

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

Report for the Village Council Meeting

8/5/2025

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
Long Range Planning Discussion #4	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 and RECOMMENDATION

The Village Council discussed the draft Long Range Plan #1 at the June 10, June 17, and July 1, 2025, meetings. Staff has [updated the draft Long Range Plan #1](#) to reflect Council direction provided at the three previous meetings. The [Resource Guide](#) has also been updated. Notable changes were made to the Strategies and Solutions in the General Fund Sustainability, Property Tax Levy & Public Safety Pensions, Capital Fund Sustainability, Facilities Maintenance Plan, Guiding DG Plan Implementation and Fairview Focus Area Implementation sections.

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, supplemental reports and the Resource Guide, can be found at <https://www.downers.us/long-range-plan>.