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ELBURN—Approximately 30 community members and about 10 Kaneland High School students participated in an Elburn visioning session on Sept. 26 at Lions Park.

Village President Dave Anderson and Village Trustee Bill Grabarek attended the session, as well.

This was the latest in a number of sessions led by Image's, Inc., a consultant hired by the village to lead participants in the updating of a comprehensive plan for Elburn 20 years into the future. Elburn's comprehensive plan was last updated in 1990.

The village was awarded a grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) to complete the plan.

The Village Board and Plan Commission participated in sessions held earlier this year. Kaneland High School students were invited to participate in their own sessions last spring and again two weeks ago. Getting the students involved was Anderson's idea.

"This is going to be their community," he said.

Calling their input "extremely impressive," Anderson said that the students had some really great comments.

"They were very insightful and very mature," he said.

Residents are still invited to provide their input in an online survey on the village website. They may also access the survey at the Town and Country Library. And although they won't experience the dialog that took place at last week's meeting, their input is still useful, Anderson said.

For purposes of feedback, the survey is divided into segments: land use and development, transportation and mobility, and facilities and amenities.

Anderson said the village hopes to have a draft of the plan by January, and will hold another community-wide meeting at that time. He said the goal is to have it completed and introduced to the public in February or early March.