

SECTION 5 - IMPLEMENTATION

This section of the Village of Shorewood Comprehensive Plan has been developed for two purposes:

- ◆ To provide insights into the ongoing process of decision-making using this plan; and
- ◆ To provide suggestions of “next steps” that the Village can take to bring the vision of this plan to reality.

A majority of the land within the plan is vacant. However, as has been seen with recent annexations and development proposals, much of the land is ripe for development. In any instance, it will likely take 20 years or more for this area to reach its full development potential. During this period, this comprehensive plan should be viewed as a flexible, dynamic document that evolves and adapts to new issues that may face the Village in the future.

Maintaining the Plan

As was discussed earlier, this plan should be viewed as a guideline to the future development of the Village of Shorewood, based on an analysis of where the Village is today. Conditions in the Village are dynamic, that is, they are constantly changing. Changes in these conditions may involve land use changes in the Village or public policy changes that arise out of a turnover in the Plan Commission or Village Board.

Proposals which may alter the Village’s long term development pattern should be weighed carefully. Modifications and amendments to the plans should not be made arbitrarily. To ensure that future changes to the plan are appropriate, the following criteria for evaluation should be considered:

- ◆ The proposed amendment promotes the goals and objectives of the plan;
- ◆ The amendment does not adversely impact surrounding uses in the area or damage the viability of the proposed future use of surrounding properties;
- ◆ The amendment is warranted if data used as the basis for the formulation of the plan was erroneous or outdated;
- ◆ The amendment is warranted because new issues or needs have arisen that are not addressed satisfactorily in this Plan.

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In any instance, the Comprehensive Plan should come under review from time to time. During rapid growth cycles, the Plan should be reviewed annually with necessary modifications being made at that time. In slow to static development periods, the annual review may be shelved in favor of a two to three year review.

Policy Recommendations

This section identifies the “next steps” that the Village should take in an effort to facilitate the implementation of this Comprehensive Plan. It is of vital importance to achieve consistency between the vision of the plan and the regulatory and administrative tools that actually control development. The following implementation policies are recommended for achieving the goals and objectives of this Plan:

- ◆ Continual updates of the Village’s Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances should be made so that districts and design requirements remain consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.
- ◆ Develop an annexation policy that controls the development of lands considered in this Plan and provides for the strategic acquisition of properties necessary to implement the plan.
- ◆ Adherence to and extension of the boundary agreements with neighboring communities will likely be required in the life of this plan.
- ◆ The Village’s FPA boundaries should be extended strategically to facilitate the land use goals of the plan.
- ◆ Develop a stand alone Transportation Plan that provides a broader analysis and future vision that is not necessarily achieved in a Comprehensive Plan.
- ◆ Encourage the use of Planned Unit Developments to achieve more creative designs of new developments that meet the design goals of the Comprehensive Plan.
- ◆ Develop detailed design standards and specifications for conservation design techniques and best management practices that the Village desires to be incorporated in the designated Aux Sable Overlay sector.
- ◆ Develop programs aimed at enhancing under-utilized commercial areas and encourage redevelopment of such areas in accordance with modern design expectations.

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- ◆ Work with the school districts to develop a school facilities master plan that serves the planned populations of Shorewood and aids the Village and various school districts in site selection
- ◆ Maintain and update a Capital Improvement Program for needed improvements such as streets, sidewalks, and any necessary expansions to the sewer and water treatment facilities
- ◆ Prepare a detailed Bike and Pedestrian System Plan.
- ◆ Work with the Fire Protection District to prepare a Master Fire Protection Plan for future growth areas.
- ◆ Review and revise the Parks and Open Space Master Plan.
- ◆ Support policies and concepts associated with development of a potential river walk corridor, ultimately leading to the creation of a River Walk Development Master Plan.