

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

Report for the Village Council Meeting

7/1/2025

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
Long Range Planning Discussion	Dave Fieldman Village Manager

SYNOPSIS

Discussion of the 2025-27 Long Range Plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Long Range Plan establishes the Village’s Strategic Goals.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Long Range Plan identifies financial trends and issues, includes strategies and solutions to address the trends and issues, and drives the preparation of annual budgets.

UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION

The Village Council discussed the draft Long Range Plan #1 at the June 10, 2025 and June 17, 2025 meetings. Additional analysis requested by the Village Council can be found here: [SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT #2](#).

BACKGROUND

The Long Range Plan identifies and addresses issues affecting the long-term future of the Village. The Plan establishes the Village’s goals and priority actions that guide annual budgets, daily operations, and delivery of services. The long range planning process is one of many strong management practices that led S&P to grant the Village its highest bond rating of AAA. The Long Range Plan consists of:

- Strategic Goals for 2025 to 2027 and beyond
- Key trends and issues affecting the Village’s long-term future
- Strategies and solutions to address key trends and issues
- Priority Action Items to be completed by April 2027

To prepare the Long Range Plan, the Village Council plans to meet multiple times in a workshop format from June through September. The meetings provide an opportunity for dialogue and collaboration among the Village Council, community members, and staff.

More information about the Long Range Plan, including the first draft report, can be found at <https://www.downers.us/long-range-plan>.

Follow-Up to June 10 Village Council Discussion

Additional Information

As requested, the following information has been prepared:

- *Alternative Revenue Analysis* - a summary of alternative revenue sources has been prepared and included in the [Supplemental Report](#). It includes comparisons to other DuPage County municipalities.
- *2025 Key Village Revenues* - a summary of key Village revenue performance to date in 2025 with comparisons to 2024 revenue performance is included in the [Supplemental Report](#).
- *Updated Resource Guide*- the Resource Guide has been updated. The information regarding the Local Gasoline Tax has been updated to show the correct tax rate of \$0.015 per gallon.
- *Existing Bonds Retirement Dates* - The retirement dates of the outstanding bonds have been added to the [LRP Report #1](#).
- *Projections of Future Automobile Sales Performance* - Articles and publications about the expected future performance of automobile sales are included in the [Supplemental Report](#).

Attributes of Key Recommendations

At the June 10, 2025 meeting the Village Council and staff discussed two key recommendations. The attributes of these recommendations are summarized below. The summary below does not include the recommendations related to the creation of a Tax Increment Financing District in the Fairview Focus and Connection Areas.

	Description	Projected Revenue Generated	Key Use of Revenue	Attributes
1	Increase Home Rule Sales Tax from 1.0% to 1.25%	\$2.2 M	<div>\$500k for General Fund Operations</div> <div>\$250k for Guiding DG and “New” Capital Projects</div> <div>\$250k for Facilities Maintenance</div> <div>\$15M Bond Issuance for Guiding DG and “New” Capital Projects</div> <div>\$1.2M Annual Debt Service Payments</div>	<div>New revenue generated depends solely on the retail activity (purchases subject to HRST)</div> <div>Includes a bond issuance of \$15M</div> <div>Requires the Village to make annual bond payments for 20 years</div> <div>Must spend the bond proceeds at a rate of about \$5M/yr</div> <div>Flexibility in the use of revenue not used for bond payments</div>

2	Increase Home Rule Sales Tax from 1.0% to 1.50%	\$4.4 M	<div>\$1.1M for General Fund Operations</div> <div>\$3.05M for Guiding DG and “New” Capital Projects</div> <div>\$250k for Facilities Maintenance</div>	<div>New revenue generated depends solely on the retail activity (purchases subject to HRST)</div> <div>Does not include a bond issuance</div> <div>Maximizes flexibility in the use of revenue</div>
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June 17 Discussion
Staff plans on presenting the Alternative Revenue Analysis and related information for Village Council review and discussion at the June 17, 2025 Council meeting.