Application Number: 76

Project Title: Villa Park Comprehensive Plan Update

Applicant: Village of Villa Park

Project Description:

Our Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2009, and has reached the end of its useful life. Our current plan even recommends a complete update of the entire Comprehensive Plan every 5 to 9 years. Additionally, there have been many changes to the Village during this time. Not the least of which was the zoning ordinance update which last had seen a comprehensive update in 1970.

An update to the Comprehensive Plan would allow the Village to mesh the recently updated Zoning Ordinance to the Comprehensive Plan in a fashion that furthers successful implementation. The update to the Zoning Ordinance was significant and to have a comprehensive plan that links the two documents would be supremely beneficial.

The Village has implemented many of the goals contained in the existing comprehensive plan, but it is time to re-evaluate the focus and add goals based on current conditions, the CMAP “On to 2050” Plan, and the 2018-2023 RTA Strategic Plan. We believe there to be opportunities for partnerships, particularly around our Metra train station. Also, the Village wishes to continue the momentum generated by the recognition by Money Magazine as one to the best places to live, and the significant amount of redevelopment that has occurred along North Avenue and the South Villa Business District.

Significant investment has also been made to our bikeways and trails in the Village and would like to create additional linkages to this system. An updated Comprehensive Plan can also identify opportunities to enhance mobility throughout the Village and provide better connectivity within the region.

The Village seeks the assistance from CMAP and the RTA in updating our Comprehensive Plan to continue moving forward in a positive fashion, maintain our existing relationships with our regional partners and promote development that furthers local, as well as regional goals. We very much appreciate the support we have received in the past and hope that CMAP and the RTA see the value in assisting the Village in this update.

Project Location: The Comprehensive Plan will effect the entire Village of Villa Park