



**Strategic Plan 2021  
Action Item Update  
August 16, 2019**

**Transportation, Traffic, & Infrastructure**

**Major Accomplishments To Date**

- Expansion of Route 30 & I-55 ramps
- Expansion of Route 30 from Route 59 to I-55
- Complete Streets Plan
- Reconstruction of 127<sup>th</sup> Street from Heggs Road to Route 30
- Plainfield/Naperville Road & Route 59 Intersection Improvements
- Lockport Street Traffic Calming – Mast arm installed
- Downtown Parking Improvements - 35 new spaces were added on Des Plaines Street
- Execution of P3 Agreement with Northern Builders
- Relocation of CN instrumentation equipment to assist with delays and backups
- Lockport Street Bypass Design Phase 1 study
- Meadow Lane/Route 126 Traffic Signal installed
- Downtown Lockport Street refresh – **Phase 1**
- War Memorial Plaza designed and constructed
- Roadway funding sources – New gas tax implemented
- New traffic signal installed at 119<sup>th</sup> Street and Route 30
- **PACE Bus Park-n-Ride – 600 space parking lot and shelter facility constructed**
- **Settlers' Park Refresh – Phase 1 and 2 completed**
- **143<sup>rd</sup> Street (West) Extension – IGA and funding approved**
- **Village Green - Sanitary sewer lining completed**

**Works In Progress (WIP) & Milestones**

- Springbank River Trail
  - The Village Board approved an amendment to the annexation agreement on August 6, 2018.
  - **Coordination with CN and ICC regarding rail crossings is ongoing.**
  - Construction is anticipated to begin in **the Spring of 2020.**
- I-55 Interchange Expansion Phase 1 Engineering Study
  - Phase 1 approval anticipated in 2020.

- Design of Renwick Road from Drauden Road to Route 59
  - Phase 1 approval anticipated in 2019.
  - Phase 2 to be completed in late 2019.
  - Construction anticipated in 2020.
- Installation of a traffic signal at 127<sup>th</sup> Street-Plainfield/Naperville Road intersection
  - Phase 1 approved in 2018.
  - Phase 2 to be completed **Fall 2019.**
  - **Construction to be completed in 2020.**
- **Installation of a traffic signal at 143<sup>rd</sup> Street and Meadow Lane**
  - **Design completed in 2019.**
  - **Construction to be completed in early 2020.**
- **143<sup>rd</sup> Street (East) Extension – Phase 2 Design, Funding, & Construction**
  - IDOT \$20M Freight Grant award notice 2018.
  - Phase 1 to be revised/approved in 2019.
  - Phase 2 approval and land acquisition to be completed by 2021.
  - Construction anticipated to start in 2021 and completed in 2023.
- Quiet Zone Designation along CN south spur line
  - The Village submitted an application to the Federal Railway Administration (FRA) in 2017.
  - IDOT approved plans for the Lockport Street/Countryman Drive improvements in 2018.
  - FRA approval (with stipulations) **has been received.**
  - **Required improvements to be completed in 2019 and quiet zone implemented in 2020.**
- Review traffic signal timing throughout the community
  - To be completed on an annual basis.
- Removal and replacement of Ash Trees
  - The Village has removed over 5,100 dead parkway Ash Trees during the past eight years. Only 150 Ash Trees remain within the Village parkways.
  - The Village has installed over 4,700 new parkway trees during the past six years.
  - The tree replacement program is anticipated to continue.
- Village Green project
  - Water main, storm sewer, and other underground utilities installed in 2019.
  - New roadway, sidewalks, and parkway landscaping to be completed in 2020.
- **CN/America in Bloom Grant – Viaduct landscaping**
- **The Village has partnered with Illinois American Water regarding water capacity improvements that will support a future Plainfield population of over 80,000.**
- **Downtown Refresh**
  - **Replace approximately 15 trees and several sidewalk sections in 2019.**
- **Settlers' Park Refresh**
  - **Phase III & playground replacement scheduled for 2020**
- **Indian Boundary Bridge Replacement**
  - **Phase 1 to be completed in 2019**
  - **Phase 2 to be completed in 2020**
  - **Construction to occur in 2020-21**

## Ongoing Projects

- Replacement of conventional streetlights with LED fixtures
  - The Village has installed over 1,200 replacement LED streetlights.
  - ComEd has indicated that they will replace 222 streetlights in 2019.
  - The Village anticipates that over 300 Village streetlights will be replaced in 2019.
- Work with the Riverfront Foundation to develop the riverfront
  - The Police Department worked with the Foundation to install the K-9 Memorial.
  - The Foundation funded and directed the installation of pathway lighting from Lockport Street to the DuPage River Bridge.
  - Discussions are underway to update the Riverfront Master Plan which was originally approved in 2007.
- Bike pathways and pedestrian walkways
  - The Village will continue to work with the Park District and Forest Preserve regarding the River Trail improvement design/construction.
  - The Village will progressively fill gaps based on need and funding.
- Development of Depot Drive Site
  - The Village entered into a public-private partnership (P3) with Northern Builders in May of 2018.
  - Northern is actively marketing the site.
  - The preliminary design of the new PEMA facility is complete.
- Downtown Parking
  - The Village expanded the North DesPlaines Street Parking Lot in 2018.
  - Options for adding parking spaces at Village Green will be considered by the Board in 2019.

## Economic Growth & Sustainability

### Major Accomplishments To Date

- Route 30 TIF District established in October of 2018.
- Review Impact Fee Schedule for Residential Development
  - In April of 2018, the Village Board approved a reduction in the school land cash value used to calculate school site contribution fees, to more accurately reflect current market values.
  - The Village Board also adopted Resolution No. 1756, implementing a traffic impact fee of \$1,000 per dwelling unit.
  - In May of 2018, the Village Board approved a text amendment to the Utilities Code to increase the water and sanitary sewer connection fees for new residential construction.
  - In July of 2019, Staff presented additional proposed modifications to the impact fee schedule and standard annexation agreement that would bring back \$1,000 per home in annexation fees and \$1,000 per home in municipal facility fees, as well as a \$250/home multi-modal fee. The proposed fee modifications were supported by the

Village Board and Staff intends to present a resolution to effectuate the recommendations in September of 2019.

- Update Business Plan
  - Staff presented recommended updates to the business plan, including the Village’s economic incentive policy, at a Committee of the Whole Workshop in February.
  - The Village Board held a joint meeting with the Advisory Task Force on Economic Development in June, which included recommended updates to the business plan.
- The Zoning Code was modified to include food truck regulations, guidelines for drive-through restaurants, and updates to the Site Plan Review Ordinance.
- Target and Meijer outlots developed

### **Works In Progress (WIP) & Milestones**

- Explore extending downtown TIF District beyond its current expiration
  - Staff has initiated discussions with all units of local government regarding a 10-year, 50-percent take extension of the TIF, including at the October 25, 2018 Joint Review Board meeting.
  - The Village hired SB Friedman to provide consulting services regarding the TIF extension. Data collection efforts are ongoing.
- Central Area Plan
  - Staff has applied for a Local Technical Assistance grant from CMAP to facilitate the Central Area Plan, including alignment of the downtown portion of the Village’s Comprehensive Plan, the “TENG Plan,” the Riverfront Master Plan, Transportation Plan, the Village’s Complete Streets plan and policy, and the Village’s Business Plan.
  - Staff intends to offer a presentation on form-based codes at a future COW to assess the Village Board’s interest in implementing a form-based code in the downtown. This COW could follow efforts on the Central Area Plan.
- Prairie Creek
  - Staff is coordinating regularly with the property owner and broker for this site.
  - Staff is actively working with a number of end users and we are making progress toward achieving a development proposal for the site.
- Staffing and Succession Planning
  - The Police Department Staffing/Org Report is currently underway.
- Diageo/Seefried – Distribution warehouse approved
- Boulevard Development
  - In August of 2019, the Village Board approved a special use for a planned development and the preliminary/final plat for the Boulevard project. The Village Board also approved the site plan and a \$2.5-million economic incentive agreement with Costco Wholesale. Site development is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2019 with construction of Costco to begin in the Spring of 2020. Costco has a projected opening date of November 2020.
  - IGA approved with the City of Joliet to guide development and provide services.
- 2020 Census
  - The Village Board approved the formation of a Complete Count Committee. Staff is taking the lead in organizing the committee and inviting community stakeholders to

participate. The goal of the Committee is to promote a full and accurate count of the Village's population for the 2020 Census by fulfilling the Census Bureau's mission to make sure every person is counted, that each person is counted only once, and counted in the correct location.

### **Ongoing Projects**

- Study residential and commercial market demand
  - Staff continues to monitor housing trends and retail market dynamics along with overall economic and demographic factors that influence residential and commercial markets.

### **Community Life**

#### **Major Accomplishments To Date**

- Usage policy for Riverfront Park approved.
- Signage, landscaping, and Village image plan completed.
  - A citizen committee developed boundary signage designs. Staff will work to implement the signage as road construction projects occur and the budget allows.
  - New parking lot signage has been installed to mark the municipal lots in Downtown Plainfield.

#### **Works In Progress (WIP) & Milestones**

- Promote recreational opportunities including parks and trails.
  - Staff recruited Naperville Kayak to provide kayaking services in the community.
  - A groundbreaking was recently held for the extension of the Normantown Trail with the Forest Preserve District of Will County.
- Develop long-term plan for the Farmers Market including access, parking, and visibility.
- Staff is currently working on a template/design for directional signage in the downtown that will mirror the look of the parking lot signage.
  - The design for the directional signage is complete and the locations for the signage are being finalized. Sign installation is anticipated late Fall 2019.

### **Ongoing Projects**

- Continuous improvement to enhance resident services.
  - Board packets are available online.
  - Live streaming of Village meetings is available on the Village web site.
  - The Village accepts credit card payments.
  - Online utility bill payments – internal training is underway.

- Identify interesting/destination activities and events in Plainfield.
  - Summary of 2018 events: 3 parades, 4 concerts, 4 movies, 5 5K runs, 14 special events, 11 cruise nights, and 2 downtown progressive dinners. New events in 2018 included Restaurant Week and the Rocktober Beerfest.
  - Summary of 2019 events: 3 parades, 3 concerts, 4 movies, 3 5K runs, 13 special events, and 11 Cruise Nights. The Police Department also held the following special events: Armored Truck Challenge, Scoops, National Night Out, the DARE Pool Party, and the Torch Run.
- Explore/expand communications regarding local activities and businesses. Expand Village contact database.
  - The Village continues to utilize a variety of methods to reach out to the community including print newsletters, press releases, water bill inserts, weekly e-mail updates, the Village web site, social media, digital billboards, and PCT.
  - In conjunction with FEMA Floodplain Map and construction updates to HOA groups, Staff shared information on e-mail updates and social media so that residents were aware of the various communication methods.
  - The Village expanded its social media presence in 2018 by adding a LinkedIn Page.
  - The Village web site is scheduled for a “refresh” in 2019.
- Work with Homeowners Associations.
  - Staff continues to collect HOA contact information and attend HOA meetings as requested. Additionally, as construction projects occur in the subdivisions and/or we host community meetings, we share that information with the HOAs.
  - The Police Department continues to offer their popular neighborhood Scoops program in the neighborhoods.
  - The Village has been working with the Dayfield and Liberty Grove HOAs regarding landscaping in relation to the Diageo/Seefried project.
  - Capital project notifications – Project updates regarding road reconstruction, paving, hydrant painting, etc. are provided to HOAs that share their contact information.
- Continue Intergovernmental/inter-agency relations at the Staff level.
  - The Village has worked with other taxing jurisdictions on several important projects this year including the Route 30 TIF District, the Downtown TIF District, and the 143<sup>rd</sup> Street extension.
  - The Village has several intergovernmental programs underway including Hunger Action Month, the StoryWalk, and the Green Village series.