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DOWNERS GROVE

## Comprehensive Plan Vision

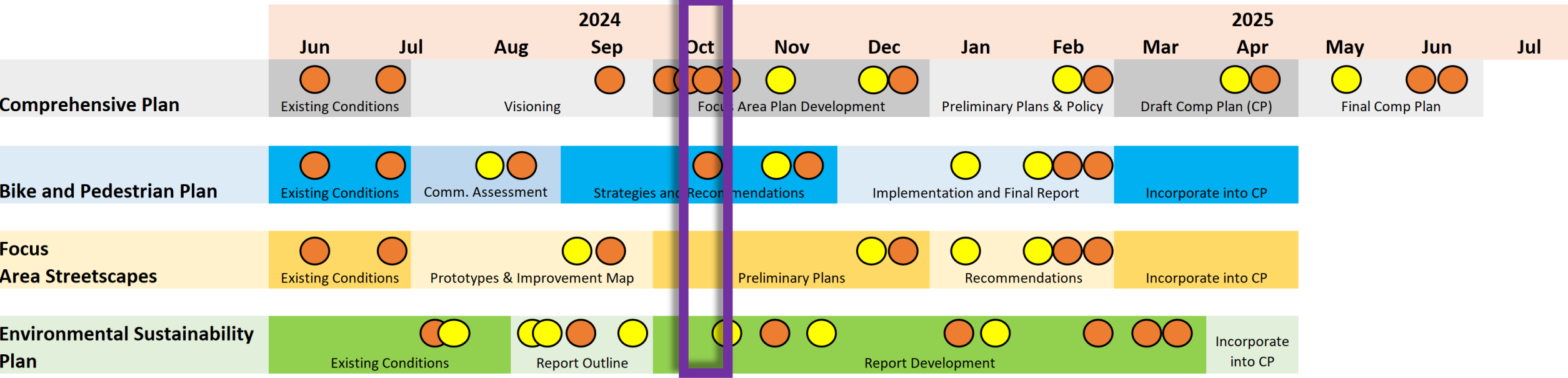
October 15, 2024





# Agenda

- Schedule
- Vision Statement
- Bike and Ped Survey Results

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-  Village Council Meeting
-  Board and Commission Meeting



# Vision Statement





# Downers Grove Vision Statement

## Community Vision Statement for the Comprehensive Plan

Downers Grove will become a model community with a population of over 50,000 people of all ages, races, backgrounds and incomes. Over the coming decades, it will be renowned for its strong sense of place, cultural diversity and the human connection among its residents. It will continue to celebrate its tradition of excellence, safe, distinctive 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 be a vibrant and inclusive place with high quality, diverse housing options that support residents throughout their lives and foster a sense of belonging. The rich housing history will be preserved and a variety of residential architectural styles, housing types and multipurpose development will be embraced. Residential areas will be walkable, welcoming, and reflective of their unique neighborhood character.

The business-friendly environment will continue to attract businesses and investment. Commercial areas will continue to improve, thrive, and grow as regionally recognized destinations and notable activity centers. The Village will support new entrepreneurs and existing businesses of all sizes, both in the Downtown and throughout Downers Grove. Major employers that create a variety of employment opportunities will be drawn to the local economy.

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 strategic connectivity with the Fairview focus area. The Downtown and the Fairview focus area 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 Belmont focus area will be transformed into a third commuter rail-anchored node – a place for innovation, commerce, and residential amenities. Strategically positioned, the area will see sustainable and context-sensitive development. Similarly, other key locations in Downers Grove will be transformed to create distinctive gateway and destination nodes, unique in character and purpose, but aligned with the community’s vision to provide diverse residential, commercial, cultural, resource, recreational, and natural amenities.

Downers Grove will consist of permanently preserved open spaces, native landscaping and a green stormwater management system. Natural resources will be respected by a more sustainable and livable community. There will be an abundance of natural recreation areas, walking paths, trails and trees. The community will be resilient in the face of intensifying climatological events and sustainability efforts will be embraced.

There will be a high quality, aesthetically pleasing, safe and accessible transportation system for all users with priority given to pedestrians, bicycles, and micro-mobility devices. Neighborhoods, commercial corridors, and local amenities will be connected through an extensive mobility network, providing the opportunity to comfortably walk, bike, drive, or take public transportation.

Residents, workers, students and visitors will continue to be welcomed in Downers Grove. The community will be a hub for inclusiveness, acceptance, mutual respect and cultural excellence, fostering a strong relationship among local institutions to promote an excellent quality of life and sense of pride.



# **Downers Grove Vision Statement (pt 1/3)**

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