

Draft Plan Open House (January 28, 2015)

On January 28, 2015, an Open House meeting was held in Lyons to garner feedback from the general public on the draft of the Village's comprehensive plan. This meeting was open to all residents, business owners, and other community stakeholders in Lyons, and was held in the community meeting room at the Lyons Municipal Center. The open house was held during the hours of 4pm to 7pm. Rather than having a formal presentation for attendees, this Open House was designed for members of the public to drop in at their convenience during the meeting's hours. Attendees were asked to review large maps and recommendations from the draft comprehensive plan, and to leave their written and verbal comments with the CMAP and Village staff that were present.

Over 20 people attended the Open House, representing elected officials, community institutions such as the Lyons Public Library, and residents from across the Village. The following is a list of the comments that were a) written, and b) discussed at this Open House meeting. In addition, one resident provided written comments requesting reconsideration of a land parcel that is currently an industrial use but may become commercial in the future.

All proposed comments will be reviewed for consideration and revision to the draft Comprehensive Plan prior to plan adoption.

Public comment/questions:

- Economic development is needed to attract these remaining components of the plan. This would attract people making it a more desired place to visit and reside.
- People equal tax dollars and vibrant businesses. Growth of this economy also ensures growth in infrastructure.
- How does the recently annexed property play into the comp plan and economic development?
- How do you provide incentives if your debt/liabilities are 3 times current annual revenue?
- No mentioned of schools –good schools are a huge contribution of value to communities.
- Forest preserve already has a bike path installed.
- Adding new residential housing will stress SD 103 and impact other municipalities in the district –especially if the TIF is used.
- Too bad Village didn't conduct a water audit before borrowing \$7.8 M from the PWSLP Fund.