

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Village's Strategic Plan for Land Use and Economic Development was formally initiated in early 2007 as a way of examining several key areas in the Village of Park Forest and creating a vision for the future development or redevelopment of each of these areas. Discussion about the need for this Plan started long before that time, however, as it became clear that the South Suburbs were growing beyond anyone's expectations. The Plan Commission and the Board of Trustees determined that it was important for the Village of Park Forest to be prepared to take advantage of this growth in a manner that protects and enhances the Village's quality of life, supports the redevelopment of DownTown Park Forest that has already taken place, and enhances the property and sales tax base in the community.

The Strategic Plan focuses on the following key areas within the community and establishes a future vision, policies, and implementation measures for each:

- DownTown Gateway
- Eastgate Neighborhood
- South Western Avenue Annexation Area
- Sauk Trail Corridor and East and West Gateways to Sauk Trail
- Park Forest Business Park
- Norwood Square Shopping Center
- Scattered Residential Infill and Redevelopment Opportunities

This Plan is meant to be used in conjunction with the DownTown Master Plan (adopted in 1997 and updated in 2002) and the 211th Street Metra Station Transit Oriented Development Plan (adopted in 2008 and updated in 2012), the Homes for a Changing Region housing policy plan (adopted in 2012), and the Growing Green: Park Forest Sustainability Plan (adopted in 2012). These plans together form the Village's comprehensive plan.

There are two basic documents that were developed as part of the planning process. The first is the Inventory and Existing Conditions Report, which was prepared by the consultants in June 2007. The report includes a market perspectives analysis and a summary of existing conditions, issues, and opportunities for each key area. This report provided the basis for subsequent planning. The second basic document is the Strategic Plan itself. Both documents are available by clicking on the titles below.

[Inventory and Existing Conditions Report](#)

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