

**Village of Plainfield Strategic Plan 2018**  
**Action Item Update**  
**February 10, 2015**

**Transportation/Community Connections Action Items**

**Action Item: Continue to foster regular project design and implementation plans in conjunction with the other agencies of our region. Assemble a list of projection locations, including a description of work to be completed. Integrate the Village’s list of projects with the projects planned by other jurisdictions.**

Staff has received Transportation Planning reports from Oswego and Naperville. Representatives from other neighboring communities have been contacted and the Village will be meeting with Staff from these communities in the near future.

Representatives from Will and Kendall Counties addressed the Village Board at the March 10<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole Workshop. Each County representative provided an overview of current and future transportation improvement projects. Updates regarding the new Ridge Road construction project, in Kendall County, and the 119<sup>th</sup> Street/Naperville Road construction project, in Will County, were provided.

Staff has facilitated several meetings with representatives of the Wheatland, Na-Au-Say, and Plainfield Township Highway Departments regarding the coordination of short-term and long-term road maintenance and improvements.

On September 30, 2014, Staff participated in a meeting with representatives from neighboring communities. At this meeting we discussed regional transportation planning. A follow-up meeting was held on January 29, 2015 to continue the discussion on regional transportation. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2015.

**Action Item: Formulate a “Complete Street” Plan that allows for comfortable and safe pedestrian and bike connections.**

Staff has had several meetings with Teska Consulting about the completion of a Complete and Livable Street Plan for the Village. The plan would:

- Describe and provide illustrations of a Complete Street and Livable Street design.
- Incorporate a diagram showing the Village’s sidewalk and bike path network, currently being prepared by the Village’s IT/GIS Department.
- Outline several opportunities for construction of a Complete Street in the Village. Staff has discussed the potential of Van Dyke Road and Meadow Lane as two major north-south collectors that could be perfect candidates for the Village’s first Complete Street.

The purpose of this plan is to ensure that Plainfield maintains a friendly and safe network for pedestrians and bicyclists alike. Plainfield has already taken a large step towards accomplishing

this goal by incorporating one of the largest and most comprehensive off-street bike lane networks in the southwest suburbs.

The general parameters of a Complete Street policy have been reviewed and Staff has scheduled a meeting with Teska to review the proposal for consulting services for this project.

Another component that Staff and Teska will look into is the incorporation of a series of guidelines related to the creation of “Livable Streets” in the Village. This would emphasize the importance of creating an attractive “public realm” when looking at street design in the future.

A proposal, provided by Teska, was approved by the Village Board on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will be assisting the Village in the development of this policy. Teska met with the Traffic Committee twice and will be bringing a draft plan to the next Traffic Committee meeting.

The Village will host an informational booth to gather public input regarding Complete Streets during the June 24<sup>th</sup> Cruise Night. This event will be followed by additional outreach meetings to discuss the potential of incorporating Complete Street elements into Meadow Lane.

There was a public meeting on July 8, 2014 for residents who reside in subdivisions along Meadow Lane to seek their input on potential traffic calming elements that could be introduced to the corridor. Residents from Whispering Creek, Liberty Grove, Dayfield, and Prairie Knoll attended the meeting which was led by Mike Hoffman from Teska Associates.

Based on the comments from the public meeting, Staff and the Traffic Committee formulated a proposed map for Meadow Lane that incorporates a series of temporary chicanes, traffic circles, and bump-outs as part of the Complete Street project. A meeting with the Village Board has been scheduled for September 8, 2014 to present an update on the Complete Street Plan.

Additionally, Staff and Teska are formulating a new Complete Street Plan for the Downtown. The plan is focused on creating pedestrian friendly crossings on Route 59 at Lockport Street and Main Street. Currently, Route 59 serves as a major pedestrian barrier in the Downtown.

Staff is taking this opportunity to submit a “Complete Street Plan” for the Village Board’s review. The plan outlines a Complete Street policy that will be incorporated into all future transportation improvements within the Village. Additionally, the plan outlines specific improvements in the Downtown that would improve pedestrian safety along Route 59. Another key component of this plan is a specific traffic calming plan for Meadow Lane.

The plan reflects the extensive outreach that Teska and Staff completed with the residents who reside along Meadow Lane. It outlines a temporary improvement plan that will be implemented in the spring of 2015 that will test which traffic calming improvements have a beneficial impact on slowing traffic down along the street. The plan also outlines the improvement schedule for the final traffic calming improvements along Meadow Lane.

**Action Item: Create an inventory and map of existing pedestrian and bike connections as well as current gaps in the proposed network. COMPLETE 2/14**

Staff has completed an inventory of existing bike paths and sidewalks within the Village limits. Using existing GIS data, Google Earth, Google Street View, and in-person field verification we now have a comprehensive digital inventory of unpaved nature trails, on-road bike lanes, paths, bike paths, and sidewalks in the Village.

**Action Item: Continue involvement with the I-55 CAG.**

V3 has been contacted and Staff was informed that a CAG Meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

The National Environmental Policy Administration (NEPA) has scheduled a hearing where V3 will provide an update regarding the possible options for improving/expanding access to I-55. All of the area communities impacted (Plainfield, Bolingbrook, and Romeoville) will be able to provide comments regarding each option after the meeting occurs.

Staff presented several options that would improve access to I-55 at the December 9, 2013 Committee of the Whole Workshop. The Board provided feedback regarding each option.

On June 6, 2014, Staff met with Dave Heslinga, of V3, regarding the progress of this project. We were informed that the "Purpose and Need" requirements have been met and approved by the NEPA. A field inspection and review meeting with the environmental agencies that will be reviewing each interchange option occurred in May. While it was anticipated that the NEPA would be provided with a project update in June, this update has been postponed until the September meeting due to scheduling conflicts. V3 will provide the Village Board with an update after the NEPA hearing occurs and the organization's findings are made public.

On October 3, 2014, IDOT hosted a meeting with representatives of Romeoville, Bolingbrook, and Plainfield and we collectively reviewed five possible options for the expansion of the I-55 Interchange at Route 126. IDOT expressed concerns related to the project's ability to gain environmental clearances for most of the proposed configurations. IDOT encouraged the group to create plans that avoid the wetlands. V3 will create updated options based on IDOT's comments.

**Action Item: Work closely with IDOT to support the expansion of the existing Route 30 & I-55 ramps and the reconstruction and expansion of the Route 30 turn lanes.**

Rt. 30 & I-55 – IDOT has completed the final set of design drawings for expansion of this interchange.

Representatives from Strand Engineering, IDOT's consultant, addressed the Village Board at the January 27<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole Workshop. They provided an update regarding the final design.

IDOT awarded a bid for the \$2.6M project this past spring and the construction of the additional lanes and new traffic signals is underway. While the completion of this project was scheduled for December 2014, the final completion date has been extended to summer 2015.

#### **Action Item: 143rd Street Extension**

Staff participated in two meetings with representatives of ComEd over the past two months. ComEd has agreed to provide a general letter of understanding, regarding the use of the property that IDOT will include within our Phase 1 Report. Jeff Hettrick has stated that he will continue to work with Staff to coordinate this process.

The Village consultant, CMT, has submitted all of the final environmental study reports requested by IDOT. The only outstanding item, required to receive final approval for "Phase 1" Design is the letter of understanding from ComEd.

ComEd has submitted a letter to IDOT regarding this project. Subsequently, IDOT requested that the Village meet with ComEd again and provide additional information regarding the future relocation of utilities.

At the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee of the Whole Workshop, the Board expressed the desire to more effectively promote this project to State and Federal Elected Officials and IDOT.

Staff continues to facilitate regular coordination meetings with ComEd and CMT has provided IDOT with the final piece of information that they requested concerning the property that is owned by ComEd. Additionally, ComEd has indicated that they will be upgrading the transmission lines within this corridor in 2015 and they have already considered our roadway plans as part of the planned upgrades.

On December 1, 2014, Staff participated in a meeting with representatives of IDOT and we reviewed the Phase 1 Engineering Design Report and the project plans. IDOT concurred with the Village's request for approval of this plan. On December 23, 2014, IDOT provided a letter indicating that the Phase 1 Design Report was approved. This letter also indicated that the Village will need to receive a formal commitment from ComEd during the Phase 2 Design process. Staff will start working with IDOT's Bureau of Land Acquisition in 2015. Staff met with ComEd at their corporate office in Oakbrook on February 3, 2015 to discuss roadway design and how it can coexist with current and future transmission lines.

#### **Action Item: Canadian National (CN) Railway - Reduce Traffic Congestion and Improve Safety**

The Village Board has publicly expressed concerns regarding the increased number of trains, length of time that trains have stopped blocking roadway crossings, the location of parked trains, and safety of operations. The Board has expressed the desire to become more active in developing a process that will reduce traffic issues and reduce the risk of a possible railcar incident in the future.

The Board hosted a Public Meeting with Congressman Hultgren on May 16<sup>th</sup>, where a discussion regarding CN operations occurred. Future discussions will be planned with representatives of CN, other elected officials, and representatives of other area communities that are dealing with the same challenges regarding CN operations.

Staff met with CN representatives in December regarding the Village Board's concerns. CN representatives will take this information and discuss it internally to see if anything can be done to correct or reduce the problem. CN will follow-up with Staff by the end of February.

**Action Item: Support current Pace services and investigate options for expansion of public transportation/Pace service.**

The Village applied for a grant to study the need to expand public transportation. However, the funding was not approved. Pace has indicated that they are committed to collecting ridership data and generating reports regarding the growing demand for public transportation within our community.

The Village submitted a letter in support of Pace's efforts to expand the I-55 Bus on Shoulder service.

Staff met with representatives from Pace and discussed the possible relocation of the Park-n-Ride facility at Village Hall. Pace outlined that one of their biggest challenges in Plainfield was the delay caused by CN trains. Pace is exploring several options for a new Park-n-Ride in Plainfield.

Pace continues to work on long-term options for the parking lot.

**Action Item: Lockport Street Traffic Calming**

Staff is working on options for traffic calming. IDOT has been receptive to the Village's concerns. Possible options will be reviewed at the next Village Traffic Committee Meeting.

The Traffic Committee has reviewed several options for traffic calming and they have recommended that a decorative "mast arm" be installed over Lockport Street, near Countryman Drive, displaying signs that direct truck traffic away from our historic downtown. Supplemental pavement marking is also recommended to support this effort.

Staff completed the drawings that will be submitted to IDOT this year regarding the proposed installation of the "mast arm" and pavement marking.

All of the design drawings and specifications have been submitted to IDOT. Staff met with IDOT in January regarding the project permit. The installation of the new "mast arm" and new pavement marking is scheduled to occur in the summer of 2015.

## **Community Life/Identity Action Items**

**Action Item: Promote and celebrate the pending “National Register of Historic Places” designation throughout Will and Kendall Counties. COMPLETE 6/14**

This action item has been completed. Staff has successfully worked with the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) on a series of press releases promoting the designation of the Downtown as a National Register District. Additionally, this designation was recognized at a Village Board meeting in October. A new page has been added to the Village web site with information on the National Register District designation.

QR codes, which link to the Village web site, are printed on decals and posted throughout the National Register District. They provide residents and visitors with the opportunity to complete a walking tour of the Village’s historic structures. This interactive walking tour is unique to Plainfield in the Chicago area and helps promote heritage tourism in the Village. A Walking Tour Brochure has also been distributed throughout the community.

The HPC is in the process of ordering a sign that commemorates the Downtown’s National Register Status. The sign will be unveiled in the spring during Preservation Month. The National Register sign has arrived and will be installed during the week of May 5<sup>th</sup>. The “unveiling” will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

The sign was installed and the unveiling of the sign was held to commemorate the National Register District. Mayor Collins, the Board of Trustees, HPC, and third graders from Central Elementary attended the event.

**Action Item: Host a series of Downtown Design workshops between the Village Board, Plan Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission before Staff completes the “Central Area Plan.”**

Either one or two joint workshops are being planned between the Village Board, Plan Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) on Downtown “visioning.” The first part of any workshop should be defining the boundaries of the downtown. The following boundaries should be discussed:

- Defining the Downtown as the historical Downtown or the area east of the DuPage River.
- Including the area west of the DuPage River along Lockport Street (Teng Plan).
- Should the area including Patriot Square, Fairfield Ridge, Cedarlake Village, the 58 acre site owned by the Village, and area between Van Dyke and Wood Farm be considered a part of Downtown?

The second part of the workshop would be a visual preference survey reflecting different development patterns and densities that should be considered for the Downtown. Specifically, what type of development is the Village Board, Plan Commission and HPC looking for in the Downtown? Should it be mixed-use, single-use, auto-oriented, single-family, or multi-family?

By defining the boundaries of the downtown and providing some input of a visual preference survey, Staff will be able to refine a draft of the “Downtown Plan” for the Plan Commission and Village Board’s review.

Staff is meeting with Teska to inquire about the potential of Teska serving as a facilitator for future Downtown workshops. Teska would facilitate the discussion between the Village Board, Plan Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission regarding creating a unified, long-term vision for the Downtown. The GIS Department is working on a number of figure map diagrams that reflect different design concepts for the expanded Downtown. These maps will provide a starting point for discussions during the joint workshops.

Staff has prepared a draft “Village Center Improvement Plan” that incorporates a Form Based Code for approximately 60 acres west of the DuPage River. The proposed boundaries of this plan are Wood Farm Road, Ottawa Street, Wallin Drive, and Heritage Woods Drive. This will be discussed at a future Committee of the Whole Workshop.

**Action Item: Facilitate a master plan for a new Farmers Market at the Riverfront Property. Work with the current Farmers Market organizer to address market concerns and make changes.**

Based on several inquiries with the French Market, it appears that Plainfield may be a future market opportunity. However, they are not in the position to proceed with a new operation in Plainfield in 2014 or 2015. Consequently, Staff will be meeting with the current Farmers Market organizers to determine what changes are appropriate in 2014. Staff has the following concerns about the market and would like to look at some potential changes:

- Determine the appropriate site.
- Investigate the potential of creating a unified display and signage approach.
- Determine the potential of a more ambitious marketing campaign.

The 2014 Farmers Market was approved by the Village Board and will run from June through September. Staff continues to work with the Farmers Market group on a permanent location for the market.

Staff and the market organizer are discussing a potential new location for the Market for the 2015 season. The Market is interested in locating at the Riverfront. Staff would also like to explore the possibility of attracting some food trucks which are growing in popularity throughout the region and can potentially attract more people to the Downtown.

**Action Item: Work with the Township on improving parking, signage, and the architectural elevation for the proposed “Senior Center.”** COMPLETE 9/14

Staff met with the Township Supervisor and discussed the potential of constructing a new parking lot on Township owned property along Des Plaines Street.

The Township completed a facelift of the existing structure by building a new entrance and investing a substantial amount in a major renovation of the building's interior.

**Action Item: Work with the Township on a long-term plan for redevelopment of the subject site.**

Staff has developed a conceptual plan for the long term redevelopment of this site into a multi-family residential development. The long-term vitality of Downtown Plainfield will largely depend on providing new housing opportunities for residents in the Downtown.

**Action Item: Create a new design for a War Memorial Plaza at Settlers' Park.**

Staff is working with a committee of volunteers on a plan for a Memorial Plaza in Settlers' Park. This plaza would become the future home of the existing "War Memorial" located on Route 59 and the "Freedom Tribute Memorial" that is located at Plainfield Central High School. Staff is also working on an acceptance policy for future memorials.

Staff completed the Settlers' Park Memorial Policy and it was reviewed by the Village Board. Based on the Village Board's input, Staff will bring a formal resolution to the Board for adoption.

Additionally, Staff worked on a concept plan for the Settlers' Park Memorial Plaza that will incorporate a series of small plazas to provide future homes for the Freedom Tribute, War Memorial, and the Civil War monument. Staff has been working with the Freedom Tribute organization regarding the relocation of the Freedom Tribute which has been removed from Plainfield Central High School and will be installed at Settlers' Park in Spring 2015. Funds are currently being raised by this volunteer organization for the relocation and hardscape/landscape improvements which will be part of this plan.

**Action Item: Prepare a series of drawings and concepts for unified gateway, way-finding, and street signage as well as landscaping as part of a municipal signage plan for the Village.**

Staff presented a series of conceptual sketches for gateway signage in the Village. The goal is to formulate a unified Village signage plan that will create a look and feel reflecting the Village's rural heritage. Based on celebrating the Village's history and the legacy of stone barns in the Plainfield area, Staff is proposing that a limestone base be used on the gateway signage. This reflects the limestone base for the gateway sign that is located at the southeast corner of Main Street and Route 59 and the limestone wall that is located in front of the Lincoln Highway gazebo on Lockport Street.

As for the design of the actual signage, Staff has provided the Village Board with several different concepts and styles. However, all would be constructed with a wood sandblasted design. The sign would incorporate the Village logo along with the founding date of 1834.

Additionally, Staff is proposing a series of way-finding signs that would be located throughout the Village on major collectors identifying important destinations, such as the downtown,

Village Hall, Library, Post Office, etc. Along with the way-finding signage, Staff would like to design either a wood or aluminum Village identifier that would be located along major collectors (Renwick, Lockport, Van Dyke, Drauden, 135<sup>th</sup>, 127<sup>th</sup>, 119<sup>th</sup>, and Ridge).

Based on feedback from the Village Board, Staff is working on a template for gateway and way-finding signage for the Board's final review and consideration. In addition, based on support for the rectangular, sandblasted sign, Staff is investigating the potential of reusing the existing gateway signage and simply constructing a limestone foundation for each sign and adding a unified landscape plan. Plainfield Signs is working on a mock-up for the gateway signs and way-finding signage.

Staff has started working on a new concept for the existing gateway signage at the Walgreen's site at Route 59 and Main Street. The concept includes removing the existing sign/brick wall and replacing it with a new gateway sign that was fabricated as part of the Village's streetscape project. Using the existing sign will minimize costs in fabricating a new sign and it will tie into the existing signage along Lockport Street.

Staff is also working on a Route 66/Lincoln Highway Commemorative sign plan for Downtown that celebrates the fact that Plainfield is one of only two places in the United States where Route 66 crosses the Lincoln Highway. Staff has identified the locations for the signs along Route 59 and Lockport Street. Approval by the Illinois Department of Transportation will be required.

In addition, Staff is working with the Plainfield Public Library District on a new LED sign for the Plainfield Library and Village that could be used to promote events. The proposed sign would potentially be located along Route 59 in the new parking lot and be oriented towards Route 59. This sign will require a modification of the Village's Central Sign District. The sign design will have to be sensitive to the historical character of the area while also allowing new LED technology.

Staff is working with Plainfield Signs on several mock-ups for the way-finding and Route 66 Signage. These concepts will be presented to the Village Board in the near future. Additionally, Staff met to determine the best location for these signs. There is concern about sign pollution in the Downtown and we are currently in the process of attempting to streamline the number of signs and to incorporate a unified look.

Staff is taking this opportunity to enclose the final Gateway and Wayfinding Signage Plan for the Village Board's review.

**Action Item: Research and develop a service club signage policy. ~~REMOVED 6/14~~**

Staff researched how other communities handle service club signage. At the May 2, 2014 Strategic Plan Meeting, the Village Board agreed with the Staff's recommendation to not pursue service club signage at this time.

**Action Item: Staff will investigate the potential of creating a package of economic incentives that would potentially assist in attracting a theatre and a series of stand-alone restaurants to the commercial site at 143<sup>rd</sup> Street and Route 59.**

Staff continues to try to recruit a movie theatre group that would be interested in developing a multi-screen theatre at the Prairie Creek development on Route 59, south of 135<sup>th</sup> Street. A movie theatre would boost the Village's ability to recruit a number of sit-down and casual dining restaurants. The key to the success of this commercial development is creating a place of destination.

Along with the commercial component of this project, Staff is working with NVR Homes on a concept for a multi-family development on the eastern portion of this planned development. Additional rooftops will help any future commercial development that would be located on this parcel.

Staff is working with a broker and prospective developer on a potential commercial development at this site. At this time, there are preliminary discussions regarding the developer's request for incentives.

**Action Item: Invite the presidents of all Village homeowners associations to participate in an annual meeting with the Village Department Directors. COMPLETE 4/14**

Staff has reached out to the associations through E-News, the Village web site, and social media to request current contact information.

Staff proposes to hold a meeting with the Department Directors and HOA Presidents in the spring of 2014.

The HOA Presidents' Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 9. Staff will reach out to the HOA Presidents via e-mail.

Over 25 HOA representatives attended the Presidents' Meeting in April. Staff provided information on the Strategic Plan, capital projects, the Emerald Ash Borer, Economic Development, the Complete Streets Plan, code enforcement, and crime and also answered questions from attendees. The HOA Presidents' Meeting will be an annual event.

**Action Item: Offer to attend HOA meetings throughout the Village to provide information and answer questions. COMPLETE 4/14**

Staff will extend this offer at the spring meeting with the HOA Presidents.

During the HOA Presidents' Meeting, Staff offered to attend HOA meetings as requested.

Staff is attending HOA meetings this fall.

## **Business and Retail Development Action Items**

**Action Item: Establish a series of meetings with leading commercial brokers in the Chicago region, regarding the commercial opportunities along the Route 59 corridor.**

Staff met with a developer to discuss opportunities for commercial development along the Route 59 corridor. Additionally, Staff has been working with a broker on potential commercial opportunities along the Route 30 and Route 59 corridors. There has been additional communication with a broker for a large wholesale warehouse user about potentially locating in Plainfield in 2015 or 2016.

**Action Item: Work with the Economic Development Advisory Task Force on setting up retention meetings with the various major commercial retailers in the Village and review current market trends for each of these retailers. COMPLETE 2/14**

The Task Force and Staff have completed the retention visits with the Village's largest retailers. A summary report of the visits was presented to the Task Force and Village Board. The Village Board and community were provided with an update of the results of these retention visits at the November 25 Committee of the Whole Workshop.

Based on these retention visits, Staff believes it is critical for the long term vitality of these retailers that growth returns to the Village. Many of these retailers opened stores in Plainfield based on the assumption that growth would continue for the foreseeable future.

As part of this Strategic Plan, Plainfield should continue to welcome residential development to the Village and promote growth while maintaining the standards for design that we have consistently implemented.

**Action Item: Create an incentive package to recruit a hotel/business center along Route 59 or Route 30. Work with developers to recruit a hotel.**

Staff will be working with Retail Strategies to closely analyze the potential of attracting a hospitality business (motel/hotel) to the Village. If data supports the potential to recruit a user, Staff will work with Retail Strategies to reach out to major national brands in an attempt to have them locate in the Village.

Staff met with Retail Strategies and they are working on a list of retail recruitment meetings with prospective commercial end users for the International Council of Shopping Centers Conference in May. The Village Administrator and representatives from Retail Strategies will be attending the show.

**Action Item: Investigate whether or not there is anything the Village can do to help resolve litigation at the Boulevard.**

Staff continues to discuss the status of the partnership litigation with the Boulevard owner and we expect that the matter will potentially be resolved in 2014.

Based on discussions with the owner of the Boulevard, it appears that the partnership litigation related to the Boulevard property has been resolved.

**Action Item: Investigate the potential of creating a TIF District along Route 30.**

Staff is beginning work with S.B. Friedman and Lakota Consulting on a Tax Increment Finance District Eligibility Study along with a Redevelopment Plan for the Route 30 corridor. The future boundaries of this TIF have been discussed and Staff is currently working with the owner of the Boulevard to bring the balance of their site into the potential TIF. In addition, Staff will work with other property owners who are not currently located in the Village to determine whether there is any interest in annexing into the Village so that they could be included in a potential TIF.

Staff has also identified the Route 30 Enhancement Corridor Plan as a basis for starting discussions with Lakota on the future redevelopment plan for Route 30. The Redevelopment Plan will build on the existing plans for the corridor that were completed by Staff in 2007.

## **Village Infrastructure Action Items**

**Action Item: Work with the Riverfront Foundation and Steering Committee on hardscape improvements.**

Pending

**Action Item: Work with the Plainfield Park District to facilitate construction of the DuPage River Trail pathway. COMPLETE 11/14**

Staff participated in several meetings with representatives of the Park District and the Riverfront Foundation. We have been informed that the path, from Lockport Street south to the Riverfront Building, will be completed this year.

Staff is working with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) as we seek approvals and permits for this project. Approvals and permits were received.

The Park District awarded a bid for the construction of this section of the River Trail Pathway which runs from Lockport Street south to the ComEd right-of-way. Staff has participated in ongoing construction meetings with the Park District and the Contractor. The new asphalt River Trail Pathway has been installed and landscaping restoration was completed in late 2014.

**Action Item: Support the Park District in the design and construction of a new pedestrian bridge.**  
**COMPLETE 2/14**

Staff participated in a meeting with representatives of the Park District and the Riverfront Foundation. The location of the bridge, over the river and east of the Riverfront Building, has been finalized. The Foundation expressed the desire to seek an additional vehicular access roadway, to the south side of the property, as part of a future project. The Foundation will take the lead on this initiative.

**Action Item: Assist the Riverfront Foundation in coordinating the removal of debris from the area.**

Staff participated in a meeting with the Riverfront Foundation where improvements to the Riverfront Center were discussed as well as the removal of debris from the Riverfront property, south of Lockport Street. It was agreed that an “on-site” meeting between the Foundation, Village Staff, IEPA, and the Will County Land Use Department will occur in the near future. Some of the debris removal has already occurred as part of the construction of the River Trail Pathway.

The Village assisted the Foundation in making a formal request to Representative Darlene Senger’s office for support regarding the removal of debris. This request was forwarded to Representative Senger on July 17, 2014.

**Action Item: Develop a usage policy for Riverfront Park.**

Pending

**Action Item: Refine existing residential design standards to reflect new market trends in residential development.** **COMPLETE 4/14**

Staff has reviewed the current ordinances and identified those areas of the current policy that should be evaluated again by the Plan Commission and Village Board.

As the housing market recovers, Plainfield has been contacted by a number of national builders who are very interested in starting new developments in the Village of Plainfield. Based on a number of new market trends, Staff has been working on a series of residential guidelines that will maintain certain minimum standards for production builders in the Village.

These proposed guidelines will focus more on the use of certain materials on the front elevations and roof lines versus 360 degree architecture and architectural balance which the “Residential Design & Planning Guidelines for Planned Unit Developments and Annexations” focused on.

The Village Board and Staff held a design workshop and toured a number of model homes by Ryan Homes and Pulte. Based on input from the Village Board, Staff is in the process of revising the draft set of “Design Standards” that were distributed to the Village Board at the workshop.

We anticipate that a final draft will be ready for the Village Board to review at the second Committee of the Whole Workshop in February.

The Village Board approved the “Single Family Design Standards” in March and the document has been posted on the Village web site.

**Action Item: Refine the Village’s site Plan Review ordinance by incorporating pictures and specific architectural examples.**

Staff is working on a new “Site Plan Review Ordinance” with pictures of commercial development from the Village of Plainfield whenever possible.

**Action Item: Develop a form based zoning code for the downtown.**

Staff has worked on a draft of a Form Based Code, based on the Smart Code, and will be seeking direction from the Village Board on what their vision is for 60 acres west of the DuPage River.

**Action Item: Coordinate joint visioning sessions with other elected officials on a semiannual basis.**

Pending

**Action Item: The Department Directors will perform a comprehensive analysis of staffing needs and present their recommendations during budget discussions. COMPLETE 2/14**

This item is complete.

**Action Item: The Village Board will review the staffing recommendations, consider priorities, and identify funding.**

Pending