems: Entranosa Water & Wastewater Association

and EPCOR Utility. Entranosa serves 203 premises, also called parcels, in Edgewood, and serves a total of 3,464 premises (Entranosa, December 2019). EPCOR serves 2,136 premises in Edgewood and an additional 678 premises in Torrance County (EPCOR, December 2019).

Through its zoning powers, the Town of Edgewood does provide regulatory land use controls in areas around the wells used by the water utility companies in order to prevent contamination of wells. These areas are known as wellhead protection zones and are identified on the Edgewood Zoning Map maintained by the Town.

Goal C of this comprehensive plan (p.71) is to plan for the long-range water needs of the community. It was generated from discussions in the public workshops about this topic in order to bring attention to the need for long range water planning.



Photo courtesy of Teresa Farley.

Wastewater Disposal System

In the 2008 Comprehensive Plan, the Town of Edgewood was developing a centralized wastewater collection system and treatment plant. The wastewater plant and a collection line running in the business corridors along State Roads 333 and 344 and following Church Street east to the treatment plant opened for business in 2010. The 2008 Plan also anticipated that the wastewater system would eventually serve residential customers at some point in the future.

In 2015 the Town's Governing Body undertook a comprehensive Asset Management Plan of the entire sewer system as it existed at that time. They also began a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) designed to explore the cost and feasibility of replacing the existing membrane bioreactor (MBR) treatment facility with a new Aeromod plant which could better handle the hard water and commercial sewage flowing into the wastewater plant. The Town also completed work on a new Wastewater Ordinance which set out a rate structure for customers as well as imposing requirements for hooking onto the

system. In 2015 the Town also installed its first new collection lines into Walker Road in the area by Walgreens.

In 2017 the Town undertook a study of the treatment plant to seek alternatives to a complete replacement of the facility, which was the recommendation of the PER. The considerations explored by this study were converting to a different wastewater treatment process or optimizing the existing MBR system. The recommended course of action was to optimize the existing MBR System. In 2018 the Town took over operation of the wastewater plant and hired its own operators to operate it. Additional collection lines were installed in East Church Road and the Cactus Road/Main Street area.

In 2019 the Town was certified to haul its waste product to the Estancia Valley Solid Waste landfill located east of Moriarty thereby eliminating costs of hiring haulers and storing waste product at the plant site. The plant currently serves one residential connection and 29 commercial connections, some shared by multiple customers, averaging 60-70 commercial customers.

Figure 21: Wastewater Service Area

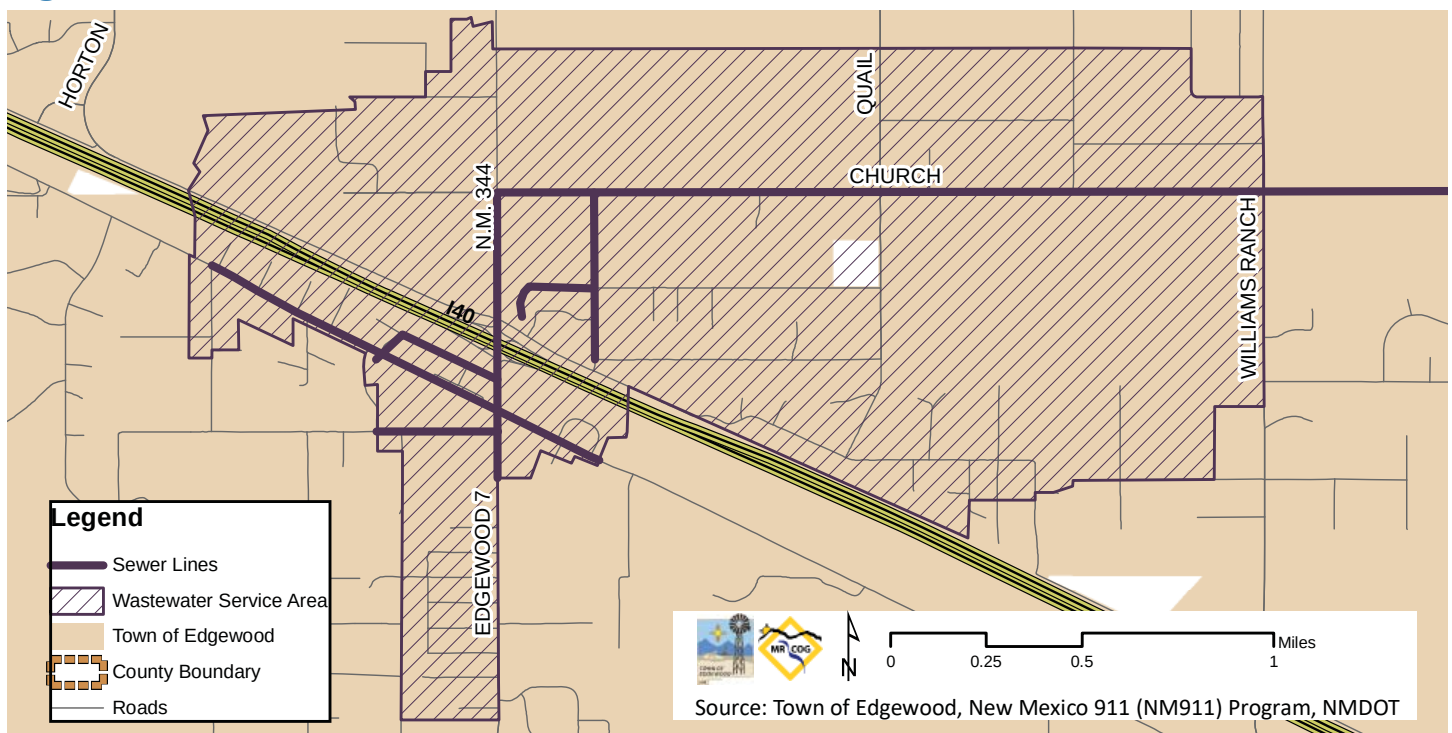


Figure 21 displays the current wastewater service area. Existing wastewater collection lines and the properties they could potentially serve are shown by the purple lines. Not all properties in the service area hooked up to the sewer.

Transit and Aviation

The NM Park & Ride provides transit service from Moriarty and Sedillo to Albuquerque (Eubank/Central, Uptown Transit Center, and Alvarado Transportation Center) via the “Turquoise Route.” NM Park & Ride is an intercity bus service managed by the New Mexico Department of Transportation and contracted to All Aboard America! Inc. The service is designed for the general public to go from one city to another for work, school, business, appointments, shopping, or other purposes during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

Additionally, the North Central Regional Transit District provides service from Edgewood to Santa Fe via Stanley and Galisteo on the 290 “Edgewood” route. This service is often referred to as “the Blue Bus.”

The Sandia Airpark is centrally located in the Town of Edgewood. It is a privately-owned airport for public use that includes a 4,400 foot paved runway with a half-mile approach, but no control tower. The airpark has about 50 to 60 planes in its hangars and is managed by a Fixed Base Operator (FBO).

Parks, Open Space, and Recreation

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Parks and open spaces can provide many natural benefits, such as air cleansing and scenic beauty. They can also increase property values and positively affect human health. Just over two



Sandia Airpark Hangar. Photo courtesy of John Bradley.

and a half percent of the land in Edgewood (approximately 916 acres) is currently classified as parks and open space. Edgewood residents have many parks and recreation options in the town and just outside the municipal boundary that can continue to be developed to meet residents' needs in the future.

On September 19, 2018, the Town Council passed Resolution No. 2018-21 renaming or granting official names to four of Edgewood's parks and open spaces. The Town Commons Recreational Area on Section 16 is now called "Venus Park." It includes a large pavilion with seating, the Steve Williams Athletic Field, a chalk board activity area, horseshoe pits, and is an area where many Town events take place. The old Edgewood Elementary School playground, often referred to as the Edgewood Community Park, is directly south of Venus Park and is open to the public. The other major park area with recreational amenities, the Edgewood Community Center Park, is now called "Bassett

Park." It includes the Town's skate park, tennis/basketball court, a playground, and a picnic table pavilion.

Additionally, two recreational open spaces now have formal names; the 248 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land previously referred to as "Section 34" is officially called "E.C.H.O. Ridge Park," which stands for the Edgewood Community Home Owners. E.C.H.O. Ridge Park is not within the Town's municipal limits, rather it abuts the Town's southern boundary. The parcel has excellent viewsheds of the surrounding rolling hills, and is home to piñon, juniper trees, prairie grasses, wildflowers, and wide variety of wildlife. The site provides potential opportunities for hiking, biking, equestrian, environmental education and projects, outdoor recreation programming, and potential eco-tourism. Edgewood is currently leasing and developing the open space area with a trailhead parking area to improve access, and has the goal to purchase the land. The other

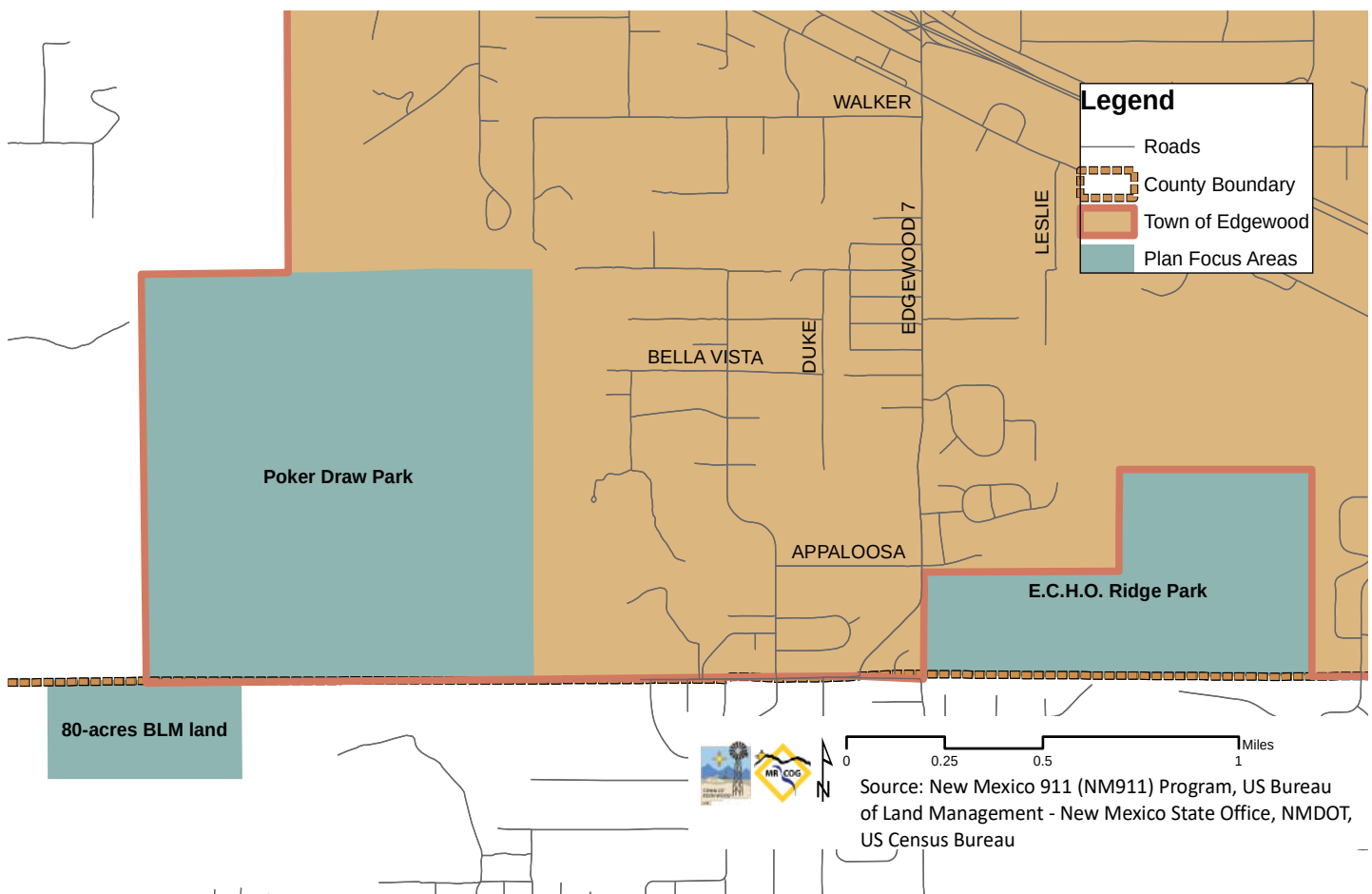


renamed open space is “Poker Draw Park,” comprised of 695 acres of land owned by the State Land Office (SLO). This area was previously referred to as “Section 32.”

In 2018, the Town was awarded a National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program grant for technical assistance. The year-long project centered on non-motorized and mechanized (mountain biking) recreational opportunities for the Town and contains three public open space focus areas, detailed below and shown in Figure 22. The plan developed through this process is called the “Edgewood Open Space and Non-Motorized Trail Plan.” It was developed with input from a trail committee (organized in 2017) as well as the public. The plan was prepared by the NPS RTCA program staff and completed in October of 2018. Plan focus areas include the following:

1. **Poker Draw Park (695-acre State Land Office (SLO) Parcel).** This open space area is currently leased by the Town and offers a significant opportunity as a site for future recreation developments.
2. **E.C.H.O. Ridge Park (248-acre BLM Parcel)**
The Town is currently leasing E.C.H.O. Ridge Park from the BLM pursuant to the Recreation & Public Purpose (R&PP) Act enacted by Congress in 1954. An R&PP lease for the property was first issued in 2008 and later renewed in November, 2016. The current lease expires in November of 2021. ECHO Ridge Park contains 11.5 miles of existing trails and this area has been designated for non-motorized and mechanical recreation by the BLM. It is available to hikers, bicyclists, and equestrian riders. The Town completed a revised Plan of Development (POD) for the site, which

Figure 22: Focus Areas, Edgewood Open Space and Non-Motorized Trail Plan



was approved on August 9, 2019. When implemented, the POD will enable the Town to request a patent for this parcel from the BLM.

3. 80-acre BLM Parcel

Located south of Poker Draw Park, this parcel offers one possibility for resolving the issue of access to Poker Draw Park. This area is currently littered with trash and functions as an informal shooting area. Due to the lead contamination from bullets it has become clear that intensive remediation would be needed in order for this site to be leasable. Resolution 2016-07 supports the Town pursuing a no cost lease of these 80 acres of BLM land and states that the Town agrees to assume responsibility for a Plan of Development for the property.

TRAILS

Figure 23 shows Edgewood's existing and proposed trails system. The existing system mainly extends east and west along NM 333 (Old US 66) and north along NM 344 to Dinkle Road.

Extensions are planned north on the NM 344 corridor to Frost Road, and south on Edgewood Road 7 to access future recreation areas on public lands in E.C.H.O. Ridge and Poker Draw Parks, and to connect Edgewood's southern neighborhoods to the north. The Town's goal is to connect public facilities and activity nodes via facilities that enhance safety for nonmotorized transportation users and to create safe bike corridors to connect the region.

EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Horseback riding is an activity associated with Edgewood's identity. In addition to having a hitching post at the Super Wal Mart, the post office, and horse-friendly open space areas, Edgewood is home to the Santa Fe County Equestrian Center. The center includes a walking trail, picnic area, hiking trails, a round warm up pen, stock water tank, manure bin, despooning curtain, obstacle course, pergola grandstand, sand arena, and handicap mounting block. Santa Fe County owns and operates the Equestrian Center. The Town shows support for the Equestrian Center in Resolution 2016-06.



Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) event. Photo Courtesy of Roger Holden.

Figure 23: Existing and Proposed Trails

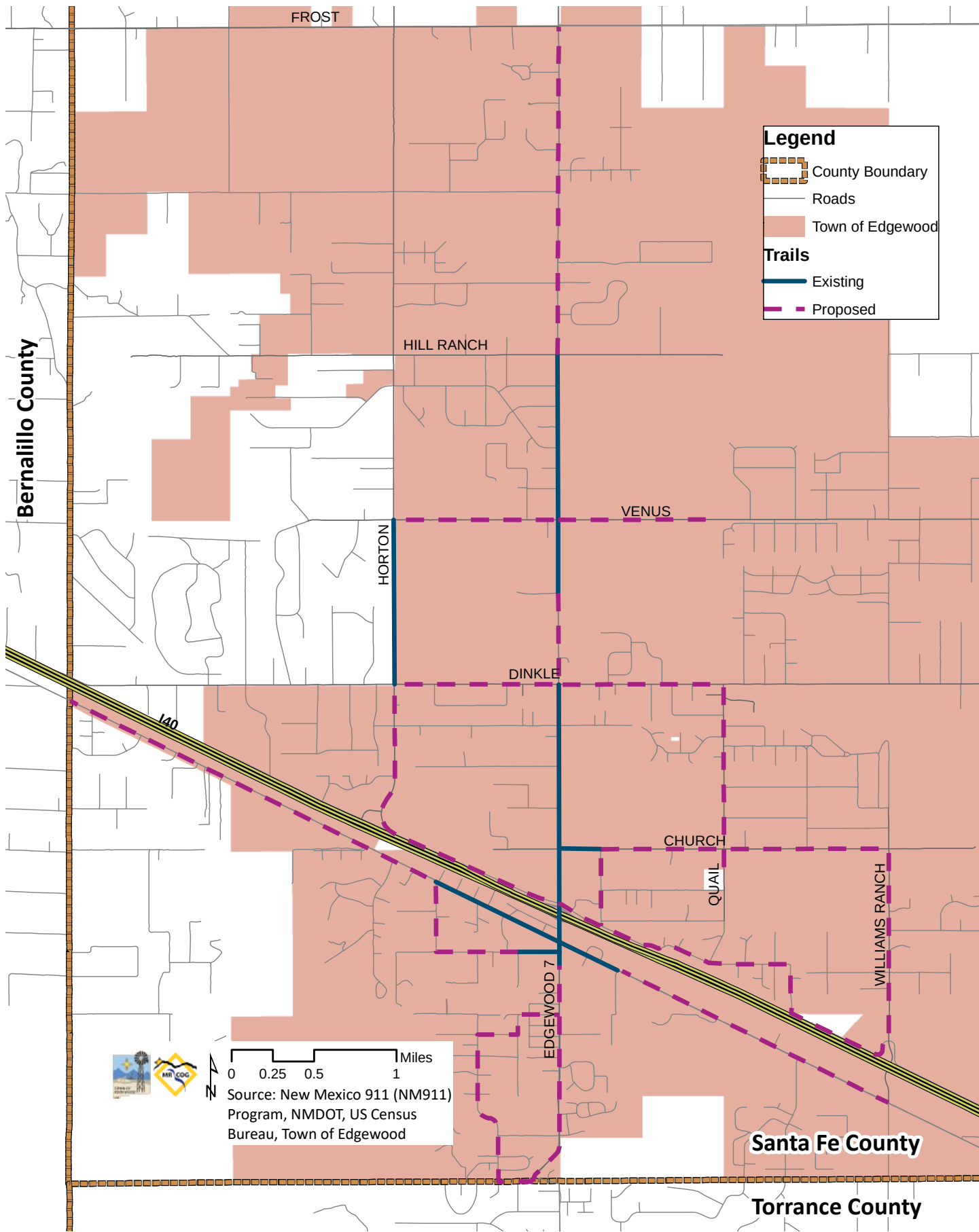
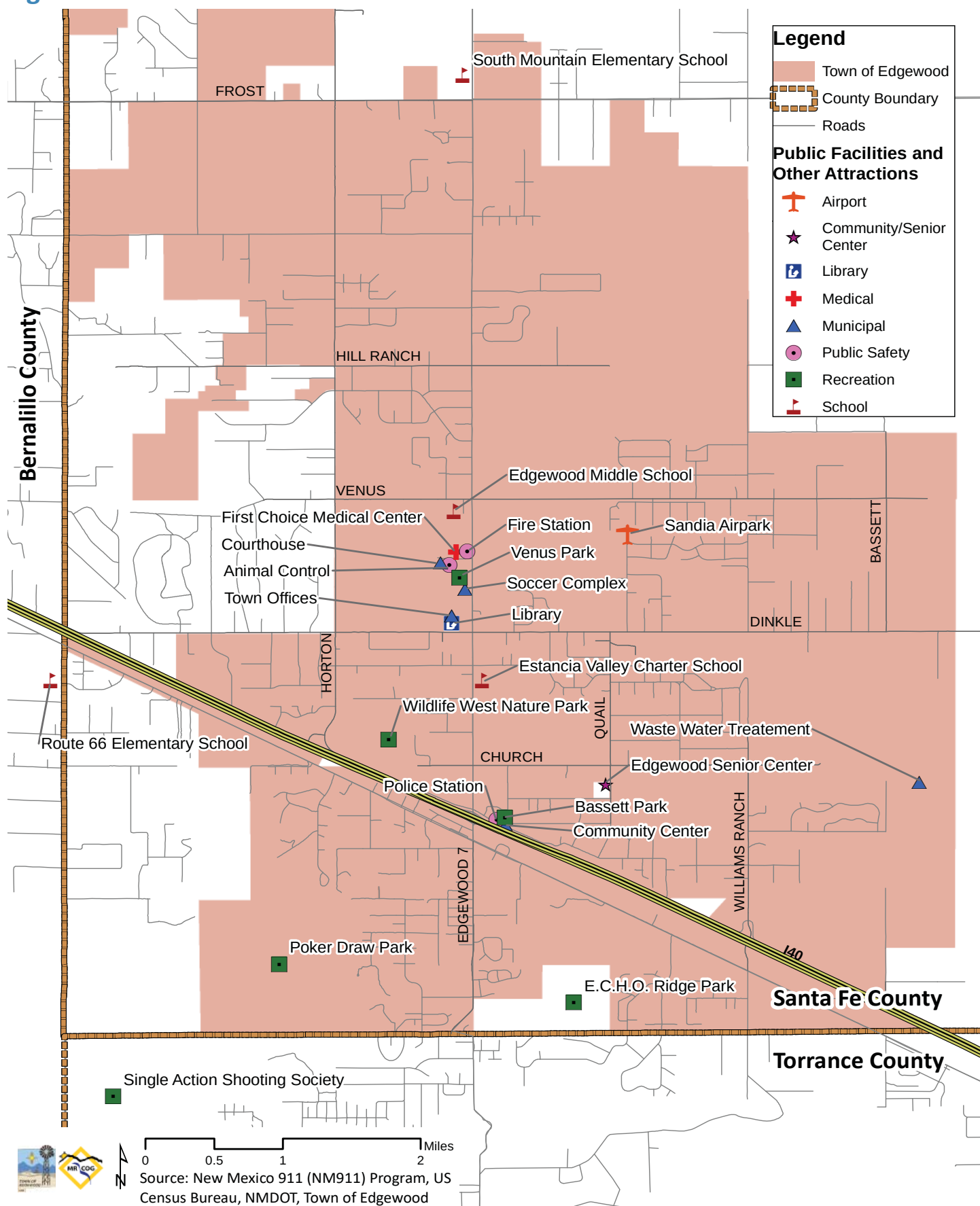


Figure 24: Public Facilities and Other Attractions



SENIOR CENTER

Santa Fe County owns and operates the Senior Center in Edgewood. The Center works to promote and enhance the physical, intellectual and social wellbeing of seniors, and offers a variety of classes and activities. In 2018 the New Mexico State University collaborated with the Senior Center and Partnership for a Healthy Torrance Community to develop a community garden that has been very successful in its first year.

WILDLIFE WEST NATURE PARK

In addition to these parks and recreational open spaces, there are unique recreational areas in the Edgewood area that are not necessarily classified as parks and open space, but are important recreational attractions nonetheless. Wildlife West Nature Park covers 122 acres just north of I-40 in Edgewood (refer to Figure 24 for a map of public facilities and other attractions). The park began in 1992 as a not-for-profit endeavor to develop an innovative concept by combining recreation with habitat restoration, and environmental education for children and adults. The park opened to the public in 1994

with a wetlands project for bird watching, and continues to add new habitat. The Park has grown into a regional attraction with many wildlife exhibits, and is connected by two miles of trails.

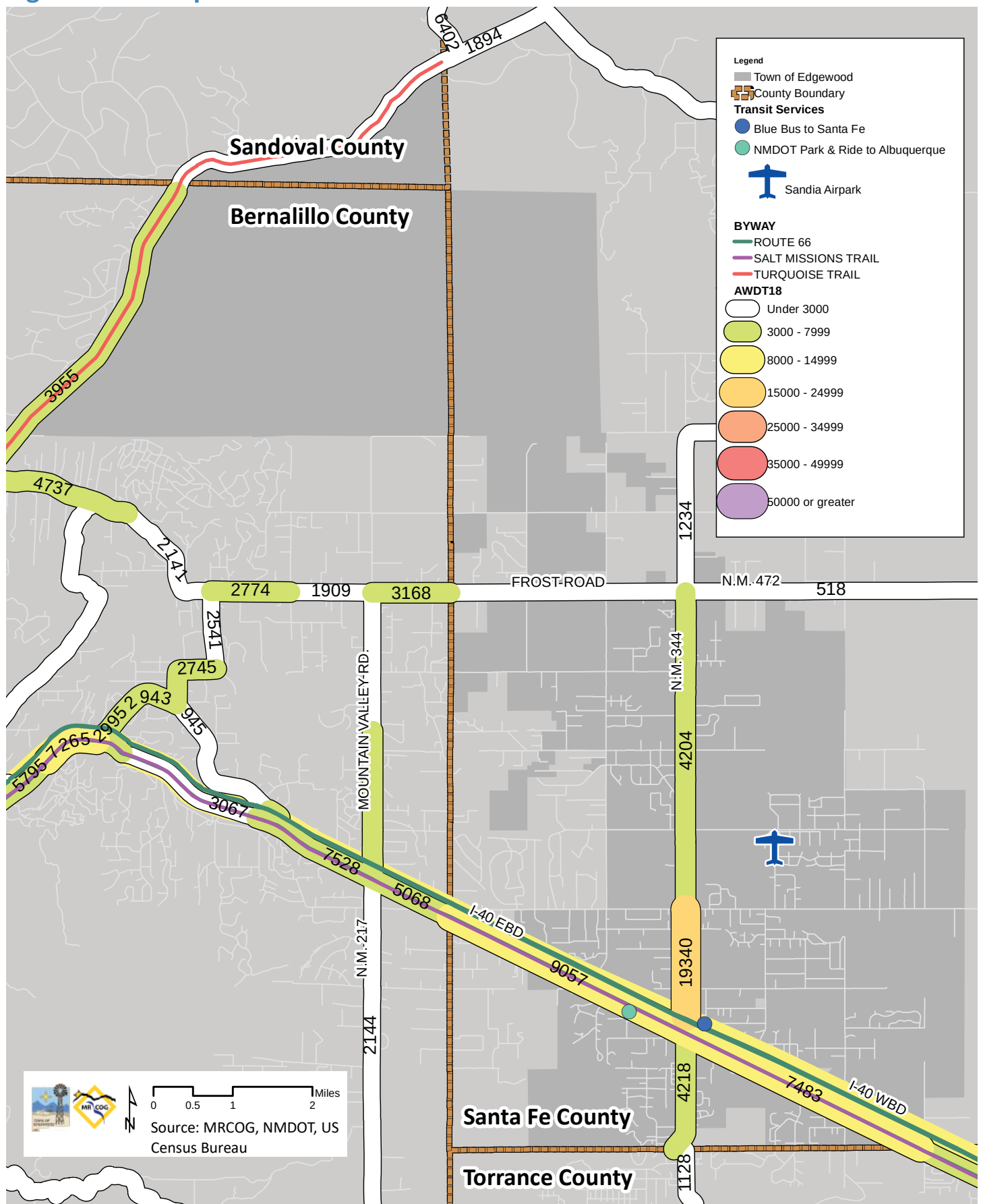
SINGLE ACTION SHOOTING SOCIETY

Another specialized recreational area that is in close proximity to Edgewood is the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) in nearby Founder's Ranch, New Mexico (shown in Figure 24). The Single Action Shooting Society is an international organization created in 1987 to preserve and promote the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting, a fast-growing outdoor shooting sport. In 2004, SASS purchased a 480-acre ranch in Founder's Ranch, where it built the world's premiere Cowboy Action Shooting Facility. The facility includes a shooting range, space for up to 600 recreational vehicles, parking for up to 4,000 cars, a functional Western Town replica, and an equestrian center. SASS hosts the END of TRAIL (the world championship of Cowboy Action Shooting) event, which takes place every June at Founder's Ranch, with over 1,000 competitors and between 5,000 and 10,000 spectators



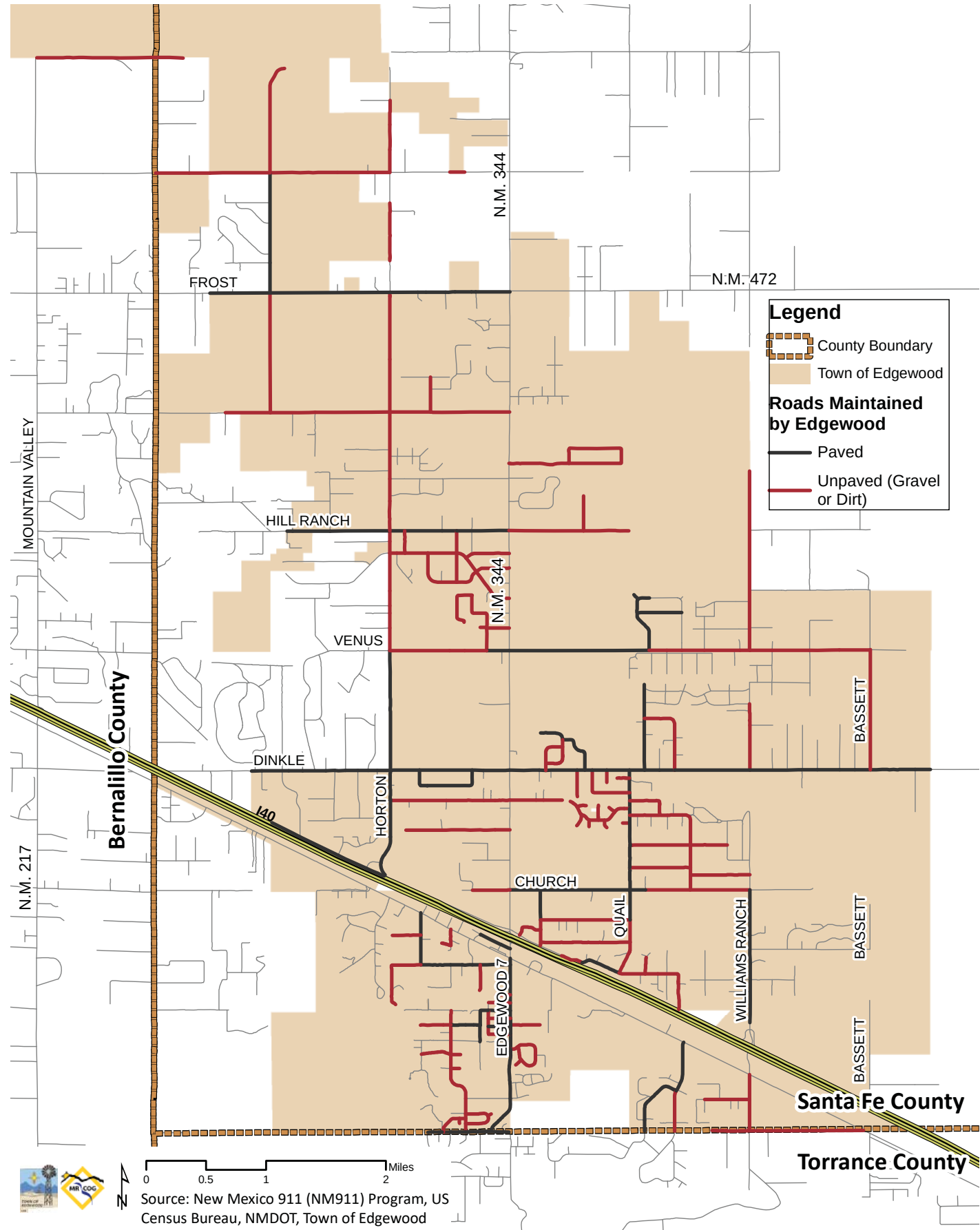
Run, Rally and Rock Parade, 2018. Photo courtesy of Roger Holden.

Figure 25: Transportation Facilities and Traffic Flow*



*Route 66 and Salt Missions Trail Scenic Byways on NM 333 offset for clarity. See Figure 23 for multiuse trails.
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Figure 26: Roads Maintained by Edgewood



and participants. The SASS headquarters were previously located in Yorba Linda, California, but the organization relocated to the Edgewood vicinity in 2008.

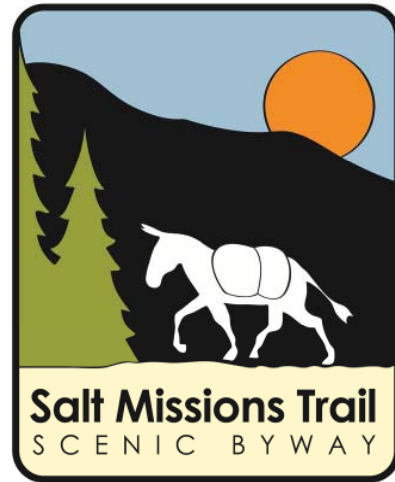
Roads and Highways

NM 344 is the primary north-south road through the center of Edgewood, serving to collect traffic from the scattered neighborhoods as well as carrying through-traffic to surrounding communities. NM 472 continuing to Frost Road provides a major northern east-west road corridor that connects NM 344 with NM 41 (near Stanley) on the east and NM 14 on the west.

There are two federally designated Scenic and Historic Byways (Old Route 66 and the Salt Missions Trail) which pass through Edgewood. Both Route 66 and the Salt Missions Trail Scenic Byways follow the NM 333 corridor through the Edgewood area (refer to Figure 25). A third Scenic Byway, the Turquoise Trail, runs just north of Edgewood along NM 14, connecting Santa Fe to Sandia Crest and the old mining towns of Cerrillos, Madrid, and Golden. The National Scenic Byways program was originally created by Congress through the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) in 1991 to “foster economic development through furnishing the upfront capital costs associated with developing transportation related tourist amenities throughout the United States” (<https://dot.state.nm.us/content/nmdot/en/byways.html>).

The key roads providing access into the Town of Edgewood include an Interstate Highway (I-40) and various State maintained roads (NM 333, NM 344, and NM 472). I-40 is a major east-west Interstate route through New Mexico and the U.S. Historic Route 66 (NM 333) runs parallel to I-40 in the Edgewood area and provides an alternative route for drivers traveling to Albuquerque or Moriarty.

Traffic volume has been increasing in and around Edgewood over the past several years,



Salt Missions Trail Scenic Byway signage.

particularly on the stretch of NM 344 north of the I-40 interchange and south of Dinkle Road (see Figure 28). Average daily weekday traffic (AWDT) on this roadway segment increased from 9,209 vehicle trips per day in 2010 to 23,381 trips in 2018 (source: MRCOG). Refer to Figure 25 to see Edgewood area transportation facilities and traffic flows.

Since the writing of the last comprehensive plan there have been substantial land use changes along the NM 334 corridor. The Super Wal-Mart (just north of Church Street on the east side of NM 344) opened in 2007 and has recently expanded its services to include grocery pick-up. It is a local as well as a regional attractor, bringing people to Edgewood from as far as southern Tarrant County for shopping trips.

The Estancia Valley Classical Academy (EVCA) charter school opened its facility in 2018. The school intends to serve up to 700 students grades K-12 from the Estancia Valley, Moriarty, Edgewood, Stanley, Tijeras, Sandia Park, Cedar Crest, and Albuquerque East Mountain areas. The EVCA does not offer school bus services, and the traffic impacts on NM 344 will become more clear as the school reaches full enrollment.

The Edgewood Elementary School (on the west side of NM 344 just north of Dinkle Road) closed its doors in 2017 and the Town offices moved into the north building in 2018.

Figure 26 shows the roads that are maintained by the Town of Edgewood. Non-Town

Figure 27: Edgewood Long Range Roadway System

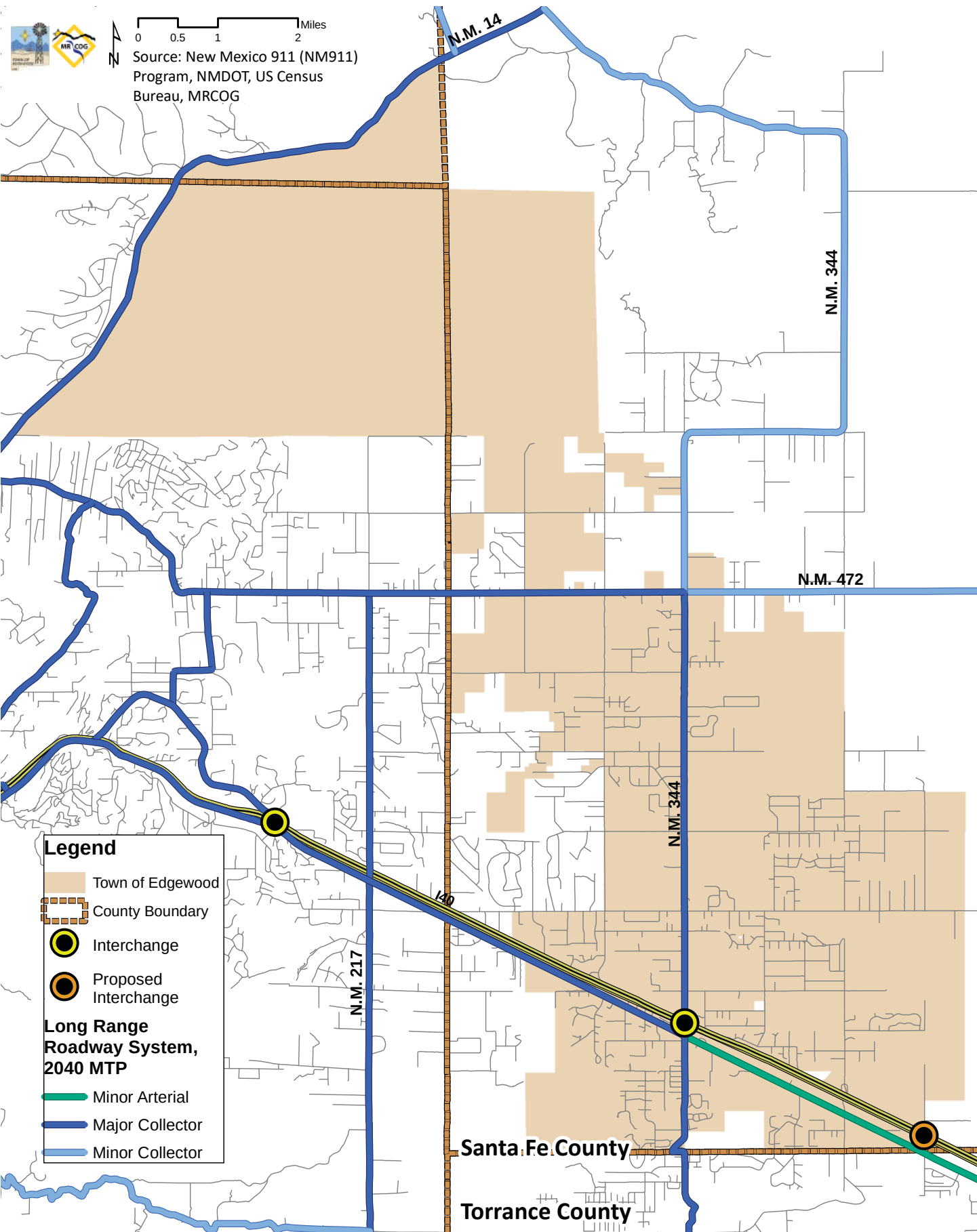




Photo of Route 66, courtesy of Roger Holden.

maintained roads include those in private, State, and federal ownership. The Town's 2017 annexation increased the amount of facilities that the Town maintains, but otherwise rarely accepts new roads for maintenance.

Figure 27 displays Edgewood's long range roadway system. The major collector roadways identified in Edgewood are NM 344 south of NM 472, and NM 472 west of NM 344. As identified in the previous comprehensive plan, a proposed interchange is identified at the southeastern

edge of the Town.

Automobile crashes that took place between 2013 and 2017 in the Edgewood area are shown in Figure 29, with all fatal crashes shown in red. As expected, the number and severity of crashes increase as roadway speeds and traffic volumes increase. The majority of crashes between 2013 and 2017 occurred on the interstate, followed by NM 14. Crashes in the Town occurred mainly on major thoroughfares such as NM 344.

Figure 28: Average Weekday Traffic, NM 344

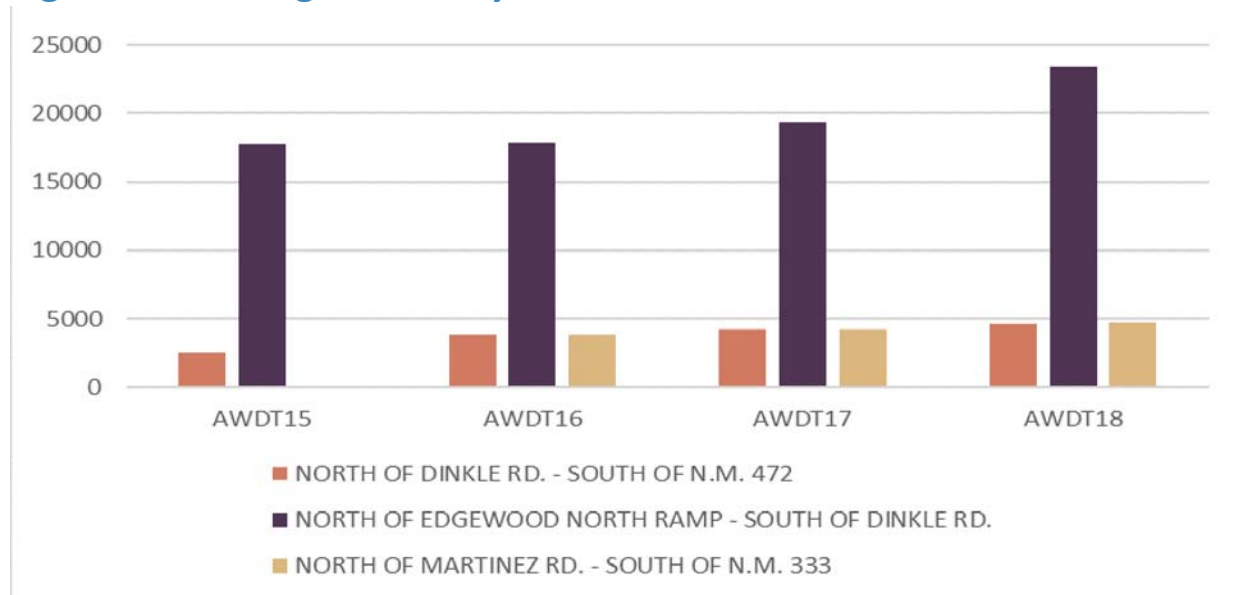
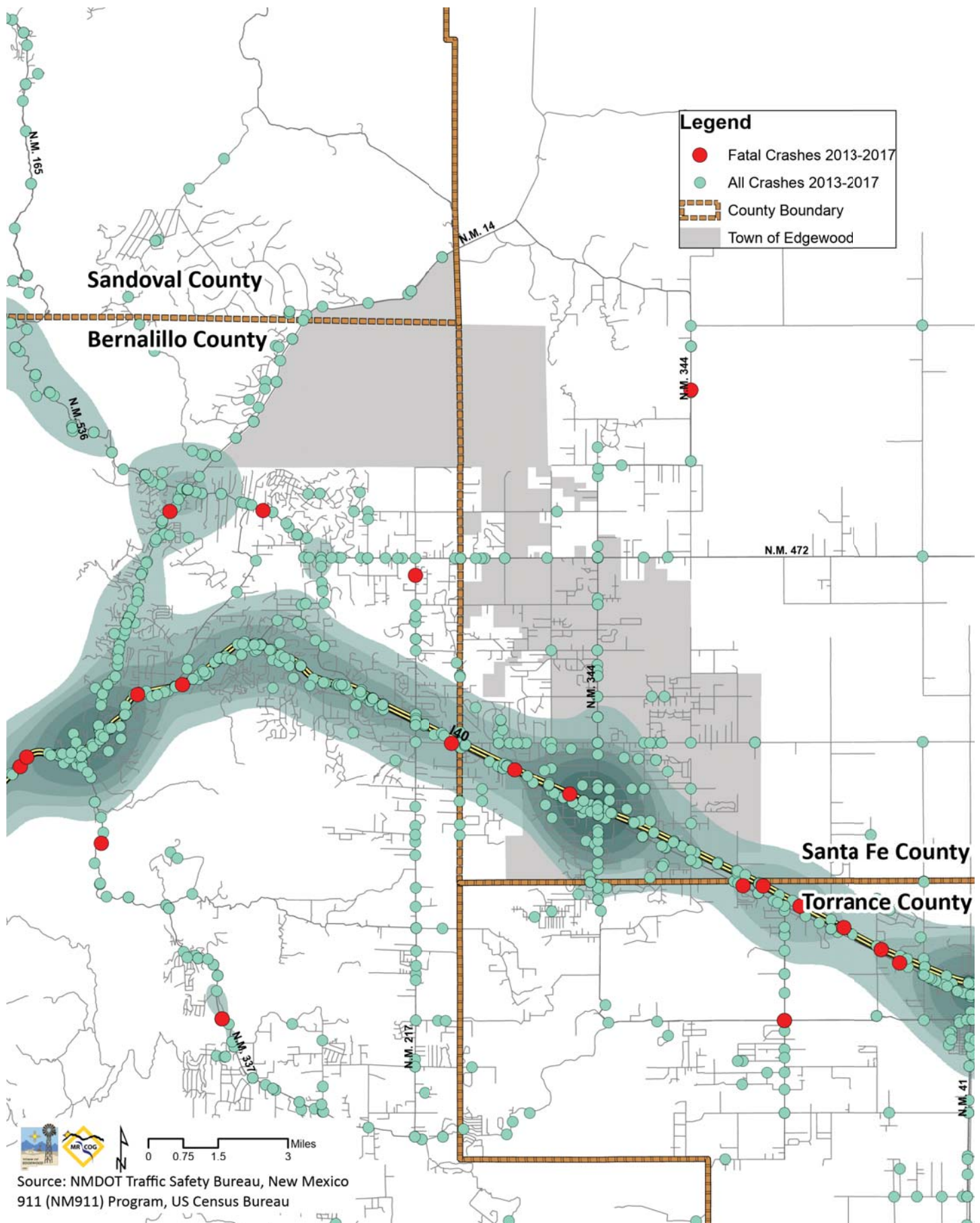


Figure 29: Automobile Crashes, 2013-2017



Current and Future Land Use

The character and physical form of a community is influenced by the arrangement of land uses. The policies and principles by which the Town of Edgewood manages land use activities will ultimately affect location, intensity, and the types of land uses for future land development. A current land use inventory has been included in this comprehensive plan to identify the patterns of land use in the Town (see Figure 30). The land use inventory map was prepared in 2019 based on a classification of land within the Town limits. At that time, the incorporated area covered roughly 57 square miles.

Figure 30 shows the distribution of development and the type of land uses throughout the Town. The compilation of land uses in Edgewood is divided into 10 categories of use: single family, multifamily, commercial, community, industrial, parks and open space, schools, utilities, agriculture, and vacant. The acreages calculated from the land use map include areas used for streets or public rights-of-way, and are approximate. The acreages and relative proportions of each category of land use are calculated and displayed on Table 7. Acreages

and percentages are aggregate numbers and are meaningful for planning purposes only.

LAND USE VERSUS ZONING

“Land use” refers to how land is currently being used, such as “vacant,” or “parks and open space.” It does not reflect the development potential of the land (the land’s potential intensity of development or the permissive land uses that could develop there).

“Zoning” refers to a piece of land’s development potential both in terms of allowable uses and intensity of development (height, number of units, etc.) according to a municipality or county’s zoning code. It does not necessarily reflect how the land is currently used. For example, land may be zoned for residential uses even though the land has not yet been built on.

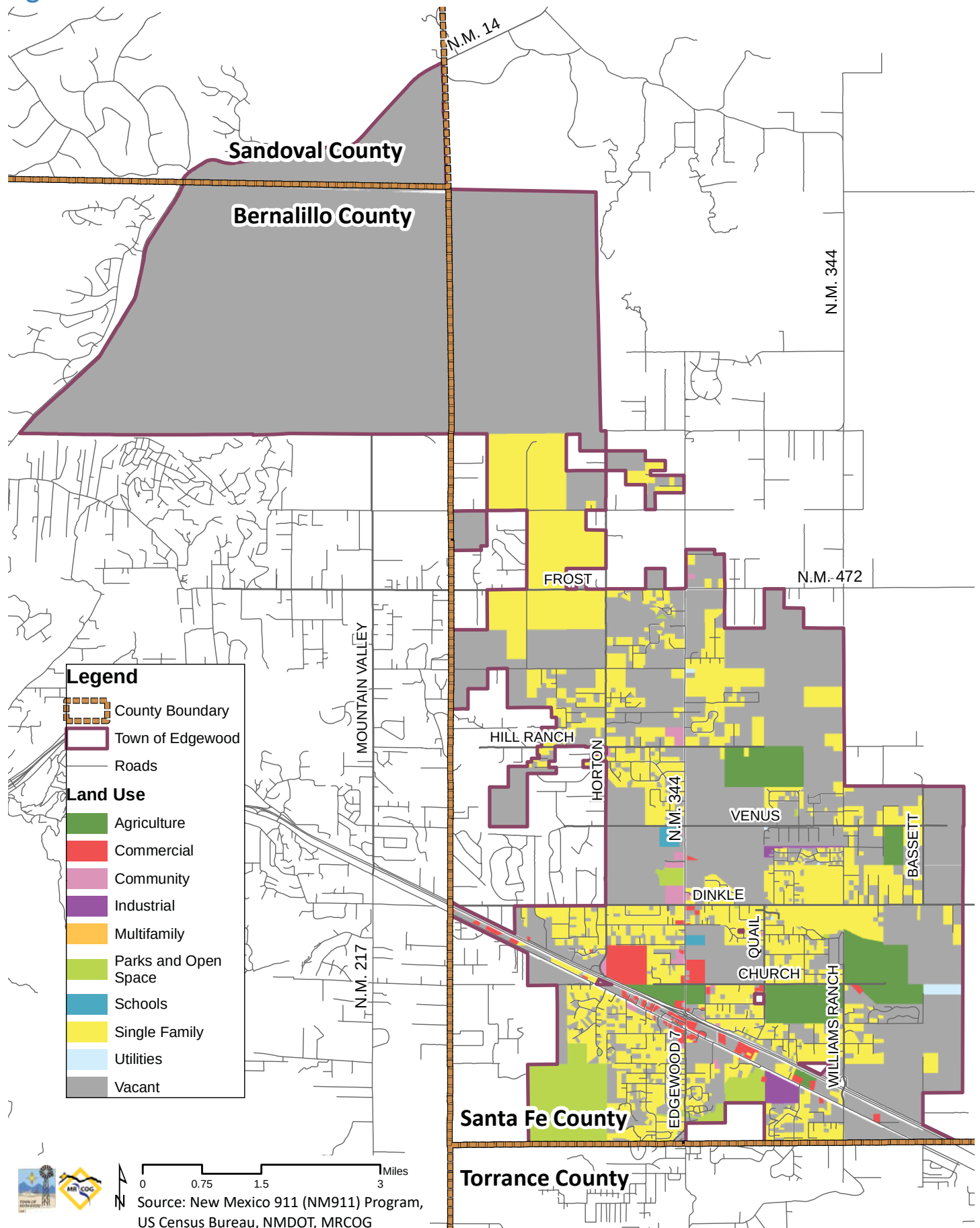
Table 7: Edgewood Land Uses

	Acres	Percent
Agricultural	1,237	3.48%
Commercial	382	1.08%
Community	153	0.43%
Industrial	114	0.32%
Multifamily	2	0.01%
Parks and Open Space	916	2.58%
Schools	60	0.17%
Single Family	7,651	21.54%
Utilities	51	0.14%
Vacant	24,948	70.25%
Total	35,514	100.00%

RESIDENTIAL LAND USE

Residential land uses occupy 21.54 percent of the land in Edgewood. This has nearly doubled since 2008 (11.55 percent). Almost all of this residential land is single family, including manufactured homes, with only .01 percent of Edgewood’s total land use being used for multifamily homes. The majority of residential lots in the Town are one acre and above, which contributes to Edgewood’s rural character.

Figure 30: Land Use



Striving to keep the rural character associated with Edgewood was strongly supported in the comprehensive plan questionnaire filled out by residents, as was allowing more large lot development of one or more acres. The questionnaire results showed general opposition to more diverse housing types being built in the Town's Mixed Use Zone (currently occupying about 206 acres east of Wal-Mart). Responses were generally positive or neutral regarding a need for more independent or assisted living facilities in Edgewood.

The Campbell Ranch Master Plan in the far northwest sector of Edgewood was approved in 2001, which at full build out was anticipated to include over 4,000 homes. Currently, the Campbell Ranch master planned area has not been able to acquire sufficient water rights to allow for development. Should this change, development could occur in the future.

Edgewood has a slightly lower proportion of the population age 15-34 compared to the state, which may be a result of limited job opportunities in the Town and high median home prices relative to neighboring communities and the State. At the same time, 11 percent of Edgewood residents (Census Bureau, 2013-2017 ACS) are between the ages of 65 and 74, who at some point may want to downsize or make use of an assisted living facility in order to age comfortably in place without leaving Edgewood. The need for more varied housing options for a wider range of income levels was a recurring topic at the public meetings for the comprehensive plan's goals and objectives, and is represented in Goal O of this comprehensive plan (p.78). Overall, public input in this area pointed to the desire to provide varied housing options in the Town in a limited and managed way that allows larger lot residential land uses to continue to develop, and that preserves and enhances the Town's small town and rural character.

COMMERCIAL LAND USE

Land in commercial use has more than doubled

since the writing of the previous comprehensive plan, from 151 acres (.5 percent) in 2008 to 382 acres (1.08 percent).

The majority of the commercial land is located along NM 333 (Old US 66), which consists of commercial retail establishments and business offices. That is where the majority of Edgewood's commercially zoned land is located, much of which is currently vacant. The next biggest concentration of land in commercial use is the NM 344 corridor north of I-40 and south of Dinkle Road. Just over 60 percent of questionnaire respondents supported or strongly supported more commercial business development in the Town, with about 80 percent of respondents supporting the Town maintaining specific corridors for commercial development. Small pockets of commercial activity being allowed in residential areas was not strongly supported by questionnaire respondents.

The Town's existing sewer facilities and zoning patterns align well with residents' desire for commercial development to be concentrated along main transportation corridors, keeping residential areas more secluded from the pervasive commercial development one is more likely to find in a city. The availability of vacant land in these areas indicates room for commercial uses to continue to develop without needing to spill over to other major corridors in the near future. The objectives under Goal M address ensuring a strong and diverse local economy (p.76).

INDUSTRIAL LAND USE

Industrial land uses have also grown, from seven acres in 2008 (.02 percent) to 114 acres (.32 percent). The Bassett Quarry Gravel Pit accounts for this growth. The Town is looking into planning for additional light industrial uses in order to diversify local job offerings. Nearly 60 percent of questionnaire respondents supported or strongly supported technology/light industrial/business park development in Edgewood. This is represented in Goal M,

DARK SKIES

New Mexico is one of the few regions in the modern United States that still has locations where the darkness allows the study of astronomy. While the light pollution from Albuquerque blanks out the night sky to the west and the smaller light dome from Moriarty can be seen to the east the southern sky from Edgewood's Section 34 is nearly pristine and the summer Milky Way can easily be seen with the naked eye and much of the detail of the Great Rift dust lane are visible to the dedicated observer.

The fact that Edgewood has a dark location where the study of astronomy can still be practiced is a highly valuable thing that should be cherished. Everything that can be done should be done to make sure that this resource is not lost to our future generations.

Edgewood has "dark skies" regulations in the Town's zoning ordinance. Residents attending the comprehensive plan workshops voiced the desire for these regulations to continue to be strictly enforced in Edgewood, especially as the Town continues to develop. This is supported in Goal A of this comprehensive plan (p.69).



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Objective 4 (p.76).

COMMUNITY/SCHOOL LAND USE

Approximately 150 acres of land is currently used for community purposes. This includes public services such as Town government offices, the soccer complex, library, fire station, and animal control. It also includes non-government uses that serve the community such as religious institutions and the First Choice Medical Center. About 60 acres are currently used for educational institutions, including Edgewood Middle School and the newly opened Estancia Valley Classical Academy Charter School. The Edgewood Elementary School closed its doors in 2013. The student population was redistributed between the two other elementary schools in the Edgewood area.

UTILITIES LAND USE

About 40 acres of Edgewood's land that is

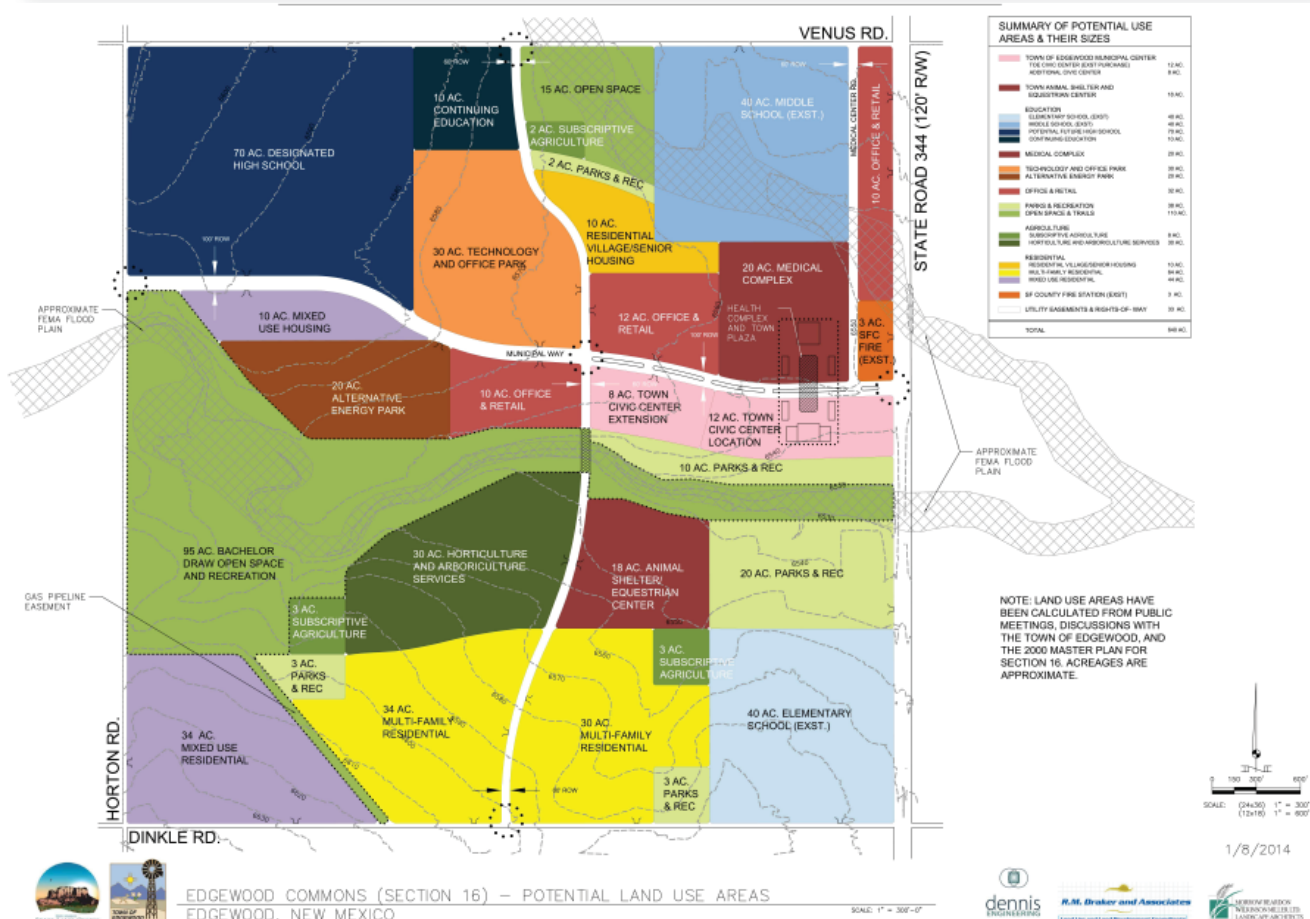
used for utilities is occupied by the wastewater treatment plant. While the facility is adequate to service current commercial needs along NM 333 and NM 344 just north of I-40, should major commercial uses develop further north, additional facilities may be necessary. Goal D of this comprehensive plan addresses planning for the Town's future wastewater treatment needs (p.71).

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE LAND USE

Edgewood is home to approximately 916 acres of parks and recreational open space, including Poker Draw Park containing 695 acres of State Land Office land, Venus Park in Section 16, and Bassett Park. Additionally, the Town boundary abuts E.C.H.O. Ridge Park, formerly referred to as Section 34, consisting of 248 acres of Bureau of Land Management open space that is currently being leased by the Town. These recreational assets will serve the Town

A recurring topic of discussion at the comprehensive plan public workshops was the development of a physical Town center, where recreation and other community uses could be clustered. Section 16 emerged as the appropriate location for this Town center. This would necessitate changes to the current Section 16 Master Plan. The Plan may already need to be revisited regardless of the Town center being developed there since conditions on the ground have changed considerably, and no longer reflect the Plan. The majority of the land on Section 16 is owned by the State Land Office, which has the authority to sell or lease it. The Town owns 12 acres of land on the section. Current land uses on Section 16 include the Town offices and library, the soccer complex, fire station, judicial complex, animal control, the Road Department building, Edgewood Middle School, First Choice Medical Center, and the old First Choice building, which is being redeveloped as a behavioral health center. Goal G of this comprehensive plan addresses developing a physical town center and revisiting the conceptual design for Section 16 (p.73).

In 2016, the Town was awarded Transportation Alternatives Project (TAP) RTP funding to repurpose an old trestle bridge across Bachelor Draw on Section 16. The Draw funnels rainwater from over 10 miles away under NM 344, rendering passage to the other side unsafe. Bachelor Draw runs from west to east, separating the Edgewood Town Commons Recreational Facilities and Municipal Town Center. The bridge will improve bicycle and pedestrian access between the municipal facilities and recreational amenities. The project is due to be completed in 2020.



as it grows in population and can be further developed to meet Edgewood's changing needs. About 75 percent of questionnaire respondents supported or strongly supported the statement "More public parks are needed in Edgewood with amenities such as playgrounds, dog parks, and sports fields," and a similar number of respondents supported or strongly supported the statement, "More recreational open spaces are needed in the Edgewood area." Developing a community-wide system of recreation and park facilities is addressed in Goal F of this comprehensive plan (p.72).

AGRICULTURE LAND USE

Although bean farming played a key role in Edgewood's historical development and economy prior to the 1950s, irrigated agriculture is no longer present in the Town. The approximately 1,237 acres of land (about 3.48 percent) that are in agricultural use are used for grazing livestock.

VACANT LAND USE

Seventy percent of the land in Edgewood is vacant, most of it privately owned. About 65 percent of this vacant land is zoned for master planned development, which would likely prominently feature residential development, and an additional 23 percent of this land is zoned for residential uses. A high percentage of vacant land has both positive and negative implications for the Town. While the abundance of vacant land means that Edgewood is poised to absorb future development, this huge potential for long-term growth should be a major concern to the Town governing body in terms of the impact of new residential development on water resources, traffic carrying capacity of roads, and community demands for services and facilities.



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CHAPTER 3

TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS

Demographic Projections

Employment Forecast

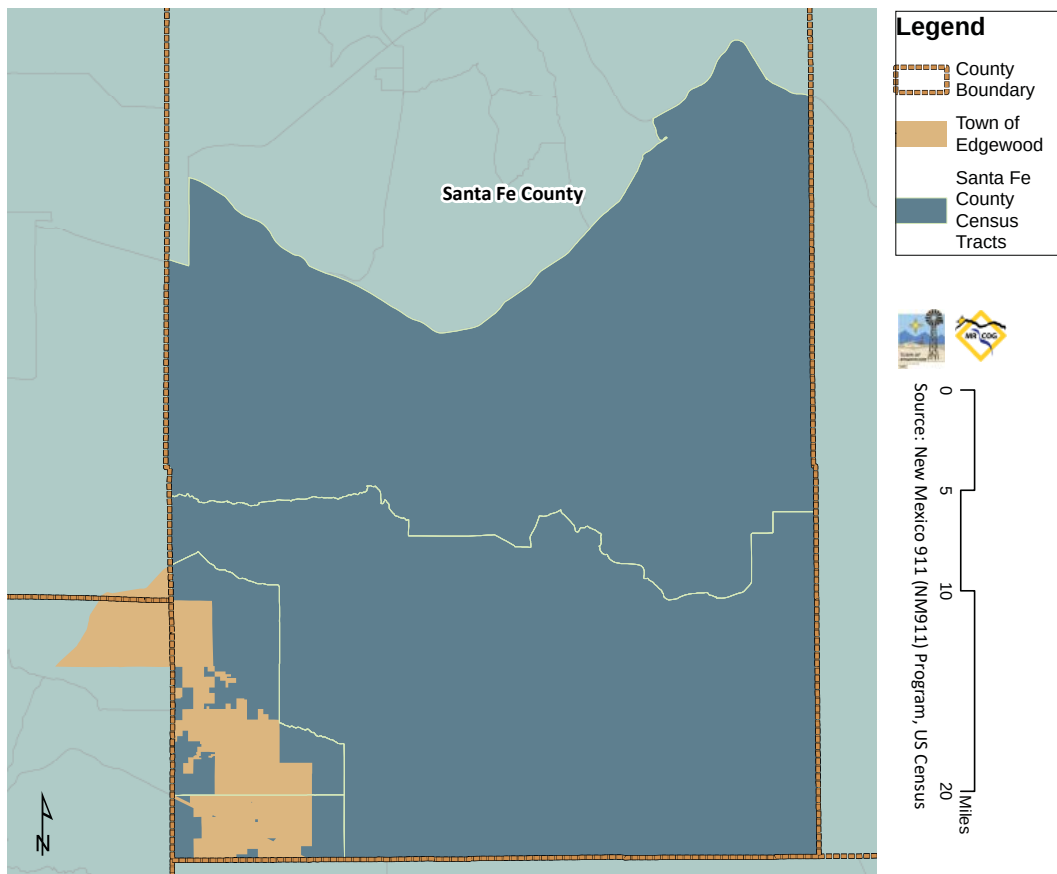
Future development patterns in the community are based on demographic characteristics used to forecast population change and create possible future scenarios. This is an essential step in the comprehensive planning process. Chapter 3 of this Plan displays the methodology and results of forecasting population change and other demographic characteristics. Development trends, based on assumptions regarding land use changes, are discussed as possible scenarios for the future.

Demographic Projections

Projections of population, housing, and employment for the year 2040 were prepared by the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) to update and replace the projections that were done for the comprehensive plan adopted in 2008. Following the incorporation of the Town in 1999, Edgewood had undergone a variety of changes associated with a growing community, such as territorial expansion (i.e., annexation, discussed in more detail in Chapter 2), escalation of public services, new community infrastructure planning and development, and increasing densities of land use.

With several small exceptions, the Town's 2017 annexation effectively filled in its previous "swiss-cheese" pattern of unincorporated land within the Town's boundaries. Due to this boundary change taking place prior to the 2020 Census' complete population count, a group of Census tracts that make up Southern Santa Fe (SSF) County were used to estimate and project Edgewood's population. Figure 31 shows the Census tracts used in this analysis. The northwest section of Edgewood located in Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties was excluded from this analysis due to the current lack of population.

Figure 31: Analysis Area, Population Projections



Population and Housing Forecast

Growth in Southern Santa Fe County in the 1990s was fast paced, averaging 11 percent per year, much faster than Santa Fe County as a whole. The 2000s saw Southern Santa Fe County growth fall to nearly the same rate as the rest of Santa Fe County, around 1 percent. According

to the Census Bureau's Annual Population Estimates, the Town of Edgewood's Population grew from 3,764 in 2010 to 3,892 people by 2017.

The 2017 annexation brought an estimated 887 housing units into the Town¹. MRCOG estimates the annexation added an additional 2,210 people to the Town, bringing Edgewood's estimated total population to 6,102 for 2017².

Table 8: Population Growth, Santa Fe County

Decennial Census Population	1990	2000	2010
SSF Census Tracts	5,127	10,755	11,874
% Annual Avg Growth		11.0%	1.0%
Santa Fe County	98,928	129,292	144,170
% Annual Avg Growth		3.1%	1.2%

Source: Decennial Census 1990, 2000, and 2010

¹The number of housing units was estimated by counting the number of units in the annexed areas from the 2010 Census block level data and then the annexed population was estimated to grow at the same rate as Edgewood's population already within the municipal limits.

²This estimate is made assuming that the annexed portion of Edgewood has the same occupancy rate and average household size as pre-annex Edgewood as well as grew at the same rate of the Census PEP estimate for pre-annex Edgewood 2010 to 2017.

Table 9: Population Estimates, 2010-2017

Population Estimates	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average
Edgewood pre-annex	3,764	3,788	3,815	3,827	3,841	3,846	3,866	3,892	
Annex	2,137	2,151	2,166	2,173	2,181	2,184	2,195	2,210	
Edgewood Total	5,901	5,939	5,981	6,000	6,022	6,030	6,061	6,102	
% change		0.6%	0.7%	0.3%	0.4%	0.1%	0.5%	0.7%	0.5%
Santa Fe County	144,523	145,442	146,169	146,616	146,983	147,276	147,943	148,750	
% change		0.6%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%
Torrance County	16,397	16,408	16,094	15,704	15,550	15,482	15,426	15,506	
% change		0.1%	-1.9%	-2.4%	-1.0%	-0.4%	-0.4%	0.5%	-0.8%
Albuquerque MSA	889,570	896,838	900,368	902,083	902,069	903,489	906,877	910,726	
% change		0.8%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%

Source: Census Bureau Annual Population Estimates Program 2010-2017

Edgewood has grown at a similar rate (0.5 percent annual average) to the rest of Santa Fe County (0.4 percent annual average). It has grown faster than the Albuquerque Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and not experienced the loss of population that nearby Torrance County has seen.

The Town of Edgewood population projection for 2040 is 7,162. This projection was created by taking the 2017 estimated population of Edgewood of 6,102 and growing it at the same rate of the GPS Santa Fe County projection.

Figure 32: Edgewood Population Projection

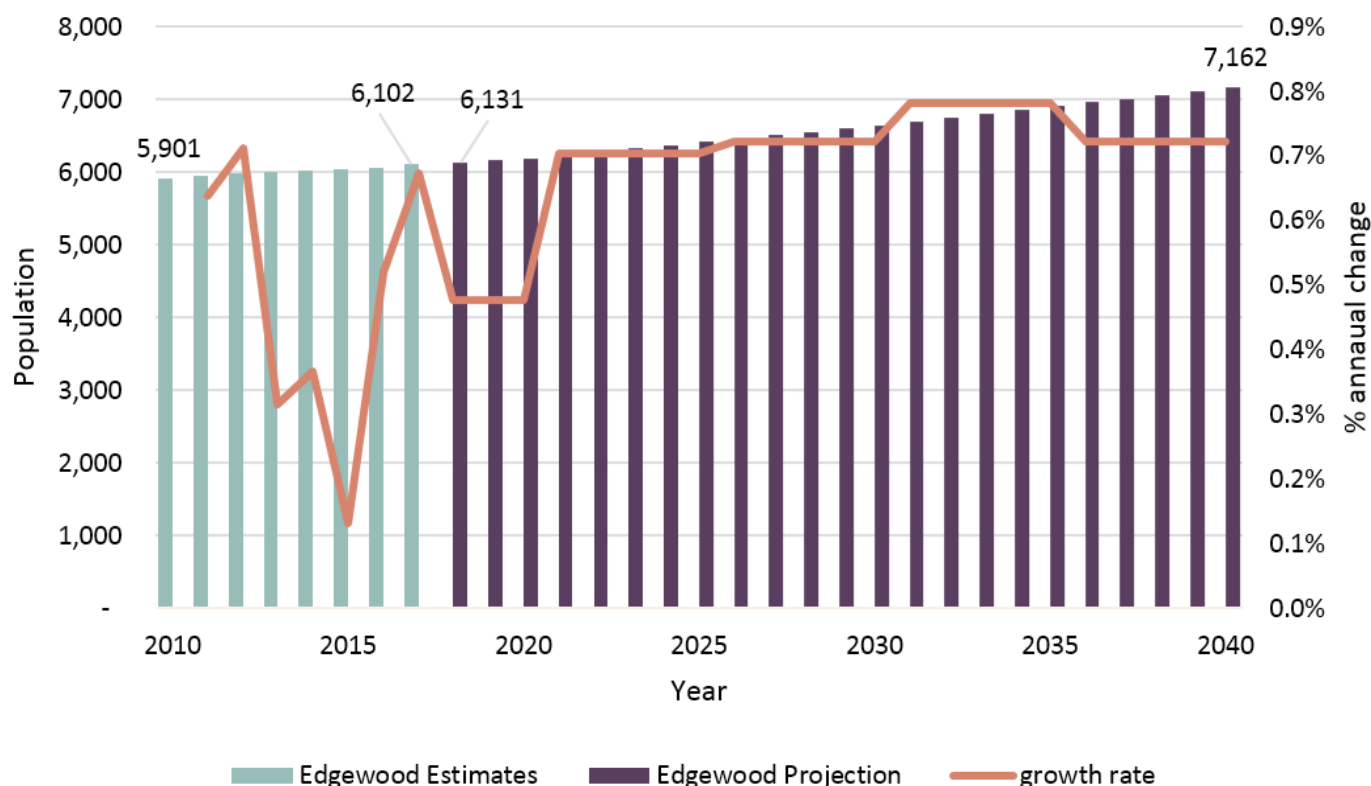


Table 10: Edgewood and Santa Fe County Population, 2010-2040

	Census Count	Census PEP Estimate	Projections				
	2010	2017	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Santa Fe County	144,523	148,750	151,767	157,104	162,782	169,142	175,242
Edgewood Pre-Annex	3,764	3,892	3,948	4,089	4,239	4,407	4,568
Annex	2,137	2,210	2,241	2,321	2,406	2,502	2,593
Edgewood Total	5,901	6,102	6,189	6,410	6,645	6,909	7,162
% of SF County	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%

Source: Census Bureau Annual Population Estimates 2017, Decennial Census 2010, UNM-GPS County Population Projections

The projected average annual growth rate for Edgewood is 0.7% from 2017 to 2040 which is slightly lower than Southern Santa Fe County's annual average growth rate from 2000-2010 of 1.0% but higher than Edgewood's growth rate from 2010-2017 of 0.5%. Edgewood will not quite be growing at the rate it was during the housing bubble years in the early 2000s but will be growing slightly faster than it has during the economic downturn of the late 2000's and early 2010's.

Assuming household sizes and occupancy rates remain similar, Edgewood will add 420 housing units by 2040. The current average household size is 2.74 and occupancy is 92% according to the Census American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-year estimates. 420 housing units by 2040 breaks down to an average of 22 housing units per year. According to building permit data from 1990-2017¹, 25 housing units per year were added on average to the Southern Santa Fe Area, most of which were within



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²Building permit data provided by the NM Regulation and Licensing Department Construction Industries Division, includes years when the data was available.

Edgewood Town limits. The 1990-2017 housing unit building trend (25 units per year) closely matches the projection (22 units per year).

Table 10 shows a households and housing units projection for Edgewood by applying the current household size (2.74) and occupancy rate (92%) to the population projections. This method assumes that Edgewood continues to have no population living in group quarters.

The Campbell Ranch Master Plan played a key

role in the population and housing forecasts created for the 2008 comprehensive plan. In the 2008 plan, MRCOG projected 4,263 people and 1,724 housing units in Campbell Ranch by the year 2030. Due to Campbell Ranch’s current position concerning water rights necessary for development, the area was not included in these projections. Should conditions change and development occur in Campbell Ranch, then an adjustment of the forecast can be done in the future.

Table 11: Edgewood Population, Households and Housing Units, 2017 and 2040

Edgewood Projection	2017	2040
Population	6,102	7,162
Households	2,227	2,614
Housing Units	2,421	2,841

Source: MRMPO, UNM GPS County Population Projections



Photo courtesy of Sarah Demsich.

Employment Forecast

The Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) created a 2040 employment projection for the Town of Edgewood. Data sources that were used to inform this projection include the MRCOG 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2017 Revision (2040 MTP) and the University of New Mexico Bureau of Business and Economic Research (UNM BBER). The employment projection for the Town of Edgewood for 2040 is 1,246 jobs. The projection was created by MRCOG using the Urbansim Land Use Model.

According to the 2040 MTP 2017 revision, Edgewood had 1,120 jobs in 2012 which was predicted to grow to 1,201 by 2040, at an annual average growth rate of 0.3 percent. The projection was created by allocating regional job growth to parcels using the Urbansim Land Use Model.

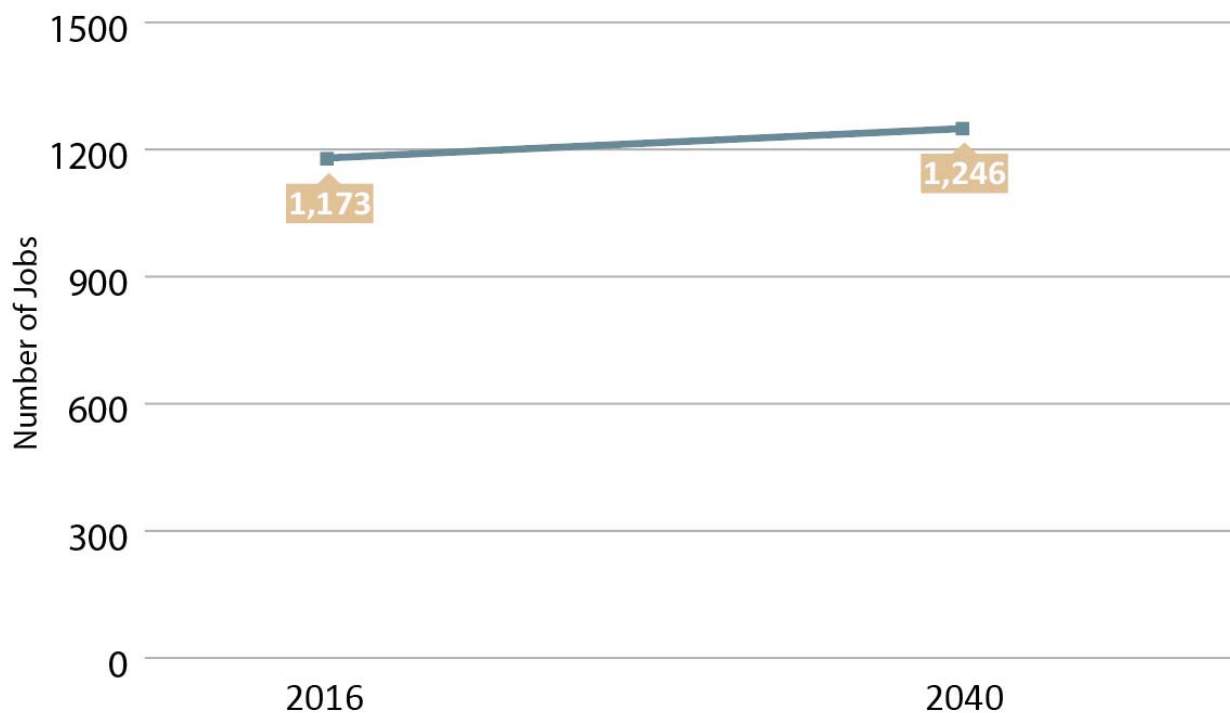
The 2016 employment estimate of 1,173 was created using data from Infogroup that was

revised and verified by the Town of Edgewood for accuracy.

The 2040 employment projection applies the annual average employment growth rate of 0.3 percent to the updated 2016 employment estimate for Edgewood. Using this method, employment grows from 1,173 jobs in 2016 to 1,246 jobs in 2040.

UNM BBER releases 10 year employment projections by county. The 2016-2026 projection for Santa Fe county predicts the county to grow from 65,230 jobs to 69,080 jobs, a 0.6 percent annual average growth rate. If Edgewood grows at the same rate as Santa Fe County and the trend continues out to 2040, Edgewood would be predicted to grow to 1,339 jobs. The BBER projection is only slightly larger than the MRCOG projection, providing a good reality check and increased confidence in the MRCOG projection.

Figure 33: Jobs in Edgewood, 2016 and 2040



Source: MRCOG

CHAPTER 4

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND ACTION STRATEGIES

Overview of Goals and Objectives

Overview of Action Strategies

Adopted Goals, Objectives, Action Strategies, and Timeframe

Overview of Goals and Objectives

Goals are broad, visionary statements describing a desirable and sometimes idealized future condition of the community. Each goal can be further defined by one or more objectives for achieving that goal. The combination of goals and objectives has been used in this document to establish a common understanding of the community's expectations regarding growth and development in Edgewood. The goals and objectives of this comprehensive plan were passed by resolution of the Town Council on June 19, 2019 (Resolution No. 2019-11), included as Appendix A of this plan.

Public involvement was crucial to the development of the goals and objectives in this comprehensive plan. To make certain there were opportunities for public input and participation in drafting the goals and objectives, a steering committee was activated, a public opinion questionnaire was prepared and made available online to the community, and subsequently three public workshops (November 13, 20, and December 4, 2018) were held to further delve into the topics addressed in the questionnaire. The results and findings of the questionnaire were documented in a report titled Questionnaire Report: Public Opinion About Future Development (MRCOG, 2019).

Through the public participation process, Edgewood residents painted a picture of what they envision for development in the Town over the next 20 years. While residents express a desire for enhancements to public

facilities, a greater variety of housing types to suit different needs, and higher paying jobs in the Town, residents want the Town to preserve the small town, rural feel that they associate with Edgewood. Write-in comments from the Questionnaire cite the strong sense of community, country/small town feel, access to the outdoors, views of the mountains, and dark night skies as things they would like to maintain in Edgewood for the future.

Workshop participants identified “sustainability” as the principle that unifies and should underlie the Town’s various goals, and the objectives for those goals. This means providing for the needs of a diverse population, protecting natural resources, creating new jobs, and maintaining an educated work force. Striving to preserve and enhance Edgewood’s small town and rural character, while making the Town more sustainable is the framework of the following

goals and objectives.

The goals and objectives have been grouped under the following topics:

- **Public Facilities and Services**

Natural resources

Health

Utilities

Recreation

Transportation

Public Safety

- **Economic Development**
- **Housing**

The objectives are numbered for organizational purposes, and do not indicate priority.



Public workshop on the comprehensive plan's goals and objectives, November 13, 2018.



Comprehensive plan kick-off meeting, September 11, 2018.

Overview of Action Strategies

Achieving broad community goals by attaining measurable objectives does not happen by accident; it is the result of undertaking specific actions toward these objectives. The following are potential actions that can be taken by the Town to work toward the goals of this comprehensive plan. The plan's action strategies were adopted by resolution of the Town Council on June 19, 2019 (Resolution No. 2019-12), included as Appendix B of this plan.

The action strategies in this section were initially prepared as a collaborative effort between the Town staff and the plan's Steering Committee. They were further vetted at a public workshop on April 12, 2019, prior to recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission and then formal adoption by resolution by the Town Council on June 19, 2019 (2019-12). The Resolution is included as Appendix B of this plan.

Additionally, the Town Council ranked these actions by the following preferred time frames:

- Short-range: One to five years
- Medium-range: Five to ten years
- Long-range: Ten to twenty years
- Ongoing

The Council members voted on their preferred timeframe for each action strategy, with the mayor being the tie-breaking vote where applicable.

Although many of the recommendations require the Town to pursue new initiatives, some recommendations are currently in progress but should be continued or taken to different levels of effort. Also, there are recommendations that require the development of more specialized plans such as a master plan.



Public workshop on the comprehensive plan's goals and objectives, December 4, 2018.

Adopted Goals, Objectives, Action Strategies, and Timeframe

Public Services and Facilities

Since the previous Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2008, the Town has done a great deal to improve and expand its facilities and services. The goals and objectives in this section aim to strengthen what is already there and add several amenities that the community has identified. Questionnaire respondents cited many amenities they would like to see in Edgewood in the future. While many amenities such as restaurants will not be provided by the Town, laying the groundwork by making long range utilities plans, for example, will help

enable more growth in certain appropriate areas while protecting Edgewood’s small town, rural character. The need to develop a physical center for the Town on Section 16 was identified at the public meetings. Revising the Section 16 Master Plan as needed and tying it into long range utilities planning will support the Master Plan’s development goals and enhance the strong sense of community already present in Edgewood.

Natural Resources

Goal A: Balance community development with protecting the natural resources and aesthetics of the Edgewood area.

Objective 1	Strategies	Timeframe
Reduce the potential for air, light, or noise pollution caused by development or land use activities.	• Town will make necessary ordinance changes to ensure new developments address fugitive dust during construction.	1-5 Years
	• Town will continue to enforce noise regulations.	Ongoing
	• Town will continue to enforce dark skies ordinance.	Ongoing
Objective 2		
Collaborate regionally on water conservation and a drought contingency plan.	• Town will work with soil and water conservation districts and other relevant entities to develop a regional water conservation and drought contingency plan.	5-10 Years
Objective 3		
Encourage rainwater harvesting and appropriate use of grey water in the community.	• Town will provide information about rainwater harvesting and the appropriate use of grey water on the Town website.	1-5 Years

Objective 4	Strategies	Timeframe
Town will continue the collection and treatment of wastewater in appropriate areas of the community to protect groundwater from contamination.	Town will continue to upgrade or add facilities as needed and as funding allows.	Ongoing
	Town will amend relevant ordinances to ensure safe and healthy operation of septic systems throughout the Town.	5-10 Years
Objective 5		
Town will continue to remedy drainage issues on public property as they occur.	Town will continue to maintain natural drainage pathways.	Ongoing
	Town will update and review the drainage ordinance on a regular basis.	Ongoing
	Town will work with other governmental entities to address issues where they may have jurisdiction.	Ongoing
Objective 6		
Town will proactively seek to preserve significant ridgelines, topographic, and scenic features.	Town will investigate potential steep slope regulations to provide for safe development.	5-10 Years

Goal B: Support health and social services in the community.

Objective 1		
Support the availability of health, wellness, and medical services and facilities in the Edgewood community.	Town will work with local health entities to identify gaps in services.	1-5 Years
	Town will maintain representation on county or regional health commissions or boards.	Ongoing
Objective 2		
Continue to support medical transportation services available in Edgewood and study the feasibility of expansion.	Town will provide information about available services on the Town of Edgewood website.	1-5 Years
	Town will encourage the North Central Regional Transit District to perform periodic needs assessments for on-demand services in Edgewood.	Ongoing
	Town will encourage the North Central Regional Transit District to act on needs assessment findings where appropriate.	Ongoing

Objective 3	Strategies	Timeframe
Build a municipal cemetery.	Town will study the feasibility of a municipal cemetery.	1-5 Years

Goal C: Plan for the long-range water needs of the community.

Objective 1		
Town will study development of additional water resources.	Town will continue to work with local and regional water authorities on the development of a water resources study.	Ongoing
	Town will seek out funding sources for water infrastructure where appropriate.	Ongoing
	Town will collaborate with private entities where appropriate.	Ongoing

Goal D: Plan for its future wastewater treatment needs.

Objective 1		
Town will study how best to address wastewater management.	Town will work with commercial businesses to bring them into compliance with wastewater ordinance.	Ongoing
Objective 2:		
Town will identify the future wastewater treatment needs of commercial areas.	Town will provide education to users on how to support the health of the wastewater treatment plant.	Ongoing
	Town will explore potential funding sources for wastewater infrastructure.	Ongoing

Goal E: Maintain a public utility infrastructure that will preserve and enhance the natural and visual setting of Edgewood.

Objective 1		
Encourage utilities to be installed underground.	Town will work with public utility companies to put utilities underground where feasible.	Ongoing
	Town will review ordinances and consider language that addresses locating utilities for new developments underground.	1-5 Years

Objective 2

Regulate the height, location, and lighting of utility structures such as power lines and telecommunication towers.

- Town will continue to enforce the cell tower and dark skies ordinances.
- Town will review and revise cell tower ordinance where appropriate.

Ongoing

1-5 Years

Goal F: Develop a community-wide system of recreation and park facilities.

Objective 1

Identify, protect, and if necessary, acquire open space areas, easements, and parks to preserve natural and scenic assets for the community.

Strategies

- Town will complete and adopt a Town of Edgewood Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan.
- Town will continue to pursue the purchase of open spaces for recreation.

Timeframe

1-5 Years

Ongoing

Objective 2

Improve and expand existing outdoor recreational facilities such as parks, sports fields, multi-purpose play areas, and recreational trails; and secure indoor recreational facilities to accommodate a variety of year-round needs.

- Town will prioritize recreational facilities projects and identify funding for prioritized projects.
- Town will pursue regional collaboration on appropriate projects on facilities and services.
- Town will pursue collaboration with counties on providing appropriate recreational facilities and services.

1-5 Years

Ongoing

Ongoing

Objective 3

Implement a trails plan to improve connectivity in the Town, to be referenced in proposed developments and recreational facility development.

- Town will complete and adopt a Town of Edgewood Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan.
- Town will incorporate Town of Edgewood Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan elements into relevant design guidelines.

1-5 Years

1-5 Years

Objective 4

Offer diverse recreational opportunities that include the arts, health and fitness, and leisure activities for a variety of populations and age groups.

- Town will identify recreational facilities, projects, and programming, and identify funding for prioritized projects.
- Town will seek to provide recreational activities and programming for all ages.

Ongoing

Ongoing

Objective 4 (Continued)	Strategies	Timeframe
	Town will pursue regional and county collaboration on appropriate facilities, services, and projects.	1-5 Years
	Town will support the Parks and Recreation Department in its pursuit of grant funding.	Ongoing

Objective 5

Determine the feasibility of various water recreation options for the community.

Town will investigate the feasibility of various water recreation options.	1-5 Years
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Goal G: Develop a physical town center, with a town square and activities.

Objective 1

Revisit the conceptual design of Section 16.

Town will identify funding for redesign process.	1-5 Years
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Goal H: Maintain a street network to meet the current and future transportation needs for the Edgewood community.

Objective 1

Adopt a long-range roads and trails system plan for the Town and surrounding region.

Town will identify funding for long-range roads and trails system plan.	5-10 Years
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Objective 2

Refine the rating system used to evaluate roads and trails to prioritize them for improvement.

Town will include the feasibility of trails in the system it uses to prioritize roads for improvement.	1-5 Years
Town will study the feasibility of taking on private roads.	1-5 Years

Objective 3

Develop road and trail design standards for the Town appropriate to local needs, that enhance transportation for all users.

Town will identify funding for long-range roads and trails system plan.	1-5 Years
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Goal I: Provide a variety of transportation services and facilities.

Objective 1

Continue to develop partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies as well as seek alternative sources of funding in order to expand and maintain a system of bikeways, pedestrian, and equestrian trails in the Town with connections to regional systems where possible and with minimal impact to property owners.

Strategies

- Town will complete and adopt a Town of Edgewood Trails Plan.
- Town will prioritize recreational facilities projects and identify funding for prioritized projects.
- Town will identify funding for long-range roads and trails system plan.

Timeframe

5-10 Years

1-5 Years

5-10 Years

Objective 2

Town will work to keep the roadways clear for safe travel.

Strategies

- Town will work with Santa Fe County and other entities as appropriate to coordinate snow removal.
- Town will continue to adhere to the roads maintenance schedule.

Timeframe

Ongoing

Ongoing

Objective 3

Support Regional Transit Districts that effectively serve the Edgewood community.

- Town will provide schedule information on the Town of Edgewood website.
- Town will maintain representation on the North Central Regional Transit District Board.

Ongoing

Ongoing

Goal J: Improve police, fire, rescue and public safety services in the Town.

Objective 1

Provide for coordinated emergency rescue services in Edgewood.

- Town will continue to seek opportunities for cross-jurisdictional partnerships.

Ongoing

Objective 2

Refine the rating system used to Develop an emergency plan for Edgewood, including communications with citizens in cases of emergencies.

- Town will identify method of communication with citizens in case of emergencies and secure funding if necessary.
- Town will pursue the development of a coordinated emergency plan that is consistent Santa Fe County and other entities where appropriate.

1-5 Years

1-5 Years

Objective 3	Strategies	Timeframe
Retain and attract qualified police and emergency responders.	Town will work with first responders to identify needs and develop potential incentives to retain and attract qualified police and emergency responders.	Ongoing
Objective 4		
Increase the Town's capacity for effective code enforcement.	- Town will review relevant ordinances and update as necessary for more effective enforcement. - Town will seek funding for clean-up projects for blighted properties. - Town will seek cost-effective methods for blighted property clean-up.	1-5 Years 5-10 Years 5-10 Years

Economic Development

While many Edgewood residents either work elsewhere, such as Albuquerque, or are retired, diversifying the types of jobs in Edgewood will help maintain a stable tax base and increase employment opportunities for residents. Workshop participants expressed the desire for higher paying jobs in Edgewood, as well as to

enhance the educational opportunities available in Town for all ages. In addition to increasing job and educational access, three quarters of Questionnaire respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the Town should strive to present an inviting community image in commercial areas.

Goal K: Ensure land use compatibility for new development.

Objective 1	Strategies	Timeframe
Identify appropriate areas for cluster development of commercial, business, governmental, institutional, or mixed-use development with direct access to major arterials.	Town will develop a commercial overlay zone.	1-5 Years

Goal L: Present an inviting aesthetic in commercial areas and public spaces.

Objective 1

Develop design guidelines to improve the appearance of buildings and structures and to maintain rural characteristics in the Town of Edgewood.

- Town will work with New Mexico Main Street to develop and adopt design guidelines.

1-5 Years

Housing

A recurring theme at the public workshops both in discussions of housing and economic development was creating conditions (largely through modifications to the zoning code) that would allow for more diverse housing options in order to accommodate a variety of preferences and needs. Questionnaire respondents did not

show support for large apartment complexes, however limited multiple housing units and homes on smaller lots in appropriate areas could help diversify housing options in the Town without drastically altering its small town and rural character.

Goal M: Present an inviting aesthetic in commercial areas and public spaces. Ensure a strong and diverse local economy.

Objective 1

Review and revise local ordinances to aid the retention and expansion of local businesses.

- Town will work with local organizations to identify necessary ordinance changes.

Ongoing

Objective 2

Establish or support a local organization and process for targeting and recruiting new businesses and industries to locate in the Edgewood community, particularly those that serve local needs and provide higher-wage jobs.

- Town will work with local organizations to recruit new businesses.

Ongoing

Objective 3

Research and develop programs that use current and future recreational and environmental assets of the Edgewood area to attract visitors and tourists.

- Town will work with local organizations to identify strategies to attract visitors and tourists.

Ongoing

Objective 4	Strategies	Timeframe
Identify appropriate areas for light industrial activities, minimize off-site impacts on surrounding lands, and ensure that adequate water, access, and other infrastructure needs can be met.	Town will identify and work to rezone relevant properties.	1-5 Years
	Town will pursue funding opportunities to develop infrastructure for industrial land.	1-5 Years
Objective 5		
Improve Internet access in Edgewood.	Town will identify resources to improve internet access in the Town.	Ongoing

Goal N: Support the development of a diverse and qualified workforce residing in Edgewood.

Objective 1		
Support local programs to improve workforce skills and abilities of residents through adult education programs.	Town and residents will continue to bring adult education programs to the Town.	Ongoing
Objective 2		
Promote job training programs through partnerships with educational institutions and local businesses.	Town will create partnerships with local workforce organizations, educational institutions, and businesses to promote job training programs.	1-5 Years
Objective 3		
Research and support programs that could facilitate training and employment opportunities for youth in the community.	Town will work with local workforce organizations to promote local job training programs.	1-5 Years
Objective 4		
Partner with educational institutions and community members to coordinate and collaborate on educational services and facilities.	Town will work with local schools and districts to collaborate on educational services and facilities.	Ongoing
	Town will seek ways to provide GED prep programs in Edgewood.	1-5 Years

Goal O: Support a variety of housing and residential opportunities for Edgewood residents.

Objective 1

Allow limited multiple-housing units designed in a manner that would integrate with surrounding neighborhoods.

Strategies

- Town will work to create design standards to help new multiple-housing units to integrate with surrounding neighborhoods.

Timeframe

Ongoing

Objective 2

Support special housing opportunities for first time home buyers, the elderly, and other special needs populations.

- Town will evaluate zoning ordinance to ensure zoning can accommodate these uses.

1-5 Years

Objective 3

Plan for a full spectrum of residential lot sizes.

- Town will review zoning ordinance and update as needed to plan for a full spectrum of residential lot sizes.

1-5 Years

APPENDIX A

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-11 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE TOWN OF EDGEWOOD COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Edgewood has entered into a Professional Services Agreement with the Mid-Regional Council of Governments (MRCOG) to establish an organizational structure and carry out a process for updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Edgewood Planning & Zoning Commission and various members of the community have been working as a steering committee with the staff of the MRCOG on updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan since August 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Edgewood has engaged in numerous activities to solicit community input through public meetings, opinion survey, and public workshops; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the MRCOG, in consultation with the Town of Edgewood Planning & Zoning Commission, members from the community and the Town staff, have reviewed relevant documents and reports concerning the Town, evaluated statistical data, conducted research concerning the Town and its surrounding area, and have incorporated all public input into the development of Goals and Objectives for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and

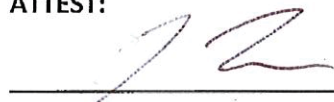
WHEREAS, Goals and Objectives for the Town of Edgewood Comprehensive Land Use Plan have been formulated to define the Town's vision and suggest a means to achieve that vision, have been endorsed and are recommended by the Town of Edgewood Planning & Zoning Commission, and will be used to provide a basis for strategic planning recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 2019-11, A Resolution Adopting Goals and Objectives for the Town of Edgewood Comprehensive Land Use Plan will repeal and replace Resolution 2019-04 A Resolution Adopting Goals and Objectives for the Town of Edgewood Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

PASSED, ADOPTED, and APPROVED this 19th day of June 2019, by the Town Council of the Town of Edgewood, New Mexico.


John Bassett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Juan Torres, Clerk-Treasurer

APPENDIX B

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ACTION STRATEGIES FOR THE TOWN OF EDGEWOOD COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

WHEREAS, The Town of Edgewood has entered into a Professional Services Agreement with the Mid-Regional Council of Governments (MRCOG) to establish an organizational structure and carry out a process for updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Edgewood Planning & Zoning Commission and various members of the community have been working as a steering committee with the staff of the MRCOG on updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan since August 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Edgewood has engaged in numerous activities to solicit community input through public meetings, opinion survey, and public workshops; and

WHEREAS, the staff of MRCOG, in consultation with the Town of Edgewood Planning & Zoning Commission, members from the community and the Town staff, have reviewed relevant documents and reports concerning the Town, evaluated statistical data, conducted research concerning the Town and its surrounding area, and have incorporated all public input into the development of the Action Strategies for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and

WHEREAS, Action Strategies for the Town of Edgewood Comprehensive Land Use Plan have been formulated to define the Town's vision and suggest a means to achieve that vision, have been endorsed and are recommended by the Town of Edgewood Planning & Zoning Commission, and will be used to provide a basis for strategic planning recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Edgewood Town Council does adopt the Action Strategies for the Town of Edgewood Comprehensive Land Use Plan, hereby attached and made a part of this Resolution.

PASSED, ADOPTED, and APPROVED this 19th day of June 2019, by the Town Council of the Town of Edgewood, New Mexico.



John Bassett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Juan Torres, Clerk-Treasurer

APPENDIX C

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF EDGEWOOD AND APPROVING THE PLAN FOR PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION.

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Town of Edgewood has been completed following an extensive planning process with the Planning and Zoning Commission, and various members of the community working as a steering committee, and prepared by the staff of the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) under a Professional Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Goals and Objectives for the Town of Edgewood Comprehensive Plan were adopted on February 20, 2019, by the Governing Body to define the Town's vision and suggest a means to achieve that vision; and

WHEREAS, Action Plan Strategies from the Town of Edgewood Comprehensive Plan were adopted June 19, 2019, by the Governing Body to identify the key proposed strategies, and potential policy directives for the Town; and

WHEREAS, a public information and citizen input process was carried out to ensure general public acceptance of the Town of Edgewood Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and

WHEREAS, all the required components of the Town of Edgewood Comprehensive Land Use Plan have been reviewed for completeness and factual information in a comprehensive document accessible to the citizens of Edgewood; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Edgewood Comprehensive Land Use Plan will provide guidance for establishing policy and implementation strategies for future development in the Town, for providing framework for special projects and programs for the Town, and for promoting a consistency with other plans at local, regional, state and federal levels.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body does hereby adopt the Town of Edgewood Comprehensive Land Use Plan, attached and made a part of this Resolution, and approves such Plan for general public distribution.

PASSED, ADOPTED, and APPROVED this 11th day of January 2020, by the Governing Body of the Town of Edgewood, New Mexico.



John Bassett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juan Torres, Clerk-Treasurer



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