Project Description:

The Village of Wilmette is seeking to rewrite its Comprehensive Plan. The current Comprehensive Plan was originally written in 1986, with an update in 2000 and the addition of a Village Center Master Plan amendment in 2010.

After 19 and 33 years, most aspects of the plan are in need of updating, many substantially. There are new technologies and new policy challenges that need to be addressed. The current plan clearly does not provide an adequate roadmap to plan for the future including the sociological and technological changes it will bring.

Our priorities for the proposed Comprehensive Plan include sustainability, which is not currently addressed. A separate sustainability plan is currently being developed by the Environmental and Energy Commission and we intend to incorporate their work into the new plan.

Also of importance is a review of policies and goals pertaining to housing. While housing in the village is primarily single-family homes, we will use the Comprehensive Plan process to discuss how and where alternative housing types are appropriate and how the village can prepare for future housing needs.

The Village is currently undertaking planning for an extensive storm water alleviation project. This will have land use as well as financial impacts that need to be considered in the broader context of all community needs and goals.

Finally, a review of the village's commercial districts outside of the Village Center is very much needed. The commercial landscape has changed drastically even since 2010. We need to review all aspects of these other commercial districts to help ensure they serve future consumers and markets.

In addition to these priorities, we look forward to having policy discussions about historic preservation, transportation, infrastructure, and other aspects of importance to the community.

Project Location: Village of Wilmette