

CITY OF FARMINGTON

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The City of Farmington is situated in the northwest portion of the State of New Mexico. The City is the center of population of San Juan County. The municipality is located in the northcentral part of the county, at the junctions of U. S. Highways 550 and 64. In addition to these major highways, New Mexico 371 extends south from Farmington and presently links the City with the Navajo Irrigation Project. This highway will also serve as the major route between the City and the proposed gasification projects.

Table No. 1 summarizes population forecasts which were included in the City's Water Master Plan of 1974. The high projection of 35,790 for 1977 approximates the current population estimate. This represents an increase of better than 60 percent over the 1970 population of 21,979.

Graph No. 1 depicts population projections for both Farmington and San Juan County, to the year 1985.

II. Economic Development

San Juan County is endowed with an abundance of natural resources which are, at present, in the early stages of economic development, and ultimately will result in a rapid growth of jobs and population. The evidence points out that the projected population growth will be a long-lasting versus a temporary surge.

The economy of San Juan County is well diversified and depends mainly on trade, government construction, oil and gas production, electric power generation and agriculture.