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DOWNERS GROVE

Comprehensive Plan Vision

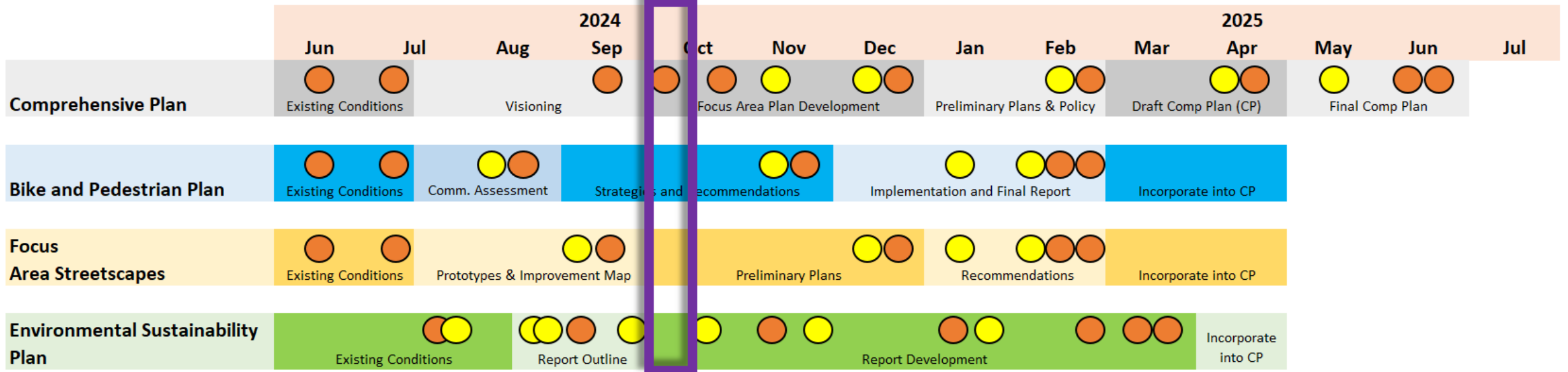
October 1, 2024





Agenda

- Schedule
- Vision Statement

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-  Village Council Meeting
-  Board and Commission Meeting



Vision Statement





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Community Vision Statement for the Comprehensive Plan

Since its incorporation in 1873, Downers Grove has grown to become a diverse community of 50,000 people and a model community within Illinois. Over the coming decades, Downers Grove will be renowned for its strong sense of community, cultural diversity and the human connection among its residents. The community will continue its long tradition of excellence, known for its safe, diverse and well maintained neighborhoods, premier regional and local commercial choices, a lively, vibrant Downtown, commitment to sustainability, accessible and attractive open spaces, safe connectivity for all road users, and an array of quality local government services and amenities.

Downers Grove will have a variety of housing options to accommodate residents at all stages of life, income levels and abilities. Downers Grove will be a vibrant and inclusive community where high quality, diverse housing options support residents throughout their lives. The community will foster a sense of place that preserves its rich housing history while embracing a variety of residential architectural styles, housing types and mixed-use development. Downers Grove's neighborhoods will be walkable, welcoming, and reflective of the unique character and diversity that define the community.

Downers Grove's business-friendly environment will continue to attract businesses and investment. The attractive commercial and employment corridors and centers will continue to improve and thrive. These key areas of the community will grow as regionally recognized destinations and notable activity centers, mixed use areas, and employment hubs. Downers Grove will support new entrepreneurs and existing small businesses alike, both in the Downtown and throughout the community. The community will continue to attract major employers that create a diversified economy with a variety of opportunities for all levels of employment.

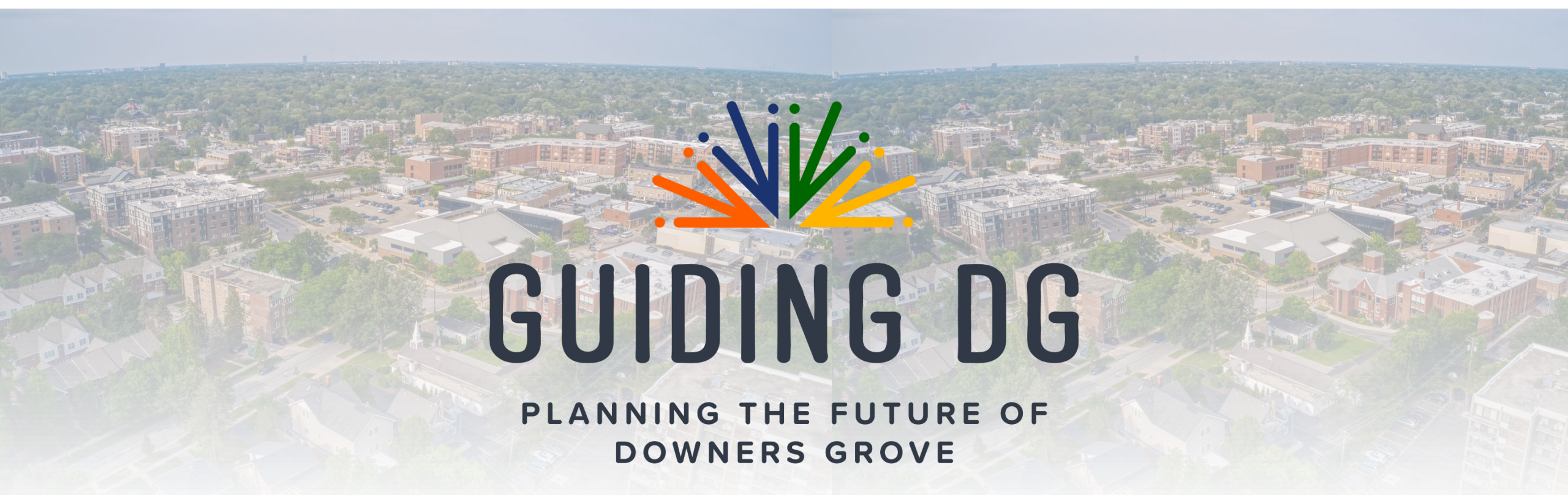
Downtown Downers Grove will continue to be the heart of the community – a place where neighbors and visitors gather, and businesses thrive. The success of Downtown will be expanded via a pedestrian and bike friendly connection to Fairview. The Downtown and Fairview will have innovative and sustainable streetscapes, art displays and public spaces resulting in an inviting, visually appealing, and culturally rich destination that attracts residents, visitors, and commuters alike.

The community will invest in and transform the Belmont Station area. Strategically positioned near I-355, the area will see sustainable and context-sensitive development. It will grow into the Village's third commuter rail-anchored node – a place for innovation, commerce, and residential amenities, while preserving its industrial heritage.

Downers Grove will honor its natural resources by being a more sustainable and livable community that consists of permanently preserved open spaces, native landscaping and a “green” stormwater management system. Downers Grove will be resilient in the face of intensifying climatological events. Sustainability efforts will be embraced throughout the community. The community will continue to enjoy natural recreation areas, walking paths, and trails.

Downers Grove will have a high-quality transportation system that is easy to navigate, and safe for all users. The community will have connected neighborhoods, commercial corridors, and local amenities through an extensive and diverse mobility network, providing the opportunity to comfortably walk, bike, drive, or take the train or bus.

Downers Grove will continue to welcome residents, visitors, and new opportunities and will consist of a population diverse in age, race, income, and business type. Downers Grove will be a hub for inclusiveness, acceptance, mutual respect and cultural excellence, fostering a strong relationship with community institutions to promote an excellent quality of life and community pride.



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