

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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Substantially Completed Civic Center Project



Approved Lot 2 Redevelopment



Expanded Sustainability Efforts

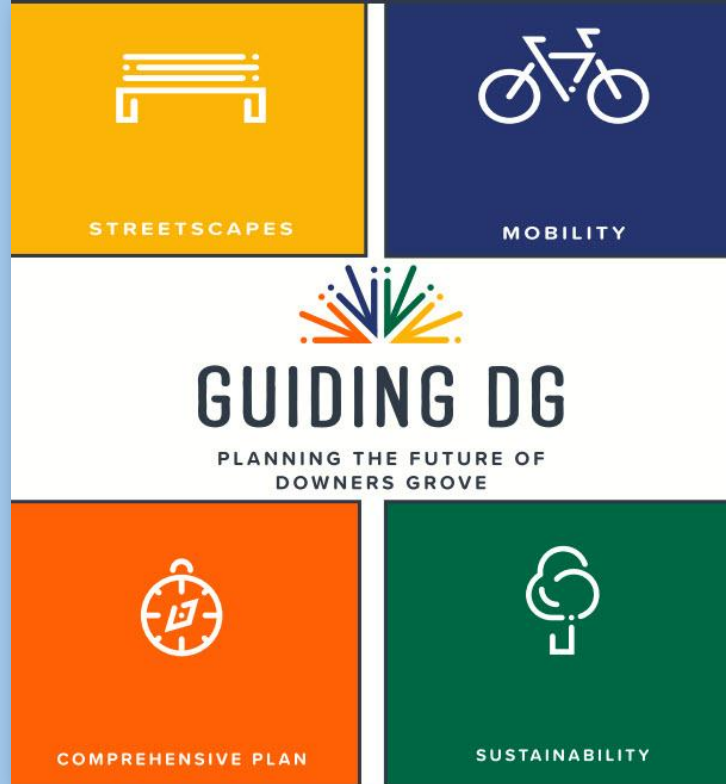


DGS & DGN Workshops



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Extensive Community Engagement



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Guiding DG Comprehensive Plan Vision

“Downers Grove will become a model community with a population of over 50,000 people of all ages, races, backgrounds and incomes.”



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Active Transportation Plan

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN (Draft)

GUIDING DG **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

#1: ACCESSIBILITY
The ease and ability for a potential user to reach their desired facility from their point of origin; Ensuring that residents and potential users have convenient and equitable access to active transportation facilities enables them to choose which mode of travel best fits their travel purpose and lifestyle.

#2: CONNECTIVITY
The compatibility between different modes of transportation, including the overall geographic coverage of facilities, and how well each facility or route connects with others. For example, a bicycle lane should not stand alone and should be connected to other bicycle lanes, recreational trails, and sidewalks.

#3: SAFETY
"The condition of being protected from risk or injury." Transportation safety performance measures include: 1) "core measures," which relate to safety goals and resulting facilities improvements established as part of a planning process; quantifiably measured through reductions in crashes, injuries, and fatalities; 2) "behavioral measures," which link specific safety activities / outcomes by assessing whether the activities influenced behavior; (i.e., the relationship of safety belt use to vehicle speed; and 3) "activity measures," which document safety program implementation and track actions taken by law enforcement, courts, media, education, and others to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities (FHWA).

#4: AESTHETICS
Transportation facilities should be visually pleasing to view and enjoyable to use. The design and character of facilities should enable them to seamlessly fit within the existing context of a neighborhood or community.

#5: INTENTIONALITY
The fact or quality of doing something with purpose or intent. For example, the planning for, maintenance of, and funding for bicycle and pedestrian facilities should be undertaken with intentionality aimed at implementing community-driven policies; reducing delays between approval and construction, and ensuring that meetings and discussions have intended and meaningful outcomes.

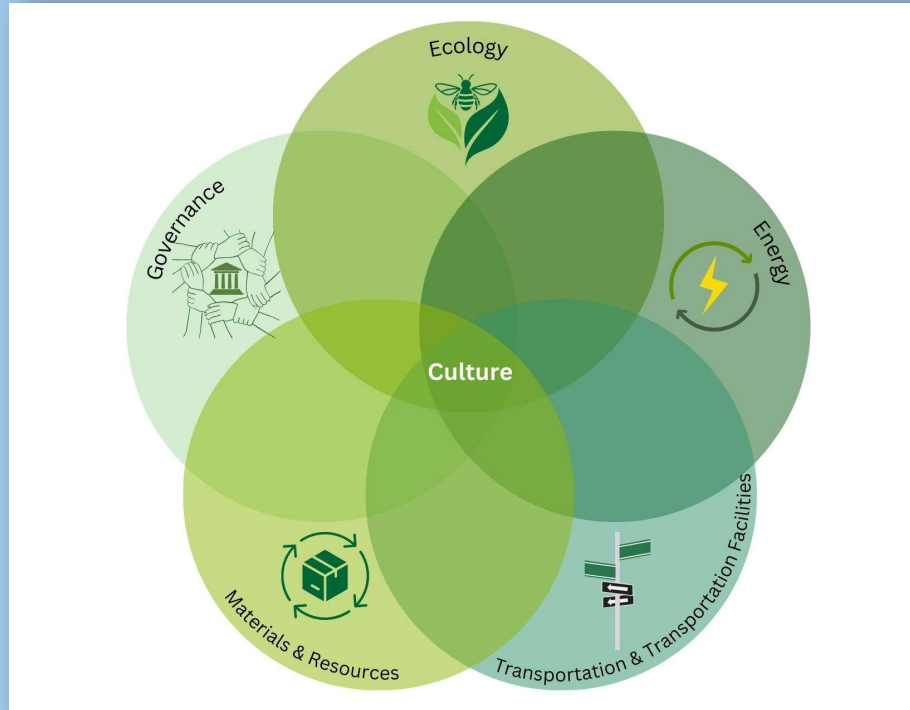
#6: IMPLEMENT-ABILITY
Proposed transportation improvement plans and related projects must be realistic in scope and realizable. Proven and standardized solutions and assessment methodologies should be continually utilized to help address community-wide challenges and balance competing needs.

#7: LONGEVITY
Longevity refers to the enduring qualities of the Village's active transportation infrastructure; including maintenance and operational needs and costs; the implementation of policies and approaches that transcend changes in Village leadership; and the degree to which facilities contribute to overall community and environmental resilience and sustainability goals.

#8: PERFORMANCE
The implementation of proposed active transportation facilities improvements achieves community-driven outcomes and expectations.

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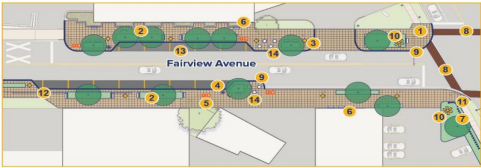
Approved Sustainability Plan Vision & Goals



Guiding DG Streetscape Prototypes for Downtown and Fairview Area

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FAIRVIEW FOCUS AREA OPTION 3



Legend

1 Specialty Sidewalk Paving	4 Wayfinding Sign	7 Landscape / Fence Buffer	10 Gateway Sign	13 Parallel Parking
2 Tree in Curb Planter	5 Trash / Recycle Receptacle	8 Specialty Crosswalk	11 Masonry Column and Seatwall	14 Outdoor Dining
3 Pedestrian Light	6 Bench	9 Curb Bump Out	12 Steps	

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DOWNTOWN STREETScape OPTION 1



Legend

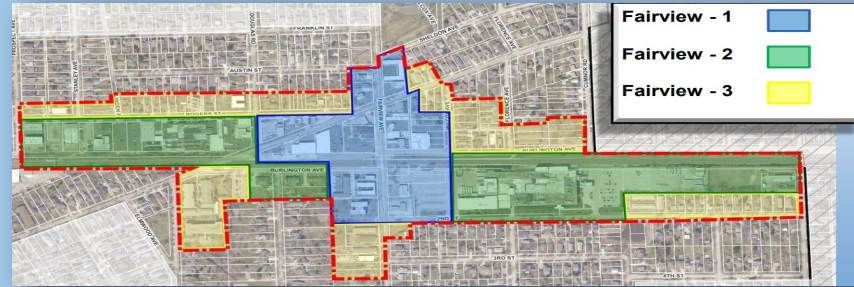
1 Street Tree in Tree Grate	4 Pedestrian Light	7 Movable Planters	10 Shade Structure and Seating	13 Masonry Seatwall
2 Curb Planter	5 Bike Racks	8 Trash / Recycle Receptacle	11 Gateway Sign	
3 Curb Bump Out	6 Bench	9 Tables and Chairs	12 Public Art	

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Architectural Components, Walls, Columns, Fencing

Approved Fairview Area Regulatory Framework



Finalized Video Gaming Decision

★ V Downers Grove Prop Video Gaming (Vote For 1)



Enhanced Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

	Downers Grove	VoDG Hiring			
		2006-10	2011-15	2015-20	2021-24
White	86.29%	87.3%	87.0%	86.8%	79.3%
Black	3.33%	5.0%	3.7%	--	2.8%
Hispanic	5.7%	4.5%	5.6%	9.8%	10.9%
Asian	5.7%	--	3.1%	--	6.9%
Pacific	--	--	--	2.9%	--



Improved Appearance of Downtown



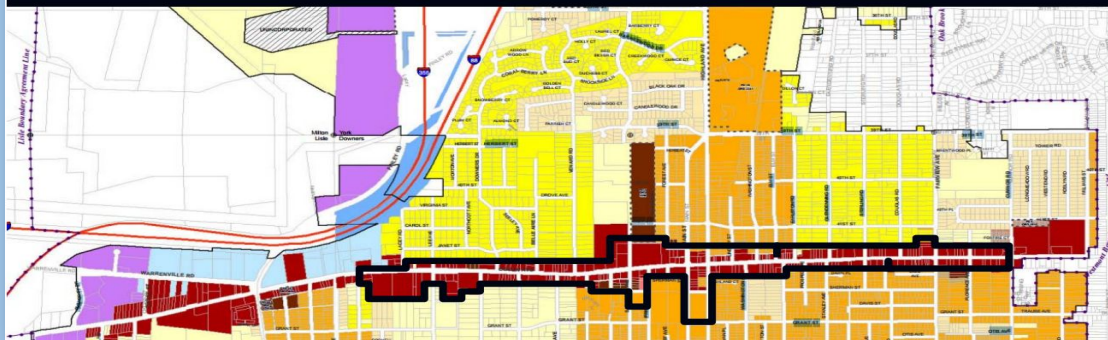
Expanded Community Policing



Extended Ogden TIF District



Ogden TIF Boundary



Executed RDA for Perillo Rolls Royce



Executed RDA for Andy's Frozen Custard



Successful Partnerships



Economic Development Wins



Implemented Social Services Plan

	2023	2024	Diff.
Referrals Provided	633	714	81
Referrals Accepted	565	682	117
Acceptance Rate	89%	96%	

Social Services Referrals



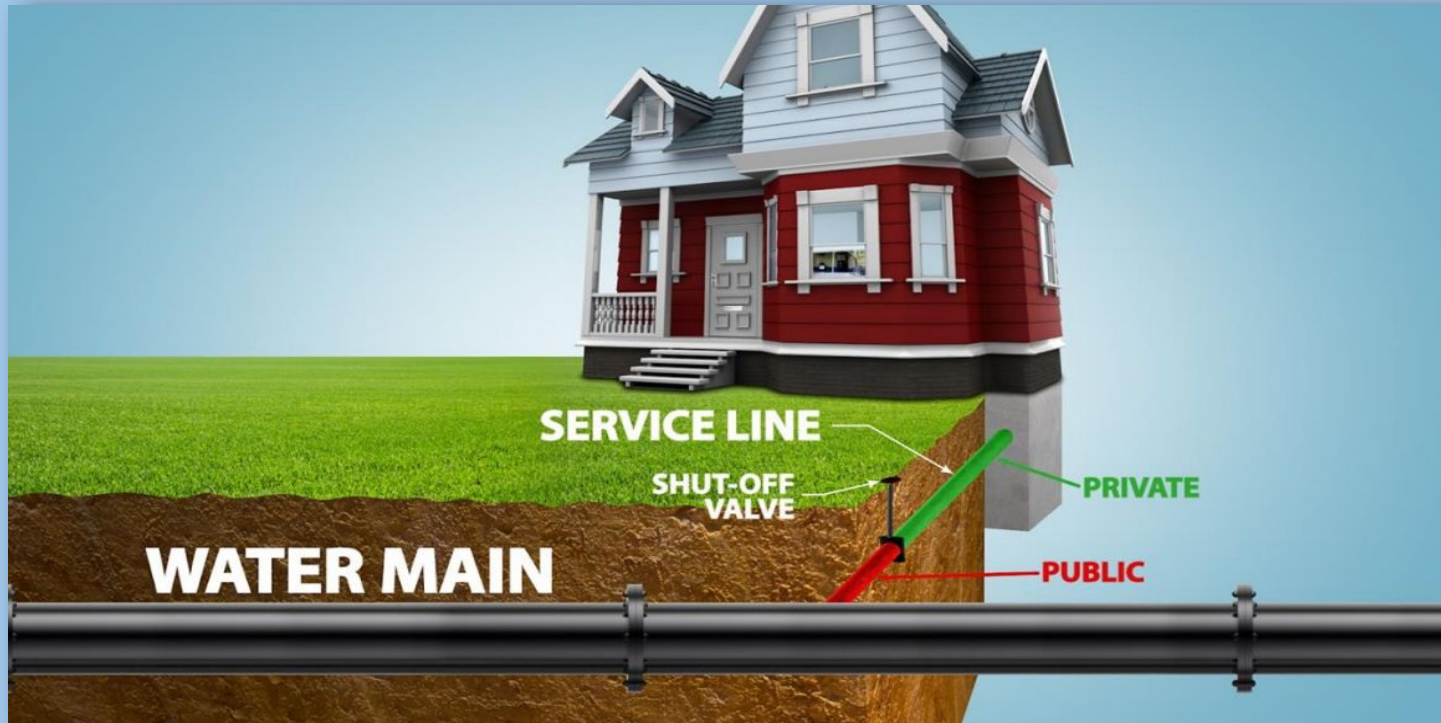
REACH OUT WHEN YOU NEED A HAND.

The Village of Downers Grove employs a full-time Social Worker who can refer people to the social services they are in need of. These include resources for mental health, housing or homelessness, domestic violence, and substance abuse.

CALL 630.434.6894 for Social Services Referrals
or visit downers.us.



Prepared Lead Service Line Replacement Plan



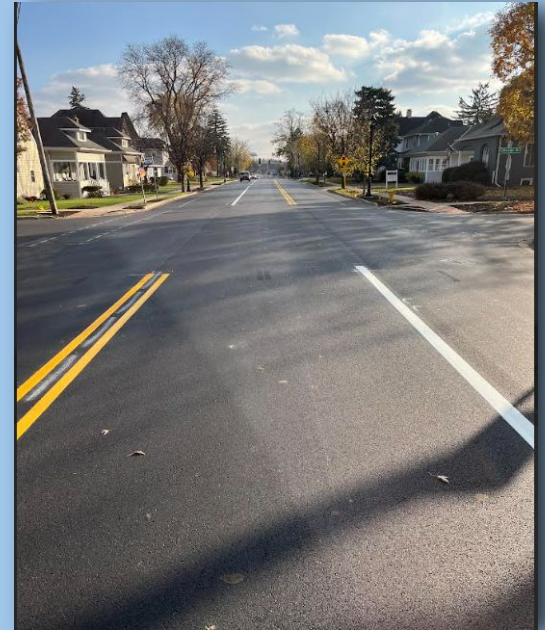
Prepared Water Rate Study & Capital Plan



Enhanced Pedestrian Safety



Completed Main Street Safety Improvements



Completed Seven Stormwater Capital Projects



Improved FEMA CRS Rating



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ABOUT CRS?**



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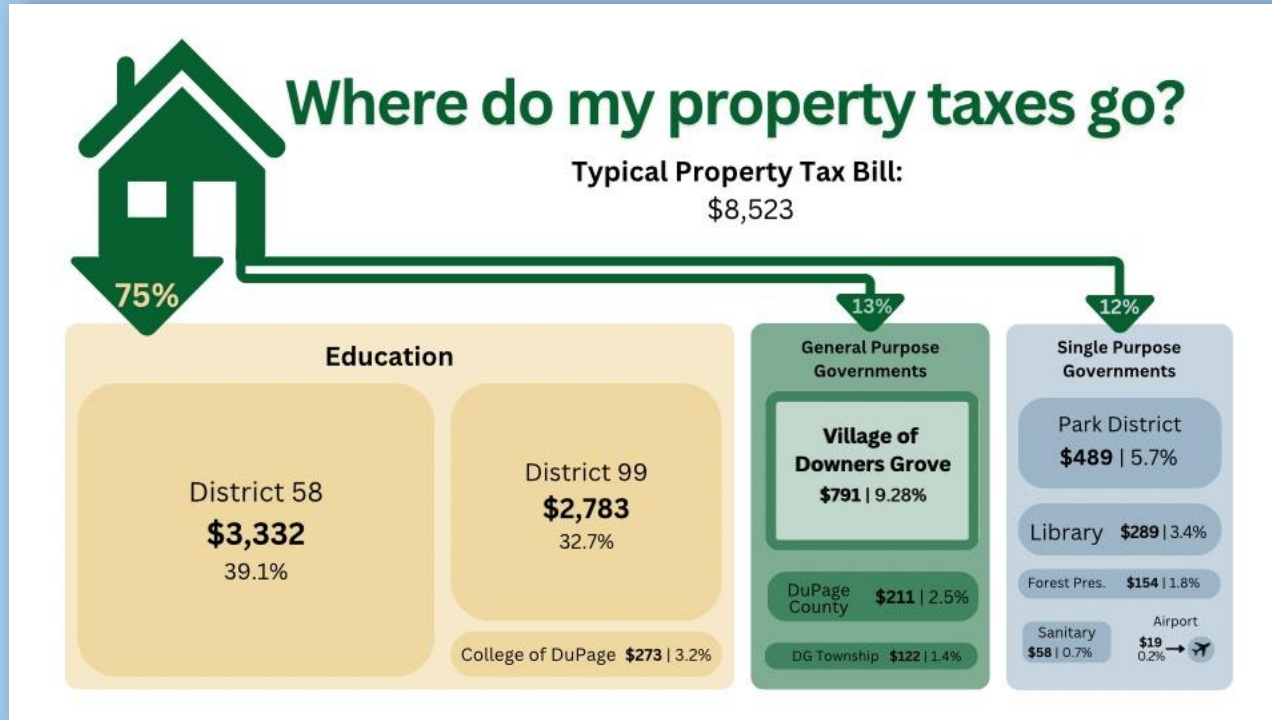
Reconstructed Indianapolis Avenue



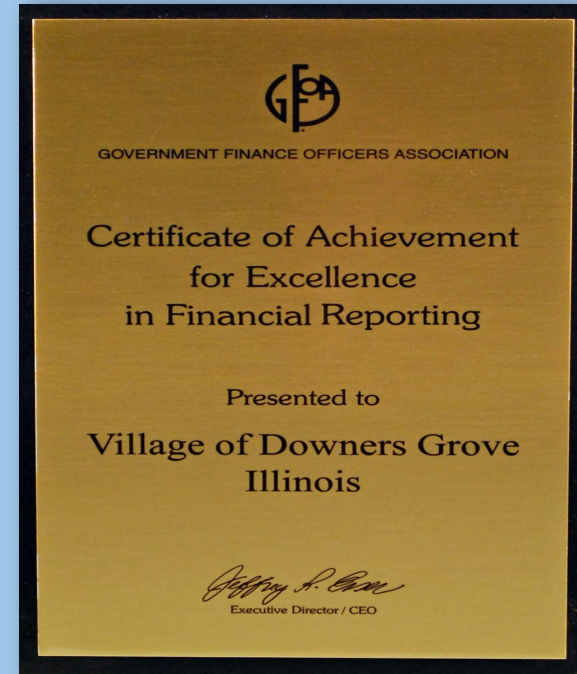
Financial Stewardship



Effectively Managed Budget and Finances



Awards and Recognition



Received Awards & Recognition



Connect with Us

Help chart the course for Downers Grove's future!

Community Visioning Workshops!

GUIDING D6 COMMUNITY VISIONING WORKSHOPS
Do you think you can impact the future of Downers Grove? Do you want to be a part of the community visioning process? Then attending one of our workshops is the perfect opportunity for you to share your ideas.

The Village offers various meetings, webinars, and webinars to give the community a voice in the future. These meetings are held at the Village Hall, 1611 Washington Ave. The price for the workshop is \$100.00. The workshop is held on the following dates:

- Monday, July 15, 8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Downers Grove High School, 1611 Washington Ave.
- Thursday, July 26, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Village Hall, 1611 Washington Ave.
- Monday, August 13, 8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Downers Grove Recreation Center, 1611 Washington Ave.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

You are Invited!

Village of Downers Grove Building Code Updates

The Village will be updating the current set of building codes to the 2021 ICC code series in the fall of 2023.

Please join Village Staff on **Thursday, July 27, 2023, 10:00am - 12:00pm**, to review these upcoming changes.

This meeting will take place in the Village Hall Council Chambers which can be accessed from the South Side of the Village Hall Building along Carleton Street.

If there are questions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Community Development Department at 630-434-5233.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Village of Downers Grove
Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan is used by the Village as a resource when evaluating potential projects.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL
Sat, July 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Main Street Train Station

Join us for an opportunity to meet with Council members during the Downtown Downers Grove Market for informal discussion on topics of general community interest.

Coffee with the Council meets on the second Saturday of the month.

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Join us for the Independence Day Parade and Fireworks.
More at: <https://bit.ly/evs2024>

2024 Downers Grove Independence Day Parade

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MAIN STREET TREE LIGHTING
Friday, November 24, 2023, 4:30 p.m.
Main Street Train Station

Join Santa and friends to launch the start of the holiday season Downtown.

[CLICK FOR MORE HOLIDAY WEEKEND EVENTS DOWNTOWN!](#)

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Agenda for the next meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/evs2024>

Village Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 18, 2024
7:00 p.m.
Village Hall, 1611 Washington Ave.

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[View Upcoming Meetings](#)

WASHINGTON STREET CROSSING
Starting Monday, October 8, 2023 the Washington Street railroad crossing will be closed in conjunction with the ongoing construction of the Civic Center.

The crossing is expected to reopen the week of October 23.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

The following Community Investment Program (CIP) projects are included in the FY2024 Budget.

2024 PROJECTS



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