

The planning process is based on a continuum of personal and collective decision making reflected in a shared vision of the community. The identification of goals and the formulation of objectives in support of these goals is the first part in the process to establish a common vision. Goal and objective statements provide the policy framework upon which all land use decisions, both now and in the future, must be supported. The Comprehensive Plan is a declaration of intent. It is advisory and does not itself constitute a regulation.

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

To accomplish this community mission, a series of goals and objectives are outlined below. These goals and objectives have been divided into the following categories: Community Character, Economic Development, Environment, Historic Downtown, Open Space, Public Facilities and Services, Residential Neighborhoods, Transportation and Implementation. Each goal is followed by several objectives or specific targets designed to assist the community in pursuing a particular goal.

#### Community Character

**Goal:** Focus on working cooperatively with the school districts in the Village's planning area to address the educational needs of the Community. To support the school districts, the Village shall plan land use in new annexations and developments that provide for growth in the schools.

#### **Objectives:**

- Work with the School Districts on impact fees that will allow for the continuation of quality service.
- Identify school sites in appropriate locations to accommodate additional school facilities.
- Encourage developments with proposed school sites to work with the school district early in the process.
- Encourage and Promote pedestrian access to school sites.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The following is the community mission statement developed through a facilitated workshop with community leaders and citizens:

The Village of Plainfield promotes a friendly, safe and diverse community; offering a variety of cultural opportunities and a high quality of living. Plainfield will maintain its commitment to strengthening community spirit and embrace its historic character while improving transportation options, increasing access to services, and enhancing open space.



**Goal:** Enhance community design and architecture in existing and new areas of the Village.

**Objectives:**

- Expand and implement the Planned Unit Development Design Guidelines developed by Linden-Linet Design Group in February 2003 in all new developments.
- Promote the Design Manual for the Lockport Street Business Corridor (also known as Downtown Design Guidelines) prepared by Arris Architects + Planners in August 2000.
- Encourage use of Teng Plan in considering new developments or redevelopment.
- Develop a pattern book to identify architectural elements encouraged in new developments and require additional architectural submittals to ensure developments meet the character envisioned by the Village.
- Set minimum architectural standards to increase diversity and the quality of architecture.



Local Church

**Goal:** Respect and enhance diversity based on the community’s historic reputation as the home to a wide variety of religious institutions.

**Objective:**

- Work with new religious institutions to locate in areas where shared parking and appropriate access can be achieved with minimal disruption of residential neighborhoods, buffers along roadways and the preservation of natural areas.

**Goal:** Encourage the establishment of new cultural events, institutions and organizations while maintaining civic traditions and historic character.

**Objective:**

- Work closely with the Chamber of Commerce, the Main Street organization, and other organizations to promote and operate successful events that bring residents together and celebrate Plainfield’s sense of community.

# Policy Framework

## Economic Development

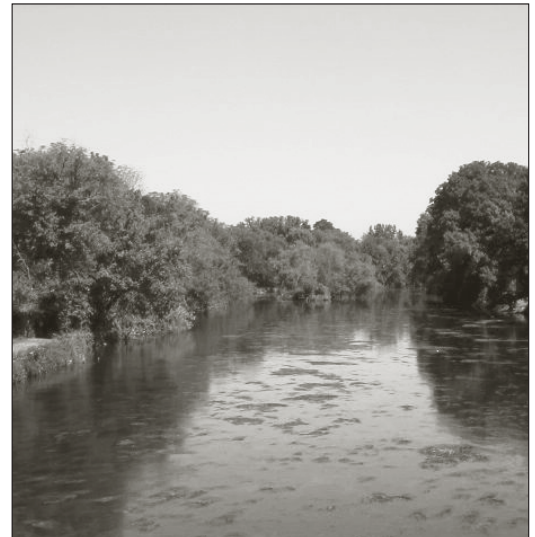
**Goal:** Foster a wide-ranging tax base that increases employment opportunities within Plainfield.

**Objectives:**

- Plan for a new business park and for retail goods and services in locations identified in the Future Land Use Plan.
- Pursue development of a business park near the I-55/Route 30 intersection.
- Pursue development of a health care facility, such as a hospital, to serve residents and create employment opportunities.
- Build a relationship among the Economic Development Commission, the Village Board, the Chamber of Commerce, the School District, Main Street, Downtown Partnership, and the Plainfield business community that encourages the exchange of information.
- Establish an effective Business Recruitment Plan which will promote and market the Village of Plainfield to businesses and developers who are searching for potential sites for their business facility or commercial development.
- Implement a business retention program to retain the industrial and commercial base existing in the Village.
- Maintain current demographic information, a land and building inventory and financing and grant opportunities available for businesses investigating expansion options or seeking a new site for a business and for developers seeking information related to a new retail commercial center.



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DuPage River

**Goal:** Strategically provide convenient business locations to provide residents with desired access to goods and services.

**Objective:**

- Continue land use policies which promote commercial development within the expanded Village Center and a major roadway nodes along Route 59, Route 126, and Route 30.

- Encourage retail on the first floor on Lockport Street in the downtown through such programs as grants and incentives.

## Environment

**Goal:** Enhance the quality of life by building a relationship between human activities and the environment that minimizes the adverse impacts of development on environmental resources and natural areas.

### **Objectives:**

- Limit individual waste water treatment facilities and fields in close proximity to above-ground water bodies and in areas with high water tables.
- Encourage the use of bio-filtration, constructed wetlands, and other natural means of eliminating pollutants in residential and non-residential developments.
- Preserve other natural resources that provide filtering for water bodies, including wetlands, flood plains, shorelines, and forests.
- Work to restore and improve quality of groundwater and minimize the usage of detention/retention ponds by employing Best Management Practices for proper water drainage.
- Protect, preserve and enhance natural areas within new and existing developments, including: natural elevation, swales, creeks, stands of trees, and drainage areas.
- Consider specific soil type in each new development.



Main Street

## Historic Downtown

**Goal:** Protect the character and integrity of the downtown area.

### **Objectives:**

- Establish a historic district.
- Promote the Façade Improvement Program in the TIF District.
- Develop good access to expanded downtown.
- Work to remove truck traffic from Lockport Street.

**Goal:** Focus on expanding the traditional downtown district as the core of the community through cooperative public/private efforts that incorporate historic preservation and new investment.

**Objectives:**

- Use the new Village Hall as a springboard for new mixed-use development within the Village Center.
- Work closely with districts within the downtown to keep important community facilities, such as the Library, in the Village Center.
- Improve the DuPage River Bridge by adding a pedestrian crossing and enhancing the bridge's appearance.
- Work with local property owners to improve access, maintain and enhance existing downtown buildings and to construct new facilities that blend with the character of existing structures.
- Work with local property owners and downtown organizations to implement the next steps identified in the BDI Focus Group Research report dated October 20, 2004.
- Improve bike access to downtown from DuPage River Trail



Wheatland Park

## Open Space

**Goal:** Provide quality, accessible public open space and recreation facilities.

**Objective:**

- Increase community access to and appreciation of the DuPage River, particularly within the Village Center.

**Goal:** Incorporate public parks, facilities and trail throughout the community as part of a comprehensive network of open space.

**Objectives:**

- Create a map of existing and planned open space and multi-purpose trail system in the Village that links growth areas of the community with Plainfield's traditional Village Center, the DuPage River corridor, and other important civic and cultural facilities.

- Incorporate map of planned open space and multi-purpose trail system into the Comprehensive Plan.
- Work with developers and adjoining Park Districts to plan open space in new development which meets local recreational needs while blending into an overall integrated open space system.
- Promote clustered development that provides common open space.
- Carefully evaluate the potential to preserve some of the community's agricultural heritage.
- Actively pursue grants, donations, and dedicated fees to provide for open space acquisition.



Residential Street

## Public Facilities and Services

**Goal:** Promote a quality living and working environment by ensuring facilities and services that are responsive to the needs of citizens and the business community.

### **Objectives:**

- Aggressively work to eliminate radium concerns with the water supply and continue efforts to secure a quality, reliable source of water for new and future residents and businesses.
- Maintain strong community support of police and fire protection services through appropriate expansion to accommodate a growing population.
- Work with the Park Districts, Township government and other organizations to expand services targeted at senior and disabled citizens.
- Work with residents to improve sidewalks and street lighting in all of the community, with special attention to the older parts of the community.
- Evaluate the potential for a community center.

## Residential Neighborhoods

**Goal:** Expand the diversity of quality, attractive, and safe neighborhoods within the Village of Plainfield.

**Objectives:**

- Encourage a mix of residential types including traditional single-family development, cluster development, and planned development.
- Foster a healthy mix of residents from different age groups and cultural backgrounds by encouraging a mix of building types including a variety of traditional single-family detached homes, townhouses, condominiums and apartments.

**Goal:** Encourage neighborhoods with a friendly and comfortable ambiance, including the conservation and enrichment of existing neighborhoods and prudent development of new neighborhoods that are compatible with the character of the Village.

**Objectives:**

- Encourage the establishment of a central place for a neighborhood such as an elementary school, a stand of mature trees, or a recreational area to provide the neighborhood with a distinctive character.
- Neighborhoods should be designed to encourage bicycle and pedestrian movement both within the community and to adjacent communities.
- Link open space and multi-purpose trails between neighborhoods to promote community-wide accessibility.
- Design a transportation hierarchy that minimizes traffic flow through a neighborhood.
- Identify and evaluate the establishment of one or more historic districts.



Traffic Calming Device

**Goal:** Promote local housing opportunities for all levels of the workforce to enhance stability and productivity for workers as well as to attract and retain businesses.

**Objectives:**

- Permit multi-unit housing in areas well served by transportation and with access to goods and services such as downtown and near major commercial nodes.

- Improve the mix of housing types in new subdivisions by encouraging more multi-unit housing.

## Transportation

**Goal:** Provide a well-balanced, efficient, safe and attractive transportation system that allows for the movement of motor vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users throughout Plainfield.

### **Objectives:**

- Enhance Van Dyke Road as a collector roadway with improved intersections and pavement.
- Extend Steiner Road as a north-south minor arterial roadway south of Route 126 and north to 127<sup>th</sup> Street. Connecting with Drauden to the south and Heggs to the north.
- Extend 143<sup>rd</sup> Street as a major east-west collector west to the proposed WIKADUKE Trail.
- Develop access management policies and design standards to support the appropriate functions of each classification of roadway (i.e. regional arterials, community arterials, and collector roadways).
- Provide sufficient pavement width and/or traffic control system to achieve Level of Service C or D at signalized intersections.
- Plan new residential subdivisions to control the amount of non-local or through traffic penetration while providing interconnections to enhance public safety and the feeling of being a part of a larger community.
- Provide traffic calming measures to minimize cut through traffic in neighborhoods.
- Implement a community wide multi-use trail plan consistent with current engineering practices and integrating existing Park District Plans.



Historic Train Station

**Goal:** Encourage inter-governmental cooperation to enhance transportation access into, through and around the Village.

### **Objectives:**

- Work closely with Kendall County, IDOT and neighboring communities to promote development of the WIKADUKE trail.

- Work closely with Metra and other transportation agencies to locate, plan and design a commuter train station to benefit the Village Center on the proposed EJ&E circumferential rail line to link residents with jobs in Naperville and, via transfers, to Chicago.
- Work with PACE to encourage extension of feeder bus routes to transit stations and major employment centers, as well as cost-effective use of on-demand transit services.
- Work with IDOT, Bolingbrook, and the federal highway authority to expand the I-55/Route 126 intersection to a full interchange.
- Work with the Plainfield and Oswegoland Park Districts, the Kendall and Will County Forest Preserve Districts, and the Will County Highway Department to develop a bike trail systems linking neighborhoods to the Village Center, major employment areas, and other key community facilities.
- Work with IDOT and Will County to reroute Route 30 and Route 126 around downtown Plainfield to remove heavy truck traffic.
- Seek grants to fund road improvement projects.
- Work closely with the Plainfield and Oswego School Districts to properly locate new school sites, and plan for future development.

## Implementation

**Goal:** Achieve the Village's goals of high-quality growth by creating an approach to development that provides considerable options on how land is used.

### **Objectives:**

- Work to gain a reputation for approval of development consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- Develop a land use pattern that promotes a balance of residential and nonresidential growth areas.
- Adopt a comprehensive amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.