



HOW WILL WE ACCOMPLISH THE TASK?

The City has developed a four step approach to preparing the new Plan. The process is led by the Zoning and Planning Commission and the Department of Planning, Zoning and Economic Development. The program incorporates a high level of public involvement to ensure a reflection of community aspirations. Major steps are identified below. Details of the program can be found on the City's web site.

1. Early Citizen Involvement

In this step, activities will focus on garnering citizens' views regarding current and future needs of the community through interviews, community workshops, and surveys. These workshop meetings will be held in locations around the community to gather local insights and opinions. This step will culminate in a vision for the future of Elmhurst, and will set the framework around which the comprehensive plan will be prepared.

2. Community Scan - Forces and Trends

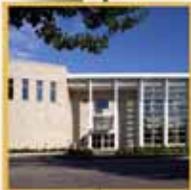
To plan for the future first requires a clear understanding of physical, socio-economic and community facilities and services, environmental and related features of the Elmhurst community. It will include an examination of internal and external factors influencing the City's future.

3. Imagining the Future - Alternative Strategies

This step will provide alternative approaches to meet major community needs and opportunities identified in previous steps. It will include community-wide concepts as well as provide detailed preliminary recommendations for several sub-areas (see inset map).

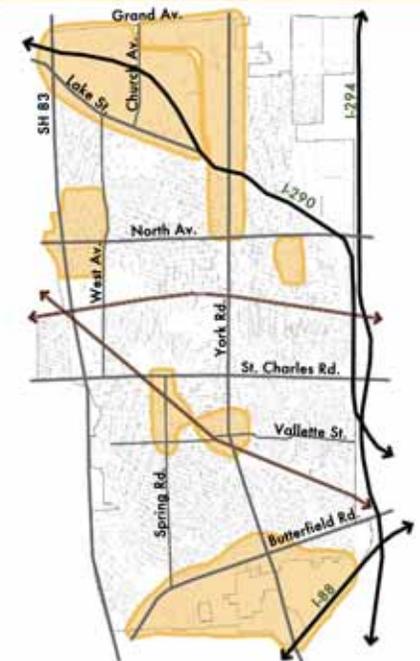
4. Prepare the Vision Plan Program

Following a rigorous community assessment and evaluation of alternatives, ideas, and preferred approaches, a draft and final plan will be developed for community review and adoption.



PROJECT SCHEDULE	MAJOR TASK	FY 2006		FY 2007												FY 2008									
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KEY SUB-AREAS





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WHY PLAN?

The City of Elmhurst's current comprehensive land use plan was adopted in 1990. The planning program documented citizen preferences and ideas for future land use, development, and conservation of community assets for the future. The Plan provided a long-range perspective and direction for the community, and a basis for action to meet community aspirations for its quality of life. Many community accomplishments have been made as recommended in the Plan including:

- Developing a quality and sustainable Downtown. A new Elmhurst Downtown Plan was adopted in 2006.
- Business and employment investment in the Lake Street corridor, St. Charles Road, and IL Route 83.
- Overall improvements in housing quality, value and lifestyle diversification.
- Wilder Park area and Elmhurst College expansion and improvements as well as system-wide improvements to municipal, schools, and park facilities community-wide.
- Flood water storage improvements and connection to Lake Michigan water supply.

Because the Plan is now 16 years old, community conditions and aspirations have evolved, and it is time to reexamine the direction of the planning program. Keeping the planning program current is important to ensure that land use and development patterns, community facilities and services, and the City's transportation, traffic and utility systems will meet the daily needs of Elmhurst residents, and provide the quality of life Elmhurst has come to define. Over time, other factors influencing plan direction and implementation have also changed including economic conditions, technological advancements, the governmental regulatory environment, and many other considerations.

The process of preparing a new community vision and updated comprehensive plan will help focus and sharpen community goals and expectations for the next 15 to 20 years, and reset a relevant public action agenda to realize them.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE CITY VISION PLAN



WANT TO LEARN MORE OR GET INVOLVED?

More detailed information regarding the City Vision Plan including the current meeting schedule and related reports or documentation can be found on the City's web site at www.elmhurst.org or by calling the Department of Planning, Zoning and Economic Development at 630/530-3100.

