

Village of Machesney Park 2040 Comprehensive Land Use Plan



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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

This is the 2040 *Comprehensive Land Use Plan* for the Village of Machesney Park, Illinois. It sets forth long-range recommendations for the maintenance and enhancement of existing community areas, and for desirable improvements, developments and redevelopments within the Village and its Planning Area.

The final *Plan* incorporates material included in previous plans and reports, and information gathered in specific area studies and initiatives.



Figure 1: Machesney Park Village Hall

A. PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN

The *Village of Machesney Park 2040 Comprehensive Land Use Plan* is intended to update and replace the Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2010. This updated *Plan* will allow the Village to guide short-range and long-range growth, development, and preservation. This updated *Plan* is Machesney Park's official policy guide for physical improvement and development. It considers not only the immediate needs and concerns for the community, but also projects improvement and development over the next 20 years.

The *Plan* will assist the Village in preserving and protecting important existing features and resources, coordinating new growth and development, and identifying infrastructure and community service needs while building upon a strong and positive community image and identity.

The *Plan* encompasses the use of land, the movement of vehicles and pedestrians, the protection of open spaces and environmental resources, and the provision of public services, facilities, and utilities. It addresses residential areas, commercial and business development, public and institutional lands and public rights-of-way. This *Plan* includes land both within the Village corporate boundaries, as well as areas up to 1.5 miles outside of the Village, as the Illinois Municipal Code allows (65 ILCS 5/).

Additionally, the *Plan* provides the basis for updates to zoning and subdivision regulations, code enforcement actions, and provides direction and rationale for capital improvement plans and zoning decisions.

Lastly, the *Plan* may act as an important marketing tool to promote Machesney Park's unique assets and advantages, to help achieve the desired vision of the Village, while at the same time attract new residents, businesses, and industries to the community.

B. THE MACHESNEY PARK COMMUNITY

The Village of Machesney Park is a growing, family-friendly community of approximately 23,000 residents, located on the northern side of the Rockford region, with an attractive residential setting along the Rock River. Situated in what is known as the "Illinois Stateline" region, the Village is well positioned for convenient access to the Chicago, Madison, and Milwaukee areas via I-39/90, IL Route 173 and IL Route 2, which all converge at Machesney Park.

The Village is known for the friendly and expanding business community, reputable schools, access to recreation, and access to regional transportation. [Figure 1](#) provides a location map for the Village of Machesney Park.

While the Machesney Park area is rooted in history, the Village is relatively young having incorporated in 1981. Its neighborhoods range from modest post-WWII era housing, to newly constructed riverfront homes with boat access and newer sprawling subdivisions in the eastern portion of the Village, nearer the I-39/90 interchange and the bustling West Lane Rd. commercial corridor. This corridor along IL Route 173 includes numerous retailers and small strip centers providing general merchandise, home improvement, apparel stores and restaurants as well as personal services and outpatient medical care.

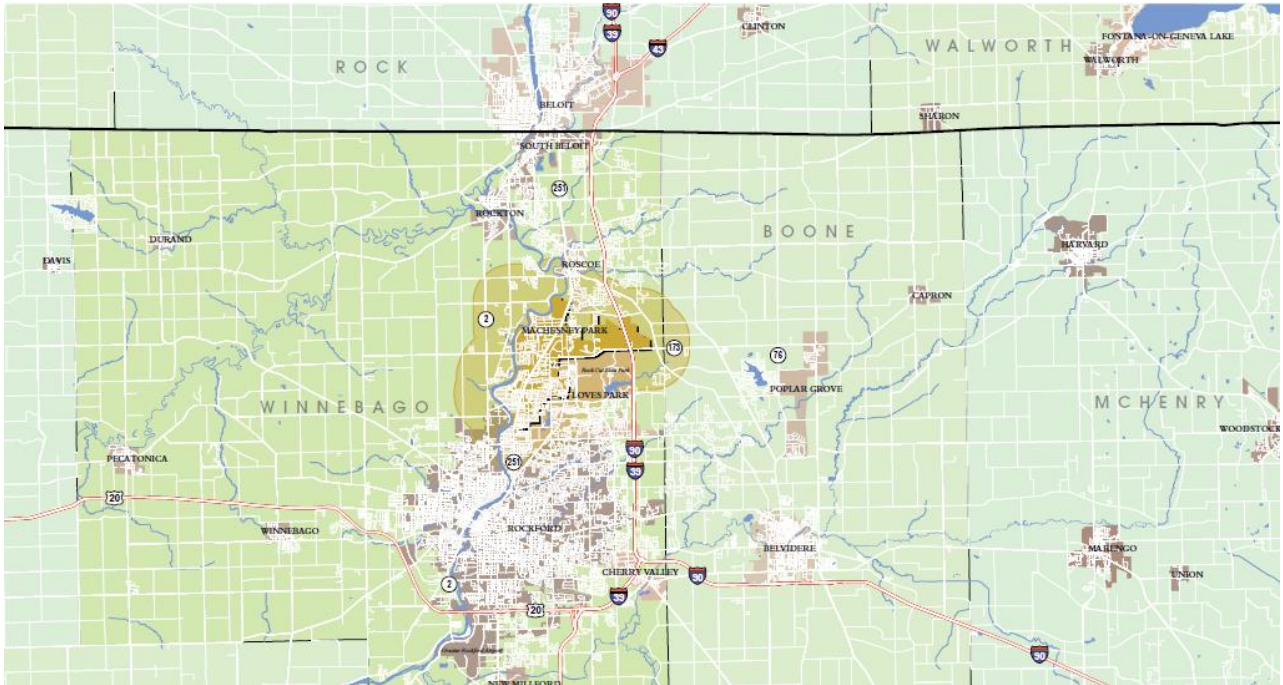


Figure 2: Regional Setting

This figure provides the location of the Village of Machesney Park and its 1.5 mile planning area within the Greater Rockford Area.

C. TRENDS AND FORECASTS

1. POPULATION TRENDS

The Village has experienced significant growth since its incorporation, with a population increase of 45.2 percent between 1980 and 2010. In the 40 years, between 1980 and 2010, the population increased at an average rate of 26 people per year. This is likely attributed to a steady surge of people migrating from more dense urban areas to the northern portions of the greater Rockford area.

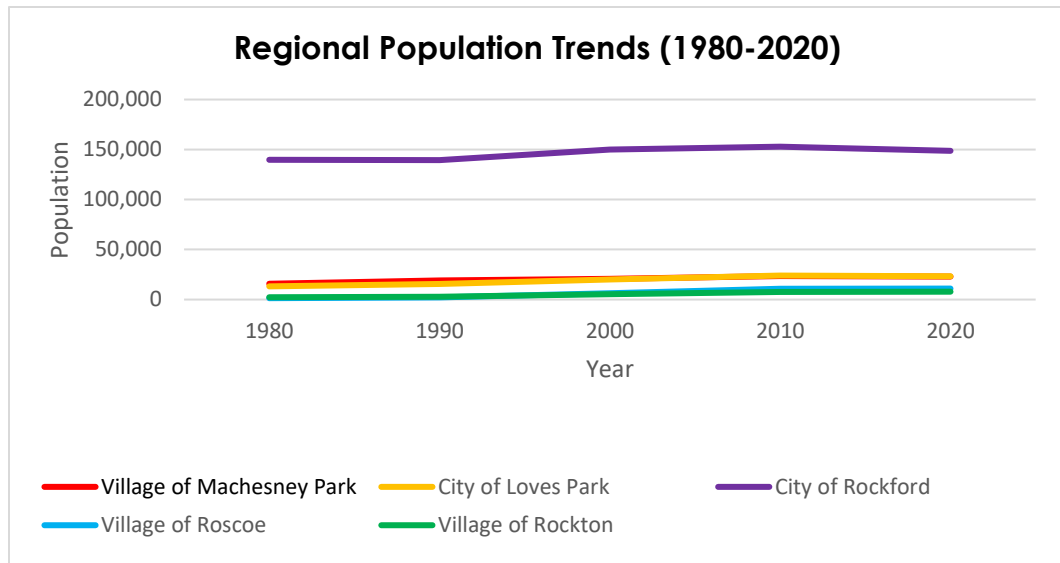
As seen throughout the region, populations dropped slightly in the ten years from 2010 to 2020. This is due to increasing death rates as baby boomers age, and declining birth rates, which is a trend nationwide. In addition, Illinois has experienced an exodus of people in this 21st century, as they relocate primarily to nearby states.

Table 1: Regional Population Trends, 1980-2020

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	Percent Increase 1980-2020
Village of Machesney Park	15,806*	19,033	20,759	23,499	22,950	45.2%
City of Loves Park	13,192	15,462	20,044	23,996	23,397	43.6%
City of Rockford	139,712	139,426	150,115	152,871	148,655	6.0%
Village of Roscoe	1,388	2,079	6,244	10,785	10,983	87.4%
Village of Rockton	2,313	2,928	5,296	7,685	7,863	70.6%
Winnebago County	250,884	253,491	278,418	295,266	285,350	12.1%
State of Illinois	11,426,518	11,430,602	12,419,293	12,830,632	12,812,508	10.1%

Sources: U.S Census of Pop. and Housing, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010, 2020 *"North Park" Census Designated Place (CDP)

Chart 1: Regional Population Trends

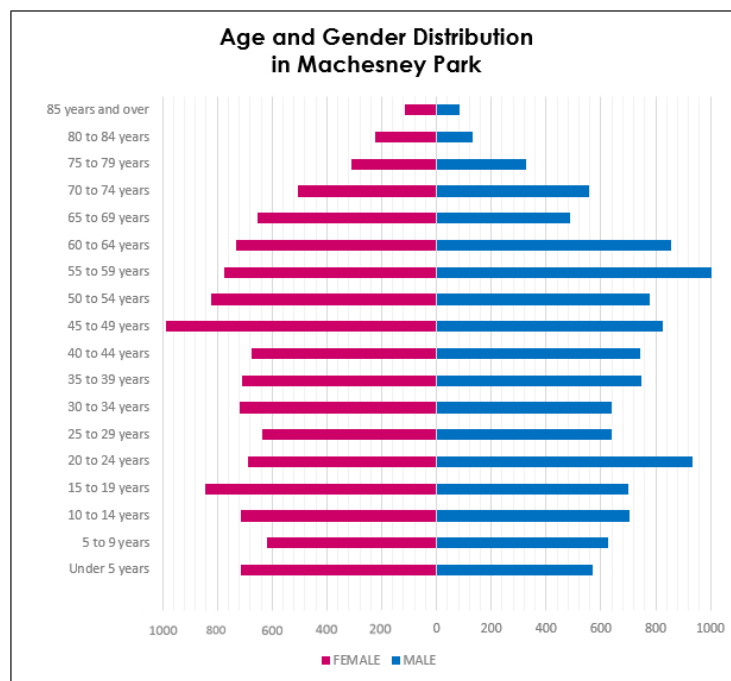


Sources: U.S Census of Pop. and Housing, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010, 2020

As shown in [Chart 1](#), historically the population in Machesney Park aligns with what has taken place regionally. It is difficult to predict if the region is currently witnessing the beginning of a population decline that will continue, or if it will recover and again experience an increase consistent with the recent past.

[Chart 2](#) depicts a breakdown of the Village’s population by age. A significant portion of Machesney Park’s population is age 45 and above. Nationally, persons age 19 to 39 make up a larger portion of the total population than what is occurring in Machesney Park. These Village demographics could pose social and cultural challenges. An aging population increases healthcare demands, as well as the need for more senior housing options. There may also be a surge in the demand for attractions and activities that cater to a more mature and financially stable crowd.

Chart 2: Age and Gender Distribution in Machesney Park



Source: U.S Census 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

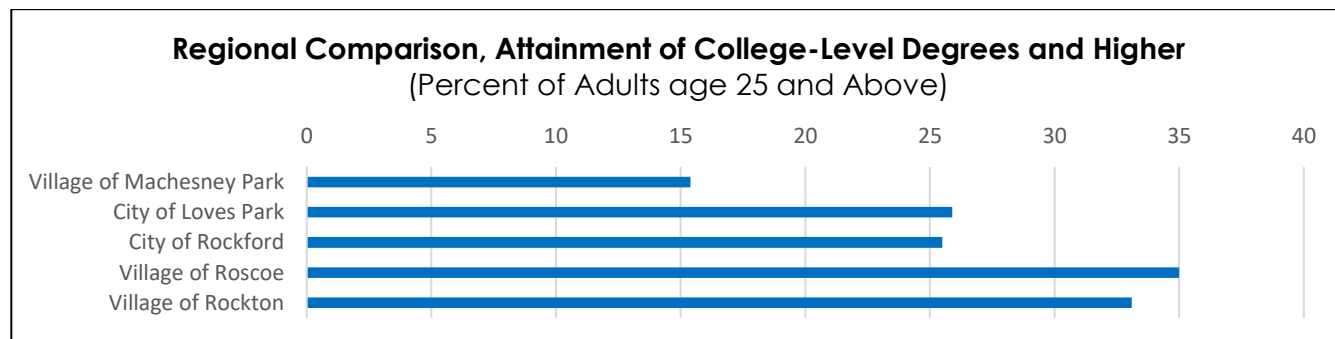
Only 22 percent of the Village’s population is under the age of 18. This mirrors the child/adult ratio both statewide and nationwide, as birth rates have been declining. To offset this potential population decline locally, the Village could focus efforts on new residential development or land annexation. The Village is fortunate that it is not land-locked, and there is room to grow to the east and the west. At the same time, it is important to focus on best serving the needs of the population here now. Future commercial and industrial growth is pertinent as well, to bring consumers and employees to the Village who reside outside of the Village’s jurisdiction. This is particularly crucial as the Village does not levy a property tax and uses sales tax primarily to fund operations.

2. EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT TRENDS

According to the 2019 American Community Survey, 89.2 percent of the Village’s population aged 25 and older had attained a high-school-level education. Approximately 15.4 percent of this group had gone on to attain a college-level degree (bachelor’s degree or higher). Persons with a college education locally falls below the Illinois state average. Statewide, 89.8 percent of adults have a high-school level education and 35.8 percent of them went on to attain a college-level degree. Chart 3 compares the attainment of college-level degrees for Machesney Park residents to neighboring communities.

This statistic does not account for skilled labor training, but it does indicate that jobs in the Village that require college degrees are primarily being held by people who do not reside in the Village. Also, it can be presumed that most Machesney Park residents are not working in a profession that requires a college degree. The largest employers in the Village focus on manufacturing, data, and logistics and they employ primarily individuals with a skilled labor background.

Chart 3: Regional Comparison, Attainment of College-Level Degrees and Higher



Source: U.S Census 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

3. INCOME TRENDS

Median household income data obtained from Census data can be used to compare changes over time, in Machesney Park and surrounding communities. The Village’s median household income is slightly above communities to the south, and below the communities to the north. However, it is above the median countywide, as the Village saw a sizable increase in household income over these last 20 years, presumably from higher-earning families relocating to the community.

Table 2: Regional Household Income Data, 2000-2019

	Median Household Income, 2000	Median Household Income, 2019	% Change 2000 - 2019
Village of Machesney Park	\$48,315	\$63,662	+31.8%
City of Loves Park	\$45,238	\$59,059	+30.6%
City of Rockford	\$37,667	\$46,803	+24.2%
Village of Roscoe	\$59,267	\$92,138	+55.5%
Village of Rockton	\$62,863	\$90,022	+43.2%
Winnebago County	\$52,456	\$59,455	+13.3%
State of Illinois	\$46,590	\$69,187	+48.5%

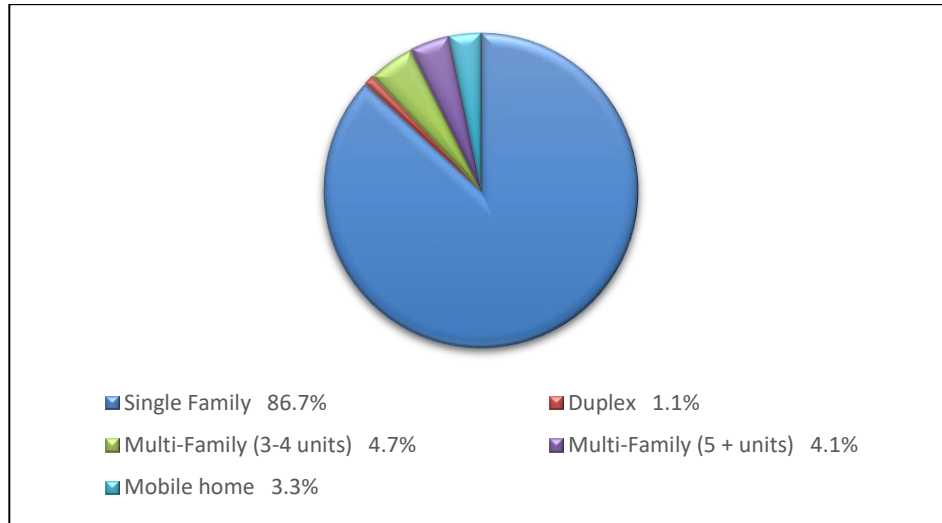
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000; U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

4. HOUSING TRENDS

There are 9,137 total occupied housing units in Machesney Park. The number of housing units increased by 22 percent since the year 2000. However, 5.5 percent of all housing in the Village was vacant in the year 2020. As the housing market turned around more recently, this vacancy rate has likely decreased.

Chart 4 shows a breakdown of the different housing types in the Village. As expected, single-family dwelling units are the predominant type of housing.

Chart 4: Machesney Park Housing, by Type



U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

A “household” is defined by the U.S. Census as all the people who occupy a single housing unit, regardless of their relationship to one another. A housing unit could be a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters. The “householder” is the person on record as the owner or renter of the dwelling.

The Village’s average household size has been steadily declining since the Village’s incorporation. This echoes national trends.

Table 3 shows this change in the size of households, as well as the percentage of people living alone and senior householders.

Table 3: Household Characteristic Comparisons

	Average Household Size, 2000	Average Household Size, 2019	% Change 2000 - 2019	% with Single-Person Household	% with Householder Age 65 or Older
Village of Machesney	2.68	2.54	-5.2%	22.2%	9.1%
City of Loves Park	2.44	2.42	-0.8%	30.2%	12.0%
City of Rockford	2.46	2.43	-1.2%	32.3%	12.8%
Village of Roscoe	2.82	2.81	-0.4%	17.9%	5.8%
Village of Rockton	2.72	2.62	-3.7%	21.6%	13.5%
Winnebago County	2.53	2.42	-4.3%	28.8%	12.0%
State of Illinois	2.63	2.54	-3.4%	30.8%	12.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000; U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The relatively low rate of single-person households in Machesney Park, along with the low rate of senior-aged householders, indicates that seniors in the Village may be living in other people’s dwellings more often than occurring regionally. Again, this points to a potential need for more senior housing options in the Village.

Table 4 compares other housing stock characteristics for the Village with those of surrounding communities, the County, and the State. In 2020, the Village had a vacancy rate of 5.5 percent, which is comparable to the surrounding area. The rate of owner-occupancy was 77.9 percent. The median housing value for those owner-occupied dwellings was \$120,700.

Table 4: Housing Stock Characteristics

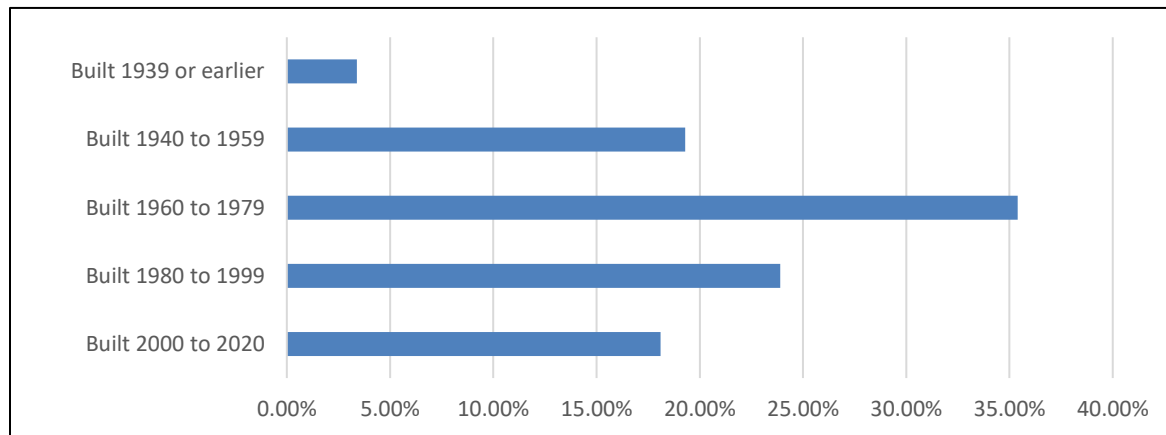
	Total Housing Units	% Vacant	% Owner Occupied	Median Housing Value in 2019 *
Village of Machesney Park	9,663	5.5%	77.9%	\$120,700
City of Loves Park	10,640	4.6%	68.7%	\$111,900
City of Rockford	66,612	9.6%	51.9%	\$98,900
Village of Roscoe	4,339	4.8%	77.4%	\$163,000
Village of Rockton	3,127	2.8%	81.9%	\$172,100
Winnebago County	124,983	7.6%	65.0%	\$126,500
State of Illinois	5,426,429	7.9%	66.0%	\$209,100

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000; U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

* Housing Values of Owner-Occupied Housing

Chart 5 illustrates the age of the Village’s housing stock. The age of a community’s housing stock is sometimes used as a measure of the general condition of the housing supply. Over 58 percent of Machesney Park’s housing stock was built prior to 1980. This high occurrence of older homes indicates the need for rehabilitation assistance may be increasing.

Chart 5: Age of Machesney Park Housing as a Percent of the Total 2019 Housing Stock



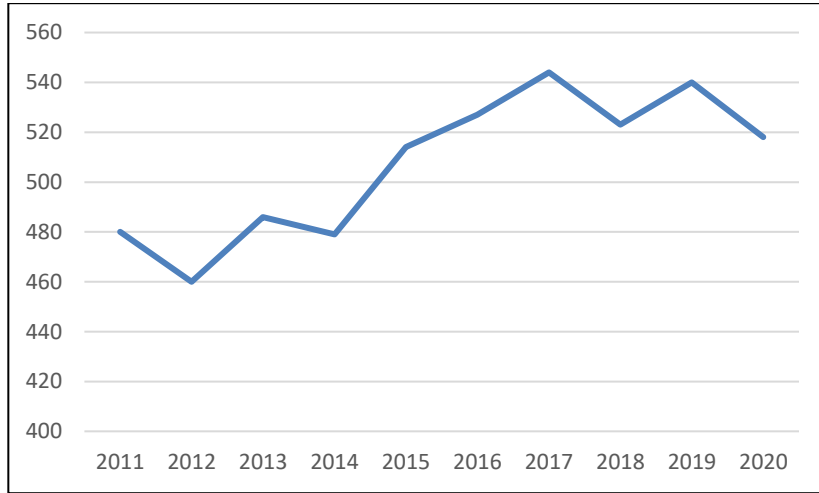
U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Over 18 percent of the homes in the Village were built since the year 2000. From 2010 to 2021, the Village averaged 27 permits for new home construction each year. There remains only approximately 50 platted and undeveloped vacant residential lots in the Village and there are a number of vacant lots in older residential areas, where homes have been demolished. New residential growth would ideally focus on these vacant lots, There is also the opportunity for land to be annexed into the Village, or development to be initiated in the vacant eastern portions of the Village, near I-90/39. However, population trends do not indicate a need for abundant residential growth.

5. RETAIL TRENDS

In 2020, there were 518 retailers who collected sales tax in the Village. As shown in [Chart 6](#), this number has increased since 2011. However, most recently there was a marked decrease in 2020, presumably due to the Covid-19 pandemic. With new businesses coming to the Village, and people regaining a sense of safety in public settings, this number is expected to again trend upwards in the future.

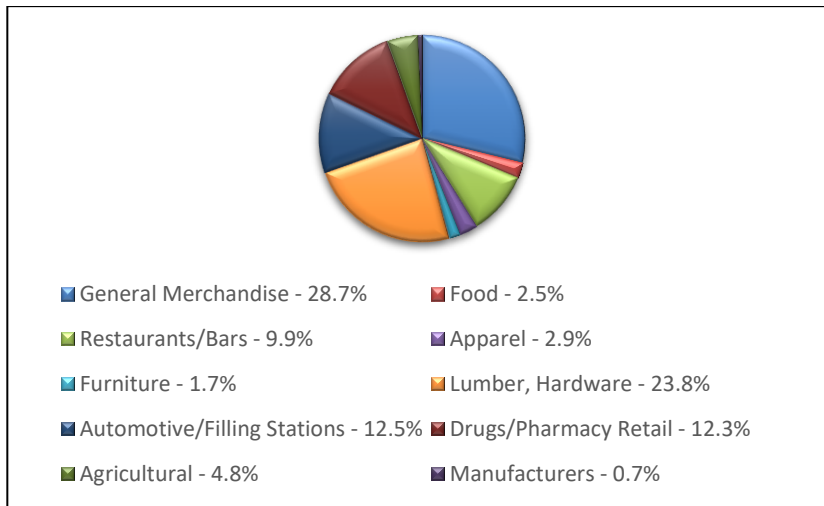
Chart 6: Number of Retailers Collecting Sales Tax in Machesney Park, 2011-2020



Illinois Department of Revenue

In the Village, General Merchandise and Home Improvement stores bring in the most sales tax revenue. [Chart 7](#) shows how this compares to how much sales tax is generated by other retail categories, locally.

Chart 7: Sales Tax Revenue by Category, as Percentage of Total Sales Tax Revenue, 2020



Illinois Department of Revenue

The performance of most retail categories in the Village have held steady, increasing sales tax revenue by about 50% since 2011. Sales tax from Apparel has increased at an outstanding rate, by more than 86%. Agricultural sales tax revenue has declined since 2011, which is not unexpected. Automotive and Furniture sales tax revenue increases are behind other categories, at 7.3% and 3.5% increases, respectively. There is a lack of furniture retailers in the Village, and although Restaurants/Bars do well, the Village does lack fine-dining options. Sales tax from motor vehicle sales is another category that could be improved by drawing the right car dealerships to the Village.

CHAPTER TWO: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Through the comprehensive planning process, an overall vision was established for the Village of Machesney Park. This overall vision provides the framework on which the more specific recommendations of the *Plan* are based. This chapter of the *Plan* includes goals and objectives that will provide guidance that Village Staff, the Planning and Zoning Commission, Village Board and other interested groups and individuals can use to guide the future smart growth and development of this area over the next 20 years.

A. MACHESNEY PARK VISION STATEMENT

A Vision Statement is an expression of the general direction the community wishes to take over the next 20 years. All goals, objectives, policies, detailed recommendations, and actions to implement the *Plan* should be consistent with this vision.

VISION STATEMENT

Machesney Park is a community that retains a small-town character while offering an assortment of retail, restaurant, service and employment options.

Redevelopment and infill development are encouraged with Tax Increment Financing Districts and other incentives. Providing quality services, infrastructure, and amenities to residents while not levying a local property tax remains a priority.

The Village's design standards continue to elevate the appearance and quality of the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Family areas.

Machesney Park remains a safe and friendly community, in a convenient location, where all are welcome to live, learn, work, shop, and play.

The Village of Machesney Park's updated *Comprehensive Plan* is an expression of what the Village desires to become in the future. Through recommendations and established goals and objectives, the *Plan* becomes a reliable policy guide for decision-making. This section presents the *Plan's* goals and objectives, which provide the framework for planning recommendations, policies and future projects and actions.

Goals are broad, advisory statements that express general public priorities about how the Village should approach development matters. These goals are based on key issues, opportunities, and problems that affect the Village.

Objectives suggest future direction in a way that is more specific than goals. The accomplishment of an objective contributes to the fulfillment of a goal. While achievement of an objective is often not easily measured, objectives are usually attainable through policies and specific implementation activities.

Together, the goals and objectives provide specific direction and serve as a guide for evaluating specific projects and land use alternatives. The goals and objectives that follow were arrived at through input from Village staff and elected officials, a community survey, feedback from various public meetings

and goals and objectives incorporated in the previous *Comprehensive Plan*.

B. RESIDENTIAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1:

Provide a housing inventory and living environment, which supports the local population and accommodates future growth while maintaining the overall health, quality, image and character of the Village while maintaining and improving the property values and overall desirability of the Village's older neighborhoods.

Objectives:

1. Protect residential areas from the encroachment of incompatible land uses and the adverse impacts of adjacent activities.
2. Ensure that residential areas have adequate buffering and/or screening from adjacent land uses.
3. Promote the economic importance of the diversity of the Village's housing stock and work to ensure neighborhood stability in all areas of the Village.
4. Encourage new development and infill development/redevelopment that is complementary to the scale and character of surrounding residential uses.
5. Phase new residential development in a manner consistent with public facility and service capacity and community expectations.
6. Preserve attractive and safe neighborhoods through regular, active code enforcement and preventative maintenance programs.
7. Establish community outreach efforts and assistance programs to assist in the maintenance of senior residents' homes and properties.
8. Strictly enforce all building, safety, zoning and fire codes to prevent overcrowding, unsafe conditions, and misuse of residential dwellings including garage conversions and basement apartments.
9. Encourage senior citizen housing options through high quality new developments or redevelopments.
10. Promote the improvement and rehabilitation of deteriorating properties.
11. Consider the implementation of Neighborhood Watch Programs and encourage efforts to reduce crime and increase community awareness of public safety.
12. Explore the establishment of comprehensive guidelines to improve the physical appearance of new residential neighborhoods, including anti-monotony regulations and standards for architectural style, building materials, bulk, setbacks and landscaping.
13. Consider the continuation of a Yards of Distinction program to encourage upkeep and appearance of existing residential areas.
14. Investigate and administer financial assistance programs that will aid residents in making property improvements.
15. Explore opportunities between private, public and not-for-profit agencies to make available dwelling units or financial options for low and moderate-income individuals and families.

C. COMMERCIAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1:

Create desirable locations for businesses in Machesney Park in order to achieve a compatible and market supportable system of attractive commercial development that is organized to provide various goods and services within the community and the greater region, while maximizing exposure along regional arterials and the I-39/90 Interchange.

Objectives:

1. Maintain a range of retail and service commercial activities throughout the Village primarily along the major arterials and the commercial corridors.
2. Promote a healthy and complimentary mix of commercial, retail, and service uses along IL Route

- 173 and IL Route 251.
3. Continue to update and enforce zoning regulations to improve and enhance the use, appearance, and cohesiveness of the IL Route 173 and 251 corridors.
 4. Ensure that all retail, office, service and commercial activities are concentrated within or near areas of similar or compatible uses.
 5. Identify specific actions and strategies to be undertaken to enhance the economic health of the Village's commercial corridor areas.
 6. Promote new commercial development and redevelopment within select locations, primarily at the former Machesney Park Mall, the intersection of IL Route 173 and IL Route 251 and along their corridors as identified in the Land Use Plan.
 7. Initiate programs to encourage the improvement and rehabilitation of older commercial buildings and areas that are becoming functionally obsolete, including improvements to facades, signage, streetscaping, landscaping, and parking areas.
 8. Implement a more systematic and pro-active property maintenance and code enforcement process to address Code violations in commercial areas of the Village.
 9. Continue to require landscaping within commercial areas and require upkeep of parking lots, opaque screening of service areas, trash enclosures, drives, buildings, and incompatible uses.
 10. Encourage new development to utilize "green technology" by investigating the potential to offer incentives for LEED certified construction.
 11. Encourage coordinated and shared vehicle access in commercial areas wherever possible.
 12. Continue to enforce Commercial Design Standards to guide the scale, appearance, orientation, and overall character of new development.

Goal 2:

Revitalize the former Machesney Park Mall into a vibrant, mixed-use development to serve both the Village and surrounding area.

Objectives:

1. Promote the redevelopment of the former Machesney Park Mall as a prominent Town Center within the Village to become a signature regional destination.
2. Promote a mix of commercial, retail, restaurant, entertainment, employment and education centers, and residential uses in a comprehensive redevelopment of the site.
3. Identify and prioritize economic strategies to ensure economic vitality and stability for the redevelopment of the property.
4. Prioritize appropriate redevelopment that creates and enhances the pedestrian scale of the property.

Goal 3:

Initiate improvements and strategies to define a "Downtown Business District", located on IL Route 251 near Harlem Rd.

Objectives:

1. Install placemaking improvements and amenities such as, but not limited to, public art, decorative lighting, crosswalk improvements, outdoor dining, and appropriately scaled landscape elements.
2. Create attractions to draw patrons to the District and encourage private investment in the area.
3. Improve traffic flow and safe pedestrian circulation in the District.
4. Seek available grant-funding and assist business owners in financing façade improvements.

D. INDUSTRIAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1:

Improve and support the existing business and industrial parks within the Village as high-quality locations for light industrial, high-tech office, office park, and commercial service uses.

Objectives:

1. Continue to promote the existing Machesney Park Industrial Centers and expand light industrial, distribution, high-tech offices, and office park uses near the I-90 Interchange and elsewhere.
2. Improve the appearance of the older existing business park areas including buildings, parking areas, signage, streets, and screening/buffering.
3. Assist and encourage existing industries' efforts to stay and/or expand in the Village.
4. Encourage the rehabilitation and reuse of functionally obsolete buildings to accommodate more appropriate and market viable uses.
5. Ensure that new or expanded business park uses are concentrated in areas of similar or compatible use.
6. Ensure new development occurs where adequate municipal services and facilities are present to serve new development.
7. Ensure adequate infrastructure exists within all industrial areas including transportation, telecommunications (voice/data), water, waste water, natural gas, electricity, stormwater detention, etc.
8. Improve access, exposure and visibility to industrial areas by installing directory signage at key points along IL Route 251 and IL Route 173.
9. Minimize traffic from light industrial areas from cutting through adjacent residential neighborhoods.
10. Encourage new development to utilize "green technology" by investigating the potential to offer incentives for LEED certified construction.

E. TRANSPORTATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1:

Improve the safety and efficiency of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the Village.

Objectives:

1. Work with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Winnebago County Highway Department to improve traffic flow and safety at key intersections in the Village.
2. Work with IDOT to improve the alignment of the intersection of IL Route 251, Forest Hills Road, and Burden Road.
3. Work with IDOT to explore opportunities to increase the number of emergency turn-around locations on N. Second St. to improve emergency vehicle response times.
4. Continue to work towards implementing desired recommendations of the Region 1 Planning Council (R1) such as improving public transit connections to Machesney Park's employment destinations.
5. Eliminate unnecessary and dangerous curb cuts throughout commercial corridors to improve the safety and efficiency of vehicular movement.
6. Continue to expand a comprehensive network of bicycle facilities and shared use paths, to safely route people to retail, recreational, and educational destinations.
7. Investigate opportunities toward providing equitable access to Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers throughout the Village at public spaces, Village owned properties, and ideal private locations such as shopping and employment centers.
8. When planning transportation improvements, keep in mind emerging trends for the movement of goods for immediate and same-day delivery, and the necessary infrastructure to safely accommodate an increased number of delivery drivers and unmanned vessels of various modes and sizes.
9. Ensure that land use decisions are compatible with the surrounding transportation infrastructure.
10. Enhance coordination and collaboration in planning, programming, and implementation activities with state, regional, and local partners.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1:

Proactively seek and attract retailers, service providers, professional offices and manufacturers to locate in the Village.

Objectives:

1. Continue to solicit businesses in the Village's strongest growth sectors, particularly to occupy space along Route 173, Interstate 39-90, N. Second St. and within the Village's existing industrial parks.
2. Attract retail businesses which are most likely to succeed in the Village's retail corridors, such as grocery stores, restaurants, coffee shops, apparel, electronics and comparison goods.
3. Increase marketing of the Village at International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) trade shows.
4. Target efforts to attract sit-down restaurants to the Village, by working with restaurant brands, independents, and restaurant brokers.
5. Create special programs and incentive packages to attract sit-down restaurants to locate in the Village.
6. Attract sit-down restaurants to the Village through the disposition of Village-owned real estate to restaurant operators.

Goal 2:

Retain existing businesses by building and maintaining relationships between Village leaders and business owners and managers, to support business growth and expansion here in the Village.

Objective:

1. Regularly visit with businesses in the Village to understand their goals and any concerns they may have, to facilitate their efforts to achieve success.

Goal 3:

Revitalize and enhance key commercial areas in the Village.

Objectives:

1. Draft and implement a plan to create a Downtown District, providing identity for the commercial area near Harlem Rd. and N. Second St.
2. Make improvements to the identified Downtown District through stakeholder engagement, political support, and seeking and securing funding opportunities.
3. Redevelop antiquated properties in the identified Downtown District by seeking funding to assist businesses through a façade grant program, a business district, and expansion/creation of Tax Increment Financing Districts.
4. Spur commercial growth at the northeast corner of Route 173 and Perryville Rd. with a Tax Increment Financing District and creation of a Business District.
5. Encourage development at the Picken Farm/Interstate Crossings area through marketing and the use of incentives.
6. Continue retail growth at Machesney Crossings.
7. Redevelop the Machesney Town Center and increase private investments that result in occupancies of this former mall property and the outlots.
8. Encourage redevelopment of the Speedway Auto property using a business district or other tax incentives to create retail outlots.
9. Facilitate redevelopment of the Loves Park Auto property through the use of Tax Increment Financing, a Business District, the Enterprise Zone and targeted retail recruitment with an emphasis on sit-down restaurants.

Goal 4:

Promote and aid in job creation, to provide employment opportunities for the local and surrounding community.

Objectives:

1. Identify growth sectors, both locally and regionally, and provide assistance to attract and connect businesses with one another.
2. Assist manufacturers to grow their businesses locally through the use of local and state incentives.
3. Work with the Rockford Area Economic Development Council (RAEDC) and Workforce Investment Board to increase support for vocational job training programs.

Goal 5:

Promote Machesney Park as a shopping and dining destination.

Objective:

1. Maintain and grow the Destination Machesney program.
2. Continue to explore and consider promotion of businesses in the Village through social media other technological means.

G. PARKS AND RECREATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1:

Enhance and protect the Village's parks, open space and environmental features that add to the character of the community.

Objectives:

1. Continue to apply for funding and seek opportunities to implement the improvements detailed in the Village Floodplain Recreation and Improvement Plan, to provide parks and open space amenities near the Rock River.
2. Continue to utilize the Park Land Dedication Requirement to acquire park sites and/or cash-in-lieu for new residential developments, determining when there are functional locations for neighborhood parks or when it is preferred to collect cash-in-lieu to fund park amenities for the larger community.
3. Continue to link Village parks and open space with multi-use trail systems.
4. Continue to support Rock Cut State Park and look for ways to capitalize upon the high number of visitors the park attracts such as the development of entertainment, lodging, and/or convention center uses.
5. Continue to work with public and private recreation providers such as the YMCA, the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District, and the Harlem Community Center to provide recreational activities for residents.
6. Continue to maintain the lawn, landscaping, and playgrounds at the Village's existing parks, to ensure they remain attractive and safe spaces.

H. COMMUNITY SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND UTILITIES GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1:

Continue to provide high-quality Village services and maintain appropriate infrastructure and utilities within the community.

1. Continue to budget for and implement improvement, expansion and maintenance of infrastructure provided by the Village of Machesney Park.
2. Promote the coordination of infrastructure and utility projects with other agencies to reduce Village costs through economies of scale.
3. Ensure an adequate level of fire and police protection throughout the Village. Support and promote the improvement and expansion of fire protection and other emergency facilities.
4. Maintain adequate sites for the Village Hall, Police Station, Public Works, and other Village facilities, constructing, renovating, and relocating facilities when necessary.
5. Promote the construction of new medical service facilities within the community.
6. Improve and expand specialized facilities and services for senior citizens and youths.
7. Complete a Village wide storm water management study for the entire Planning Area anticipating future growth and development.
8. Continue implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) throughout the Village to limit runoff and erosion and improve water quality entering the Rock River and other naturally occurring water sources.
9. Require developers in future growth areas to oversize utilities and infrastructure to accommodate other planned growth and development and permit and facilitate the reimbursement of oversizing costs borne by

the initial developer through recapture agreements.

10. Require developers to provide right-of-way widths that are in accordance with the Village Subdivision Code, so the Village no longer accepts right-of-way that is less than 66 feet wide.
11. Require future lots to be platted with utility easements inside the front property boundaries for fiber optic and high-capacity copper, in areas where they would otherwise be buried in the right-of-way.

CHAPTER THREE: LAND USE



Figure 3: Eastward view, from River Keys towards the Machesney Town Center

Machesney Park's setting is defined by its strategic and picturesque location in the "Illinois Stateline" region. Rock Cut State Park, the Rock River, and numerous regional recreation areas in both Illinois and Wisconsin are all minutes away. With easy access to interstates, highways, and major state roads, and its convenient proximity to Chicago, Rockford, Milwaukee, and Madison, the Village of Machesney Park has the opportunity to become a contender for drawing business and industry to the area. Additionally, the environmental character of Village and its unique landscape have continued to attract residents and families.

The Village should strive to maintain, market, and enhance these features and amenities as community assets and ensure that any new development is sensitive to, and reflective of, the natural environment and desired image and character of the community. Growth and development have excelled in the Village, especially commercial and residential uses along and around the IL Route 173 Corridor. Some of the commercial developments include large and specialty retailers providing general consumer goods and services. Additionally, numerous smaller retailers, including national chains, have moved into the corridor providing residents options for shopping needs. The Village has experienced growth and expansion in industrial sectors, as well, with significant investment in the Willow Creek Business Park area, and the Park 90 industrial subdivision continues to be built out, as well.

Many residential developments have been completed or are still being constructed between existing neighborhoods, existing and new commercial areas, and in outlying areas off Mitchell Rd., Forest Hills Rd., and North Perryville Rd. New growth in Machesney Park will entail primarily the development of vacant and agricultural land within the Village's extraterritorial planning jurisdiction. This includes land west of the Rock River. However, due to limited infrastructure and the costs to provide Village Services, development west of the Rock River should be discouraged until adequate infrastructure is in place. Although most growth will be "green field" type development (development of unimproved land), the redevelopment of key parcels in existing residential neighborhoods should be strongly encouraged to promote revitalization within older neighborhoods.

Opportunities to buy vacant or deteriorated property within existing neighborhoods have the potential to reinvigorate investment in these older areas, and possibly provide the Village with opportunities for creating neighborhood and pocket parks. In addition to acquiring available property within neighborhoods, purchasing properties within the Rock River Floodplain may present the Village a chance to implement improvements included in the Village's Floodplain Recreation and Improvement Plan, while relocating residents and their property out of harm's way.

A. FUTURE LAND USE PLAN

The Future Land Use Map (Refer to page 18) and the corresponding text are to be consulted whenever development is proposed, especially when a zoning change or land division is requested. Zoning Map Amendments and development shall be consistent with the future land use category shown on the map and the corresponding plan text. Where existing uses in this map differ from the current use, it is not the general intent of the Village to compel a change in zoning or a change in

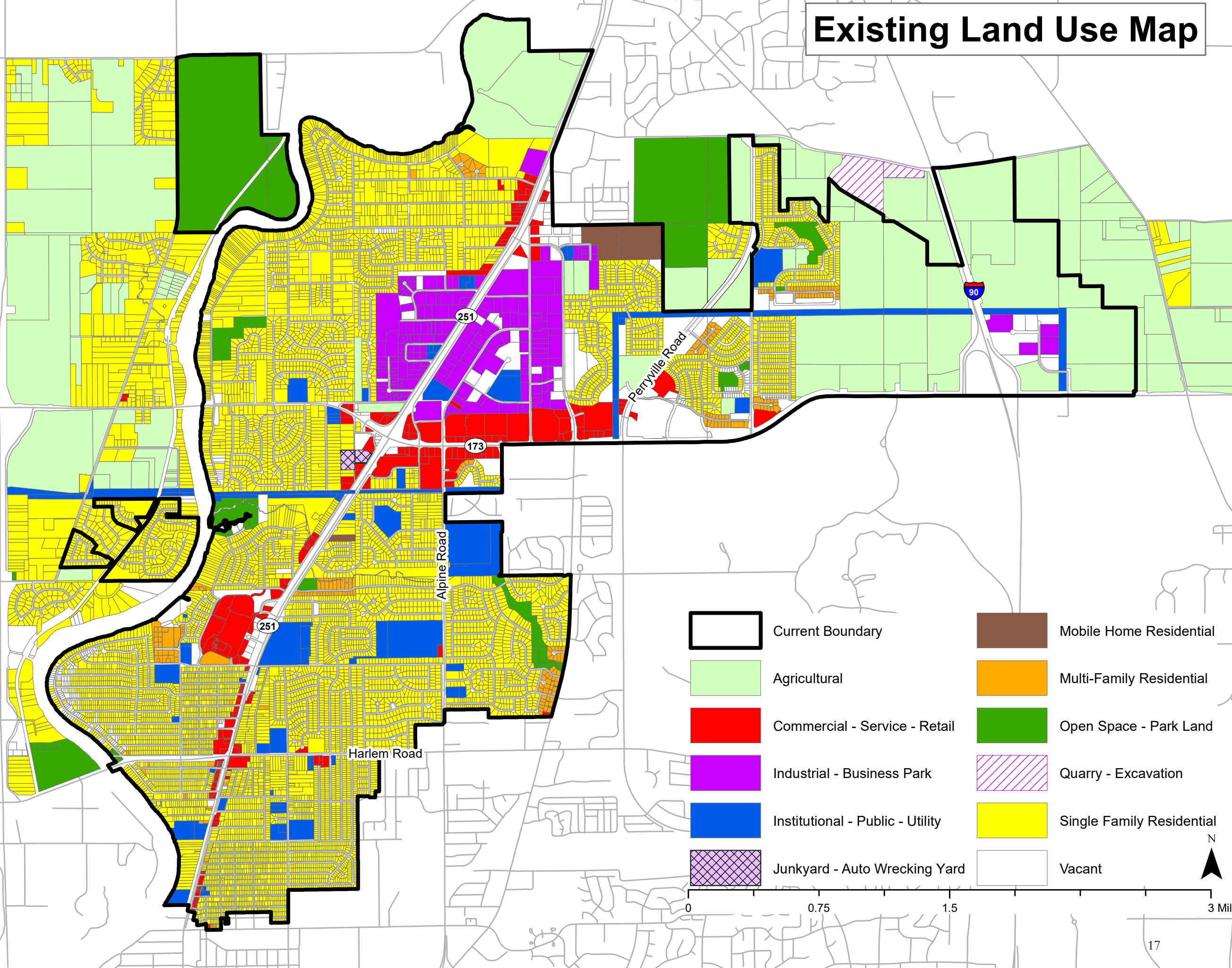
use. Except in rare instances when the Village may actively facilitate redevelopment of a priority site, the Village's use of this map will be only reactive, guiding response to proposals submitted by property owners and developers.



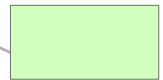




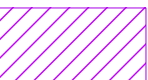




This Future Land Use Plan and Map endeavors to achieve a balance between the preservation of the significant environmental features, revitalizing of existing neighborhoods, promoting quality new residential, commercial, and industrial development, and provisioning for more parks and recreational areas that will help Machesney Park market itself within the region.

It should be emphasized that the Land Use Plan is a general guide for growth and development within the planning jurisdiction. It is a foundation for further decision-making. It is not a site development plan. While it is specific enough to provide guidance on land-use decisions, it is also flexible enough to allow for individual negotiations and the consideration of creative approaches to land development that are consistent with the policies and guidelines included in the Comprehensive Plan.

Eleven land use categories are included on the Future Land Use Map. These categories are intended to provide rational and gradual transition between different areas of the community, while allowing for a variety of land uses necessary to achieve a safe, thriving, and balanced community.

Existing Land Use Map

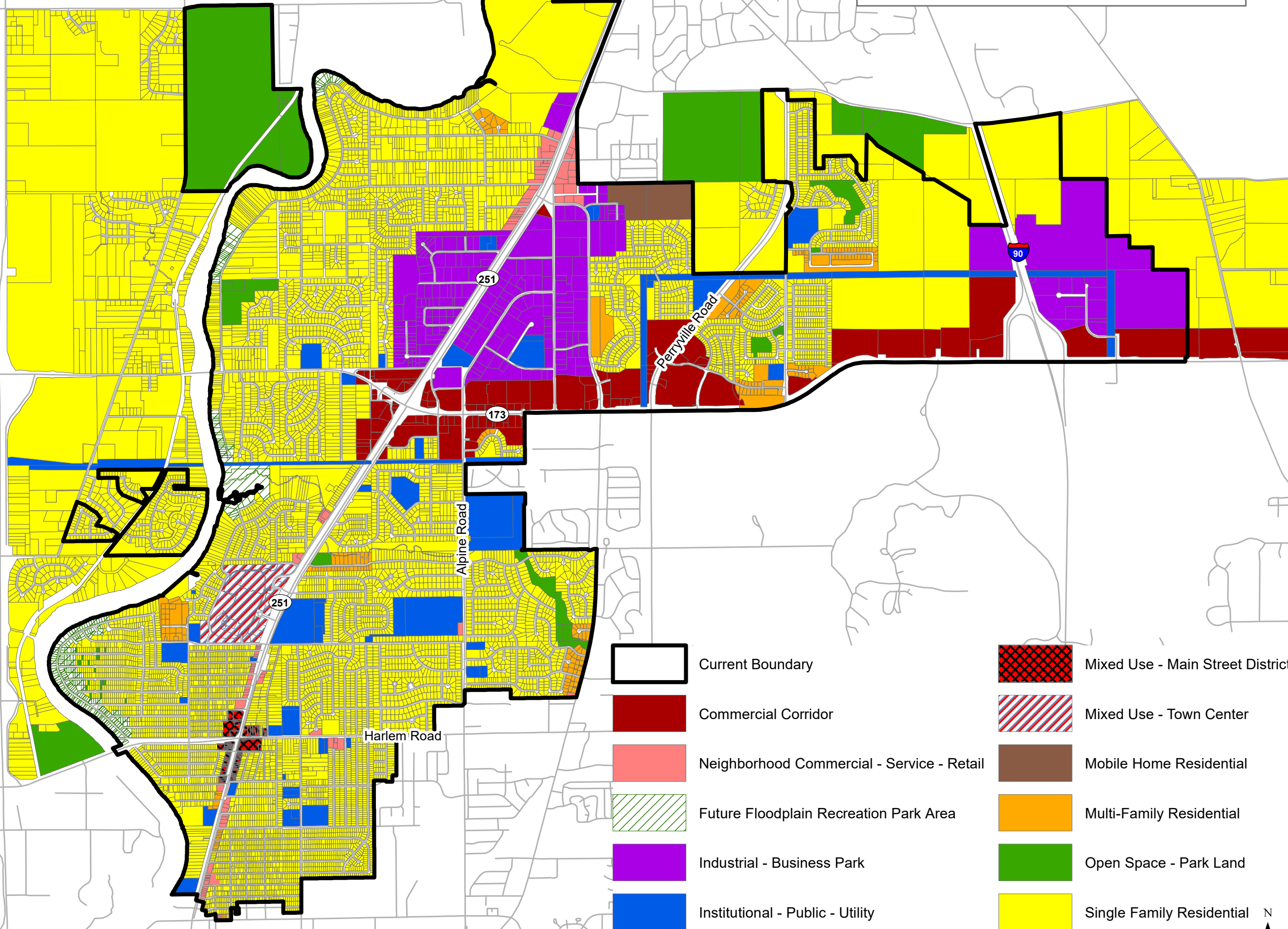














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|  | Current Boundary |  | Mobile Home Residential |
|  | Agricultural |  | Multi-Family Residential |
|  | Commercial - Service - Retail |  | Open Space - Park Land |
|  | Industrial - Business Park |  | Quarry - Excavation |
|  | Institutional - Public - Utility |  | Single Family Residential |
|  | Junkyard - Auto Wrecking Yard |  | Vacant |

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Future Land Use Map



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|---|--|---|----------------------------------|
|  | Current Boundary |  | Mixed Use - Main Street District |
|  | Commercial Corridor |  | Mixed Use - Town Center |
|  | Neighborhood Commercial - Service - Retail |  | Mobile Home Residential |
|  | Future Floodplain Recreation Park Area |  | Multi-Family Residential |
|  | Industrial - Business Park |  | Open Space - Park Land |
|  | Institutional - Public - Utility |  | Single Family Residential |

B. LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS

1. SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

This designation reflects that single-family is the predominate land use in the Village. These areas are consisting of older established single-family neighborhoods on small lots, larger lots in the northern portion of the Village where homes are on agricultural remnants with no public sewer or water, as well as newer infill neighborhoods and new residential subdivisions in the northeastern portion of the Village, and in the more upper-scale neighborhoods west of the Rock River.

These areas should remain single-family, and to make the more established areas competitive with new residential developments, sidewalks, road resurfacing, and other improvements should be made in the Village's older residential neighborhoods. Also, the Village shall continue to seek funding to remove abandoned, flood damaged, and other dilapidated housing in the older residential neighborhoods before the value of other properties in the vicinity is impacted.



Figure 6: New residential construction in the northeast portion of the Village.

The Future Land Use Map identifies annexed areas westward, west of the Rock River, are planned to remain residential at least through the year 2040, excepting those lands that are already owned and managed by the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District. Commercial and industrial development is not planned in these growth areas because public infrastructure is not present and the soils are not ideal for excavation. Annexed areas eastward are similarly planned to remain residential, aside from the land adjacent to Route 173, where commercial development should occur, and the area of the Weststone Industrial Business Park TIF District near the Interstate 90 interchange, where more manufacturing and distribution uses are encouraged.

2. MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

Multi-Family Residential areas within the Village of Machesney Park include apartments, townhomes, duplexes, and condominiums. While there are some single-family to two-family conversions scattered throughout the Village, most multi-family is positioned in the following areas: the south end of Timberlyne Hollow off Mitchell Rd.; east and west off the south end of Mitchell Rd. on Anjali Way and Westwick Cir.; in Silo Ridge off Vaughndale Dr. and Rolling Hills Ln; on Minns Dr. east of N. Second St.; west of Forest Hills Rd. off Seaton Hall Dr., Delta Dr., and Zenith Pkwy.; and the Bayview and Marina Terrace areas west of Victory Ln. and off Northway Park Rd. There are also some older apartments in the southern portion of the N. Second St. corridor.

The Future Land Use Map identifies very little new multi-family development, aside from the infill areas already zoned in the R3 or R4 districts, yet to be developed. Multi-family should continue to be considered for the north side of the Mixed Use-Town Center area, as well.

There has been little interest in the development of high-density apartment complexes in the Village. The demand is not here and high-density residential has not been considered favorably by the Village's elected officials. The Machesney Park populace seems to prefer the privacy and pride that comes with living in single-family detached housing, regardless of whether they rent or own. However, as any infill multi-family housing is developed in the future, it will need to comply with the Village's adopted design standards. If these developments are larger (9 units or more) they will require approval of a Multi-Family PUD, which in turn requires this future housing to be a higher-quality development, likely ideal for the empty nesters and senior citizens who will make up the bulk of the Village's residents these next 20 years, based on population trends.

3. MOBILE HOME RESIDENTIAL

Additional mobile home parks are not planned in the Village. While there are scattered mobile homes on single-family residential lots in the Village, they are pre-existing non-conforming and could not be replaced. For this reason, in the



Figure 7: Forest View Mobile Home Community

future the Village is likely to see fewer scattered mobile homes in residential neighborhoods, including the aging Rainbow Ln. mobile homes off N. Second St.

The one area identified for Mobile Homes on the Future Land Use Plan is the Forest View Mobile Home Community, which is in the northern portion of the Village off Forest Hills Rd. and extends into the Village of Roscoe. This is a quality park that offers additional housing options for Village residents. Continued maintenance of this development is encouraged. However, growth of the park is limited in the Village because it is land-locked by a single-family neighborhood to the south and Forest Preserve District property to the east.

4. OPEN SPACE – PARK LAND

Areas identified as Open Space and Park Land on the Future Land Use Map are primarily already established park and open space areas. These are areas that are either maintained by the Village, by Harlem Township, or by Winnebago County. In addition, there are scattered lots in the floodplain area where the Village purchased and demolished homes to restore open space as a flood hazard mitigation measure, and these lots must remain open space. The only new area planned for additional parkland, aside from the floodplain areas described below, is if the Village annexes the Porter Quarry on Swanson Rd. This site could possibly be converted to park space if/when the quarry becomes inactive.



Figure 6: Willow Creek Path

5. FUTURE FLOODPLAIN RECREATION PARK AREA

In floodplain areas along the Rock River the Village has purchased and demolished a significant number of homes and restored those lots to open space. To best utilize this acquired space, along with land likely to be acquired in the future, the Village has adopted a Floodplain Recreation and Improvement Plan. Areas identified as future park areas in that Plan are indicated as Future Floodplain Recreation Park Area on this Future Land Use Map. The Floodplain Recreation and Improvement Plan prescribes for new parking, play spaces, passive recreation and paths in these areas, with some fishing access, and viewing platforms along the shore. Eventually, the plan is to connect four identified park areas along the Rock River with paths and bike routes.



Figure 7: Shore Drive portion from the Floodplain Recreation and Improvement Plan.

6. NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL – SERVICE - RETAIL

The Neighborhood Commercial land use designation is intended for small scale service and retail uses that do not require a lot of space. On the Future Land Use Map, this use is intended primarily for the older commercial areas along the N. Second St. corridor and on Harlem Rd. near Scott Ln. These are areas where the Village encourages investment and development of specialty shops, local restaurants, and perhaps personal care services and professional offices that are discreet enough to not have an impact on the comfort or safety of nearby residences.



Figure 8: Route 173 Commercial Corridor looking eastward.

7. COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR

The Commercial Corridor designation is primarily along the Route 173 corridor. This use is intended for intense retail destinations that serve the larger region, such as hotels, car dealerships, large retail stores, and franchise restaurants.

8. MIXED USE – MAIN STREET DISTRICT

This commercial area, depicted on the Future Land Use Map around the intersection of N. Second St. and Harlem Rd. has been identified as the downtown or “Main Street Machesney” area. Efforts have been made to



Figure 9: Depiction from the Downtown Beautification Plan.

beautify the area, as decorative street lighting, sidewalks, and medians have been installed with attractive banners and landscaping. A Downtown Beautification Plan was recently drafted, which proposes additional placemaking initiatives the Village plans to pursue to improve this area, while making it more attractive and pedestrian-oriented. Ideal land uses in this Main Street District would be Neighborhood Commercial type uses, but perhaps more to attract visitors than to serve the nearby residents. Specialty shops and local eateries would be best, with some of the other amenities you find in historic downtowns such as increased parking, outdoor dining, public art, and public spaces to congregate.

9. MIXED USE – TOWN CENTER

As the former Machesney Park Mall continued to lose tenants and became increasingly vacant during the course of these past 20 years, the Village started to envision a mixed-use future for this area, with less emphasis on commercial retailers. With the Village's assistance, this property has undergone physical improvements to the ring roads and platting to create outlots fronting N. Second St. An assisted-living facility was constructed on the south end of the property, with plans for future expansions. The former mall itself now has some diverse occupants such as the leasing office for the assisted-living facility, a fitness center, a medical software call center, warehousing, climate-controlled indoor self-storage, a school for special-needs students, and two commercial retailers.

The area designated as Mixed Use – Town Center on the Future Land Use Plan also includes some stand-alone restaurants, decorative detention ponds, and a professional office. The future vision for this area is for continued development of varying but compatible uses. This Town Center should be both an employment destination and provide services for nearby residents. This area should be pedestrian-friendly, perhaps with walking paths and civic open spaces. For several years the Town Center has been the site of the Village's holiday tree-lighting festivities, and other popular seasonal events for area families to attend. Additional low-density multi-family housing is encouraged here, particularly at the northern portion of the Town Center.

10. INSTITUTIONAL – PUBLIC - UTILITY

Areas designated as Institutional – Public – Utility are sites of existing and future facilities for utilities and other public agencies. These include local government offices, United States military facilities, fire stations, schools, public water and sewer facilities, churches, community centers, cemeteries, as well as other large public utility installations such as the Commonwealth Edison high-lines that run through the Village and the area planned for a community solar array west of Perryville Rd. The only areas designated with this land use are already established or already planned.

11. INDUSTRIAL – BUSINESS PARK

The Village encourages and plans for continued maintenance and investment in the older industrial subdivisions in the Village, as well as infill development on vacant industrial lots and continued platting to create new shovel-ready industrial lots, particularly in the Weststone Industrial Business Park TIF District area near Interstate 90 and Route 173. This interchange area is an ideal location for new, quality, manufacturing and/or warehousing uses that will draw a skilled workforce to the Village daily, as well as create job opportunities for local Village citizens.



Figure 10: Industrial Areas East and West of Hwy. 251, North of Route 173.

12. CLASSIFICATIONS OMITTED FROM FUTURE LAND USE MAP

Two uses that are included on the Existing Land Use Map have been omitted from the Future Land Use Map simply because when these uses cease, they should not be permitted again within the Village's jurisdiction. These are the Junkyard-Auto Wrecking Yard and the Quarry-Excavation uses.

The Junkyard-Auto Wrecking Yard is the Loves Park Auto Parts property, which is currently a combination of Commercial and Industrial Zoning. This junkyard predates the Village's incorporation, and it is located near the busy intersection of West Lane Rd. and N. Second St. The owners of the property have been making strides towards removing vehicles and cleaning up the property. When the junkyard no longer exists here, the Village intends to support commercial redevelopment of this land. Future junkyards are not encouraged within the Village boundaries.

Quarry-Excavation is the other use omitted from the Future Land Use Map. This refers to the Porter Quarry on Swanson Rd., between Perryville and I-90. This quarry is in an area to eventually be within the Village’s jurisdiction, per the Boundary Line Agreement with the Village of Roscoe. However, Machesney Park will likely only annex this land if it is no longer an operational quarry. At that time the land may be ideal for parkland, and on the Future Land Use Map the area is indicated as Open Space-Park Land.

Lastly, the Village aspires to make use of all the vacant land in the Village, especially with infill commercial and industrial development. This is why there is no Vacant land use indicated on the Future Land Use Map.

C. TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The transportation facilities that serve the residents and businesses of Machesney Park consist of the roadway system, public transportation, and pedestrian and bicycle circulation facilities. The primary purpose of the Transportation Plan is to establish the basis for a long-range system of roadways and alternative transportation routes that efficiently supports existing and anticipated development and address key concerns and issues of existing transportation systems. The Village should use the Transportation Plan to achieve the desired goals and objectives of the community and implement a Transportation Plan that will promote desired growth and development of the community. The Plan addresses two types of transportation networks:

- Traditional Transportation System primarily refers to the street network which accommodates motor vehicle circulation throughout the Village.
- Alternative Transportation System primarily refers to the trail networks and bus routes traversing the Village.

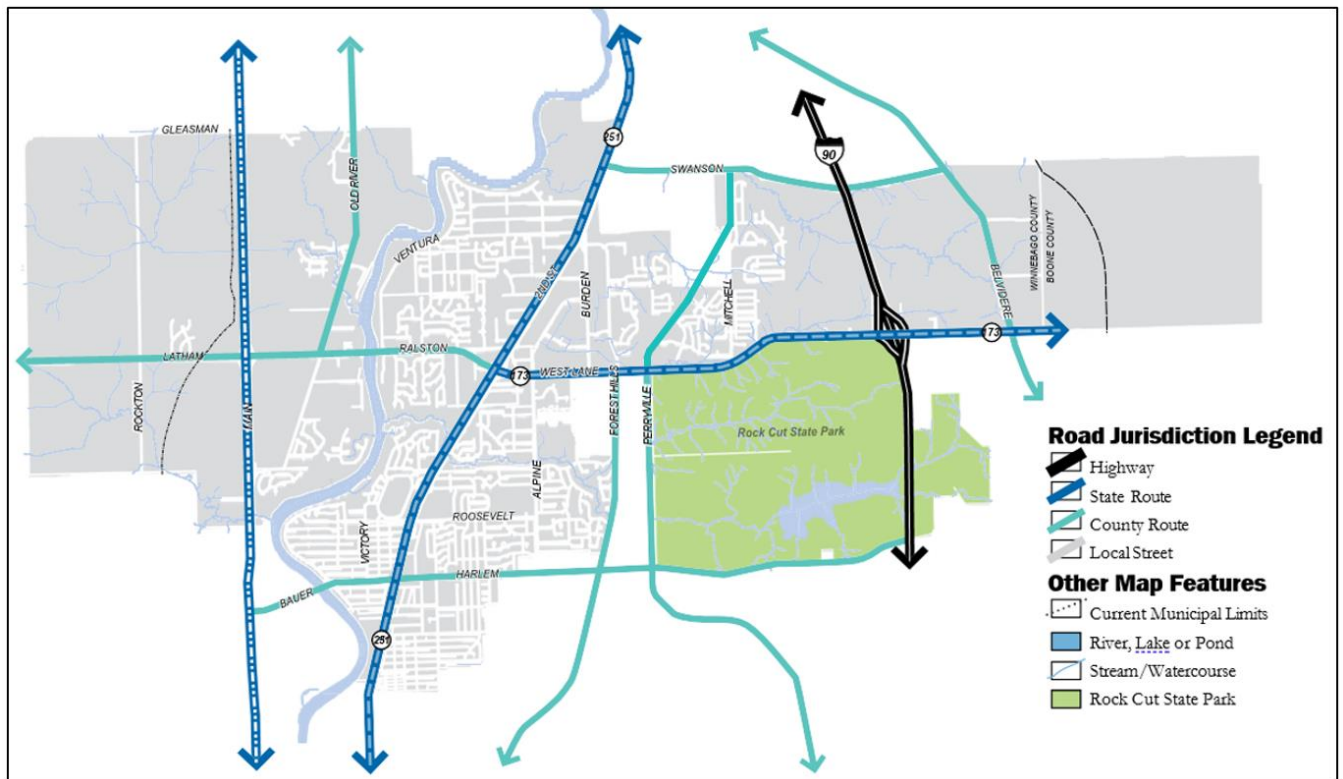


Figure 11: Current Roadway Jurisdictions in the Village of Machesney Park

1. JURISDICTION

The Village of Machesney Park and its Planning Area are served by a system of roadways under the jurisdiction of the State of Illinois (IDOT), Harlem Township, Winnebago County, and the Village of Machesney Park. With the exception of State roads (Illinois IL Route 251, Illinois IL Route 173, and Illinois Route 2), a jurisdictional transfer will occur if areas annex into the Village of Machesney Park that are presently served by roadways under other jurisdictions. This will primarily affect areas west of the Rock River and northern and eastern areas around the I-90 interchange.

As unincorporated areas annex to Machesney Park to facilitate development, the Village will assume maintenance responsibility for the public roadways. The State of Illinois, however, will likely and should always be responsible for the maintenance and improvements of IL Route 2, IL Route 251 and IL Route 173. Should the State request a transfer of responsibility for the maintenance of these roads in exchange for immediate improvements, the Village should deny it. The long-term costs of rebuilding, repaving, and maintaining these roads and bridges will be a tremendous financial burden on the Village and any short-term benefits including control over access points, beautification, or traffic signals would not outweigh the expense.

2. FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Classifying the various roadways according to their function within the Village is an important element in the planning process. Not all roadways within Machesney Park's Planning Area are intended to serve the same purpose, and, therefore, should not have the same design characteristics and projected levels of service. The number of lanes a roadway should have, its width, speed and striping are all characteristics that shape a road's function and functional classification.

The primary considerations in functionally classifying roadways include:

- Average Daily Traffic (ADT) as provided by RMAP and IDOT;
- Land uses abutting each street;
- The number of controlled intersections, access points, driveways, and curb cuts;
- The number of traffic lanes and width of rights-of-way;
- Connections to other streets within the community and larger regional area along with its proximity to other streets within the network.

Streets within the Village of Machesney Park are separated into the following five functional classifications:

- Interstate/Highway
- Arterial
- Collectors (Major/Minor)
- Local Streets

A. INTERSTATE/HIGHWAY

Until 2007, the Village had no access to Interstate 39/90, which passes through the Village's eastern edge. Once the interchange was completed it provided the Village with excellent access to the Interstate System. This interchange strengthens the residential and commercial demand within the Village of Machesney Park's municipal limits and its larger planning area primarily along IL Route 173. In anticipation of continued development along this corridor, the Village will need to evaluate the design and configuration of IL Route 173 and expanding the commercial core of the community. Additionally, as development of office, business, and industrial parks east of the interchange continue, improvements to IL Route 173 will be necessary to promote efficient and effective circulation of vehicular traffic. Widening of the roadway and other improvements should only be made once traffic counts are conducted and monitored, justifying them. Maintenance and improvements to I-90/I-39/US-51 fall under the jurisdiction of IDOT, which also controls and limits access to the Interstate System.

B. ARTERIALS

Arterial streets are designed and intended to serve all types of trips within the Community. Their principal purpose is to move large volumes of traffic within, and through, the Village and its many destinations. Roads such as IL Route 251 and

IL Route 173 are examples of arterial roads. Arterial streets are generally characterized by wider traffic lanes, increased speed limits, and have heavily controlled/limited access points, curb cuts and traffic signals. The majority of arterial roadways are planned together with other transportation agencies including IDOT and RMAP, and adjacent communities due to their impacts to traffic circulation throughout a region. For most of the arterial roads in the Village, maintenance and access is the responsibility of IDOT or Winnebago County.

C. COLLECTORS (MINOR AND MAJOR)

Unlike arterial streets, collector streets are intended to collect traffic from neighborhoods/local streets and distribute traffic efficiently to local and arterial streets within the community. Collector streets are intended to serve the local population and local land uses and are not intended to be used as traffic routes to move vehicles through the Village or provide direct access to large destinations. Collectors are also not intended to provide routes over long distances.

Collector streets can be further separated into Minor Collectors and Major Collectors, with Major Collectors designed to carry higher volumes of traffic. In some instances, collector streets are planned together with other transportation agencies or adjacent communities but they are generally the responsibility of the Village. If collector streets are located within the Machesney Park Planning Area but are outside the incorporated limits, the County holds the primary responsibility of maintaining and operating the roadway.

Collector streets are an important component of the transportation network and the location and design of future collectors within the Village's growth areas will likely fall upon the Village working in conjunction with private developers.

D. LOCAL STREETS

Local streets comprise all the additional roadways which provide access within neighborhoods and connect parcels of land to collector streets and other roadways which comprise the road network. All local streets are designed to accommodate local traffic and are narrower than other types of streets to promote safe speeds through areas such as residential neighborhoods.

Many of the local streets that Machesney Park "inherited" at the time of its incorporation are in poor condition, especially local streets south of Harlem Road. Since the municipal sales tax referendum, titled Build Machesney, first passed in 2008 the Village has improved over 90 miles of roadway. These funds continue to allow the Village to undertake significant infrastructure improvements to local roadways.

3. MULTI-USE TRAILS AND PATHS

Pedestrian and bicycle trails and pathways are alternative forms of transportation provided within the Village of Machesney Park. The Village should explore opportunities for additional multi-use trails along selected roadways within the planning jurisdiction. These new opportunities should establish trails along both sides of the Rock River, establish connections to existing and proposed parks and open space areas, and consist of a combination of on-street and off-street configurations. Additionally, improvements to existing trail and path systems should be made.

Attention should be given to reserve adequate rights-of-way for pedestrian and bicycle facilities, safe crossings along busy roadways, and controlling traffic speeds on streets where pedestrian and bicycle traffic is to be promoted. The Village should also strive to balance the needs of existing property owners with the preservation of environmental features and the requirements of a new trail system that will serve the entire community. Additionally, the Village should coordinate efforts with new development and require the establishment of new systems within proposed future facilities in the planning area.

Community-wide trail systems included on the Transportation Plan Map (Refer to pg. 26) include:

- Trails along the Rock River;
- Trails connecting residential neighborhoods to community parks, schools, public facilities, and other community destinations;
- Trails connecting residential areas to proposed future employment centers and shopping destinations within the Village;

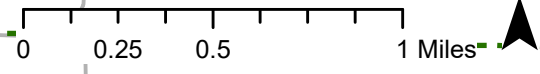
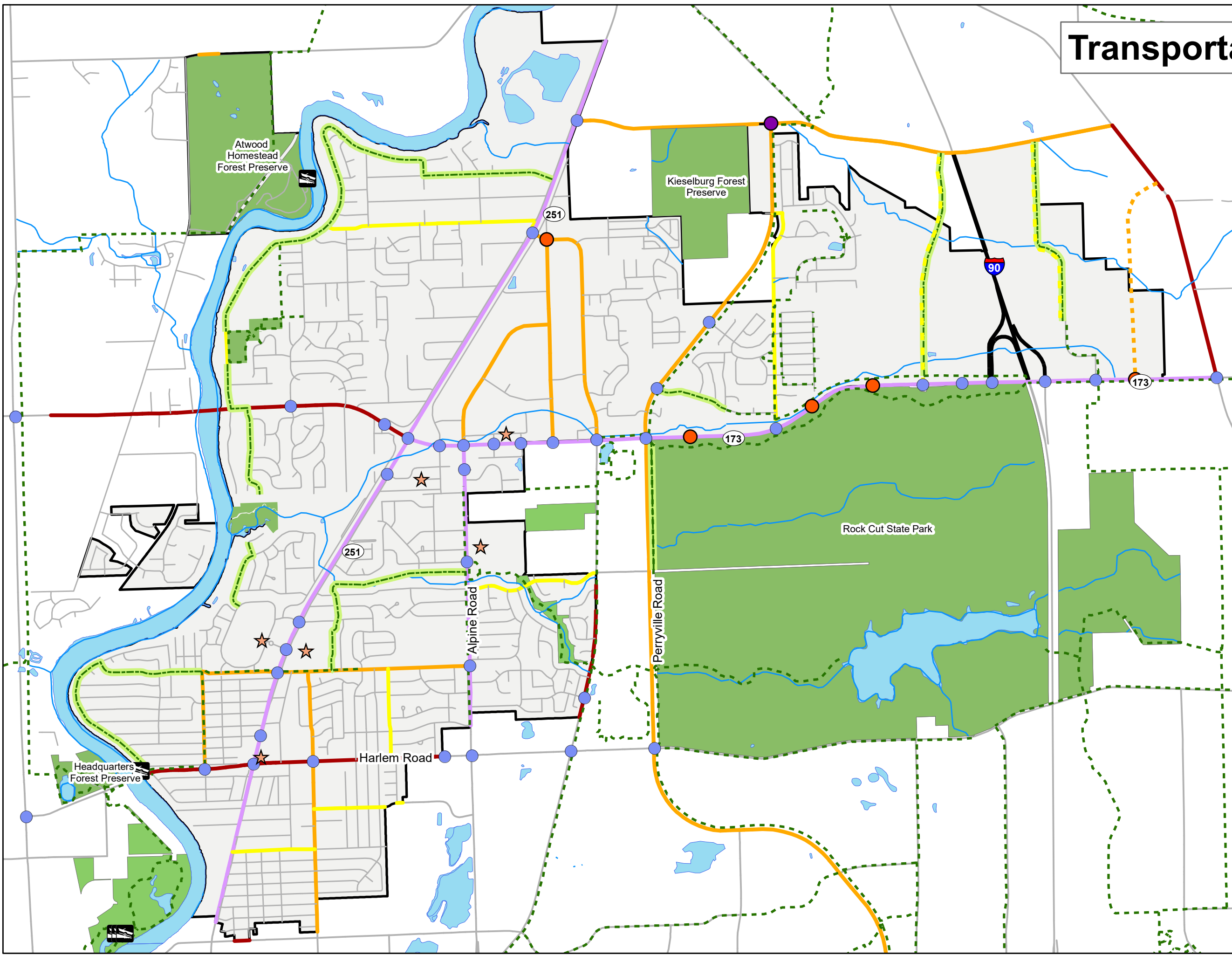
- Trails on several local streets and select major and minor collector streets; and
- Improvements to existing trails such as the Willow Creek Path.

4. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The Rockford Mass Transit District provides fixed route and para-transit service to the Cities of Rockford and Loves Park and the Village of Machesney Park. Operating only two bus routes within the Village, the North 2nd Street Number 22 and the Alpine Number 20. The Village should work closely with the district to oversee new routes in an effort to address underserved areas of the community. These new or extended routes should provide access to all existing and proposed residential neighborhoods, commercial, employment, and shopping destinations.

Transportation Plan Map

- Planned Signals
- ★ Key Transit Destinations
- Roundabouts
- Existing Signals
- Boat Launch
- Planned Major Collector
- Planned Minor Collector
- Existing Shared Use Paths
- Planned Shared Use Paths
- Bodies of Water
- Interstate
- Local Road or Street
- Major Collector
- Minor Arterial
- Minor Collector
- Other Principal Arterial
- Parks
- Machesney Park Boundary



D. PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

Machesney Park has numerous natural features that create an attractive community setting along the Rock River. Some of the many assets of the community include wooded areas, wildlife habitats, wetlands, native vegetation, and nearby Rock Cut State Park. These natural features, together with parks and other open spaces, provide scenic beauty and ecological diversity that contribute to the Village's image, identity, and desirability as a community.

An important objective of the Parks and Recreation Plan is to preserve and protect these unique features that contribute to the character of the Community. Similarly, the plan addresses opportunities the Village should pursue to increase public access to the river and provide additional neighborhood parks in underserved areas of the community.

1. PUBLIC PARKS

Much of the Village was developed prior to the implementation of park land dedication requirements, and the amount of parkland falls short of recommended guidelines established by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). The NRPA recommends an average of 10 acres of parks and recreational areas for every 1,000 residents, of which between 4 and 5 acres are dedicated to neighborhood parks and playgrounds for use by a local population able to walk to a park site.

Current and planned park spaces that serve Machesney Park's population are shown on the Parks and Recreation Plan Map (Refer to pg. 29). Some are outside of the Village's boundary, and some are maintained by other entities. Play spaces at school yards and the Boys and Girls Club, and facilities owned and managed by Harlem Township, the County Forest Preserve District, and the State are included as amenities enjoyed by Village residents. Neighborhood parks that are managed and maintained by the Village are located in Timberlyne Hollow and Silo Ridge subdivisions. These are areas far removed from school playgrounds.



Figure 12: Price Park Playground in Silo Ridge Subdivision

2. BIKE AND RECREATIONAL TRAILS

The Village of Machesney Park has numerous trails and paths within its neighborhoods. Many of these amenities are located in more recent residential developments. The creation and conveyance of sidewalks and path systems should be required for all new development, and when right-of-way is being acquired for road resurfacing or widening, when feasible. Additionally, these new facilities should establish connections to recreational points of interest, shopping, dining, and other service destinations.

Shared use paths are shown on the Parks and Recreation Plan Map that would connect existing and proposed trails into a network of paths to provide the residents of Machesney Park a safe way to navigate throughout the Village and to nearby communities, on bike or on foot. Connecting into a regional network of paths will also bring visitors to the Village, from other communities.

3. WINNEBAGO COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

The Winnebago County Forest Preserve District maintains four properties located adjacent to or near the Village of Machesney Park including the Forest Preserve Headquarters, the Atwood Homestead Golf Course, Roland Olson Preserve, and Kieselburg Preserve. These four preserves total 721 acres of open space, woods, and preservation areas that are easily accessible to the residents of Machesney Park. These facilities provide a variety of recreational amenities that include hiking trails, boat launches, soccer fields, golf, remote control airplane fields, and equestrian trails. The Plan calls for new trails which will increase pedestrian and bicycle access to these four Forest Preserve District properties on the edge of the Village.

4. ROCK CUT STATE PARK AND WILLOW CREEK BIKE PATH

Rock Cut State Park includes a number of environmental features including wooded areas, trails, preservation areas, and two lakes. The Park’s recreational activities include boating, camping, hiking, fishing, horseback trails and cross-country skiing. Because of the variety of activities offered at this park, Rock Cut State Park is the second most-visited state park in Illinois. Given these statistics, increasing visibility and access to the Park should be a priority for continued economic development within the Village.

Presently, the primary entrance to the state park is from IL Route 173, directly west of the I-90 interchange. This location provides the Village with a potential economic development opportunity for lodging, conference/convention, and commercial entertainment uses which may also benefit the State Park.

The Village has been increasing bike and pedestrian access to Rock Cut State Park via the Willow Creek Bike Path, and recently improved paths along Perryville Rd. and Mitchell Rd.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS

Environmental corridors, which help establish the overall structure of the open space system within Machesney Park, generally follow surface watercourses and drainage ways defined by the area’s topography and other natural features. Some of these other natural features include floodplains, wetlands, wooded and significantly vegetated areas. The preservation of environmental corridors can create a network of green space that enhances residential neighborhoods, provides linkages between land use districts, and preserves the image and character of Machesney Park.

6. WETLANDS AND FLOODPLAIN

Wetlands are located in several areas throughout the Village. Most of the pockets of wetlands exist in low lying areas near the Rock River, and along Willow Creek in addition to other tributaries to the River. It is recommended that these wetlands be protected and enhanced as part of all new development rather than mitigated offsite.

A significant portion of the Village is within the 100-year floodplain, and the Village has adopted regulations that prevent new structures or costly investments in the floodplain, which are likely to sustain flood damage in the future. Also, the Village has been awarded grant monies for flood mitigation efforts and have used that funding for a Voluntary Flood Buyout Program, to remove flood-damaged structures and restore open space. This program has successfully allowed the Village to acquire land for future park space, while also relieving the burden on residents who have been left with a damaged home that may be too costly to repair. As a result, each recent flood has resulted in less actual property damage in the Village than previous flood events.

To establish a cohesive vision of how to best use the flood lots that have been acquired by the Village, a Floodplain Recreation and Improvement Plan has been adopted. This Plan prescribes improvements for Village-owned land along the length of the river, from Harbor Oaks Dr. down to Shore Dr., if and when the Village acquires the property needed for these dedicated park spaces and riverfront amenities.




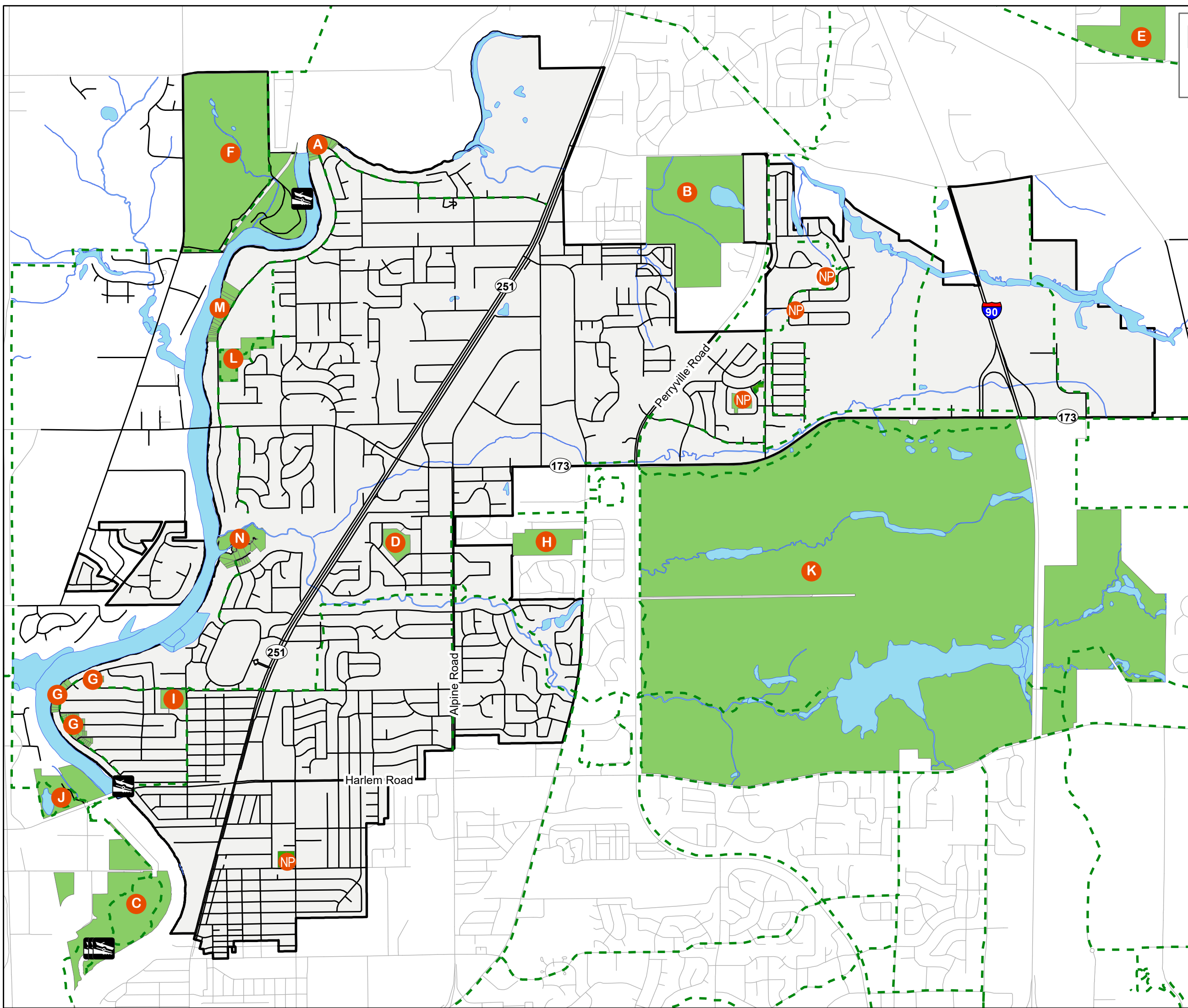
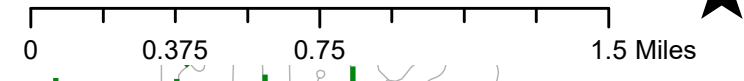
Figure 13: Wildlife in Willow Creek



Figure 14: Concepts from the [Floodplain Recreation and Improvement Plan](#)

Parks and Recreation Plan Map

- A Harbor Oaks Park
- B Kieselburg Preserve
- C Mercy Sportscore I - Veteran's Memorial Park
- D Olsen Park
- E Roland Olson Preserve
- F Atwood Homestead Golf Course
- G Future River Park
- H Harlem Community Center Sports Complex
- I Marquette Park
- J Headquarters Forest Prserve
- K Rock Cut State Park
- L Schoonmaker Recreation
- M Ventura Park
- N Williams Park
- NP Neighborhood Park
-  BoatLaunch
- Bodies of Water
- Park Area
- Machesney Park Boundary
- - - Shared Use Paths
- Roadways



E. COMMUNITY FACILITIES PLAN

Public facilities provide important services to residents and add to the overall “quality of life” of the community. These community facilities include public schools, fire and police stations, administrative facilities, community and senior centers, recreation centers, and various other institutions.

This section summarizes future needs and long-range recommendations for facilities serving Machesney Park, and the residents and businesses in the Village. It is important to emphasize that the Plan presents general policies and guidelines for community facilities. The locations of some of these facilities are on the Points of Interest Plan Map (Refer to pg. 33) The Plan is not intended to preempt or substitute for the more detailed planning and programming which should be undertaken by the Village and other service agencies and organizations. The Plan does recognize however that Community Facilities are important and suggests the Village accommodate the appropriate expansion of community facilities within the Village.

1. SCHOOLS

The Village is currently served by two School Districts; Harlem Consolidated School District 122 and Rockford Public District 205. The school district boundaries, as they are currently designed, are directly impacting the Village’s growth as well as the social fabric of the community. Presently, most of the Village’s older residential areas are served by School District 122. However newer residential developments, and areas within the Village’s growth areas, will be within the boundaries of District 205. The desire for residents to locate to future residential development in the east will be directly impacted by these boundaries. Another primary issue with the present boundaries is that children living in areas serviced by District 205 are bussed long distances, through District 122, to attend schools in Rockford. This is not an efficient or highly desirable configuration for the school district as it increases costs to provide transportation to areas more easily serviced by District 122.

Harlem Consolidated School District 122. The Harlem Consolidated School District serves the communities of Loves Park, Machesney Park, and a portion of Roscoe. The district has an enrollment of over 6,000 students. Facilities located within Machesney Park include Harlem High School, Machesney Elementary, Marquette Elementary, Ralston Elementary, Olson Park Elementary, and Parker Early Learning Center. Aside from an expansion underway at Harlem High School to increase industrial technology course offerings, the District has no immediate plans for new schools or other expansions at this time.

Rockford School District 205. The Rockford School District serves an area of approximately 170 square miles and serves 27,000 students. The district has a total of over 38 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, and 4 high schools. However, there are no District 205 schools within the Village of Machesney Park. Students residing in the Village, in District 205, are bussed long distances, underscoring the need to redistrict the community. Redistricting the area would eliminate the issue of bussing students from areas of Machesney Park into Rockford.

Specialized Schools. There are three additional learning facilities in Machesney Park, focused on at-risk and special needs students. All three of these schools are a reuse of vacant structures and spaces in the Village. They are ideal examples of ways to use otherwise abandoned spaces as a means to serve the needs of residents throughout the region. This is a concept that Machesney Park continues to support and encourage.

Menta Academy is located in a space at the former Machesney Park Mall in the Machesney Town Center, at 8702 N. Second St. The school serves less than 100 students who are bussed to the facility from school districts throughout the region. Menta specializes in helping children, from kindergarten through high school, who have a range of disabilities and impairments, sometimes severe.

Easterseals Academy is a non-public therapeutic day school specializing in students with Autism, ages 3 through 22. This school is located in the former Hilltop Ministry Center at 8301 Mitchell Rd.

Summit Academy accepts students from 6th to 12th grade who are referred from 13 different school districts throughout Winnebago County and Boone County. These are students who are experiencing academic struggles or discipline issues.

The school focuses on an individualized approach to see the students through graduation and preparation for a successful adult life beyond school. Summit Academy is located at 1102 Evans Ave. in the former 9th Grade Campus school building, still owned by the Harlem School District.

2. WATER

The North Park Public Water District is the provider of potable water to Machesney Park, Loves Park and neighboring communities. Though its service area has expanded with recent growth and covers a large geographic area, it does not extend beyond Winnebago County. The District is not a taxing body and therefore is funded solely on user service charges. As the Village looks of grow to the east into Boone County, future water service will need to be provided either by the Village or one of the existing providers in the area.

The District has made a substantial infrastructure investment in the Village of Machesney Park by extending water service from current service areas east along IL Route 173, and beyond I-90. Extension of service in these areas was chosen due to the expectations of both the Village and the District for new revenue generated by development aided by the extension of these services.

The District is fortunate to be located in an area where the water table is high and wells do not have to run deep. Additionally, proactive planning and extension of services to areas well suited for development has kept the cost of providing services affordable. Continued service expansion east towards I-90 and Boone County should be encouraged before services west of the Rock River become a priority.

3. SANITARY SEWER

The Four Rivers Sanitary Authority is the sanitary sewer provider. The main sewage treatment plant in Rockford services the current needs of the Village. Four Rivers does not have any treatment facilities within Machesney Park, but one maintenance and warehouse facility is located in the Village. Four Rivers performs repairs and upsizing as necessary, and major construction projects are only in anticipation of new construction and development of land.

4. FIRE PROTECTION

Three fire protection districts currently serve the Village of Machesney Park: Harlem-Roscoe Fire Protection District; North Park Fire Protection District, and the Northwest Fire Protection District, and three fire stations are located in Machesney Park as identified on the Points of Interest Plan Map. The fire station on Harlem Rd. for the North Park Fire Protection District is currently under construction, while their station on Wood Ave. will cease operations.

The Village should work closely with the fire districts to ensure effective fire protection services are maintained throughout the community, as continued development of residential and more intense land uses may dictate new stations and facilities.

5. POLICE PROTECTION

Since the Village's incorporation, Machesney Park has contracted with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office to provide a dedicated division of Deputies overseen by a Public Safety Supervisor, to provide police protection within the Village.

6. LIBRARY

The North Suburban Library District currently serves the community at two locations, neither of which are located within the Village boundaries. These libraries are in Roscoe and in Loves Park. As development and redevelopment occur within the Village, demand for a centrally located local library may increase. The Village should work with the Library District to determine when and where a future library may be needed.

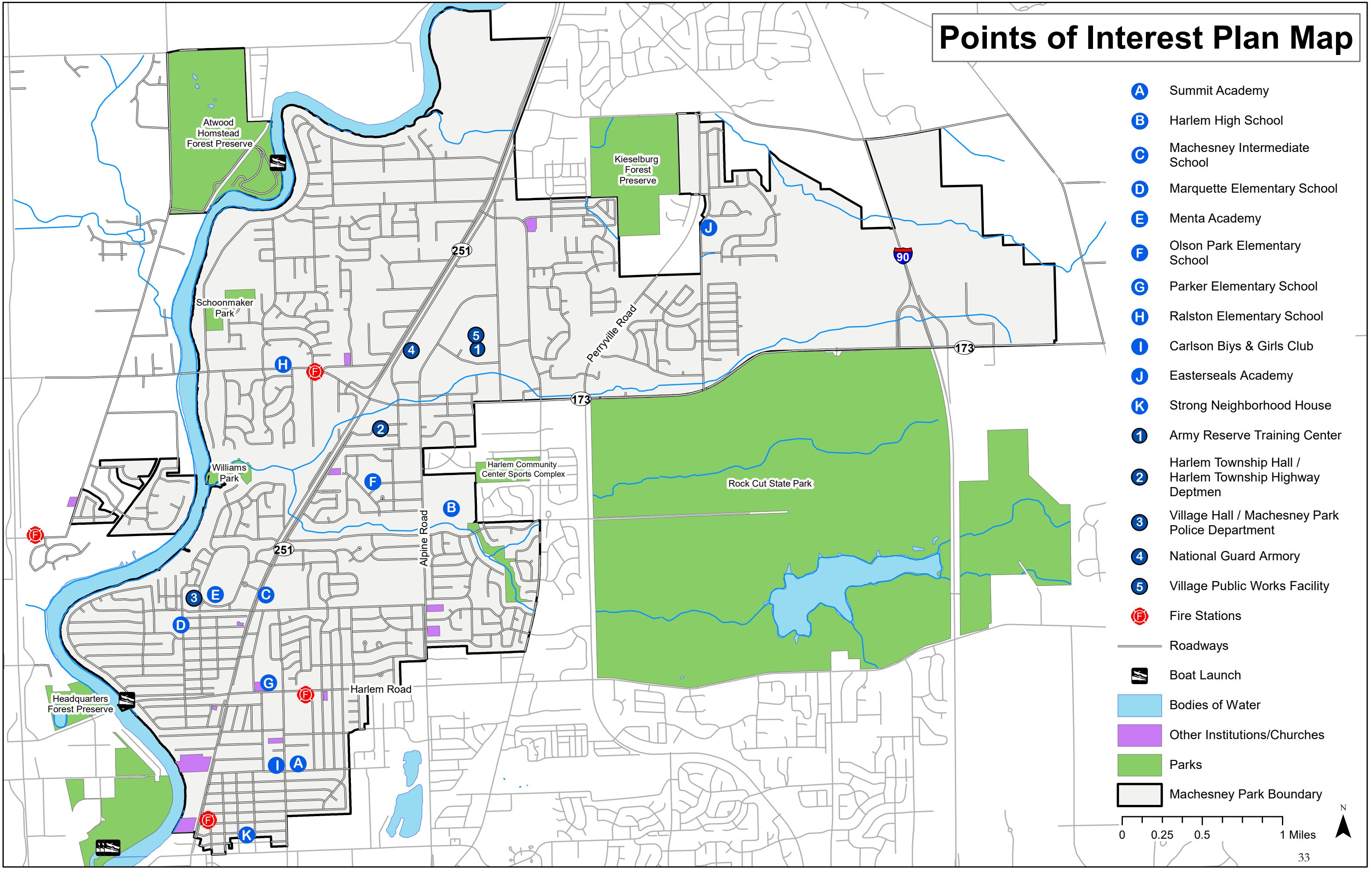
7. POST OFFICE

Currently, there is not a local post office facility located within Machesney Park. Residents are likely to use the post offices located in Roscoe or Loves Park. The Village would support a new post office in the Village, in a central location. Ideally, the reuse of a vacant or neglected property, in or near the Mixed Use – Main Street District or further north on Highway 251 could be a preferred post office location.

8. MEDICAL CARE

Presently, the Village's health care needs are met with emergency care hospitals, and other health care facilities located in nearby communities, some of which are adjacent to the Village. Additionally, there is an immediate care clinic and several optometry and dental offices in the Village. These types of facilities and services play an important role in the daily lives of residents and contribute to quality of life and desirability of a community. The Village should work with local health care providers to promote the location of more specialty clinics and possibly a new hospital or urgent care facility in Machesney Park. The need for these medical services becomes more acute as the Village's population ages.

Points of Interest Plan Map



- A** Summit Academy
- B** Harlem High School
- C** Machesney Intermediate School
- D** Marquette Elementary School
- E** Menta Academy
- F** Olson Park Elementary School
- G** Parker Elementary School
- H** Ralston Elementary School
- I** Carlson Biys & Girls Club
- J** Easterseals Academy
- K** Strong Neighborhood House
- 1** Army Reserve Training Center
- 2** Harlem Township Hall / Harlem Township Highway Deptmen
- 3** Village Hall / Machesney Park Police Department
- 4** National Guard Armory
- 5** Village Public Works Facility
- Ⓔ** Fire Stations
- Roadways
- Boat Launch
- Bodies of Water
- Other Institutions/Churches
- Parks
- Machesney Park Boundary

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CHAPTER FOUR: PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The Comprehensive Plan sets forth an agreed upon “road map” for growth and development within the Village of Machesney Park during the next fifteen-to-twenty-year period. It is the product of considerable effort on the part of the Village Board, Village staff, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Machesney Park community. However, in many ways the planning process in Machesney Park has just begun. Completion of the new Comprehensive Plan is the first step, not the last.

This section briefly highlights several next steps that should be undertaken to begin the process of plan implementation. These include:

1. Adopt and use the Comprehensive Plan on a day- to-day basis;
2. Establish Boundary Agreements with Adjacent Municipalities;
3. Review and update the Zoning Ordinance and other development controls to ensure compatibility with the Comprehensive Plan;
4. Develop and utilize a regular Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and coordinate efforts with the Build Machesney Program;
5. Promote cooperation and participation among various agencies, organizations, community groups and individuals;
6. Annually, prepare a 5-year action plan to prioritize objectives and list accomplishments of proceeding years;
7. Explore possible funding sources and implementation techniques;
8. Enhance public communication; and
9. Update the Comprehensive Plan on a regular basis.

A. ADOPT AND USE THE PLAN

The Comprehensive Plan should become Machesney Park’s official policy guide for improvement and development. It is essential that the Plan be adopted by the Village Board and then be used on a regular basis by Village staff, the Boards, Committees and Commissions to review and evaluate all proposals for improvement and development within the community in the years ahead.

B. BOUNDARY AGREEMENTS

The Village is encouraged to work with adjacent communities to establish boundary agreements. Boundary Agreements are important to prevent conflicts between neighboring municipalities over the development and possible future annexation of unincorporated areas that are within the planning jurisdiction of more than one municipality. Boundary Agreements establish how unincorporated areas should be developed and to which municipality they should be annexed. The Village should identify opportunities for boundary agreements with adjacent communities to facilitate more accurate planning for future development and annexation.

C. CODE REVIEW AND UPDATE

Zoning is an important tool in implementing planning policy. It establishes the types of uses to be allowed on specific properties and prescribes the overall character and intensity of development to be permitted.

Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan should be followed by a review and update of the Village’s various development controls including zoning, subdivision regulations, and other related codes and ordinances. It is essential that all development controls be consistent with and complement the updated Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan sets forth policies regarding the use of land within the Village and establishes guidelines for the quality, character and intensity of new development to be promoted in the years ahead. The Plan’s policies and guidelines should greatly assist the Village in formulating new zoning and development code regulations that can better reflect the unique needs and aspirations of the Machesney Park community.

D. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

Another tool for implementing the Comprehensive Plan is the Capital Improvements Program. It establishes schedules and priorities for all public improvement projects within a five-year period. The Village first prepares a list of all public improvements that will be required in the next five years. Then all projects are reviewed, priorities assigned, cost estimates prepared, and potential funding sources identified.

The Capital Improvements Program typically schedules the implementation of a range of specific projects related to the Comprehensive Plan, particularly the restoration and upgrading of existing utilities and infrastructure facilities. Expansion or improvement of the existing Village Hall or Public Works facilities would also be included in the Capital Improvements Program.

Machesney Park's financial resources will always be limited and public dollars must be spent wisely. The Capital Improvements Program would allow the Village of Machesney Park to provide the most desirable public improvements, yet stay within budget constraints.

E. PROMOTE COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION

The Village of Machesney Park should assume the leadership role in implementing the Comprehensive Plan. In addition to carrying out the administrative actions and many of the public improvement projects called for in the Plan, the Village may choose to administer a variety of programs available to local residents, businesses and property owners.

However, in order for the Comprehensive Plan to be successful, it must be based on a strong partnership between the Village, other public agencies, various neighborhood groups and organizations, the local business community, and the private sector. The Village should be the leader in promoting the cooperation and collaboration needed to implement the Comprehensive Plan. The Village's "partners" should include: Other governmental and service districts, such as the school districts, the fire protection districts, Harlem Township, Winnebago County, the private utility companies, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the Forest Preserve District, etc; Builders and developers, who should be encouraged to undertake improvements and new construction that conform to the Plan and enhance the overall quality and character of the community; and the Machesney Park community, since all residents and neighborhood groups should be encouraged to participate in the on-going planning process, and all should be given the opportunity to voice their opinions on improvement and development decisions within the community.

F. PREPARE AN IMPLEMENTATION ACTION AGENDA

The Village should prepare an implementation "action agenda" which highlights the improvement and development projects and activities to be undertaken during the next few years. To remain current, the "action agenda" should be updated once a year. For example, the "action agenda" might consist of:

- A detailed description of the projects and activities to be undertaken;
- The priority of each project or activity; An indication of the public and private sector responsibilities for initiating and participating in each activity; and
- A suggestion of the funding sources and assistance programs that might potentially be available for implementing each project or activity.

G. EXPLORE FUNDING SOURCES AND IMPLEMENTATION TECHNIQUES

While many of the projects and improvements called for in the Comprehensive Plan can be implemented through administrative and policy decisions or can be funded through normal municipal programs, other projects may require special technical and/or financial assistance. The Village should continue to explore and consider the wide range of local, state and federal resources and programs that may be available to assist in the

implementation of planning recommendations.

H. ENHANCE PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The Village should prepare a brief summary version of the new Comprehensive Plan and should distribute it widely throughout the community. It is important that all local residents, businesses and property owners be familiar with the Plan's major recommendations and its "vision" for the future.

The Village should also consider additional techniques for responding quickly to public questions and concerns regarding planning and development. For example, the Village might prepare a new informational brochure on how to apply for zoning, building, subdivision and other development-oriented permits and approvals. The Village should continue special newsletter or webpage features that focus on frequently raised questions and concerns regarding planning and development or new Village projects.

I. UPDATE THE PLAN ON A REGULAR BASIS

It is important to emphasize that the Comprehensive Plan is not a static document. If community attitudes change or new issues arise which are beyond the scope of the current Plan, the Plan should be revised and updated accordingly. Although a proposal to amend the Plan can be brought forth by petition at any time, the Village should regularly undertake a systematic review of the Plan. Although an annual review is desirable, the Village should initiate a review of the Plan at least every two to three years. Ideally, this review should coincide with the preparation of the annual budget and capital improvement program. In this manner, recommendations or changes relating to capital improvements or other programs can be considered as part of the upcoming commitments for the fiscal year. Routine examination of the Plan will help ensure that the planning program remains relevant to community needs and aspirations.

The Village should:

- Make available copies of the Comprehensive Plan for public purchase;
- Provide assistance to the public in explaining the Plan and its relationship to private and public development projects and other proposals, as appropriate;
- Assist the Village Board in the day-to-day administration, interpretation, and application of the Plan;
- Maintain a list of current possible amendments, issues or needs which may be a subject of change, addition, or deletion next time the Comprehensive Plan is updated.

A. COMMUNITY SURVEY SUMMARY

To gain citizen input to guide the update of the Village's Comprehensive Plan, a survey was made available for community members to complete online or in person. The survey was publicized via the Village's website and social media platforms and announced at a number of public meetings. The survey was made available for participants to complete for a 16-month span, from April 2021 to August 2022.

Most survey respondents had been residents of the Village between 5-40 years, with most of them residing in the Village for over 25 years. Overwhelmingly, residents chose to live in Machesney Park because they have family nearby, and what they like most about Machesney Park is their neighborhood, as well as the low crime and the shopping and dining options.

Over 70% of all respondents do not have anyone in their household who works in Machesney Park. They are mostly commuting to Rockford, Loves Park, Roscoe, Rockton, or South Beloit for employment. Over 8% are traveling to Wisconsin for their jobs, and over 6% are driving to the northwest suburbs of Chicago.

Road Infrastructure and Utility Costs were of most concern when asked what needs to be improved in the Village. Respondents were less concerned about the Environment, Parks and Recreation, Housing, or a Stable or Growing Population. This indicates that residents are more interested in Machesney Park continuing to maintain that small-town atmosphere, where costs are low and roads are in good condition.

When asked what kinds of activities respondents are leaving the Village to do, they are most often going outside of Machesney Park for dining out, for both sit-down restaurants and casual dining. They are also leaving the Village for furniture shopping and less often for medical, health, and beauty services. But they do stay in the Village for grocery shopping.

When asked about housing, respondents overwhelmingly feel there are too many apartments and mobile homes in the Village. They are happy with the amount of single-family housing but feel there is not enough senior housing.

The Former Machesney Park Mall is the one area in the Village that respondents most strongly feel should be the focus of economic development efforts. They are less interested in development along other portions of N. Second St.

In summary, based on the community survey results, residents living in the Village are not working here. They are opposed to new multi-family housing, as they like their neighborhoods now and they are not eager for the population to grow. If more dining options were available in the Village, they may not chose to travel outside the municipality when dining out.

B. COMMUNITY SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Machesney Park Comprehensive Plan Survey

1. What is the primary reason you chose to live in Machesney Park? (Mark only one)
 - I do NOT live in Machesney Park (If checked, where do you live? _____)
 - Family ties
 - Schools
 - Cost / Choice of Housing
 - Job
 - Other (Please Specify _____)

2. How many members of your household work at a business, office, or facility in Machesney Park?
 - 0
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4 or more

3. If any members of your household work outside of Machesney Park, where do they work? (mark all that apply)
 - Rockford
 - Loves Park
 - Belvidere
 - Roscoe, Rockton, or South Beloit
 - Beloit, Janesville, or elsewhere in south-central Wisconsin
 - Northwest Suburbs of Chicago
 - Other (Please Specify _____)

4. How long have you lived in Machesney Park?
 - Less than 1 year
 - 1-5 years
 - 5-15 years
 - 15-25 years
 - 25-40 years
 - 40-55 years
 - Over 55 years

5. What do you like about Machesney Park? (check all that apply)
 - Low Taxes
 - Schools
 - Parks and Open Space
 - Shopping and Dining Options
 - Your Neighborhood
 - The Rock River
 - Safety / Low Crime

6. Please rate whether you agree these are Machesney Park’s **greatest areas that need improvement**:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion
Environment & Ecology					
Parks, Recreation, & Open Space					
Public Health & Safety					
Economic & Business Development					
Housing					
Road Infrastructure					
A Growing or Stable Population					
Education / Quality Education					
Taxes					
Utility Costs					
Cost of Living					

7. Please rate in which of the following areas you feel the Village should focus economic development efforts:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion
N. 2nd Street, near and south of Harlem Rd.					
N. 2nd Street, north of Route 173					
The former Machesney Park Mall					
Route 173, near the I-90 interchange					
Route 173, West of Mitchell Rd.					

8. How often do you enjoy the following activities or destinations in **Machesney Park**?

	Never	Less Than Once per Year	Less Than Once per Month	1-3 Times per Month	1-3 Times per Week	More Than 3 Times per Week
Fine Dining						
Casual Dining						
Discount Shopping						
Furniture / Specialty Shopping						
Grocery Shopping						
Medical / Health Services						
Beauty / Personal Services						
Family Entertainment						
Parks / Playgrounds						

9. How often do you enjoy the following activities or destinations **outside of Machesney Park**?

	Never	Less Than Once per Year	Less Than Once per Month	1-3 Times per Month	1-3 Times per Week	More Than 3 Times per Week
Fine Dining						
Casual Dining						
Discount Shopping						
Furniture / Specialty Shopping						
Grocery Shopping						
Medical / Health Services						
Beauty / Personal Services						
Family Entertainment						
Parks / Playgrounds						

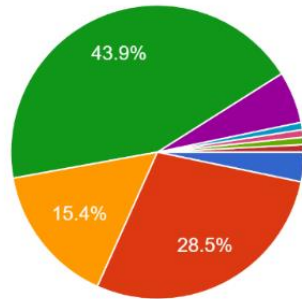
10. Please rate how you feel about the following types of housing development currently in the Village:

	Too Much	Too Little	Just Right
Low-Density Single-Family Housing			
Low-Density Multi-Family Housing (duplexes, condos or townhomes)			
High-Density Multi-Family Housing (apartments)			
Senior Housing			
Large-Lot Single-Family Estates			
Mobile Home Trailer Park Housing			

C. COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

What is the primary reason you chose to live in Machesney Park?

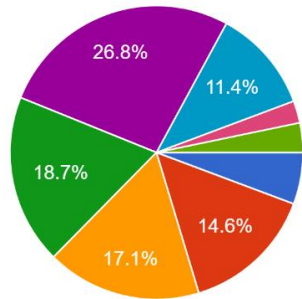
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- I do NOT live in Machesney Park
- Family Ties
- Schools
- Cost / Choice of Housing
- Job
- close to everything: groceries, all kinds of shopping, safe.
- cheaper taxes
- Less crime
- Lifelong residents. Great hometown to...

How long have you lived in Machesney Park?

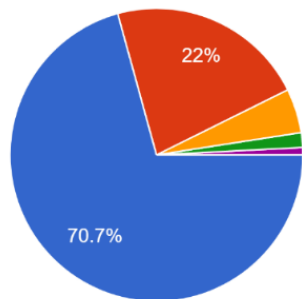
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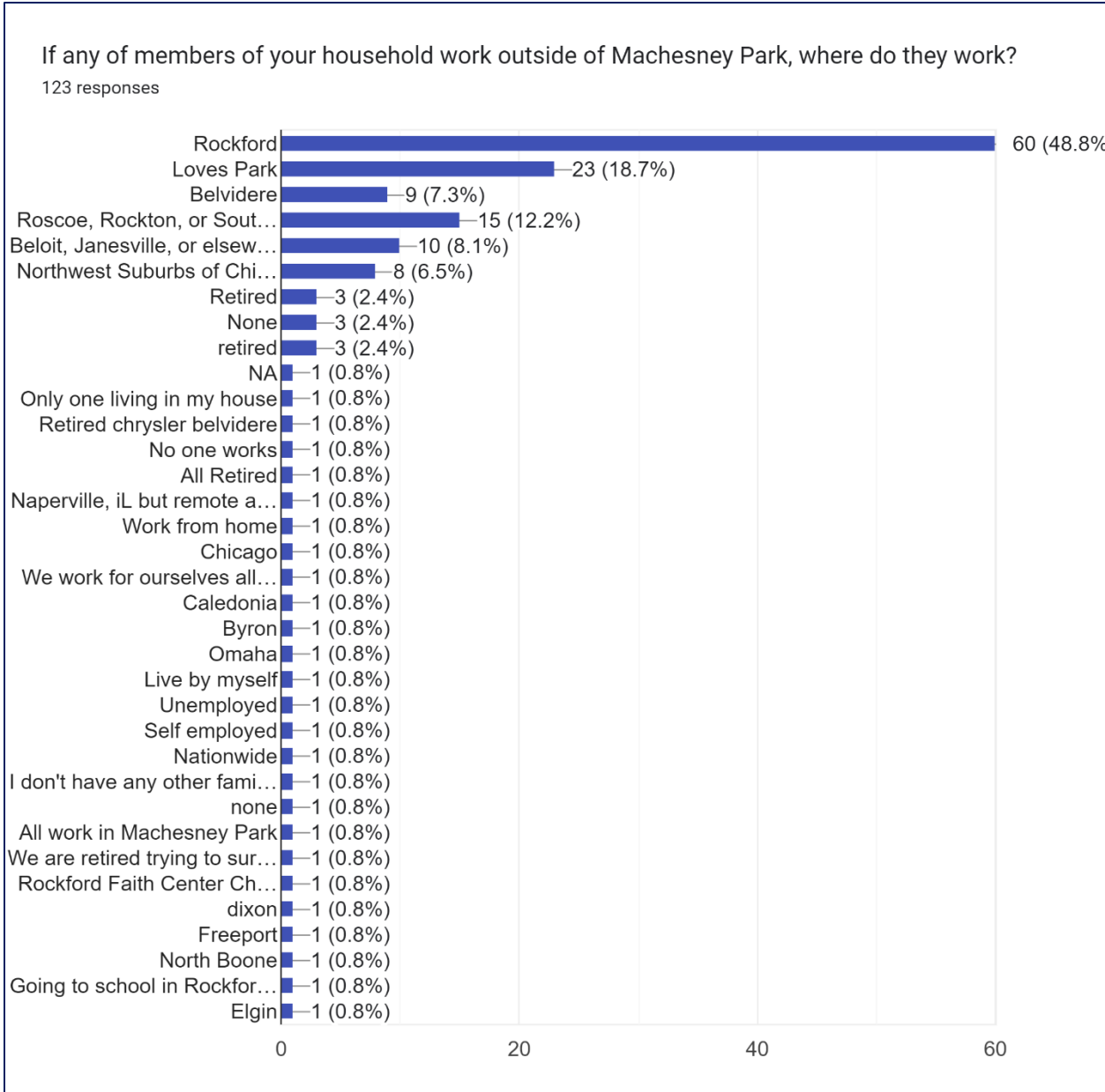
- Less than 1 year
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123 responses

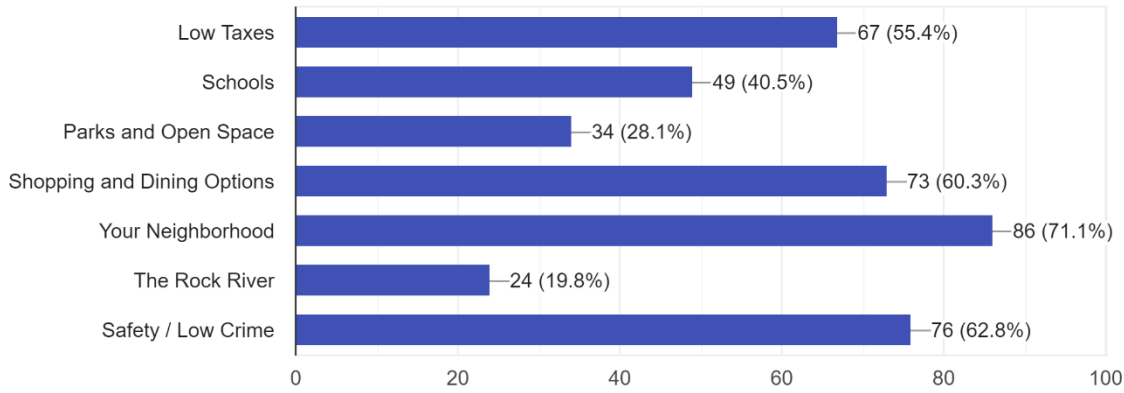


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- 4 or more

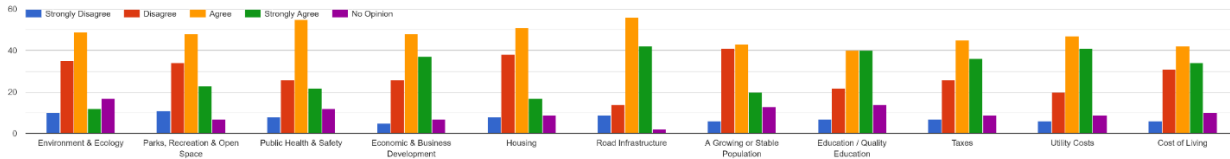


What do you like about Machesney Park? (check all that apply)

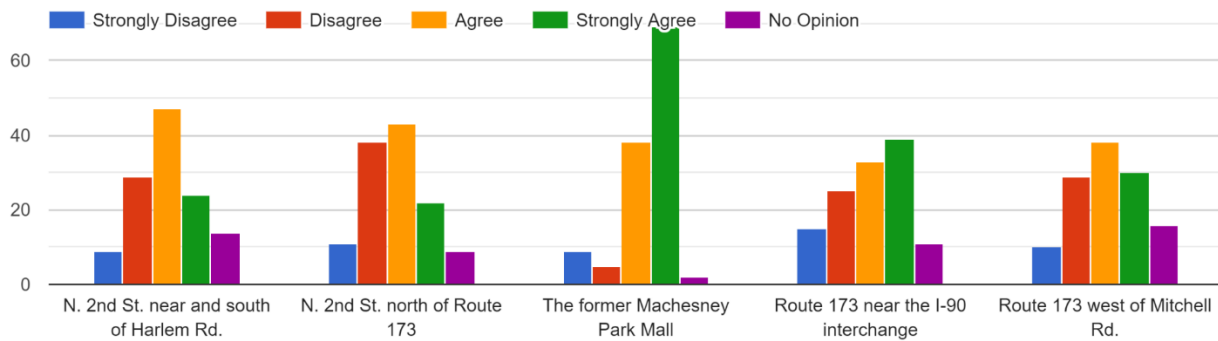
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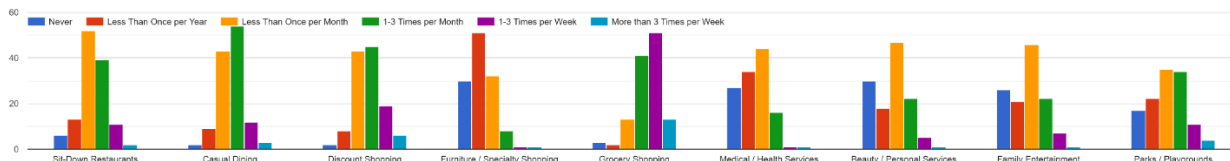
Please rate whether you agree these are Machesney Park's greatest areas that need improvement.

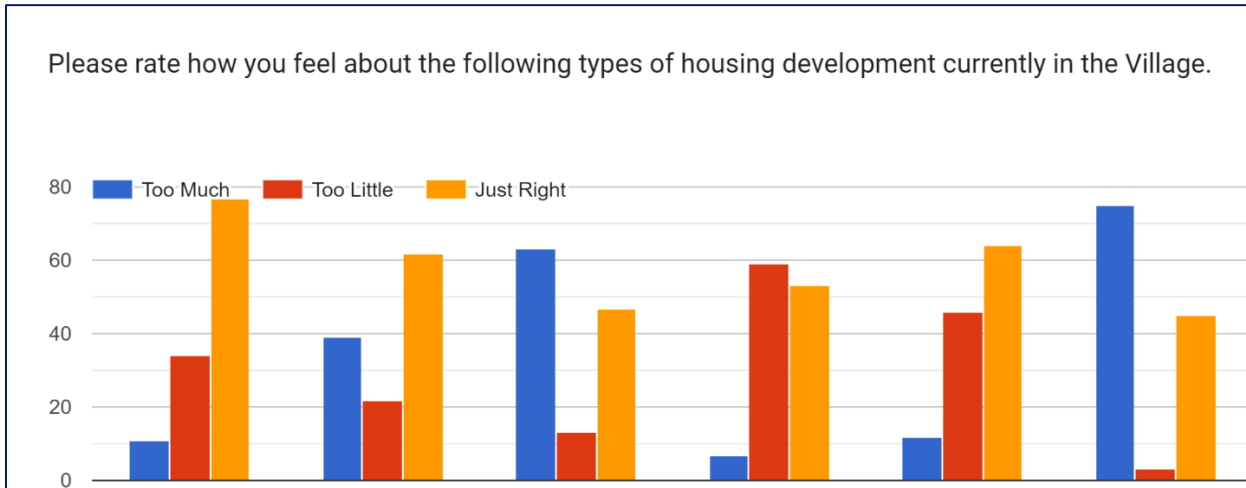
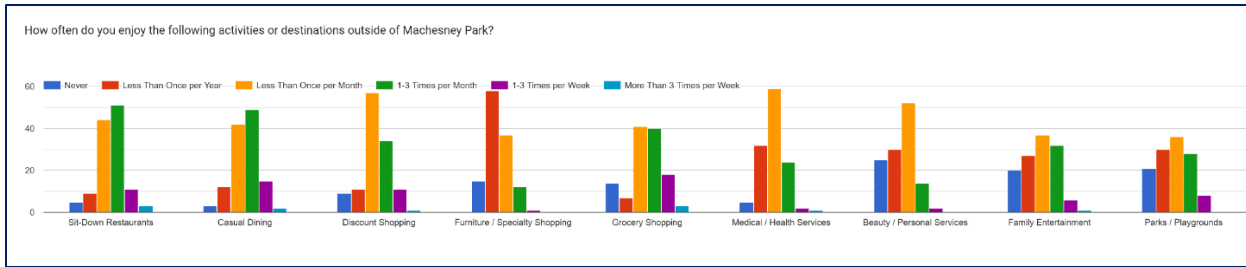


Please rate in which of the following areas you feel the Village should focus economic development efforts.



How often do you enjoy the following activities or destinations in Machesney Park?





Low-Density Single-Family Homes

Low-Density Multi-Family
(duplexes, condos or townhomes)

High-Density Multi-Family
(apartments)

Senior Housing

Large-Lot Single-Family Estates

Mobile Home / Trailer Park Housing