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Planning our future together

## Mount Prospect

### A Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Mount Prospect

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# glossary

**ADT** - Average Daily Traffic

**Community amenities** - May refer to desirable or useful features of any resource (facility or service) provided or available in the community.

**Co-working spaces** - A shared environment used by different people to work independently. Unlike in a typical office environment, those co-working are usually not employed by the same organization. Typical users of co-working spaces include work-at-home professionals, independent contractors, frequent travelers or freelancers.

**Community resources** - Include the public library, community facilities like school and park district facilities, senior centers, cultural centers, places of worship, and other facilities that provide residents with a service or amenity.

**CMAP** - Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

**CMAP Region** - CMAP's six county region of Cook, Lake, Kane, DuPage, McHenry and Will County.

**HOME** - HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is a type of United States federal assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide decent and affordable housing, particularly housing for low-income households.

**NWSHC** - Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative, created in 2011 to help Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Mount Prospect, Palatine, and Rolling Meadows develop regional solutions to address short and long-term housing needs.

**Public transit** - or public transportation includes the service provided by the Pace buses, shuttles, vans, and Metra trains. It also includes transportation provided by other service providers in the community.

**Third Places** - informal public spaces separate from the two primary environments of home ("first place") and the office ("second place"). They can be defined as any place one spends time other than work or home. The most common third placed identified was the public library.

**TOD** - Transit Oriented Development

**Traffic calming** - The use of physical design and other measures to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

**Service providers** - Includes non-profit and for-profit organizations that provide a service in the community. Examples include park and school districts, places of worship, hospitals, etc.

**SWMP** - Storm Water Management Program

**Universal design** - The design and composition of an environment so that it can be accessed, understood, and used to the greatest extent possible by all people regardless of their age, size, ability, or disability.

**USGBC** - U.S. Green Building Council

**VMT** - Vehicle Miles Traveled



# executive summary

## Context for planning

A Comprehensive Plan guides planning and development policy in a community and is generally updated every ten years. As a community's primary planning document, it describes goals and objectives for existing and future development, as well as outlines the steps necessary to achieve these goals. The first Comprehensive Plan for Mount Prospect was adopted in 1965, revised in 1981 and updated in 1984, 1988, 1992, 1994, 1998 and 2007. These earlier plans have included ongoing, short term, as well as long term planning recommendations for land use, transportation, and community facilities through an action-oriented implementation program.

## Envision Mount Prospect - Planning our Future Together

The 2017 endeavor represents an update to the Village's Comprehensive Plan (referred to as "the Plan"). With the intent of truly reflecting the community's voice, the Plan was called Envision Mount Prospect - Planning our Future Together, and included a comprehensive community engagement process. The Plan ties in closely with the vision and goals of the Village's Strategic Plan, and also aims at addressing issues, opportunities, and trends in the community today and those anticipated in the future. Six guiding principles form the framework of the Plan that jointly aim at achieving the vision developed for the community. Each guiding principle has a set of goals along with policies, strategies, and an action oriented implementation plan to achieve the goals. This Plan also includes a Future Growth and Opportunities Map and a Future Land Use Plan that provides direction for where and how the community can accommodate growth and change in the future. Together with the implementation plan, these maps and the Future Land Use Plan will guide growth in the Village in coordination with transportation and infrastructure decisions, and community amenity and service needs. Envision Mount Prospect reflects the Village's commitment to planning for its future on a continuing basis.

## Planning process

As comprehensive plans represent the voice of the community and are also grounded in data trends, the year long planning process included: a review of existing conditions in the community; feedback from residents and stakeholders on key issues and opportunities; a workshop to envision a desirable future for Mount Prospect; development of guiding principles, goals, policies, and strategies to achieve the vision; a future land use plan; and implementation plan. The key trends, issues, and opportunities, identified through the existing conditions analysis and community engagement process, as well as the Village's Strategic Plan contributed to the development of the vision and goals for the comprehensive plan. The key components of the planning process are included below:

### Existing conditions analysis

- **who we are** - a snapshot of Mount Prospect's demographics
- **where we live, work, learn & play** - an analysis of key aspects of community life
- **how we get around** - an analysis of transportation infrastructure & services
- **our community** - a summary of the pattern of development, growth and opportunities, facilities, infrastructure, and the many services that Mount Prospect has to offer

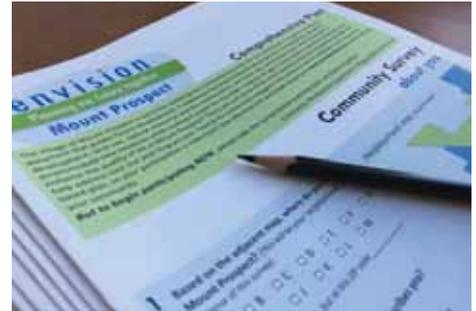
### Community engagement

Envision Mount Prospect included a comprehensive community engagement strategy to maximize community input throughout the planning process. A list of all the engagement activities are included below:

- **Steering Committee** - At the onset of the planning process, a steering committee comprised of residents, business owners, and key stakeholders was formed to help guide the development of the Plan. They met on a regular basis, reviewed the analysis, goals, and strategies, and provided feedback on the content of the Plan document.
- **Project website-** [www.envisionmp.org](http://www.envisionmp.org) was created to provide information on the planning process, and upcoming engagement events and opportunities to provide feedback. It helped promote the community survey and the implementation survey, as well as access to the Plan document for public review and comment.



- **Community Survey** - A survey was created to get feedback on key issues in the community; it was made available in both English and Spanish; and received 460 responses. Assuming a sample size of 20,290 households in Mount Prospect, the survey had a 95% level of confidence with a confidence interval of 4.6.
- **Informational Events** - Throughout 2016, the update to the Comprehensive Plan was promoted and public feedback on issues and opportunities was solicited at public events and various open houses. Public events included the Bluesmobile Cruise Night, French Farmer's Market, Fall Festival, and the Halloween Meet and Treat events.



*Farmer's Market*



*Bluesmobile Cruise Night*



- **Open Houses** - Open houses were held at the Mount Prospect Public Library, Robert Frost Elementary School, River Trails Middle School, and the Community Connections Center to encourage residents to fill out the survey, receive input on issues and opportunities in the Village, and participate in visioning exercises.



- **Key person interviews** - Meetings were conducted with key community stakeholders and the Village Departments to summarize the existing conditions and opportunities in the Village.

- **Visioning Workshop** - A workshop was conducted to engage the Steering Committee and Village staff in the development of the vision statement for the Comprehensive Plan.



- **SWOT Analysis** - An analysis of the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats was conducted as part of the Visioning Workshop to further inform the development of goals and strategies to achieve the vision for the Plan.

- **Joint Meeting** - An interim draft document of the Plan was presented to the community at a meeting with the Village Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Steering Committee. This meeting was also attended by Village residents, and included group feedback sessions on each of the guiding principles and goals for the Plan, as well as a Big Ideas Workshop to note key opportunities in the Village.



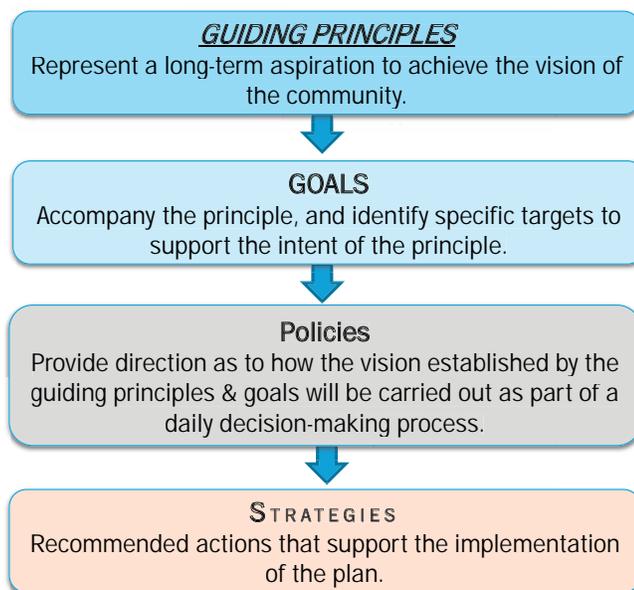
- **Implementation Survey** - Select implementation strategies were included in a survey that residents took to prioritize based on how important they perceived the strategy to be. The results of the survey are noted in the implementation plan (Chapter 8) as high, medium and low priority for the different strategies.

## Components of the Plan

This Plan is organized into two parts and an Appendix. Part I includes a summary of the key ideas and findings identified through the existing conditions analysis and community engagement process. It also includes the vision and six guiding principles developed for the Plan. The guiding principles broadly cover six key topic areas that jointly aim at achieving the vision for the community. The six topic areas are as follows:

- The built environment
- Mobility
- Community
- Health and safety
- Resiliency
- Economic vitality

These topic areas are addressed individually in Part II of the Plan. Each guiding principle is included in a separate chapter (Chapters 1 to 6) and includes a brief summary of what it addresses and how it relates to the Village's Strategic Plan. It also includes goals, policies, and strategies that will support the implementation of the vision for the community. The following graphic illustrates the framework for each chapter.



Each chapter also includes a “Centennial Factoid”, that lists a historical fact and/or comment as it relates to the content of the chapter.

CENTENNIAL FACTOID



Chapter 7 describes the areas of future growth and opportunities in the Village, and includes the Future Land Use Plan which guides future development decisions in the community. An action oriented Implementation Plan is included in Chapter 8 which guides the Village departments to achieve the goals outlined in the Plan. The Appendix includes a summary of the Existing Conditions and Community Engagement that includes the community survey results. Community input received throughout the planning process is included in these summaries.





**SWOT Analysis results:**

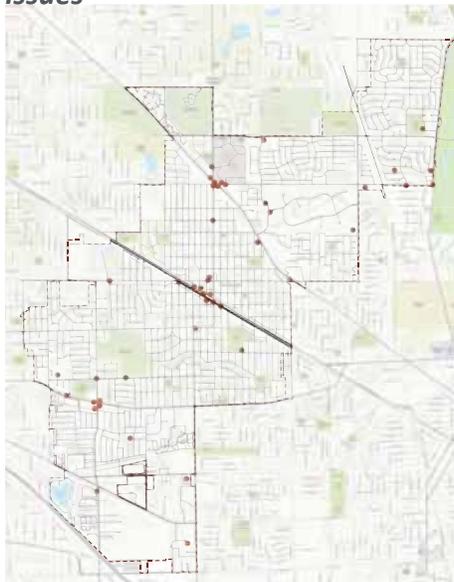
Strengths	Weaknesses
<p>Schools            Access to Metra            Public services (human services)            “Village” engagement support, Events            Community driven/involvement            Transportation access, tollway            Location (O’hare, Chicago)            Library            Clean and well-maintained            Safety (low crime)            Infrastructure            Driven elected officials, staff            Parks/recreation            Friendly            Property values            Housing variety            Lower tax levy            Balanced budget/low debt            Randhurst Village, KBC            Mature urban forest            Partnerships            Fiscally responsible</p>	<p>Public transportation (north-south)            Land locked and built out            Bike/pedestrian paths            Limited rentals downtown            No attractions- theater, museum, arts venue            Senior housing options            Isolation between north and south areas            Aging infrastructure            Affordable housing            Physical structures for community gathering            Connectivity for seniors-social            Neighborhood watch            Street lighting            Downtown traffic            No downtown grocery store            Pedestrian amenities at big roads            Lack of healthcare facilities            Stormwater management            Train tracks</p>
Opportunities	Threats
<p>Downtown redevelopment            Growing diversity            Annexations            Randhurst corridor business opportunities            Golf Plaza II            Capitalize on environmental commitments            School district consolidation            Downtown residential density            Pedestrian connectivity            Green infrastructure            Pervious land            Adopt an improved transportation plan            Train tracks            Vacancies            Illinois 83 interchange            New properties            Younger community involvement            New vision for community</p>	<p>Reduced state and fed revenue            Taxes (cook county)            Increased traffic            Politics            Economy            State liabilities            Impact of population increase on schools            Environmental            Unfunded mandates            Train tracks            Lower wage jobs don’t provide adequate income to support families            Amenities in other communities            Demographics of other communities</p>

public transportation between the north and south, and the limited vacant sites available for development. The top opportunities included annexations of adjacent unincorporated property, redevelopment of downtown sites, and growing diversity, while the threats identified included cutbacks to the state and federal revenue, increase in taxes, and increased traffic.

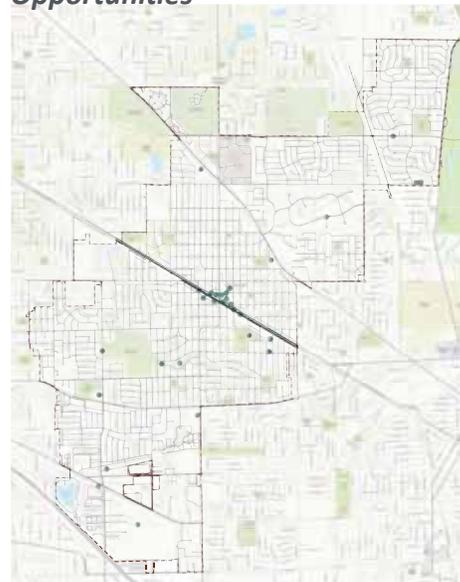
The maps below indicate the areas of Mount Prospect identified as areas of concerns and as opportunities sites. The map labeled “issues” identifies intersections in the community that have concerns that need to be addressed. The major intersections identified as having issues included the downtown intersections of Main Street and Northwest Highway, Kensington/Rand/Elmhurst, Central/Rand/Mount Prospect, and Golf and Busse. These intersections were identified as areas of concern primarily due to traffic delays and difficulty in pedestrian navigation.

The “opportunities” map identifies areas/locations for potential improvements, development or other opportunities. A list of each of these issues and opportunities is listed in the Appendix. The top opportunity site noted was the downtown intersection of Main Street and Northwest Highway.

**Issues**



**Opportunities**



# vision & guiding principles

Based on input received from the [visioning workshop](#) and other [community engagement activities](#), the [Village's Strategic Plan](#), and best practices for [Sustainable Comprehensive Plans](#), the following vision for the Village's Comprehensive Plan was developed:

## vision statement:

**“Mount Prospect will be an exemplary, livable, resilient, and socially vibrant community in the region that is timeless yet contemporary.”**

In order to achieve this vision and address all the issues and opportunities identified in this planning process, a set of six guiding principles were also developed as follows:

### **Guiding Principle 1: A livable built environment**

*Ensure that the mix of land uses, density of buildings, transportation access, and infrastructure work together to meet the needs of present and future generations while fostering a vibrant sense of place and contributing to the well-being of the community.*

### **Guiding Principle 2: Mobility through an accessible, integrated, and resilient transportation system**

*Ensure that the transportation system is well connected, provides alternate modes of transportation, promotes an active lifestyle, and is adaptable to the mobility needs of the community.*

### **Guiding Principle 3: Providing for and protecting the needs of the community**

*Ensure that housing options, services, amenities, and resources are accessible and address the needs of all residents.*



**Guiding Principle 4: A community that improves the health, safety and welfare of its residents**

*Ensure that public health needs are recognized and addressed through equitable access to care, services, recreation, and healthy foods.*

**Guiding Principle 5: Responsible use of our environment that promotes resilience**

*Ensure that the value of our natural resources is recognized; and efforts are made to preserve and promote their benefits to the community to improve public health.*

**Guiding Principle 6: Economic vitality through support, innovation and collaboration**

*Ensure that the community's economy is able to thrive and adapt to changes in the market through innovation and building on local and regional assets.*

The following chapters address each of the guiding principles, followed by the Future Land Use and Implementation Plans.

CENTENNIAL FACTOID

The Village was named by Ezra C. Eggleston. He called it "Mount" because it had the highest elevation in Cook County at 665 ft, and "Prospect" because he felt that it was a promising area to settle.

# Part II

## chapter 1: built environment that supports livability



## What a livable built environment means

A “livable” built environment is one that provides a diverse mix of uses so that residents can live close to where they work, learn or shop. It provides convenient access to community resources such as parks in the neighborhood; encourages an active and healthy lifestyle by supporting a walkable and bicycle friendly environment; and creates a desirable sense of place through the character of the community. Given that Mount Prospect has limited ability to increase its borders, growth in the future will need to be accommodated within the community in areas that can support change. By enhancing the livability of the built environment, a high quality of life for residents can be supported, while also adapting to the changing needs of the community.

## Relation to the Village’s Strategic Plan



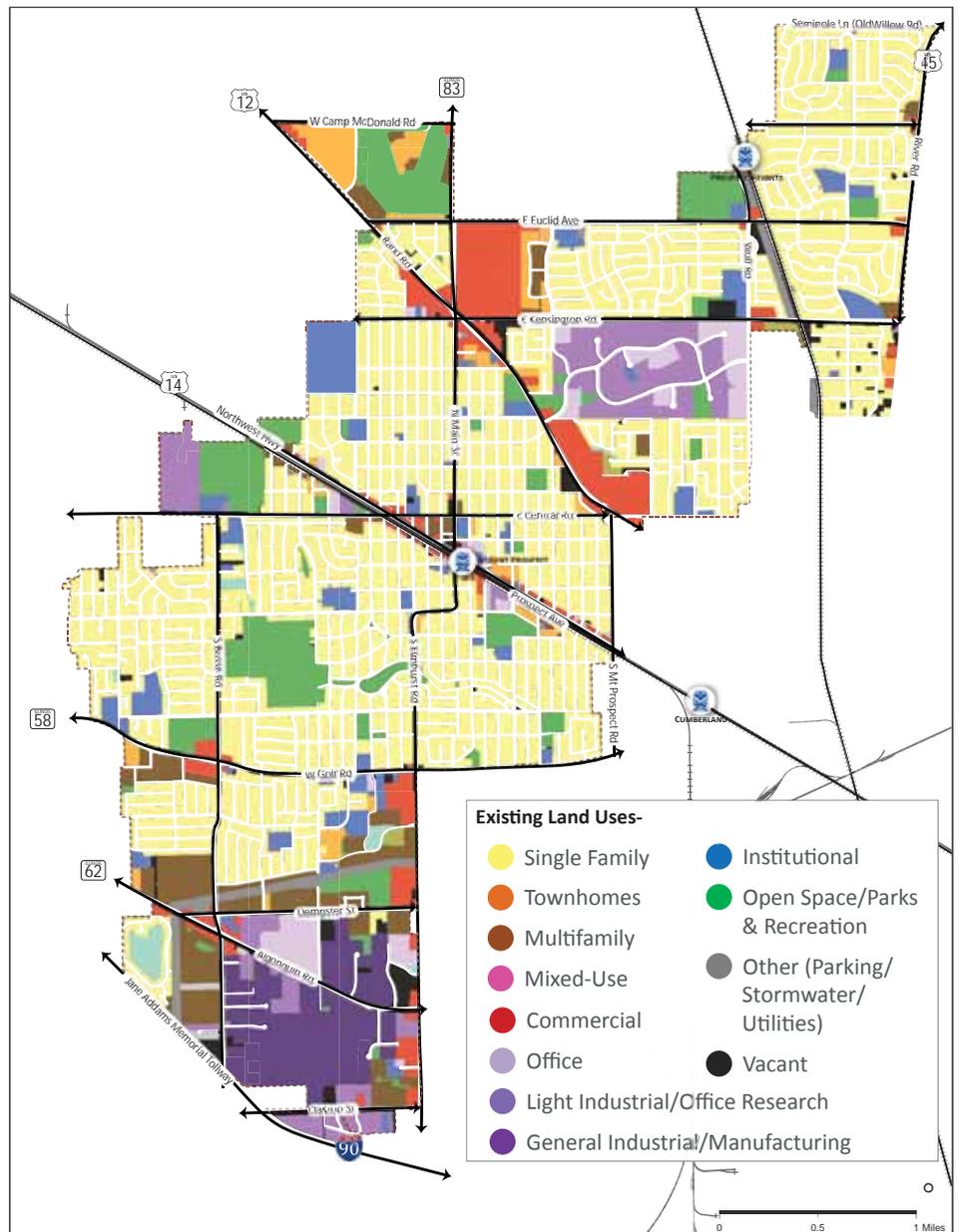
THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT’S **STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2020** includes key objectives related to the built environment. These include the following:

- improving access and walkability;
- balancing preservation, revitalization and growth,
- providing a mix of uses;
- strengthening the housing stock; and
- creating a unique and vibrant sense of place.

Encouraging future development and improvements in the Village to support livability is consistent with goals in the Strategic Plan. For example, improving access and walkability can be achieved by providing a complete and accessible sidewalk network and more public transportation options for travel within the community. Encouraging infill development or redevelopment of under utilized/vacant buildings provides opportunities for revitalization and growth, while preserving existing neighborhoods in the community. Providing a mix of uses and a variety of housing options would give residents the choice of remaining in the community and aging in place over time.

As the Village looks towards the future, it is important to recognize how the community has changed over time - both in terms of the physical built environment and demographic trends. This will help to plan for the future and ensure that the community continues to be a desirable place to live, work, learn, and play. Some of the key trends, issues, challenges and opportunities that were identified by the community are included on the following pages.

**Location and connectivity:** Mount Prospect is well connected to the Chicago region via major roadways and two Metra train lines. This transportation network provides access to the community, but also contributes to challenges in terms of traffic congestion, intersection safety, and physical barriers. In addition, there are also gaps in the pedestrian network and north-south public transportation connectivity in the Village.



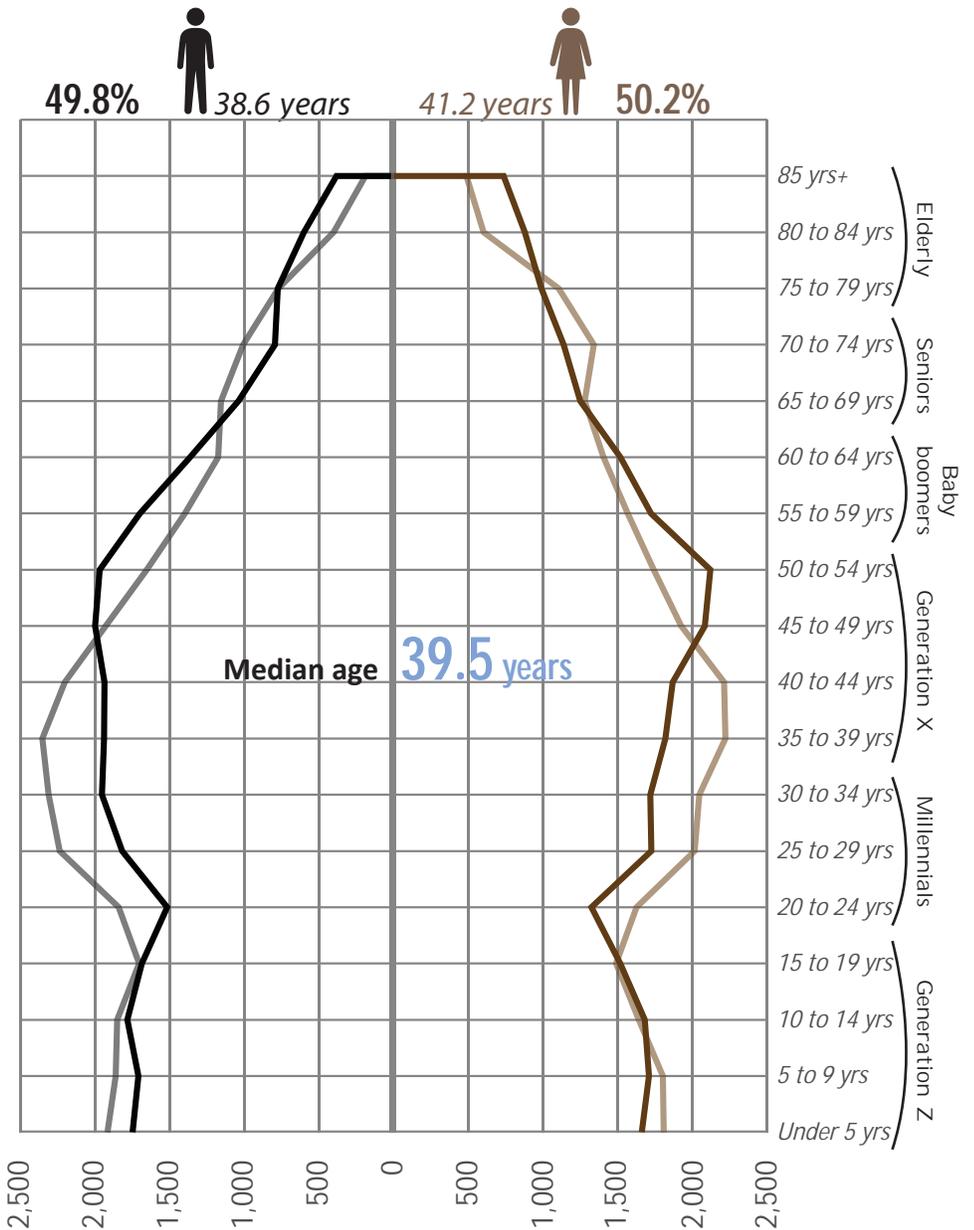
**Figure 1.1: Existing land use map**

Source- Village of Mount Prospect

- Village of Mount Prospect Municipal Boundary (August, 2017)
- Interstate
- U.S. County Route
- Major roadways
- U.S. State Route
- Metra railway line & Station

**Demographics:** The population of the community is both aging and becoming more racially diverse. With great schools, the community is attractive for households with children and was voted the *Best Place to Raise Kids* by Business Week in 2009.

**71%** of households are families, **32%** have kids



**Figure 1.2: Mount Prospect's population pyramid**

Source- U.S. Census Bureau (2000, 2010) *Census Summary File 1*

The graphic above provide a snapshot of Mount Prospect's aging population. According to the most recent U.S. Census, the average age of males is 38.6 years; average age of women is 41.2 years. Over fifty percent (50%) of the population is female.

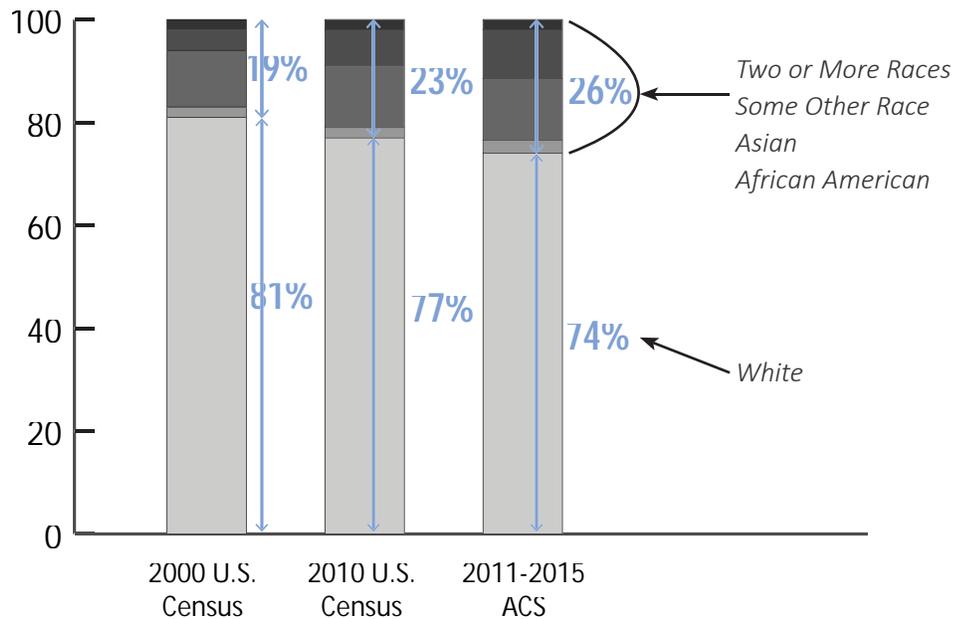


Figure 1.3: Demographic change in Mount Prospect

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2011-2015 American Community Survey

As per the American Community Survey for 2011-2015, seventy-four percent (74%) of the community's population identifies as white and twenty six percent (26%) identifies as Asian, African American, two or more races, or some other race. Additionally, sixteen (16%) percent of the total population identifies as Hispanic or Latino (includes residents of any race).

**Buildings and infrastructure:** The community has an older housing stock and would benefit from providing more variety in housing types to meet the needs of the changing population. Older commercial areas in the community provide opportunities for infill and redevelopment.

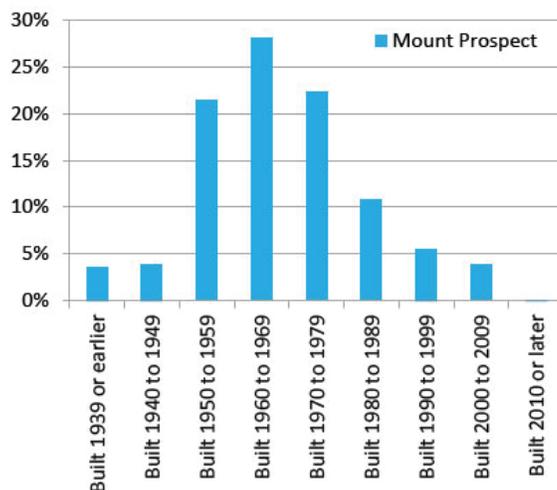


Figure 1.4: Age of housing units in Mount Prospect

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

**Pattern of development:** From a commuter town developed around a train station to a suburban community with a diverse economic base, Mount Prospect has responded well to market changes. The major commercial and employment areas are along the arterial roadways, downtown, the Kensington Business Center, and the industrial areas to the south. The community today is almost fully built out with just a few undeveloped parcels. Hence, future growth in the community will likely be in the form of infill development and redevelopment of functionally obsolete properties.

**Sense of place:** Opportunities exist to improve the aesthetic and functional appeal of some corridors in the community. There are also opportunities to improve access to community resources, such as parks and services in the community.

The guiding principle and goals that follow will help the Village achieve its vision of having a livable built environment that fosters a vibrant sense of place.

## Guiding Principle 1

### A livable built environment

*Ensure that the mix of land uses, density of buildings, transportation access, and infrastructure work together to meet the needs of present and future generations while fostering a vibrant sense of place and contributing to the well-being of the community.*

## Goal 1

**Promote a sustainable mix of uses and densities along major corridors that encourage a healthy lifestyle, and promote the community's amenities as local and regional destinations.**

**Policy 1.1** - *Strive for a balanced mix of residential, commercial, industrial, educational, recreational and other uses that encourage residents to live, work, shop, learn, and play in the community.*

1.1.1. Support mixed-use redevelopment as a way of revitalizing centers, corridors, and employment areas.  *Implementation Strategy 1-1*

- 1.1.2. Review and amend the zoning districts in the zoning code and map for consistency with the future land use plan.  *Implementation Strategy 1-1*
- 1.1.3. Review and amend the zoning map to allow for a horizontal and vertical mix of land uses that are in balance with the surroundings.  *Implementation Strategy 1-1*
- 1.1.4. Encourage pedestrian and transit friendly developments.  *Implementation Strategy 1-1*
- 1.1.5. Continue to provide incentives to encourage development in the downtown area and along major commercial corridors.  *Implementation Strategies 1-11, 1-12*
- 1.1.6. Continue and expand the marketing of existing destinations, festivals and events in the community.  *Implementation Strategy 1-8*

**Policy 1.2 - Support infill development and adaptive reuse or redevelopment of underutilized properties.**

- 1.2.1. Identify underutilized sites and buildings in the community.  *Implementation Strategies 1-17, 1-12*
- 1.2.2. Provide Incentives for the development of underutilized and infill sites, and explore the feasibility of public-private partnerships.  *Implementation Strategies 1-9, 1-11, 1-12, 1-17*
- 1.2.3. Encourage the consolidation and assemblage of properties to improve their development potential.  *Implementation Strategies 1-11, 1-12, 1-17*
- 1.2.4. Continue to ensure that new developments are compatible with their surroundings.  *Implementation Strategy 1-9*
- 1.2.5. Encourage shared parking agreements where possible.  *Implementation Strategy 1-1*

**Policy 1.3 - Encourage walkability through the built environment.**

- 1.3.1. Continue to implement design standards for all downtown development to provide a unified pedestrian environment and enhance the character of downtown.  *Implementation Strategy 1-1*
- 1.3.2. Continue to encourage design standards for all new and rehabbed retail and employment areas to provide for the safety and accessibility of pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users.  *Implementation Strategies 1-10, 1-11*
- 1.3.3. Review opportunities to illuminate sidewalks to provide a safe passage for pedestrians to community amenities.  *Implementation Strategy 2-12*

**Policy 1.4 - Encourage transit oriented developments that support a broad mix of higher density uses while providing for pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and safety.**

- 1.4.1. Support Transit Oriented Development in proximity of the Metra stations and bus routes that encourages a mix of uses and housing types.  *Implementation Strategy 1-10*
- 1.4.2. Encourage transit supportive developments that accommodate pedestrian and bicycle connectivity.  *Implementation Strategy 1-10*

**Policy 1.5 - Provide opportunities in the built environment to build community and a sense of place.**

- 1.5.1. Encourage the development of outdoor areas that provide opportunities for the community to gather like plazas, sidewalk cafes, and pop-up parklets.  *Implementation Strategies 1-4, 3-8*
- 1.5.2. Identify locations for community events in areas that are under served.  *Implementation Strategy 1-4*

**Policy 1.6 - Support the continued revitalization of downtown and key commercial and industrial corridors as community and regional destinations.**

- 1.6.1. Support the development of key sites in the community as identified in the Village's Strategic Plan.  *Implementation Strategy 1-12*
- 1.6.2. Encourage the attraction and retention of businesses in the community that build on and strengthen the mix of uses at the Kensington Business Center, downtown, the commercial centers, and industrial areas.  *Implementation Strategy 6-6, 6-7*
- 1.6.3. Study the impact of the new full interchange at Elmhurst Road and I-90 and capitalize on it.  *Implementation Strategy 1-3*

# Goal 2

**Support the continued growth of downtown, employment and commercial centers, while also supporting the up-keep and redevelopment of older properties.**

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**Policy 2.1 - Promote growth in existing commercial and employment centers.**

- 2.1.1. Continue to market underdeveloped or vacant sites.  *Implementation Ongoing, Strategies 1-12, 1-17, 6-13*
- 2.1.2. Prioritize and market key sites for development throughout the community.  *Implementation Strategies 1-17, 6-13*
- 2.1.3. Support the reinvestment in older commercial and industrial buildings.  *Implementation Strategies 1-17, 6-12*
- 2.1.4. Continue to work with Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative (MPEI) to host regular workshops that help small business owners improve and promote their businesses.  *Implementation Strategy 6-5*
- 2.1.5. Simplify the permitting process to support reinvestment opportunities.  *Implementation Strategies 1-1, 6-1*

# Goal 3

## Support a variety of housing options and encourage maintenance/ rehabilitation of older housing stock.

Much of the existing housing stock in the community was built prior to 1980 and is somewhat functionally outdated by today's standards. Many of these homes have very small footprints, single car garages, limited number of bedrooms, and are not conducive for younger families looking to locate in the community. The Village continues to review its codes to ensure that they allow for and encourage re-investment in its neighborhoods.

**Policy 3.1** - Provide a variety of housing options to cater to the changing needs of the Village's population.

- 3.1.1. Encourage the development of a range of housing types, sizes, prices and densities based on the market demand.  Implementation Strategies 1-17, 1-22, 3-9
- 3.1.2. Actively work with the private sector to promote the construction of housing types that are missing or in short supply in the community.  Implementation Strategies 1-12, 3-9
- 3.1.3. Promote development opportunities in the Village for a full range of housing for seniors.  Implementation Strategies 1-22, 3-2, 3-14
- 3.1.4. Ensure that new housing is compatible with the character of the surrounding neighborhoods.  Implementation Strategy 1-9

**Policy 3.2** - Encourage the maintenance of residential properties.

- 3.2.1. Review our codes and policies to identify and eliminate possible barriers to reinvestment in older housing stock throughout the community.  Implementation Strategies 1-1, 1-9
- 3.2.2. Consider incentives to residents and builders/developers to encourage tearing down obsolete homes and constructing new homes to increase the value of our housing stock and add new customers for our downtown and commercial corridors.  Implementation Strategy 1-10
- 3.2.3. Provide information to multi-family property owners/managers about available resources for improving energy efficiency, fair housing, affordability, and property maintenance.  Implementation Strategy 1-20
- 3.2.4. Continue to implement the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Audit as part of the Village's Crime Free Housing Program.  Implementation Ongoing
- 3.2.5. Provide information to homeowners and renters on existing energy efficiency resources.  Implementation Strategies 1-20, 5-17
- 3.2.6. Continue to support the Handyman Program for seniors and disabled residents.  Implementation Strategy 1-19
- 3.2.7. Actively enforce property maintenance regulations throughout the community.  Implementation Ongoing

# Goal 4

## Further inter-governmental relationships with surrounding communities and other regional agencies to better the community.

**Policy 4.1** - Support the inter-governmental planning and coordination of land use, transportation projects, parks, schools, and other community facilities.

- 4.1.1. Continue to cooperate with neighboring jurisdictions on issues and initiatives of mutual interest, and periodically review and update intergovernmental agreements that recognize the comprehensive plans of each community.  Implementation Strategies 1-21, 1-22
- 4.1.2. Continue to coordinate the activities of the Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative on housing issues.  Implementation Strategy 1-22

**Policy 4.2** - Continue to pursue annexations of unincorporated areas adjacent to the Village.

- 4.2.1. Continue to pursue the annexation of properties adjacent to the Village to strengthen the tax base, provide more efficient services, and give the Village greater control over long-term redevelopment opportunities.  Implementation Strategy 1-7

# Goal 5

## Strengthen the unique identity and character of the community.

**Policy 5.1** - Reinforce characteristics that are unique to Mount Prospect.

- 5.1.1. Implement design guidelines that reinforce existing and/or desirable characteristics in the community.  Implementation Strategies 1-9, 1-10, 1.20
- 5.1.2. Install the gateway and signage plan for the Village to better tie in the newly annexed properties with the older neighborhoods, downtown, and business and commercial centers.  Implementation Strategies 1-3, 1-6
- 5.1.3. Identify strategic locations for the integration of public art, historical markers, and gateway features into public projects and establish a dedicated funding mechanism for implementation.  Implementation Strategies 1-3, 1-6
- 5.1.4. Encourage and sponsor programs and volunteer efforts that promote the beautification of the Village's public and private realm.  Implementation Strategy 1-6
- 5.1.5. Promote the family friendly amenities in the community.  Implementation Strategy 1-20

**Policy 5.2 - Educate the community about existing Village ordinances to maintain the character of the Village.**

- 5.2.1. Create Village newsletter articles and other informational campaigns to educate residents and business owners about property maintenance, signage, and other regulations that maintain the character of the community.  *Implementation Strategy 1-18*

**Policy 5.3 - Further the code enforcement efforts to address deteriorated properties.**

- 5.3.1. Continue to evaluate and implement best practices to encourage the maintenance of buildings throughout the community.  *Implementation Strategy 1-2*
- 5.3.2. Evaluate options to recognize well-groomed and attractive properties to encourage maintenance.  *Implementation Strategy 1-2*
- 5.3.3. Evaluate options for the maintenance of parking lots and common areas of individually owned apartment buildings that do not have a Home Owner's Association to ensure maintenance and upkeep.  *Implementation Strategy 1-2*
- 5.3.4. Explore regulations that require continued investment by absentee landlords.  *Implementation Ongoing*

**Policy 5.5 - Promote the Village's efforts to improve and maintain the character of the community.**

- 5.6.1. Explore policies to regulate AirBNB and other room share services to maintain the safety and welfare of the community's residents.  *Implementation Strategy 1-16*
- 5.6.2. Identify the locations for notable architecture or design at high visibility intersections to help give identity and a sense of place to centers, corridors, and neighborhoods.  *Implementation Strategy 1-12*
- 5.6.3. Conduct a study to re-evaluate the locations of street furniture around community amenities and downtown and make a plan to fund and provide trash receptacles, benches, bike racks, etc. where they are needed.  *Implementation Strategy 1-15*

# Goal 6

## Encourage walkability by providing convenient access to community resources.

### **Policy 6.1 - Provide convenient access to community resources.**

- 6.1.1. Promote a geographic distribution of service and recreation oriented uses across the Village, and work with local Park Districts to identify and provide facilities in under-served areas.  *Implementation Strategy 1-21*
- 6.1.2. Evaluate pedestrian and bicycle access to local schools, parks, and other community amenities and provide necessary improvements to improve access.  *Implementation Strategy 2-15*
- 6.1.3. Promote the use of joint-use agreements between service providers to maximize the use of existing facilities in the community.  *Implementation Strategy 1-21*

### **Policy 6.2 - Support arts, entertainment, and cultural activities to attract residents and visitors of all ages.**

- 6.2.1. Continue to collaborate and support the organization of festivals, parades, and special events with the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Merchants Association, and other community organizations.  *Implementation Ongoing*
- 6.2.2. Identify a location on the south side of the community that can be used as a destination for community events.  *Implementation Strategy 1-4*

### **Policy 6.3 - Provide Third Places throughout the community and access to spaces for public events.**

- 6.3.1. Identify the locations for potential Third Places in the community within a reasonable distance of residential neighborhoods.  *Implementation Strategy 1-4*
- 6.3.2. Promote community building events at Third Places in the community.  *Implementation Strategy 1-4*
- 6.3.3. Identify locations for having arts and cultural programs throughout the Village.  *Implementation Strategy 1-4*

# Goal 7

Ensure that all parts of the community are well served by infrastructure, and support their maintenance and enhancement to serve the future needs of the community.

**Policy 7.1 - Provide, maintain and enhance the public infrastructure in the community.**

- 7.1.1. Evaluate the water and sewer capacity needs in areas of growth as noted on the Future Land Use Plan.  *Implementation Strategies 1-3, 1-5*
- 7.1.2. Evaluate infrastructure improvements and future needs for all areas recently annexed into Mount Prospect.  *Implementation Strategies 1-3, 1-5*
- 7.1.3. Continue the maintenance of infrastructure to reduce long-term service costs.  *Implementation Ongoing*
- 7.1.4. Continue to monitor and improve the stormwater system to minimize flooding throughout the Village.  *Implementation Ongoing*
- 7.1.5. Continue to monitor all future plans for telecommunications facilities in the Village.  *Implementation Strategy 1-13*
- 7.1.6. Encourage the replacement of obsolete infrastructure and place telecommunication and electric utilities underground where feasible.  *Implementation Strategy 1-13*
- 7.1.7. Continue to promote sustainable development practices in redevelopment or new development of public facilities.  *Implementation Strategies 5-1, 5-2, 5-14, 5-23*
- 7.1.8. Support the provision of WIFI service downtown and at all public facilities.  *Implementation Strategy 1-14*

#### CENTENNIAL FACTOID

The train station used to only be a flag stop. This meant that if you wanted to get on, you had to flag the train down to stop it! The train did not even stop to deliver the mail- they just threw it on a post as they went by.

# chapter 2: mobility

through an accessible, integrated and resilient transportation system



## What the term “mobility” means

For the purpose of the Plan, “mobility” refers to the different transportation services provided and modes of transportation available in the community. Providing transportation options for people of all ages, abilities and income levels is important to ensure that the transportation system fulfills the needs of all residents. This can be achieved by ensuring that the transportation network is accessible, safe, well-maintained, and encourages an active and healthy lifestyle.

## Relation to the Village’s Strategic Plan

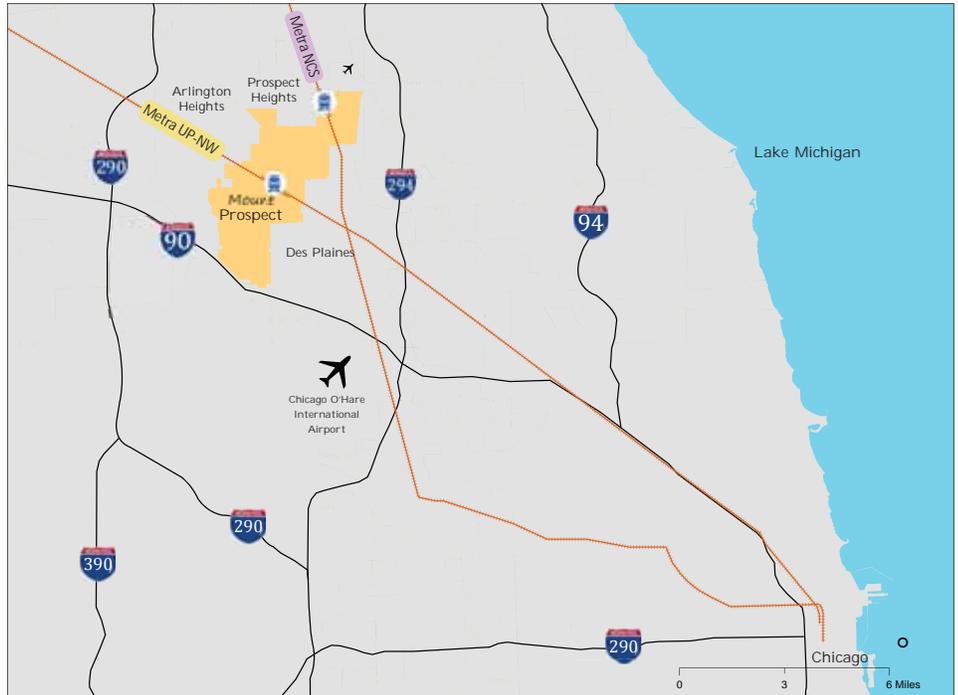
THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT’S **STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2020** calls for the following mobility related goals:

- providing a well maintained, sustainable roadway system;
- mitigating traffic congestion;
- making Mount Prospect a walkable, pedestrian friendly community that is accessible for all; and
- coordinating with the County and State for transportation improvements and funding mechanisms.

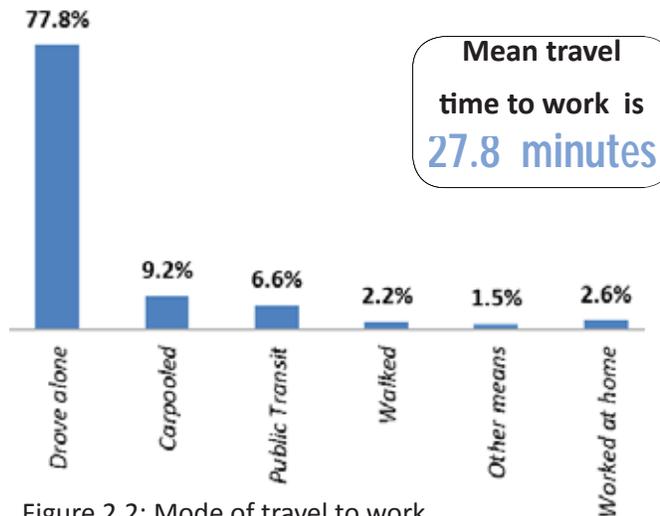
The Cook County Transportation Plan puts a greater focus on alternate modes of transportation and outlines strategies to support it. These strategies include: expedited bus service on arterial roads and expressways; assisting local governments with the design of streets; giving transit vehicles priority; implementation of complete street ordinances; adopting bicycle/pedestrian planning programs; and providing support for ride sharing, private shuttles besides the taxi industry, and transit agencies.

By providing a robust, efficient, and integrated transportation system that includes all modes of transportation, Mount Prospect will be able to accommodate future increases in traffic, reduce traffic congestion, improve transportation mode choices, and encourage a healthier, more active lifestyle.

Mount Prospect is well situated in the northwest suburbs of Chicago with access to roadways, rail, and airports in the region. Similarly to the surrounding suburban communities, Mount Prospect is auto dependent. Figure 2.2 indicates about 78% of the population drive to work. Only 6.6% of the population uses public transit as a mode of travel to work.



**Figure 2.1: Regional location map**  
 Source- Village of Mount Prospect



**Figure 2.2: Mode of travel to work**  
 Source- 2010 U. S. Census Bureau data for Mount Prospect

Figure 2.3 indicates only 1,850 residents (8%) actually work in the community. Nearly 26,000 residents work in surrounding communities.

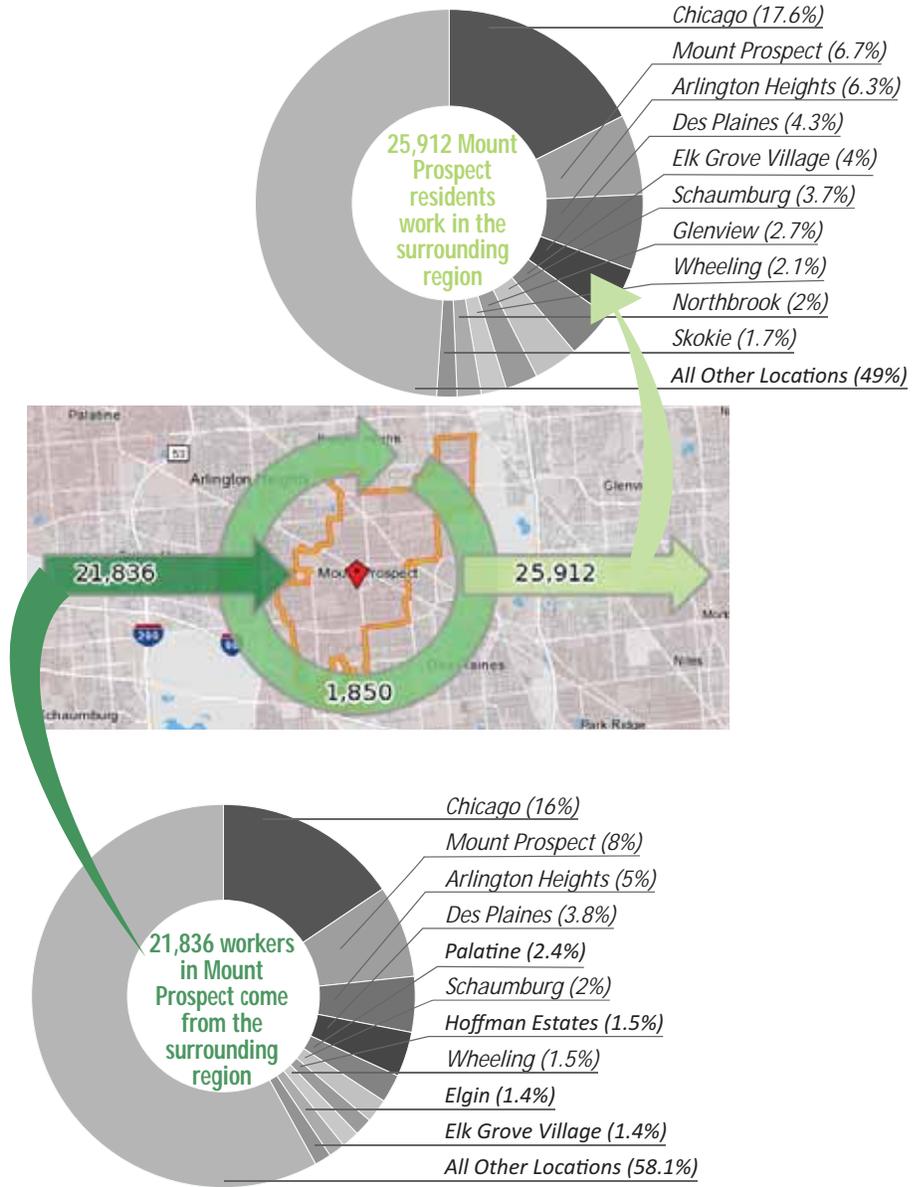


Figure 2.3: Where Mount Prospect workers live and where residents work

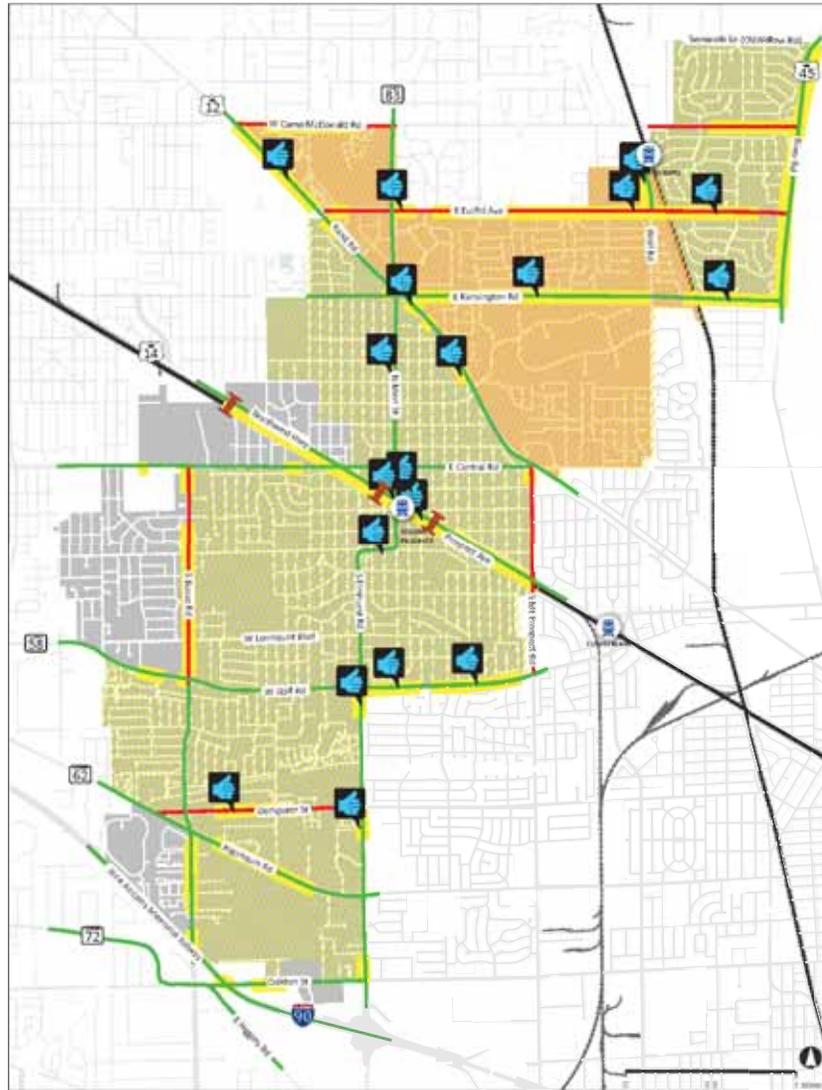
Source- *On the Map, Journey to Work* data

The key issues and opportunities with respect to transportation in the community are included below.

**Transportation infrastructure:**

• **Roadways, railroads, sidewalks and other pedestrian amenities -**

While the system of roadways and railway lines traversing the community provide access to the region, they also contribute to traffic congestion at major intersections, especially during peak hours. The Village resurfaces 5% of its 136



**Figure 2.4: Sidewalk gap analysis and pedestrian infrastructure feedback**

Source- Village of Mount Prospect

**Road Ownership-**

- State owned roads
- County owned roads
- Gaps in the sidewalk network
- Metra railway line & Station

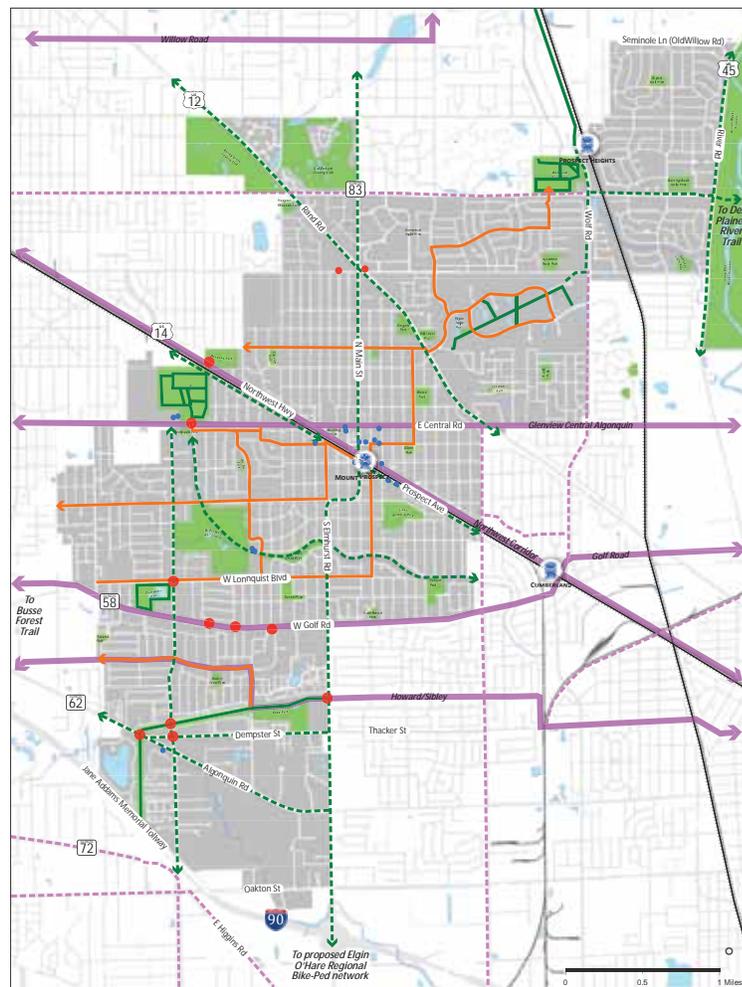
**Feedback from the community survey (areas that received a majority response are noted above)-**

- Areas of pedestrian safety concerns
- Areas with inaccessible sidewalks
- Pedestrian bridge or underpass

**Street locations that received community support for completion of sidewalk gaps**

mile road network annually, including replacing damaged sidewalk, curb, and structures associated with underground utilities. Many roads owned by the County and State continue to have gaps in their sidewalk networks.

In 2012, the Village completed a Bicycle Plan for the community with a vision to create a safe, comfortable, and bicycle friendly environment in the community. Key recommendations from the plan included a bikeway network of 30 miles of on and off street facilities; bicycle friendly ordinances and policies; programming to support biking; and an implementation plan. The map in Figure 2.5 shows the system of on-street and off-street bike paths completed this far. It includes 16 miles of on-street bike routes in the Village and two miles of pavement markings in the Kensington Business Park. Implementation of the Bicycle Plan also includes the installation of approximately 350 signs throughout the Village. The map below also shows the existing and proposed bike network based on this plan.



**Figure 2.5: Bike path/trail connections map**

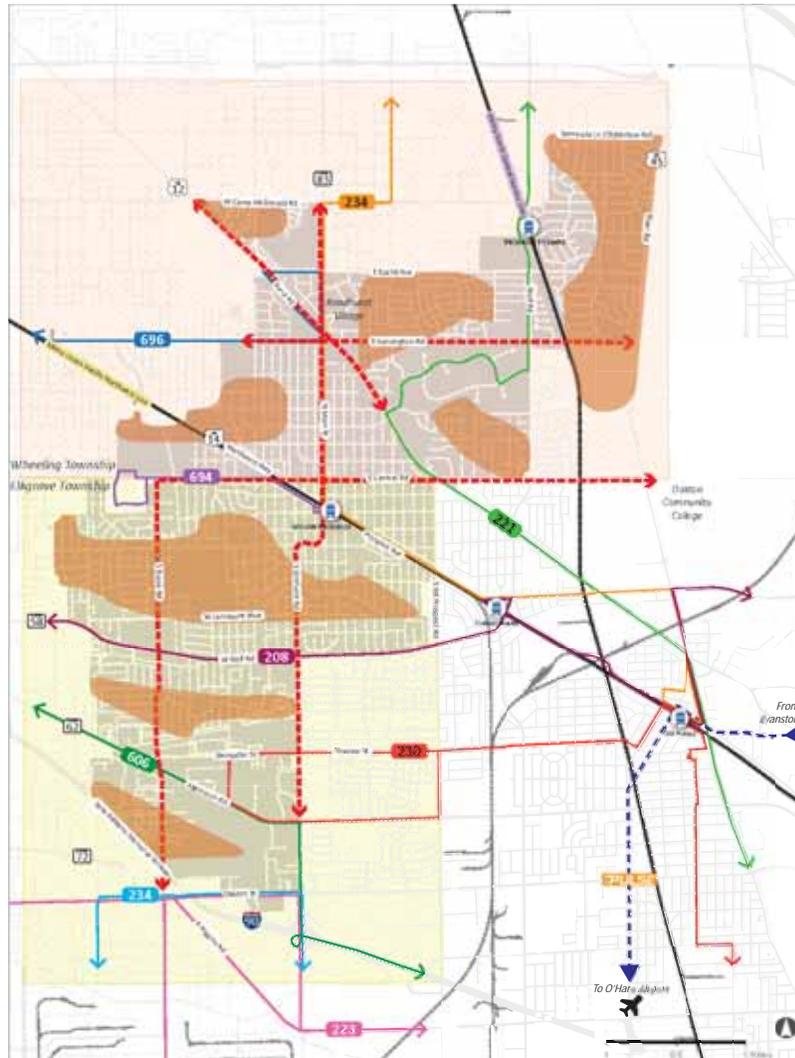
Source- Village of Mount Prospect

**Bike paths/trail connections-**

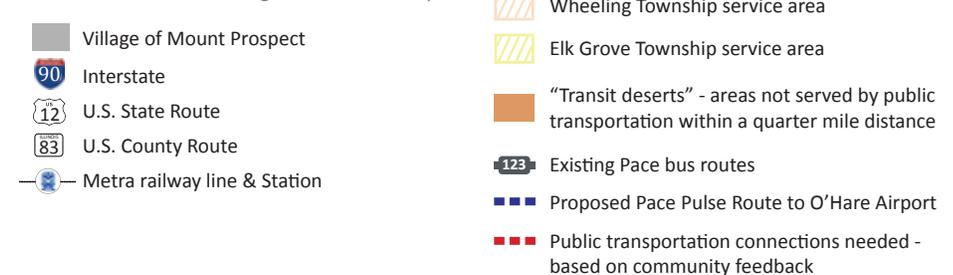
- Existing on-street bike path
- Existing off-street bike path
- Intersection improvements requested through community feedback
- - - Potential bike path connections based on community feedback
- - - Proposed bike routes outside Mount Prospect
- Proposed Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) regional bicycle corridors

## Public transportation:

Mount Prospect has access to two Metra commuter train stations: one in downtown Mount Prospect (Union Pacific Northwest line) and the other on Wolf Road in Prospect Heights (North Central Service line). Opportunities exist to complete the first mile and last mile of trips to encourage transit ridership. Pace operates nine bus routes in Mount Prospect. It also provides para-transit services within three-quarters of a mile of existing bus routes.



**Figure 2.6: Public transportation service map, including transit desert locations** Source- Village of Mount Prospect



In addition, Elk Grove Township and Wheeling Township provide transportation services for seniors and those with a disability. However, these services have limited hours during weekdays, do not provide service on the weekends, and are limited in the locations the passengers can be taken to.

As part of the Mount Prospect Public Transportation Plan (2009), a detailed service gap analysis was performed and noted the need for north-south bus service. It also noted the need for better service to key destinations in and around the Village and recommended route extensions, a new Call and Ride service area for all passengers, and direct service to O'Hare International Airport. This need for more efficient north-south public transportation connections was also highlighted as an issue through community engagement for the Plan.

## Looking towards the future

The Cook County 2040 Transportation Plan, completed in 2016, highlights technological changes that have impacted transportation including: online shopping that has resulted in fewer trips to stores and an increase in truck deliveries; a growth in car sharing, ride sharing, and bike sharing; and a future of driverless cars. It also calls for addressing transit deserts - areas with a high demand for public transit but with limited access (i.e. access to transit over a quarter mile away). All these factors impact travel choice in the community and play an integral role in the efficiency of the transportation system.

Other factors that influence how people travel within the community include convenience, accessibility, and cost. Providing convenient access to alternate modes of transportation is one way to encourage people to walk, bike, or take the train or a bus. Additionally, Mount Prospect has an aging population. Ensuring that the pedestrian infrastructure in the community is accessible and in good condition is important for safe travel. Thirty-five percent (35%) of occupied housing units in Mount Prospect have only one vehicle. This means that other householders would need to share or depend on other modes of transportation for travel.

Typically, a household's largest expenditure after housing costs is transportation. The Housing and Transportation (H+T<sup>®</sup>) Affordability Index by the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) provides a comprehensive view of affordability that includes both the cost of housing and transportation at the neighborhood level. Traditionally, housing affordability relates to housing being affordable if total housing costs are no more than 30% of the household income. H+T Index combines both housing and transportation costs and sets the benchmark at no more than 45% of total household income. This gives a broader understanding of location efficiency in the community. The adjacent map illustrates the areas of the community that have a H+T index over 45% and the table below breaks down the costs for different family types in Mount Prospect. Both the graphic and table illustrate the cost burden of housing and transportation expenses on typical households in that area. Providing alternate modes of transportation in the community would improve transportation affordability.

Costs	Median Income Family	Low Income Single-Parent Family	Moderate Income Retired Couple
Housing Costs	30.6	52.4	39.3
Transportation Costs	19.6	27.1	10.4
<b>H + T Costs</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>79.5</b>	<b>49.7</b>

Table 2.1: Housing and Transportation (H+T) Costs as a percentage of annual household income for Mount Prospect

Source- CMAP, Location Affordability Index, U.S. Dept. of Transportation and U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

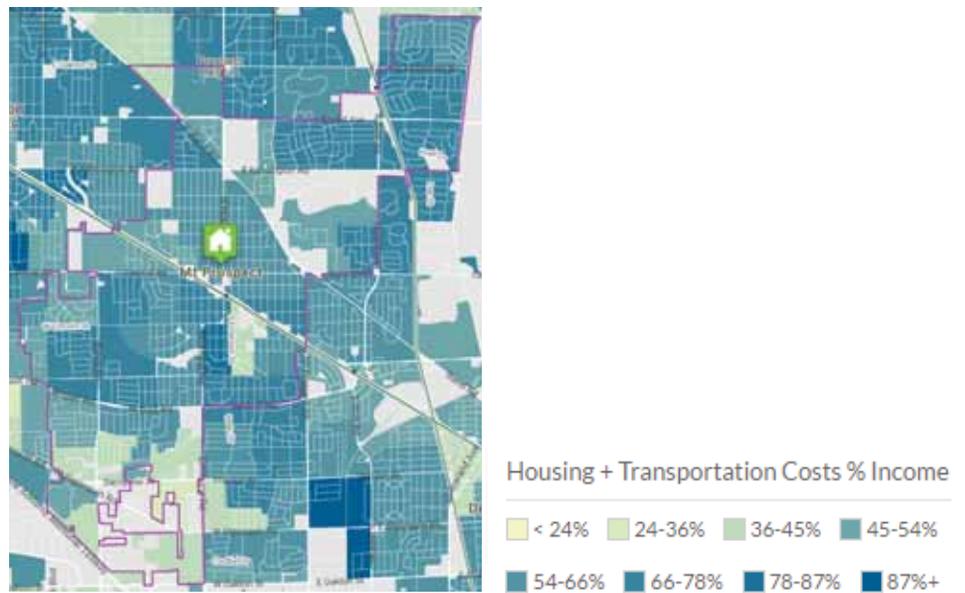


Figure 2.7: Map showing the Housing + Transportation costs in the area

Source: Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT)

To address all the above transportation issues and opportunities in the Village, the following guiding principle was developed to improve mobility in the community.

## Guiding Principle 2

Mobility through an accessible, integrated, and resilient transportation system

*Ensure that the transportation system is well connected, provides alternate modes of transportation, promotes an active lifestyle, and is adaptable to the mobility needs of the community.*

# Goal 1

**Provide an efficient, well-connected transportation system that improves access to local & regional destinations, neighborhood centers, and neighborhoods.**

Mount Prospect is well connected to the region via road and rail. However, there is potential to improve connectivity and safety by improving efficiency and decreasing congestion.

***Policy 1.1 - Improve inter-jurisdictional connectivity in the region.***

- 1.1.1. Continue the coordination and collaboration among surrounding municipalities, Cook County, CMAP, and state and federal agencies to ensure the best connectivity along regional corridors in the Village; prioritize inter-jurisdictional transportation improvements; and develop coalitions to finance and implement needed improvements.   
*Implementation Strategy 1-21*
- 1.1.2. Continue to participate in the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Local Advisory Committee.  *Implementation Ongoing*
- 1.1.3. Evaluate public transit options to connect to O'Hare International Airport.  *Implementation Strategy 2-23*
- 1.1.4. Promote Mount Prospect's proximity to the Chicago Executive Airport and O'Hare International Airport, while also promoting the hotels in the community.  *Implementation Ongoing*

***Policy 1.2 - Provide a safe and efficient roadway system for all modes of transportation.***

- 1.2.1. Continue to maintain and improve the roadway system for all modes of travel.  *Implementation Ongoing*
- 1.2.2. Maintain existing sidewalks and ensure they are accessible at intersections.  *Implementation Strategy 2-2*
- 1.2.3. Continue the roadway resurfacing program.  *Implementation Ongoing*
- 1.2.4. Encourage the use of the Village website to allow residents to report any service outages or improvements needed.  *Implementation ongoing*
- 1.2.5. Continue to address traffic issues such as speeding in the community.  *Implementation Strategy 2-28*
- 1.2.6. Ensure that roadways are appropriately lit for vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians.  *Implementation Strategies 1-3, 2-12*

***Policy 1.3 - Improve pedestrian and automobile traffic movements throughout the Village.***

- 1.3.1. Continue to evaluate and take advantage of technological advancements that enhance traffic signal operation and intersection efficiency.  *Implementation Strategy 2-18*
- 1.3.2. Study the feasibility of the jurisdictional transfer of County and State roads.  *Implementation Strategy 2-15*
- 1.3.3. Improve intersection crossing safety for pedestrians.  *Implementation Strategies 2-7, 2-8, 2-14*

**Policy 1.4 - Invest in new technology to enhance transportation efficiency and improve safety.**

- 1.4.1. Implement recommendations from the traffic studies conducted by Public Works to reduce congestion and improve the safety.  Implementation Strategy 2-3
- 1.4.2. Continue to improve congestion management.  Implementation Strategy 2-3

**Policy 1.5 - Improve the linkages between parks, schools, and regional destinations..**

- 1.5.1. Consider adoption of a Complete Streets policy with strategies to create and implement street improvement plans.  Implementation Strategy 2-13

**Policy 1.6 - Improve transportation efficiency through access management planning and implementation.**

- 1.6.1. Identify the need for an Access Management Plan for downtown, major corridors, and commercial areas to enhance the efficiency and safety of the arterial street network and pedestrian access.  Implementation Strategy 2-4

**Policy 1.7 - Improve and expand transit service in the community.**

- 1.7.1. Work with RTA to evaluate public transit service in the entire community with a focus on improving north-south connectivity and service to employment centers and downtown.  Implementation Strategies 1-3, 2-10, 2-18
- 1.7.2. Evaluate existing bus stops to identify locations for future stops and shelters.  Implementation Strategies 1-3, 2-20

# Goal 2

## Integrate land use and transportation planning to enhance the overall quality of life in the community.

The physical environment should be inviting to encourage people to use alternate modes of transportation instead of driving alone. Some factors that discourage people from using transit include the distance to convenient parking and limited pedestrian connections. Pedestrian facilities include sidewalks, bus shelters, and benches along the route, street lighting to improve safety and signage to better direct pedestrians to their destinations. Such improvements have already been implemented in the downtown area but can be improved throughout the community. Additionally, when sidewalk connections exist to neighborhood community resources like schools, parks, and basic service uses, people are encouraged to walk to them. It is important to ensure that community resources are accessible for at least a half mile walking distance from the surrounding neighborhood.

### **Policy 2.1 - Provide connected and accessible pedestrian facilities in the community.**

- 2.1.1. Continue to provide pedestrian infrastructure such as sidewalks within a ½ mile radius of the train stations and a ¼ mile radius of bus routes, and around community amenities like schools, parks, and commercial centers.  *Implementation Strategy 2-15*
- 2.1.2. Identify sidewalk gaps and needs for pedestrian crossings.  *Implementation Strategy 2-15*
- 2.1.3. Pursue the provision of a pedestrian bridge across the train tracks to connect Melas Park and Meadows Park.  *Implementation Strategy 2-21*

### **Policy 2.2 - Improve access to the Metra stations.**

- 2.2.1. Work with RTA to improve pedestrian access from the commuter parking lots to the Metra stations.  *Implementation Strategy 2-8*
- 2.2.2. Promote partnerships to provide shuttle service from employment centers to the Metra stations.  *Implementation Strategy 2-1*
- 2.2.3. Evaluate the need for more Metra commuter parking in the future.  *Implementation Strategy 2-8*

### **Policy 2.3 - Ensure that new and existing developments are served by a safe and convenient, multi-modal, transportation system.**

- 2.3.1. Develop street connectivity standards that improve safety and accessibility.  *Implementation Strategy 2-16*
- 2.3.2. Require traffic impact studies for new projects when appropriate to identify and mitigate adverse impacts on the surrounding transportation system.  *Implementation Strategy 2-16*
- 2.3.3. Evaluate pedestrian and bike access as part of the development review process.  *Implementation Strategy 2-16*

### **Policy 2.4 - Preserve right-of-way for future connections and access.**

- 2.4.1. Evaluate the future needs for right-of-way dedication for features like drop-off areas, transit stations, pedestrian bridges, underpasses, turn lanes, etc.  *Implementation Strategies 2-8, 2-9, 2-11*

# Goal 3

**Provide a transportation system that offers safe, healthy, and reliable forms of mobility for people of all ages, income levels, and abilities.**

Mount Prospect has a diverse, aging population that includes people across different income levels and household types. The public transit system (defined as the system of bus routes, train routes, van and other shuttle services) does not serve all parts of the community equitably and is limited for people who have special transportation needs. The policies and strategies below will help improve public transit access to residential areas, employment and retail locations within the community, and provide services for all types of households and incomes.

**Policy 3.1 - Provide multi-modal facilities that are inviting.**

- 3.1.1. Continue to implement the streetscape standards to enhance the safety and comfort of roadways for all users.  *Implementation Strategy 2-13*

**Policy 3.2 - Evaluate means to provide enhanced pedestrian and vehicular crossings along the rail lines into the Village.**

- 3.2.1. Work with Metra to evaluate crossing improvements across the Union Pacific and North Central Railroads to improve pedestrian and vehicle user safety.  *Implementation Strategy 2-9*
- 3.2.2. Evaluate the location for ride-share signage and drop-off on both sides of the railway tracks downtown.  *Implementation Strategy 2-8*
- 3.2.3. Evaluate the feasibility of providing additional pedestrian crossings across the downtown train tracks.  *Implementation Strategies 2-8, 2-9*

**Policy 3.3 - Provide for safe bicycle travel within the Village through the development and improvement of connected bicycle routes and facilities.**

- 3.3.1. Work with IDOT and Cook County to ensure that bike and pedestrian improvements consistent with the 2011 Bicycle Plan are included as part of future roadway projects.  *Implementation Strategies 2-9, 2-12*
- 3.3.2. Continue to implement the recommendations from the Bicycle Plan.  *Implementation Strategy 2-26*
- 3.3.3. Provide bicycle parking and bicycle sharing opportunities at key locations in the community to support bicycling as a viable means of active transportation.  *Implementation Strategy 2-22, 2-29*
- 3.3.4. Continue the pilot studies to evaluate where street lighting is deficient and improve it to provide a safe passage for bicyclists.  *Implementation ongoing*
- 3.3.5. Create materials to promote the bicycle network and educational materials on sharing the road.  *Implementation Strategy 2-25*
- 3.3.6. Continue to Implement a signage plan for the bicycle network.  *Implementation Strategy 2-26*
- 3.3.7. Pursue grants to complete connections to the local and regional bicycle network.  *Implementation Strategy 2-12*
- 3.3.8. Pursue provision of protected bike lanes serving schools and parks in the

neighborhood.  *Implementation Strategy 2-12*

**Policy 3.4 - Ensure that public transit serves all the major neighborhoods in the Village.**

- 3.4.1. Pursue creating north-south public transit routes to employment centers and Randhurst Village.  *Implementation Strategies 1-3, 2-10*
- 3.4.2. Coordinate with Pace to create a call and ride service area in Mount Prospect that will provide a curb-to curb service for passengers.  *Implementation Strategies 1-3, 2-10*

**Policy 3.5 - Provide flexible public transportation options in the community.**

- 3.5.1. Pursue funding for programs to assist income eligible residents to use public transit services.  *Implementation Strategy 3-6*
- 3.5.2. Promote transportation service options for seniors and those with limited mobility in the community.  *Implementation Strategy 2-17*

## Goal 4 **Ensure the adaptability of the transportation system to address the changing mobility needs of the community.**

With electric cars and driverless cars on the horizon, the transportation network needs to be able to adapt to changes in technology and user behavior. It is important to ensure that the community is able to anticipate and accommodate future changes to continue to provide a safe passage for all users of the roadway, especially pedestrians.

**Policy 4.1 - Use pilot projects and emerging technologies to enhance mobility in the community.**

- 4.1.1. Continue to implement projects to assist in traffic calming and improve pedestrian safety.  *Implementation Strategy 2-14*

**Policy 4.2 - Promote the use of electric vehicles.**

- 4.2.1. Encourage the provision of electric charging stations for vehicles downtown and in major commercial and employment areas.  *Implementation Strategy 2-5*
- 4.2.2. Evaluate the need for a green fleet vehicles to replace Village owned vehicles.  *Implementation Strategy 2-27*

**Policy 4.3 - Plan for a future with driverless cars.**

- 4.3.1. Study the potential impacts of driverless cars on the community and make recommendations for necessary infrastructure upgrades.  *Implementation Ongoing*

# Goal 5

## Encourage walkability and active living by providing safe options for walking, biking, and transit use.

Besides providing the means for alternate modes of transportation, it is equally important to promote and provide incentives in order to make people aware of it and encourage them to use it. The policies and strategies below address ways to encourage the community to use alternate modes of transportation.

### **Policy 5.1 - Encourage walking and biking to schools.**

- 5.1.1. Continue to work with the school districts to evaluate organizing Safe Routes to School Committees and encourage developing/updating school travel plans to accommodate walking and biking to school.  Implementation Strategy 2-14

### **Policy 5.2 - Provide options to complete transit users' first and last mile connection gaps.**

- 5.2.1. Identify and promote the use of ride-share and shuttle services/providers.  Implementation Strategy 2-17
- 5.2.2. Provide education on the use of new technology to request rideshare services.  Implementation Strategies 2-17, 2-25

### **Policy 5.3 - Promote the use of alternate modes of transportation to reduce congestion and improve mobility.**

- 5.3.1. Work with employers to encourage employees to use alternatives to single-occupant vehicle trips by providing transit supportive benefits or incentives. Such programs could include RTA's Transit Benefit Program, car/van pools, preferential parking for hybrid/electric vehicles, carpools and bikes, shower facilities for bicycle users, etc.  Implementation Strategy 2-24
- 5.3.2. Work with local businesses and employers to implement Travel Demand Management (TDM) strategies such as ride-sharing, staggered work hours, alternative work schedules, and telecommuting for more efficient use of transportation resources.  Implementation Strategy 2-24
- 5.3.3. Promote and accommodate rideshare and bikeshare options as alternate modes of transportation.  Implementation Strategy 2-24
- 5.3.4. Promote biking in the community through education.  Implementation Strategy 2-25

### **Policy 5.4 - Encourage the use of transit service.**

- 5.4.1. Continue to provide educational materials to promote transportation safety.  Implementation Strategy 2-17.
- 5.4.2. Increase transit service usage by assisting Pace/RTA in the promotion of educational and marketing materials on using public transit.  Implementation Strategy 2-25
- 5.4.3. Investigate the feasibility of free bus service and dedicated routes along

targeted corridors to encourage ridership, increase density, and support to commercial activities and community events.  *Implementation Strategy 2-1*

CENTENNIAL FACTOID

Mount Prospect grew very quickly in the 1950s and 1960s, especially young families with children. One person who lived through this time remembers having 144 children on their block in the 1950s!

# chapter 3: **community**

providing for and protecting the needs of the community

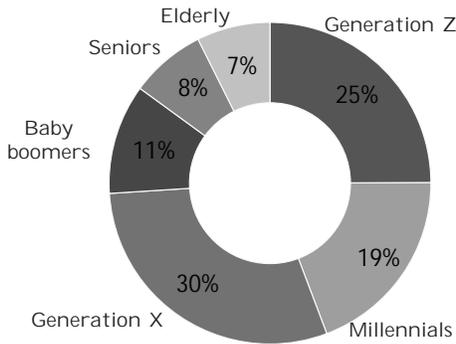


The population of Mount Prospect has become more ethnically diverse over the years, a trend that is consistent both regionally and nationally. The population has also become diverse economically, by household type, and by age. This diversity has translated into changes in the physical built environment and service needs of residents.

As the community continues to become more diverse, it will be important to ensure that all residents have access to housing and transportation options, recreational and educational resources, and the social, health and human services they need to thrive and prosper.

## Diverse Mount Prospect

### age



**Figure 3.1: Snapshot of Mount Prospect's age cohorts in 2010**

Source- U.S. Census Bureau (2010) *Census Summary File 1*

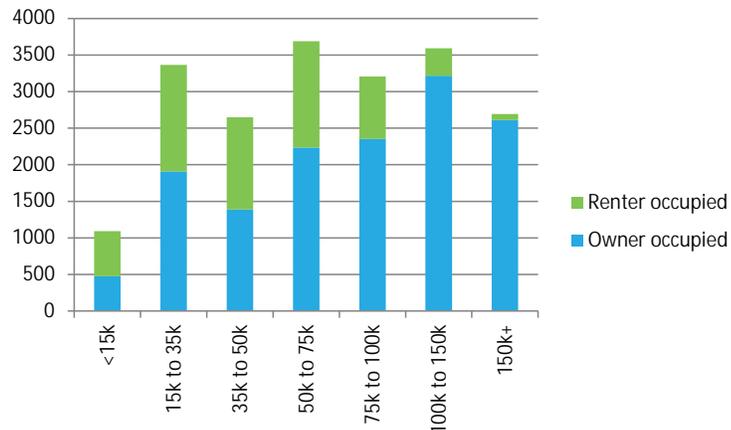
### ancestry



**Figure 3.2: Ancestry and country of birth for Mount Prospect residents**

Source- U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

## income and housing ownership



**Figure 3.3: Owners vs renters based on household income**

Source- 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

## ethnicities

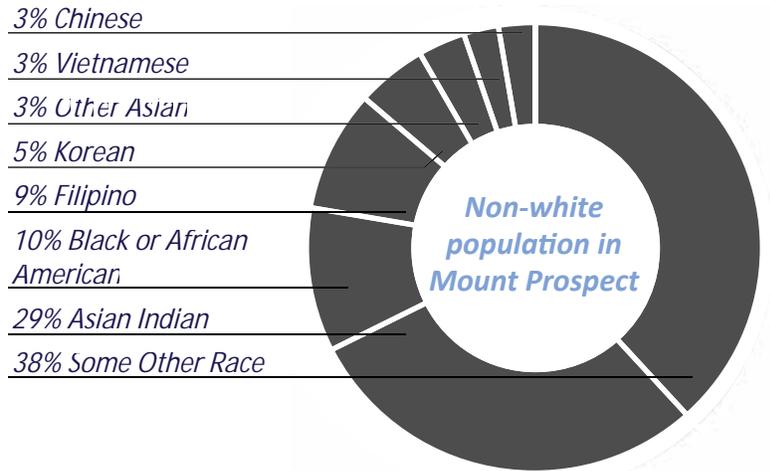


Figure 3.4: Pie chart showing the non-white population in Mount Prospect.

## languages

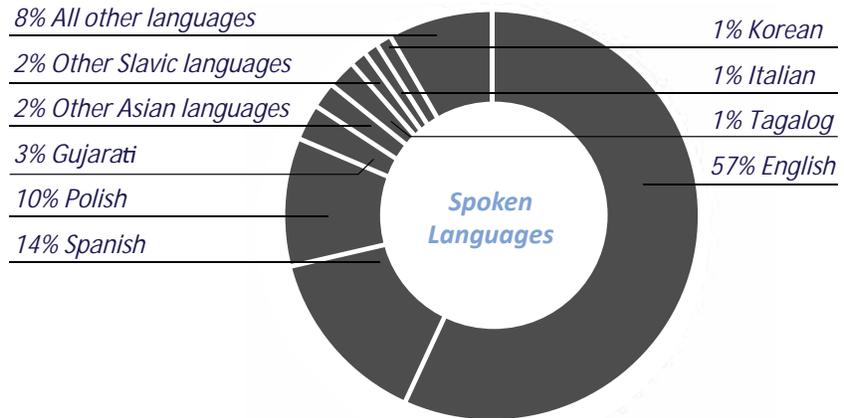


Figure 3.5: Pie chart showing spoken languages in Mount Prospect.

## Relation to the Village's Strategic Plan

THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT'S **STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2020** calls for ensuring a continuum of housing opportunities to meet the evolving lifestyles of the community's residents, creating a cultural climate, and honoring history, heritage and diversity in the community.

# Guiding Principle 3

## Providing for and protecting the needs of the community

Ensure that housing options, services, amenities, and resources are accessible and address the needs of all residents.

### Goal 1

Ensure that there are a variety of housing options that meet the needs of residents of all ages, abilities, & income levels.

The Housing section of the Community Profile report for the Plan (Appendix A) identified a number of gaps and opportunities to improve Mount Prospect's housing stock. They include a need for more types of senior housing, to preserve affordable housing, to provide a variety of housing types, as well as to rehabilitate and maintain the older housing stock.

Housing affordability is defined as housing that costs no more than 30 percent of one's household income including utilities, insurance and taxes. The Homes for a Changing Region Report for Mount Prospect noted that 40% of renters and 35% of owners in Mount Prospect are cost burdened. This was a 10% increase in the number of cost burdened renters and a 13% increase for owners between 2000 and 2010.

It is important that there is a variety of affordable housing types to meet the needs of residents in all age groups. When households are able to comfortably afford their homes, they have more disposable income to invest in the community.

Some of the older housing stock may be in need of maintenance or improvements to suit household lifestyles today. Improvements may also be needed to make homes accessible for older residents or those with special needs. The policies and strategies that follow aim to address these housing needs in the community.

**Policy 1.1** - Ensure that there is a variety of housing options to meet the needs of all households in the community.

- 1.1.1. Encourage mixed-use developments and multifamily housing in downtown.  Implementation Strategy 1-1
- 1.1.2. Provide incentives for developments that include affordable housing units.  Implementation Strategy 3-9

**Policy 1.2** - Encourage accessibility for residential units.

- 1.2.1. Support the maintenance and reinvestment in homes to expand

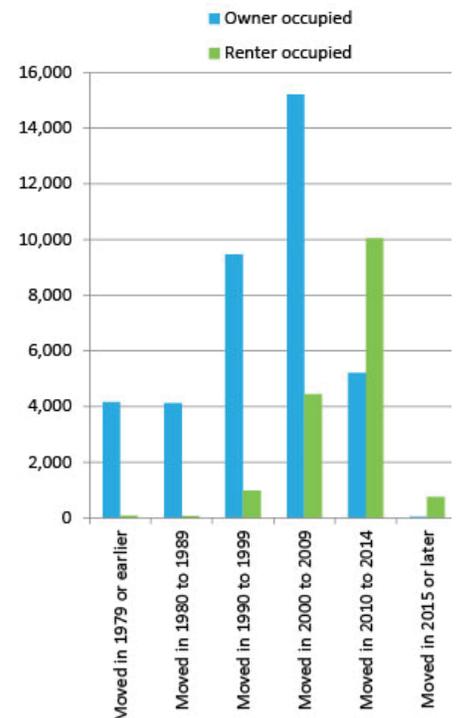


Figure 3.6: Preference of Mount Prospect residents to own or rent their unit over the years

accessibility through universal design, and provide the opportunity for persons with disabilities or older adults to age in place.  *Implementation Strategies 1-1, 3-2, 3-12*

**Policy 1.3 - Promote programs to ensure the availability of housing options for all income levels.**

1.3.1. Promote educational programs for first time home buyers to ensure successful transition and maintenance of home ownership.

 *Implementation Strategy 3-7*

1.3.2. Work with local and regional nonprofit groups to help provide a range of housing units that are affordable for each income level.  *Implementation Strategy 3-9, 3-12*

1.3.3. Provide support and promote programs that assist people seeking housing options within their income level.  *Implementation Strategy 3-7, 3-10*

**Policy 1.4 - Encourage housing stability.**

1.4.1. Maintain partnerships with homeless prevention organizations and shelters to help prevent homelessness, assist in the development of transitional or short term housing, and provide stable long-term housing for the homeless population.  *Implementation Strategy 3-15, 3-17*

1.4.2. Evaluate options to provide outreach and counseling to residents who are vulnerable to becoming homeless.  *Implementation Strategy 3-17*

**Policy 1.5 - Support housing affordability for all household incomes in the Village.**

1.5.1. Continue to implement housing rehabilitation programs for low and moderate income households.  *Implementation Strategies 3-12, 3-14*

1.5.2. Continue to promote the First Time Home Buyer's Program provided by the Northwest Housing Partnership.  *Implementation Strategy 3-7*

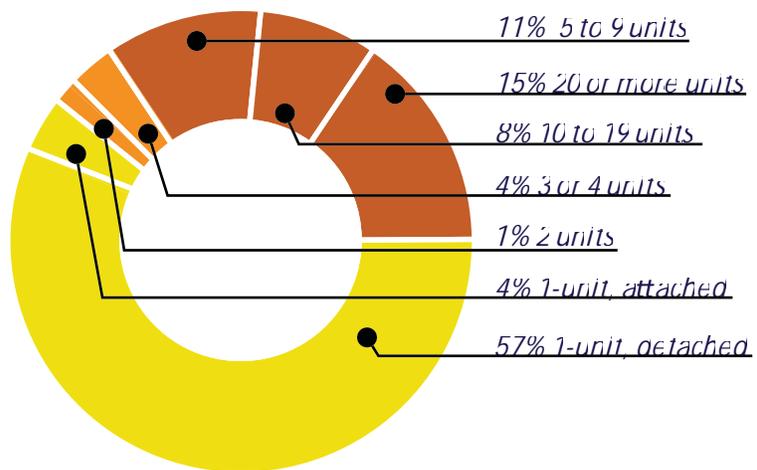
1.5.3. Update and adopt the Village's Consolidated Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programming.  *Implementation Strategy 3-12*

1.5.4. Continue to attract sales tax producing businesses to reduce the Village's reliance on property taxes.  *Implementation Strategy 3-10*

# Goal 2

## Provide residents in all parts of the Village access to community resources.

Ensuring that community resources are well distributed in the community and are able to serve current and future residents is key to ensuring that everyone has equitable access to them. Single family housing is the predominant housing type in Mount Prospect and is distributed throughout the community. However, much of the multi-family housing is concentrated in the southern portion of the community, which is also more diverse in terms of income and ethnicity. The fact that Mount Prospect is served by 6 school districts and 5 park districts, adds an additional level of complexity in terms of equitable access to community resources for all residents. The policies included below aim to achieve equitable access to community resources for all residents, to better serve their needs, and to contribute to their quality of life. Improving pedestrian access to community resources has the added benefit of improving the health of residents by encouraging a more active lifestyle.



**Figure 3.7: Snapshot of Mount Prospect's housing units by type**  
U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

### **Policy 2.1 - Provide convenient access to open space and recreational facilities.**

- 2.1.1. Continue to cooperate with all the park districts in Mount Prospect to ensure that the recreational needs of residents are met.  *Implementation Strategy 1-21*
- 2.1.2. Work with service providers in the community to fill service gaps and expand or adapt recreational services and offerings to engage under-represented groups and changing populations such as teens, young adults, working families, seniors, people with disabilities, and people of different cultures.  *Implementation Strategies 1-21, 3-3, 4-14, 4-25*
- 2.1.3. Ensure that all Mount Prospect households have access to recreational opportunities within a 1/2 mile walking distance of their homes.  *Implementation Strategy 1-21*

**Policy 2.2 - Provide and promote accessibility to community resources.**

- 2.2.1. Incorporate universal design features such as hard surface paths, ramps, frequent benches, restrooms, and lighting to community resources that improve the accessibility and usability for all users.  *Implementation Strategy 1-3, 2-12*

**Policy 2.3 - Support the local park districts and school districts in their efforts to provide top rated service to the community.**

- 2.3.1. Support the school districts in their delivery of high quality educational services.  *Implementation Strategy 1-20*
- 2.3.2. Support efforts by the local park districts to secure funds for the purchase or lease of open space and easements for recreational use.  *Implementation Strategy 1-21*



**Figure 3.8: Moehling Park, Mount Prospect**

# Goal 3

## Ensure social, health, and human services are accessible to and contribute to the well-being of all residents.

The Human Services Department and a number of public, private, and non-profit organizations offer a wide range of health and social services to support the health and well-being of the community's residents. The Community Connections Center was opened in 2007 on the south side of the community to provide residents with easy access to social, medical, health, and other services. The Mount Prospect Public Library also developed the South Branch Library alongside this Center, to provide needed library services to this area. As the community grows and changes, the service needs of the population will also change based on their age, ethnicities and income levels. Ensuring that the social service needs of residents are well served will be vital to ensure their well-being and that of the community. The policies and strategies below aim to address some of the anticipated service needs in the community.

**Policy 3.1 - Promote health and human services programs that strengthen and support individuals, families, and neighborhoods.**

- 3.1.1. Focus resources on early intervention and prevention services and programs to assist residents with varying levels of needs.  *Implementation Strategy 3-15*
- 3.1.2. Provide resources for crisis response and a continuum of services to assist residents in need.  *Implementation Strategy 3-16*
- 3.1.3. Continue to fund service providers with Community Development Block Grants that broadens the scope of supportive services to residents.  *Implementation Strategies 3-9, 3-12*
- 3.1.4. Through the Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative continue to investigate the health/housing connection that has identified home modifications as a way to avoid hospital (re)admission.  *Implementation Strategy 3-2*

**Policy 3.2 - Ensure facilities and services are accessible to all people needing assistance.**

- 3.2.1. Continue support of the Community Connections Center to accommodate its growing services and the needs of the community.  *Implementation Strategy 3-5*
- 3.2.2. Continue to coordinate among public, private, and nonprofit agencies that provide health and human services in Mount Prospect to determine more efficient and effective methods for delivering services to residents.  *Implementation Strategies 2-1, 2-25, 4-15*

**Policy 3.3 - Encourage the establishment and promotion of affordable and flexible transportation services for those with restricted mobility.**

- 3.3.1. Work with transportation providers, and health and human service providers to fund accessible and affordable transportation services for people with specialized transportation needs.  *Implementation Strategies 1-3, 2-10*
- 3.3.2. Provide training/educational opportunities for the use of available services.  *Implementation Strategies 2-17, 2-25*

# Goal 4

## Preserve the historic resources in the community & integrate art, culture, & learning opportunities to make the community a more vibrant place to live and work.

Providing opportunities for residents to engage in the community is one way to create a sense of place and investment in the community. Mount Prospect already has a rich variety of community events. Continuing to support and expand opportunities for residents to engage in the community will make it a more vibrant and thriving place to live and work.

### ***Policy 4.1 - Support historical and cultural resources in the community.***

- 4.1.1. Promote the preservation of historically significant buildings in the community.  *Implementation Strategies 1-10, 3-4*
- 4.1.2. Continue to support and improve partnerships with the Mount Prospect Historical Society and other cultural organizations in the community.  *Implementation Strategy 3-13*

### ***Policy 4.2 - Continue to support community service providers and their programs.***

- 4.2.1. Continue to support the Library, park districts, and other community organizations in their efforts to provide programs for community members to experience arts and culture.  *Implementation Strategy 3-13*

### ***Policy 4.3 - Integrate art in public places.***

- 4.3.1. Seek opportunities to incorporate art into public projects, such as buildings, parks, recreation facilities, streetscape enhancements, and other infrastructure improvements. Encourage the incorporation of art in private development.  *Implementation Strategies 1-10, 3-11*
- 4.3.2. Continue to organize community events (such as the painting of fire hydrants during the centennial year) to engage residents.  *Implementation Strategy 3-11*

### ***Policy 4.4 - Engage youth in the community.***

- 4.4.1. Promote local initiatives, activities, and volunteer opportunities to engage youth in the community.  *Implementation Strategies 3-1, 4-16, 3-8*

### ***Policy 4.5 - Promote lifelong learning.***

- 4.5.1. Support the Mount Prospect Public Library and other educational institutions that promote literacy programs and provide opportunities for learning throughout all stages of life.  *Implementation Strategy 3-13*

### ***Policy 4.6 - Improve the availability of community information to potential future residents and business owners.***

- 4.6.1. Continue to provide information on school and park district boundaries and facilities, daycare facilities, and other amenities in the community on the Village's website.  *Implementation Strategy 1-20*
- 4.6.2. Update the informational materials available for new residents and business owners.  *Implementation Strategy 1-20*

# Goal 5

## Promote the cultural diversity of residents.

Mount Prospect's growing multi-ethnic population provides opportunities to engage residents in different ways to help foster a sense of place, as well as promote the diversity in the community.

### **Policy 5.1 - Promote the cultural diversity in the community.**

5.1.1. Maintain an ongoing commitment and leadership role in promoting an understanding of and appreciation for the cultural diversity of the community.  Implementation Strategy 3-3

5.1.2. Encourage and support cultural sensitivity, and the engagement of diverse groups of residents to promote inclusion in the community.  Implementation Strategy 3-3, 4-13

### **Policy 5.2 - Citizen engagement- ensure that all residents have equitable access to resources and opportunities to participate in the community.**

5.2.1. Provide a welcoming environment and encourage all residents to participate in the Village government by serving on boards and commissions. Strive to achieve representation that is reflective of the population as a whole.  Implementation Strategy 3-3

5.2.2. Seek involvement of diverse groups in community events and Village sponsored activities.  Implementation Strategy 3-3

5.2.3. Evaluate ways to improve services for residents whose primary language is not English.  Implementation Strategy 3-3

5.2.4. Support the leadership development of residents of different cultures.  Implementation Strategy 3-3



CENTENNIAL FACTOID

1928 - A bond is issued for a new fire truck, "Ol' Betsy" which served the Department for many years.

# chapter 4: health & safety

a community that improves the health, safety and welfare of its residents.

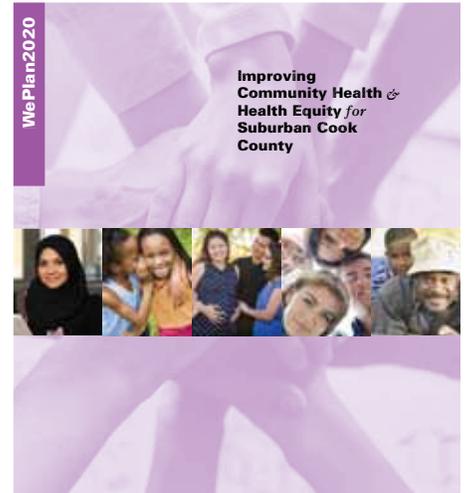


The built environment has the potential to improve the health of residents and reduce the need for major hospital trips by encouraging an active lifestyle. The Human Services Department provides nursing and social services to improve the health and well-being of the community's residents, but there is opportunity to expand services to address other important community health issues and needs.

The Cook County Department of Health recently completed a Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan - WePlan 2020 that analyzed community health data across the county and developed priorities for communities to address. The key priority areas include: Health Equity, Chronic Disease, and Behavioral Health. The plan includes policy recommendations to be included in community comprehensive plans and also provides ways to track changes in the priority topic areas over time.

WePlan 2020's key priority areas:

- Health Equity – Reduce structural racism, a root cause of health inequities, and advocate for pro-equity policies on economic development, the built environment, transportation, income and wage disparities.
- Chronic Disease – Reduce inequities and the burden of chronic disease by cultivating environments, healthcare systems and a culture that promote health.
- Behavioral Health – Support and enhance the mental health and well-being of all residents.



## Relation to the Village's Strategic Plan

THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT'S **STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2020** supports "improvement and maintenance of systems for public health and safety".

A healthy and safe community adds to the quality of life in Mount Prospect and ensures that it continues to be a great place to live in.

# Guiding Principle 4

A community that improves the health, safety and welfare of its residents

*Ensure that public health needs are recognized and addressed through equitable access to care, services, recreation, and healthy foods.*

## Goal 1

**Support a healthy and active lifestyle for people of all ages.**

Encouraging an active lifestyle and improving the built environment of the community can have a positive impact on the health of the community. This can be achieved by ensuring that there is convenient access to community recreational resources, and encouraging people to use them. The underlying principle is to encourage people to walk for short trips instead of driving. The following policies and strategies are intended to encourage residents to make healthy and active lifestyle choices.

**Policy 1.1 - Inform, educate, and encourage a healthy lifestyle.**

- 1.1.1. Support and collaborate with local organizations, schools, faith communities, businesses, and the medical community to promote a healthy lifestyle that is accessible to all populations.  *Implementation Strategy 4-7*
- 1.1.2. Encourage residents to use the pedestrian environment to meet their daily needs.  *Implementation Strategy 2-25*

**Policy 1.2 - Promote healthy and active living.**

- 1.2.1. Provide pedestrian access to trails, parks, open spaces, and other recreational opportunities to encourage active living.  *Implementation Strategy 2-15*
- 1.2.2. Support joint-use agreements of easements and facilities in the community to improve access to recreational opportunities for residents.  *Implementation Strategy 1-21*

**Policy 1.3 - Monitor the community's health.**

- 1.3.1. Support the objectives of Cook County Department of Public Health's WePlan2020 to improve health equity, reduce chronic disease, and support and enhance behavioral health.  *Implementation Strategy 4-21*
- 1.3.2. Monitor the changes in health indicators for Mount Prospect by the metrics outlined in Cook County's WePlan2020.  *Implementation Strategy 4-6*

# Goal 2

## Support the creation and access to healthy food options.

Besides an active lifestyle, access to healthy foods is important to improve the community's health. While Mount Prospect does not have any food deserts (defined as census tracts that have both low income and low access to a large grocery store), improving healthy food access to community gardens can encourage residents to include more fresh foods in their diet over packaged foods. Mount Prospect has a farmers market during the warmer months that is well attended. The Human Services department also runs a Food Pantry. In addition, fresh food donations from the Farmer's Market are made available for seniors and families in need in the community at the Community Connections Center. The following policies will help expand the community's access to healthy food choices.

### **Policy 2.1 - Promote and provide access to healthy food options.**

- 2.1.1. Support and partner with community organizations to educate residents about healthy food options.  *Implementation Strategies 4-8, 4-13*
- 2.1.2. Continue to support the schools, the Village's food pantry, and local health and human services providers to address community nutrition needs and expand access to healthy, affordable, and culturally appropriate foods.  *Implementation Strategies 3-13, 4-3*
- 2.1.3. Support the distribution of locally produced groceries and food products via a network of grocers and food retailers in the community, including the farmers markets, food pantry, and schools.  *Implementation Strategy 4-18*
- 2.1.4. Promote educational opportunities in the community that support healthy eating habits, such as nutrition and cooking classes, including programs for children.  *Implementation Strategy 4-3*
- 2.1.5. Support the location of farmers markets or farm stands in other locations in the community as well as options to house them indoors during the winter months.  *Implementation Strategies 1-4, 4-4*
- 2.1.6. Evaluate the feasibility of locating a grocery store in the downtown area.  *Implementation Strategy 4-4*

### **Policy 2.2 - Support local food production.**

- 2.2.1. Support existing community gardens and identify locations for new community gardens and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA's).  *Implementation Strategy 4-5*
- 2.2.2. Review amending the zoning code to support local food production and green roofs.  *Implementation Strategy 1-1*
- 2.2.3. Support efforts to educate school-aged children about local food production by providing access to community gardens, bee keeping, etc.  *Implementation Strategy 4-19*
- 2.2.4. Continue to support and expand the availability of organic produce at the farmers market.  *Implementation Ongoing*
- 2.2.5. Support the creation of a regional distribution network for local food.  *Implementation Strategy 4-18*

# Goal 3

## Provide efficient access to health and human services for all residents.

### **Policy 3.1 - Provide convenient access to community health services.**

- 3.1.1. Work with local and regional health care and human service providers, schools, and other partners on programs that increase awareness of available services and educate residents on the importance of making healthy choices.  *Implementation Strategies 4-8, 4-15*
- 3.1.2. Continue to provide, expand, and promote the Village's nursing/health programming to cater to the changing needs of the community.  *Implementation Strategies 4-17, 4-23*
- 3.1.3. Provide awareness and access to mental health services and counseling for residents.  *Implementation Strategies 4-9, 4-20*
- 3.1.4. Increase opportunities for volunteering in the community to support the community's needs.  *Implementation Strategy 4-16*
- 3.1.5. Provide transportation access to improve access to services in the community.  *Implementation Strategy 2-1*

### **Policy 3.2 - Encourage placement of service facilities in locations where it is convenient for residents to access them.**

- 3.2.1. Continue to provide and expand opportunities for the co-location of health and human services with other uses.  *Implementation Strategies 4-14, 4-15, 4-25*
- 3.2.2. Offer mobile clinics to improve access for all residents.  *Implementation Strategy 4-1*
- 3.2.3. Explore the potential for inter-generational services in the community.  *Implementation Strategy 4-2*

# Goal 4

## Continue to provide the highest quality public safety and emergency services.

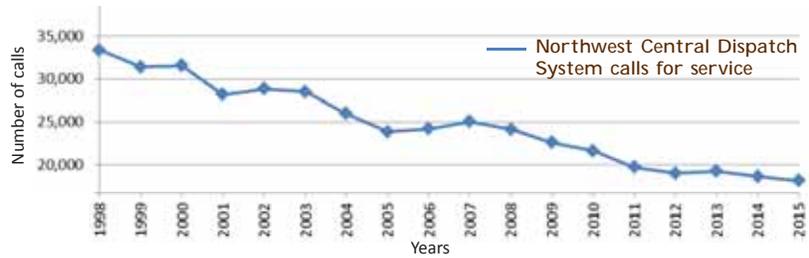
Mount Prospect's Fire and Police Departments are highly rated and provide exceptional services to the community. The Fire Department is over a 100 years old and provides Fire and Emergency Medical Services. The department also has a Fire Prevention Bureau and a Public Education Division that help reduce the community fire risk through inspections, education, and other programs. While the emergency service calls have remained relatively steady over the last five years, the emergency medical service calls have increased and currently make up about 70 percent of the Department's calls.

As shown in figures 4.1 and 4.2, there has been a decrease in calls for service and crimes from 1998 to 2015. The decrease can be attributed in part to the Crime Free Housing Program. Based on the results from the 2016

Village of Mount Prospect Community Survey, there is a general perception of safety in the community. 91% of the community felt either “very safe” or “safe” in the community of Mount Prospect, and 94% felt “very safe” or “safe” in their neighborhood during the day. The Police Department also has a number of trust building and public education programs. The community’s changing population provides opportunities to expand the community’s public safety services to cater to their needs.

Figure 4.1: Annual volume of Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS)\* calls for service.

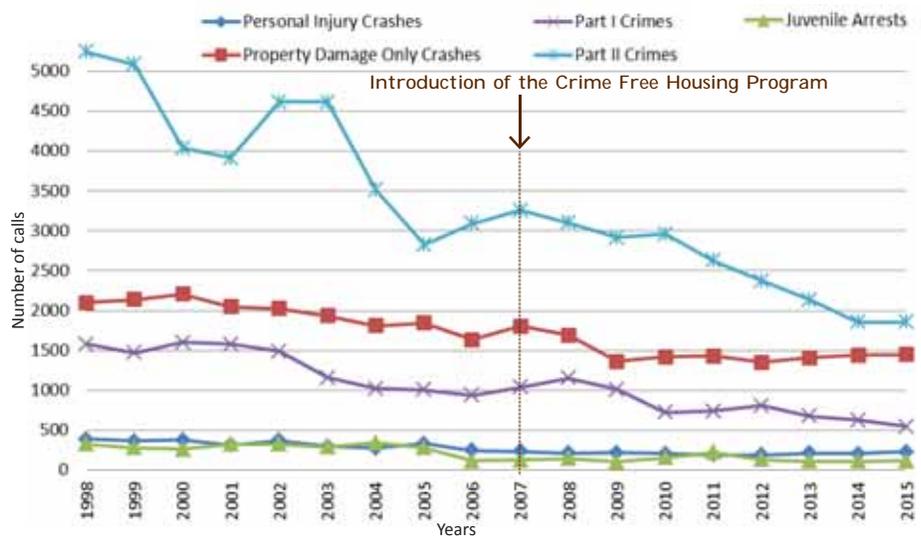
Source- Village of Mount Prospect



\*Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS) is an intergovernmental consolidated emergency dispatch system, providing 9-1-1 services for Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Mount Prospect, Palatine, Prospect Heights, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg and Streamwood.

Figure 4.2: Annual volume of NWCDS calls by service type.

Source- Village of Mount Prospect



**Policy 4.1 - Continue to provide high quality police, fire, and emergency services to residents.**

- 4.1.1. Continue to provide appropriate assistance, access to essential facilities, promotion of public safety information, and adequate response times for police, fire and medical emergencies.  *Implementation Strategy 4-10*
- 4.1.2. Evaluate the need for improved services to the newly annexed areas.  *Implementation Strategy 1-5*
- 4.1.3. Evaluate service improvements to better serve Mount Prospect's changing population.  *Implementation Strategies 1-3, 3-3*
- 4.1.4. Work with property owners and the police department to encourage CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) principles in the design of streetscape, lighting, and landscaping on private property to eliminate problem spots for vandalism and other crimes.  *Implementation Strategies 1-20, 4-10*
- 4.1.5. Pursue a staffing allocation study to evaluate the service needs for the community.  *Implementation Ongiong*
- 4.1.6. Based on the space needs analysis, determine the need for a new or additional facilities in the community for police and fire services.  *Implementation Ongiong*
- 4.1.7. Continue to pursue state and national accreditation for Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments.  *Implementation Strategy 4-12*
- 4.1.8. Prepare law enforcement and emergency responders for types of crime/activities more prevalent today.  *Implementation Strategies 3-3, 4-12, 4-24*
- 4.1.9. Continue to explore new technology to improve public safety.  *Implementation Strategies 4-10, 4-11, 4-15, 4-24*

**Policy 4.2 - Encourage community involvement to improve safety.**

- 4.2.1. Encourage resident involvement through neighborhood watches, Citizen Police, Fire Academies, and other grassroots efforts and expand these programs as feasible.  *Implementation Strategy 4-22*
- 4.2.2. Continue law enforcement and fire safety events to engage residents.  *Implementation Strategy 4-22*
- 4.2.3. Support volunteer programming designed to build community stewardship and civic pride.  *Implementation Strategy 4-16*
- 4.2.4. Continue to support the Crime Free Housing program to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in neighborhoods.  *Implementation Strategy 1-20*

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1987: The Village experienced significant floods for multiple years that damaged many properties. This triggered a study which led to the Levee 37 Project along the Des Plaines River.

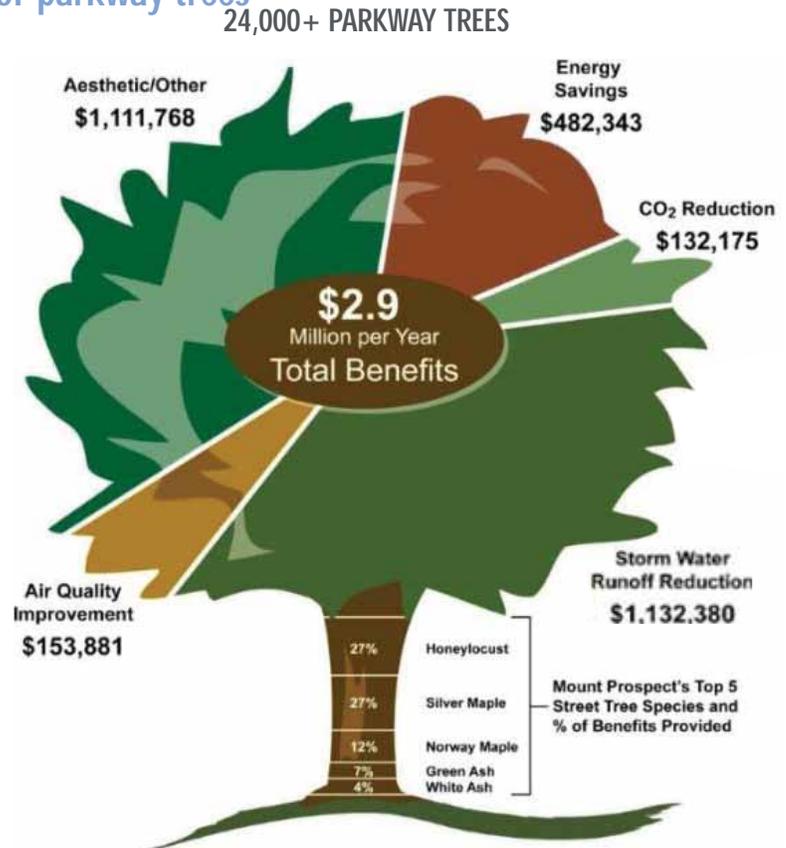
# chapter 5: **resiliency**

responsible use and protection of our environment and community



The Village is committed to urban forestry and benefits from many tree-lined streets. This is one of the residents' most beloved features in Mount Prospect. The Village was named a 2015 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to urban forestry management, marking the 31<sup>st</sup> time the Village has received Tree City USA recognition. In 2013, the Village also completed an Urban Forestry Management Plan to help guide the ongoing management of the thousands of trees growing on Village parkways. The adjacent graphic from the plan quantifies the value of all Mount Prospect's parkway trees as having a \$2.9 million worth of benefits annually. The wealth of tree canopies, school and park district facilities, bike paths, trails, and private recreational facilities provide residents access to recreational opportunities, as well as opportunities for green infrastructure.

### Value of parkway trees



Source- Urban Forestry Management Plan

### Value of wetlands

“Wetlands contribute to the national and local economies by producing resources, enabling recreational activities, and providing other benefits, such as pollution control and flood protection. While it can be difficult to calculate the economic value provided by a single wetland, it is possible to evaluate the range of services provided by all wetlands and assign a dollar value. These amounts can be impressive. According to one assessment of natural ecosystems, the dollar value of wetlands worldwide was estimated to be \$14.9 trillion.” (Source: Costanza et al. 1997)

The Village is also fortunate to have convenient access to the Cook County Forest Preserves located along the Des Plaines River. There are also a few creeks and storm water detention areas in the community – some of which have wetland designations. Wetlands are areas where water covers or is present near the surface of the soil all year or for varying periods of time during the year. They are important environmental resources in the community.

## Relation to the Village’s Strategic Plan

THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT’S **STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2020** supports “a connected community”, “reliable infrastructure”, “protection of vital community resources” and “private property”.

Environmental degradation over time, natural disasters and other natural or man-made hazards have the potential to negatively impact the community. Creating a safe community requires to not only focus on prevention, but also on preparing for recovery and adaptation in the face of risk. There is opportunity to improve the natural environment by expanding and connecting the existing amenities locally and to the region.

# Guiding Principle 5

## Responsible use of our environment that promotes resilience

*Ensure that the value of our natural resources is recognized; and efforts are made to preserve and promote their benefits to the community to improve public health.*

# Goal 1

## Protect and conserve Mount Prospect's natural resources and environment.

The Village is committed to providing services in an environmentally conscious way. The Village's Energy Strategy Plan sets forth goals and objectives for energy efficiency. The Public Works Department already provides a number of services from recycling to rain barrels for water conservation. In addition to the existing programs, the following strategies will help further protect and conserve the natural resources in the community.

**Policy 1.1 - Actively pursue the preservation of Mount Prospect's areas of environmental significance and create potential wildlife habitats.**

- 1.1.1. Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions to protect open space areas including, but not limited to, wildlife habitats, wetlands, and water bodies; work with water providers and surrounding communities to protect the quality and integrity of Village's water supply, including surface waters.  *Implementation Strategy 5-6*
- 1.1.2. Support the creation of wildlife habitat and migration corridors within Mount Prospect and incorporate techniques to mitigate development impacts on wildlife and their habitat.  *Implementation Strategy 5-6*
- 1.1.3. Encourage wetland preservation and minimize the development impact on wetlands by requiring appropriate mitigation measures.  *Implementation Strategy 1-1*
- 1.1.4. Encourage the use of native plants in landscaping, as well as plants that provide habitat, food, and other resources to wildlife.  *Implementation Strategy 5-11*
- 1.1.5. Promote the preservation of waterways and reduction in waterway pollution.  *Implementation Strategies 5-11, 5-9*

**Policy 1.2 - Support and promote Mount Prospect's Tree City status.**

- 1.2.1. Continue to preserve mature trees in the community.  *Implementation Strategies 5-9, 5-11*
- 1.2.2. Promote planting guidelines for native trees, plants, and prairie species in the community.  *Implementation Strategy 5-11*
- 1.2.3. Support volunteer programs that promote appreciation for Mount Prospect's natural resources and trees, and create a sense of community pride.  *Implementation Strategy 4-16*

**Policy 1.3 - Expand the Village's commitment to sustainability.**

- 1.3.1. Partner with other service providers in the community to further common sustainability goals and address environmental issues.  *Implementation Strategies 5-7, 5-9*
- 1.3.2. Strive to improve the air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by

increasing compliance with all applicable pollution standards, promoting efficient development patterns, and expanding multi-modal transportation options.  *Implementation Strategies 1-1, 1-3, 2-9, 2-10, 5-7*

- 1.3.3. Educate the community about the economic, social, and environmental benefits of energy, water, and waste reduction.  *Implementation Strategy 5-21*
- 1.3.4. Consider a policy to use non-toxic, pesticide free options for maintaining landscaping and encourage service providers in Mount Prospect including the park districts and school districts to do the same.  *Implementation Strategies 5-15, 5-11, 5-7*
- 1.3.5. Consider adopting an anti-idling policy for vehicles and promote awareness through appropriate signage in the community.  *Implementation Strategy 5-16*
- 1.3.6. Develop and implement a Village Sustainability Education & Public Outreach Program to encourage Village staff and the community to invest time and resources in sustainability programs.  *Implementation Strategy 5-12*
- 1.3.7. Establish a Village Sustainability Committee to advise the Village Board on all energy efficiency and conservation activities, educate the public, and demonstrate leadership in sustainability.  *Implementation Strategy 5-8*
- 1.3.8. Encourage the use of public transportation, bicycling, walking, and other forms of travel to reduce the amount of vehicle miles traveled.  *Implementation Strategies 1-3, 2-10, 2-12, 2-15, 2-17, 2-20, 2-24*

**Policy 1.4 - Promote sustainability best practices to conserve energy and water use in the community.**

- 1.4.1. Promote the conservation and efficient use of energy by engaging residents, businesses, and Village staff in developing and reaching energy efficiency goals, and promoting the use of renewable energy sources in both public buildings and operations, and in private development as well.  *Implementation Strategies 1-1, 5-1, 5-8, 5-9, 5-17*
- 1.4.2. Promote water conservation in both the public and private sectors.  *Implementation Strategy 5-7*
- 1.4.3. Conduct building energy audits for all Village facilities to identify and evaluate energy efficiency opportunities.  *Implementation Strategy 5-1*
- 1.4.4. Convert Village street lights to LED or other energy efficient street lighting.  *Implementation Strategy 5-10*
- 1.4.5. Support the Village's existing Home Weatherization Program to improve energy efficiency in homes and reduce energy costs for Village residents.  *Implementation Strategy 5-20, 5-17*

- 1.4.6. Continue to provide information to homeowners and renters on existing energy efficiency resources/programs.  *Implementation Strategy 5-1, 5-20*
- 1.4.7. Install building Energy Management Systems at major Village facilities to proactively manage and optimize energy usage.  *Implementation Strategy 5-1, 5-2*
- 1.4.8. Adopt sustainable zoning and building codes, such as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) to encourage sustainable building practices.  *Implementation Strategy 5-23*
- 1.4.9. Promote the implementation of renewable energy options at all public facilities.  *Implementation Strategies 5-1, 5-14*

**Policy 1.5 - Promote the reduction of solid waste in the community.**

- 1.5.1. Through education, programs and initiatives, reduce the amount of solid waste produced in the community especially waste that is disposed of in a landfill.  *Implementation Strategies 5-4, 5-24*
- 1.5.2. Encourage the innovative reuse of green waste\* and promote composting and mulching.  *Implementation Strategy 5-13, 5-24*
- 1.5.3. Consider adoption of policies to reduce plastic bag usage in the community.  *Implementation Strategy 5-7, 5-23*
- 1.5.4. Promote the usage of recyclable materials and expanded recycling and waste reduction programs at all Village facilities.  *Implementation Strategy 5-24*

**Policy 1.6 - Aim to reduce the long-term costs of development by implementing sustainable best practices.**

- 1.6.1. Encourage sustainable site design principles for stormwater management, tree preservation, reductions in impermeable surfaces, greater energy efficiency, etc. through regulatory incentives.  *Implementation Strategy 5-24*
- 1.6.2. Promote free and low cost services that encourage efficiency and conservation like energy audits, incentives for efficiency improvements, and water saving improvements.  *Implementation Strategy 5-24*

*\*green waste - also called agricultural waste is biodegradable waste that can be composed of garden or park waste, such as grass or flower cuttings and hedge trimmings, as well as domestic and commercial food waste. 'Green' identifies it as high in nitrogen.*

# Goal 2

## Expand on the role of recreational facilities, parks, and trails to promote community health.

Natural resources in the community can also support the health of residents by expanding their access to recreational opportunities.

### **Policy 2.1 - Promote access to recreational opportunities.**

- 2.1.1. Consider partnering with other agencies, conservation organizations, and landowners to provide open space and conservation easements in accordance with the Mount Prospect Bicycle Plan.  *Implementation Strategy 1-21*
- 2.1.2. Promote volunteer opportunities to provide environmental education opportunities for residents that foster a land stewardship ethic and a sense of place.  *Implementation Strategy 4-16*

# Goal 3

## Connect the Village's parks, open space, greenways, & waterways to the regional green infrastructure network.

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) GO TO 2040 Regional Plan defines green Infrastructure in two ways:

*Regional green infrastructure- 'an interconnected network of open space that provide ecological and societal benefits. Green infrastructure can provide a range of ecosystem functions, including stormwater management, recreation, water filtration, carbon sequestration, habitat provision, and air purification.'*

*Site-scale green infrastructure- 'that which encompasses a suite of techniques that use vegetation, soils, and natural processes to mimic natural hydrology. Site-specific green infrastructure practices, such as bioswales and rain gardens, can serve as effective supplements or alternatives to traditional "gray infrastructure," such as sewer pipes, wastewater treatment plants, and other engineered systems.'*

CMAP also recommends that like other forms of infrastructure, green infrastructure would need to be managed, restored, and expanded. The regional plan for green infrastructure provides an opportunity for Mount Prospect to identify and create a green infrastructure network in the community and connect it to the region.

### **Policy 3.1 - Promote the creation of a green infrastructure network.**

- 3.2.1. Encourage the linking of greenways, parks, and recreational facilities in neighborhoods, Village wide and to the region.  *Implementation Strategy 5-6*
- 3.2.2. Enhance existing and future greenways to accommodate multiple functions, including stormwater management, water treatment, groundwater infiltration, wildlife habitat or corridors, and passive recreation.  *Implementation Strategy 5-6, 5-11*
- 3.2.3. Promote access to the recreational resources in the community and surrounding areas.  *Implementation Strategy 5-11*

# Goal 4

## Prepare for and mitigate the impacts of natural disasters and hazards in the community.

### **Policy 4.1 - Minimize the risks to property, infrastructure, and lives due to natural disasters.**

- 4.1.1. Ensure the effective completion of Levee 37 to reduce flooding along the Des Plaines River.  *Implementation Strategy 5-3*
- 4.1.2. Support the clean-up and stabilization of Higgins Creek to prevent flooding on adjacent properties. Evaluate locations throughout the Village that require stream bank stabilization.  *Implementation Ongoing and Strategy 5-18*
- 4.1.3. Protect natural water retention and drainage where possible and ensure development does not have an adverse impact on flood control.  *Implementation Ongoing*

### **Policy 4.2 - Ensure that the community is prepared to recover from natural disasters and hazards.**

- 4.2.1. Continue to ensure that residents, first-responders, service providers, and Village government are prepared to efficiently respond to and recover from natural and man-made disasters and other unexpected events.  *Implementation Strategies 1-13, 4-24, 4-25, 5-22*
- 4.2.2. Improve public awareness of the safe shelters, informational kiosks, emergency preparedness and response procedures in the community.  *Implementation Strategy 4-23, 5-19*
- 4.2.3. Promote strong partnerships with other governments and regional organizations to ensure that Mount Prospect is prepared to respond to natural and man made disasters and other unexpected events.  *Implementation Strategies 4-23, 5-22*

### **Policy 4.3 - Facilitate the proper use and disposal of hazardous materials.**

- 4.3.1. Minimize the exposure of the community to hazardous materials or other chemicals generally recognized to be harmful to human health.  *Implementation Strategy 5-5*
- 4.3.2. Evaluate the opportunities to collect household hazardous waste in the community.  *Implementation Strategy 5-5*

CENTENNIAL FACTOID

The Village was the only Cook County community to not run out of money during the Great Depression in 1930. Conservative financial choices kept both the Village and Mount Prospect State Bank from bankruptcy.

# chapter 6: economic vitality

through support, innovation, and collaboration



## Business Friendly Community

The Village continues to focus on providing an environment that is conducive for businesses to succeed and thrive. From streamlining permitting and licensing processes to providing incentives to attract desired businesses, the Village is positioned to meet the needs of its business community. Coupled with its proximate location to regional highways and O’Hare International Airport, the Village is ideally positioned for continued economic growth.

The Village benefits from a strong relationship with the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Merchants Association. The Village works with these agencies to offer programs and services to the business community and to respond to issues raised by local businesses. Both agencies are supported by their membership who volunteer their time to ensure that the needs of the business community are met and that the Village maintains a business friendly environment.

The Village created the Economic Development Commission to encourage and facilitate economic growth. The Commission consists of local business people and their primary function has been to conduct business visits to ensure that the Village maintains open lines of communication with its business community. The Commission also reviews various incentive requests and makes recommendations to the Village Board.

The Village offers several incentives and resources aimed at attracting and retaining businesses in the community. Available incentives include the Façade and Interior Buildout Program, Tax Increment Financing District, Business District, Class 6b incentives, and more. The Village also markets development opportunities and available properties on its website and offers programs to encourage business start-ups such as the Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative (MPEI) and Experience Mount Prospect.

MPEI is a partnership between the Village, the Mount Prospect Public Library, and the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce. MPEI was started in 2013 as the Entrepreneur’s Café to help fill vacancies in downtown Mount Prospect by reaching out to aspiring entrepreneurs to encourage them to take the “first step” in starting a business. This program offers dozens of events annually on topics varying from business marketing/ social media to succession planning. The target audience has broadened to include all types of business owners – both aspiring and established. MPEI was honored with a bronze award for Entrepreneurship programs from the International Economic Development Council in 2016.

Experience Mount Prospect is an online tool that includes a website, calendar, and news on business in the community. It gives a glimpse of what’s going on and highlights local businesses and community events. The Village also produces



a TV show called Dish'n Out Mount Prospect that features unique restaurants and eateries located throughout the Village. It promotes these food establishments by taking viewers virtually to the small out-of-the-way establishments that offer diverse cuisines.



**Annexation Efforts:** The Village recently completed the annexation of nearly 200 acres of unincorporated properties located at the south portion of the community. These properties are primarily industrial or commercial and are located along the Algonquin Road, Busse Road, and Oakton Street corridors. These annexations increased the Village's equalized assessed value (EAV) by over \$50 million and welcomed several sales tax producing businesses to the community. The recent annexations also included two residential developments, Lynn Court and Birch Manor Condominiums, adding approximately 500 new residents to the community. These annexations benefit the Village by adding to its tax base and providing greater control over long-term redevelopment of these areas. The Village continues to analyze the benefits of annexing the remaining unincorporated properties that are adjacent to its borders.

## Relation to the Village's Strategic Plan

THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT'S **STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2020** has a big focus on the business community. It aims at "strengthening the local economy", "supporting innovation, entrepreneurialism, and small businesses", and creating a "vibrant downtown and commercial areas".

# Guiding Principle 6

## Economic vitality through support, innovation and collaboration

*Ensure that the community's economy is able to thrive and adapt to changes in the market through innovation and building on local and regional assets.*

# Goal 1

## Continue to be a business friendly community.

### *Policy 1.1 - Foster a business-friendly environment.*

- 1.1.1. Simplify the development process through development review team and pre-submittal meetings.  *Implementation Strategies 6-3, 1-10*
- 1.1.2. Provide resource guides in print and on the Village website.  *Implementation Strategy 6-1*
- 1.1.3. Continue to promote resources available to businesses.  *Implementation Strategy 6-1*
- 1.1.4. Continue business visitation efforts to ensure open dialogue with the business community.  *Implementation Strategy 6-4*
- 1.1.5. Provide on-line access to business licenses, building permits, and inspection requests.  *Implementation Strategies 6-1, 1-1, 6-3*

# Goal 2

## Support and integrate businesses in the community.

### *Policy 2.1 - Encourage the business community to be invested in the community.*

- 2.1.1. Support the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Merchants Association, Special Events Commission, Lions Club, Jaycees, and other organizations that organize community wide events.  *Implementation Strategy 6-4*
- 2.1.2. Partner with local businesses to support community events.  *Implementation Strategy 3-13*
- 2.1.3. Collaborate with the private sector and other housing providers to meet the housing needs of employees.  *Implementation Strategy 1-20*
- 2.1.4. Encourage employers to provide internships, training programs, and mentoring programs for students and adults in the community.  *Implementation Strategy 6-8*

# Goal 3

## Strengthen the identity and mix of uses in the community.

### **Policy 3.1 - Continue to attract new businesses to locate in the community.**

- 3.1.1. Actively market development opportunities and for sale and lease properties throughout the community at tradeshows and online.  Implementation Strategies 6-1, 6-2, 6-6, 6-15, 1-12.
- 3.1.2. Encourage shopping center owners to invest in their centers so that they remain updated and competitive.  Implementation Strategies 6-11, 6-14, 6-6
- 3.1.3. Further the MPEI to support small business start-ups.  Implementation Strategies 6-7, 6-9, 6-6, 6-16
- 3.1.4. Strategically utilize incentives to attract targeted businesses and developments.  Implementation Strategies 6-6, 6-12, 6-13

### **Policy 3.2 - Continue to expand the sales tax base in the community.**

- 3.2.1. Support local businesses in the community to improve their sales.  Implementation Strategies 6-10, 1-6, 1-8
- 3.2.2. Utilize the Facade and Interior Build Out Program to retain and attract sales tax producing retailers.  Implementation Strategy 6-14

# Goal 4

## Promote businesses in the community & provide opportunities for collaboration, innovation, & entrepreneurship.

### **Policy 4.1 - Promote existing businesses in the community.**

- 4.1.1. Support local businesses through programs like ribbon cutting ceremonies, banner programs, annual awards program, and marketing and promotion assistance.  Implementation Strategies 6-6, 6-7, 6-9
- 4.1.2. Offer special events and other programs to attract customers to the downtown district.  Implementation Strategy 3-13
- 4.1.3. Promote existing businesses and events in the community through the Experience Mount Prospect program and Dish'n Out Mount Prospect.  Implementation Strategies 6-7, 6-9, 6-16

### **Policy 4.2 - Retain existing businesses.**

- 4.2.1. Expand Economic Development Commission's business visitation efforts to focus on recently annexed businesses.  Implementation Strategies 6-5, 6-6
- 4.2.2. Streamline the permitting process to encourage the expansion of existing businesses in the community.  Implementation Strategies 6-3, 1-10

4.2.3. Serve as a clearinghouse for collecting and disseminating information about funding sources and assistance available to businesses.

 *Implementation Strategies 6-1, 6-9, 6-12, 6-13, 6-14, 6-15*

***Policy 4.3 - Support the needs of the business community.***

4.3.1. Continue to partner with the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Merchants Association, and Mount Prospect Public Library to provide resources which support the needs of local businesses.

 *Implementation Strategy 6-16*

#### CENTENNIAL FACTOID

Onions were one of Mount Prospect's primary crops for many years. Onion drying sheds occupied much of the land bounded by Northwest Highway, Central Road and Elmhurst Road because of the area's proximity to the train station and boxcar loading area.

## chapter 7: growth, preservation & opportunities

This chapter aims to achieve a vision for future growth in the community through the built environment. Together with the strategies in the Implementation Chapter, the Future Growth and Opportunities Map and the Future Land Use (FLU) Plan provide direction for where and how the community can accommodate growth and change in the future. The Future Growth and Opportunities Map provides the framework for the key improvement recommendations that address the top opportunities and challenges identified through the community engagement process.

The FLU Plan consists of the land use category descriptions and accompanying Future Land Use Map. The map takes into account existing land uses and provides a guide for future growth over the next 15-20 years in coordination with transportation and infrastructure decisions, and community amenity and service needs. The map includes the municipal service area of the Village of Mount Prospect and adjacent unincorporated Cook County parcels - within the 1.5 mile planning area of the Village.

# Future Growth and Opportunities Map

## LOCATION OF FUTURE GROWTH AREAS (in addition to existing office, commercial and industrial uses):

 **Potential Neighborhood Centers-** Areas with opportunities to provide a mix of retail, restaurants, daycare, professional, service, or other commercial uses, as well as high density residential uses.



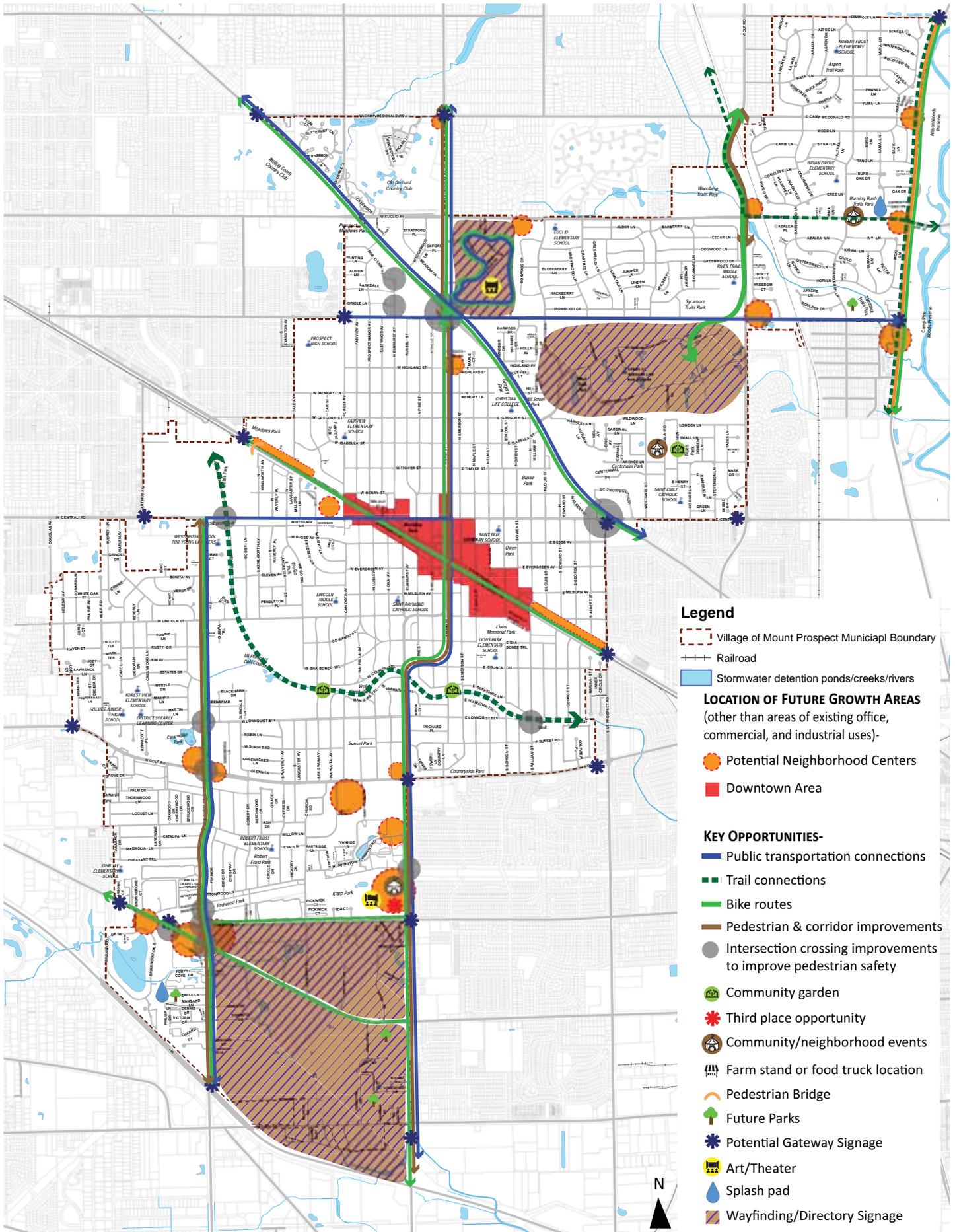
**Downtown area-** Opportunities include providing pedestrian bridges across the Metra tracks, adding a splash pad, designating a farm stand or food truck location, location for community art and/or a theater, and a place to hold community/neighborhood events within the downtown.

## KEY OPPORTUNITIES (All the locations on the map are “potential” locations and are based on input received from the community engagement process.):

-  **Public transportation connections-** Corridors along which public transportation could be expanded to improve access within the Village.
-  **Trail connections-** Corridors which could provide pedestrian and bicycle access to nearby green spaces and/or regional trails.
-  **Bike Routes-** Bicycle trail connections within the Village to surrounding regional connections.
  
-  **Pedestrian & corridor improvements-** Corridors where pedestrian infrastructure improvements are needed to improve safety.
-  **Intersection crossing improvements-** Intersections identified where crossing improvements are needed to increase safety for pedestrians.
-  **Community garden-** Locations identified for community gardens to grow food.
-  **Third place opportunity-** Locations identified for community gathering spaces, beyond the home and place of employment.
-  **Community/neighborhood events-** Alternate locations for community events other than Downtown.
-  **Farm Stand or Food Truck location-** Locations to improve access to fresh produce or food trucks.
-  **Pedestrian Bridge-** Locations for pedestrian bridges to improve safety.
-  **Future Parks-** Locations of future parks, including current parks to be preserved and opportunity for more dog friendly parks.
-  **Potential Gateway Signage-** Locations for future signage to orient and welcome people to the Village.
-  **Art/theater-** Locations for community art spaces and/or performance theater.
-  **Wayfinding/Directory Signage-** Areas where directional signage could be improved and directory signage can be added to better promote existing businesses.
-  **Splash pad-** Locations for a children’s play area with water features.



Example of a Splash Pad



**Legend**

- Village of Mount Prospect Municipal Boundary
- Railroad
- Stormwater detention ponds/creeks/rivers
- LOCATION OF FUTURE GROWTH AREAS**  
(other than areas of existing office, commercial, and industrial uses)-
- Potential Neighborhood Centers
- Downtown Area
- KEY OPPORTUNITIES-**
- Public transportation connections
- Trail connections
- Bike routes
- Pedestrian & corridor improvements
- Intersection crossing improvements to improve pedestrian safety
- Community garden
- Third place opportunity
- Community/neighborhood events
- Farm stand or food truck location
- Pedestrian Bridge
- Future Parks
- Potential Gateway Signage
- Art/Theater
- Splash pad
- Wayfinding/Directory Signage

# Future Land Use Plan

The Future Land Use Plan establishes long-term targets for development in the Village, which are consistent with the community’s vision for the future. It is specific enough to guide day-to-day development decisions, infrastructure improvements, and public and private investment, yet flexible enough to allow for modification and continuous refinement.

The Future Land Use Plan contains four primary use types:

1. Residential uses;
2. Business and light industrial uses;
3. Commercial, industrial, and mixed-use developments; and
4. Community facilities, parks, and open space.

Each of the land use categories under these four primary use types are consistent with previous Village plans and ordinances, with a few new categories that create flexibility to accommodate growth in the community. Together, the Future Growth and Opportunities Map and the FLU Plan ensure that Mount Prospect is an exemplary, livable, resilient, and socially vibrant community in the region.



*Downtown Mount Prospect*

# Land Use Categories

## 1. RESIDENTIAL USES

Mount Prospect is predominantly a residential suburban community. The Future Land Use Plan aims at strengthening the existing residential areas while also making way for new residential developments compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

### Single Family Use

**Primary uses:** Single-family detached and attached residential uses, and townhome developments with densities as defined in the zoning ordinance.

**Secondary uses:** Compatible uses such as parks, recreational facilities, community gardens, schools, places of worship, and other community amenities.

**Key characteristics:**

Provides low density single-family neighborhoods that are well served by community amenities like parks and recreational facilities, and have a connected sidewalk network, bike and trail connections and other infrastructure that promotes walkability. Townhome developments are encouraged to provide a transition of uses and densities between single family neighborhoods and higher density areas such as multi-family developments and commercial uses. Developments are sufficiently screened and buffered from other uses, of high quality, and compatible to the surroundings.



### Multi-Family Residential

**Primary uses:** Multi-family developments including senior housing with appropriate densities as defined in the zoning ordinance.

**Secondary uses:** Townhomes and compatible uses such as parks, recreational facilities, community gardens, schools, places of worship, and convenience commercial/service uses that serve larger multi-family developments such as gyms and dry cleaners.

**Key characteristics:**

Provides low to high density multi-family developments including apartment buildings and condominium complexes. Developments are compatible with surrounding uses, provide a transition between low density residential and non-residential uses, and are sufficiently screened and buffered. The site and streetscape design of the developments enhance the character of the neighborhood, and support walkability and access to recreation and community amenities. They may also include service uses such as gyms, dry cleaners, and coffee shops, to support the high density residential uses.



## 2. BUSINESS AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USES

This land use category defines the character of business office and light industrial uses in the Village. It builds on and promotes the existing character of the Kensington Business Center, while also supporting a walkable and vibrant pedestrian environment in these areas. The walkable environment is intended to support an active lifestyle for employees, while the mix of secondary uses is intended to improve access to services and amenities that foster a sense of place.

### Business and Light Industrial

**Primary uses:** Corporate office, research, light industrial, manufacturing, and warehousing uses that do not create an appreciable nuisance or hazard.

**Secondary uses:** Entertainment and recreational uses, health services, training facilities, civic uses, food and beverage establishments, community amenities, as well as plazas, squares, and recreational trails.



*Business park in Mount Prospect*

#### Key characteristics:

- Promotes a diverse mix of uses to meet the changing needs of existing businesses, entrepreneurs, and future employment opportunities, including co-working spaces.
- Provides for the adaptive reuse of older industrial buildings and sites.
- Encourages an active lifestyle for employees by providing a mix of recreational facilities within the area.
- Promotes larger sites to accommodate large-scale employment facilities.
- Encourages large sites to incorporate pedestrian amenities, plazas and landscape features that improve the support the pedestrian environment.
- Buildings face the street frontage, are consistent with the quality and character of the area, and aim to achieve green building performance standards. Sites should include sustainability best practices for stormwater management, native plantings, and site design.
- Includes streetscape that encourages walkability, is accessible for all users, and provides safe connections through parking lots, to adjacent uses, bus stops, trails and recreational resources in the area.
- Provides drop-off/pick-up areas for ride-share services, electric vehicle charging stations, car or van pool parking, car share parking, bicycle share parking, and bicycle infrastructure.
- Vehicular site access is well-defined and convenient while minimizing the impact on traffic congestion.
- Provides adequate buffering of loading areas and transitions in building scale between uses and to adjacent residential neighborhoods.

### 3.COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS

Mount Prospect benefits from a wide variety of commercial and industrial uses. Neighborhood shopping centers include business offices, and convenience and service retail that fulfill the daily commercial needs of residents. Corridor commercial centers serve both local and regional commercial needs. Besides the many business/light industrial uses in the Village, there are a number of heavy industrial and manufacturing uses as well. The land use categories in this section help further define the character of these different existing uses, while accommodating change and growth in the future, and preserving the residential character of the neighborhoods.

**“Although commercial strips are not going to disappear anytime soon, it’s becoming increasingly clear that this form of retail is for the last century,”** says Ed McMahon, senior resident fellow at the Urban Land Institute. **“The future belongs to town centers, main streets and mixed use development.”**  
*(Source- Planning Magazine, April 2016 ‘Flipping the Strip’ by Randall Arendt)*

#### Corridor Commercial

**Primary uses:** Large format retail, restaurants, and other commercial uses, including all auto oriented uses.

**Secondary uses:** Medical, entertainment, hotel, and office uses, high-density residential, as well as plazas, squares, parks, and other gathering spaces.



Corridor commercial uses include developments on predominantly large sites with large scale multi-tenant or stand alone type commercial uses that may also have outlots, and auto-oriented commercial uses such as gas stations or drive-through establishments. These areas may also accommodate high density residential uses in certain circumstances.

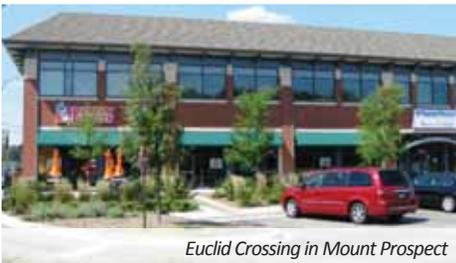
**Key characteristics:**

- Provides a mix of uses that serve the needs of residents, as well as attracts visitors from the region.
- Encourages infill and redevelopment opportunities to provide a broader mix of uses. Also encourages lot consolidation as needed to provide development-ready sites.
- Encourages walkability through well-integrated pedestrian infrastructure that is accessible for all users and provides safe connections through parking lots and to adjacent uses.
- Accommodates the use of alternate modes of transportation. This includes ensuring that sites have the ability to be readily served by public transportation for uses along or proximate to public transit routes, drop-off/pick-up areas for ride-share services, electric vehicle charging stations, and bicycle infrastructure.
- Typically located in high visibility areas along major corridors, vehicular site access should be well-defined and convenient, minimizing the impact on surrounding roadways. The buildings should face the street frontage, be consistent with the quality and character of the area, and aim to achieve green building performance standards.
- Encourages appropriate screening of buildings, parking areas and driveways with landscaping when abutting existing residential neighborhoods and also provides a transition in massing and height of the buildings.
- Minimizes impervious surfaces via site design, and includes best practices for stormwater management, native plantings, and site sustainability.

## Neighborhood Center

**Primary uses:** A mix of business offices, small-scale retail, restaurants, daycares, professional, service, and other commercial uses.

**Secondary uses:** Townhomes and low to medium density residential uses, senior housing, health services, community amenities, as well as plazas, squares, pocket parks, and other community gathering spaces.



Neighborhood center uses are relatively smaller sites that include a mix of business office, retail, and commercial service uses that benefit from being adjacent to neighborhoods, and help provide residents convenient access to uses and services. It may also include townhomes and low to medium density multi-family residential uses as part of a larger development. The goal of this use is to provide a better transition to surrounding single-family residential uses and also provide opportunities for future growth. Besides the mix of primary and secondary uses, neighborhood centers add to the quality of life of residents by promoting access to health and social services, arts and cultural centers, recreational opportunities, spaces for public and private events, and third places.

### Key characteristics:

- Provides opportunities to expand single use developments to provide a broader mix of commercial, office, and residential uses over time.
- Encourages residential uses that provide a variety of unit types, price ranges, and ownership and rental options, to enable residents to live closer to community amenities and services, and also provide an opportunity to create live-work environments (ground floor office with upper story residential use).
- Includes a horizontal and/or vertical mix of commercial, office, residential and other compatible uses and services, and encourages infill and redevelopment opportunities to promote a broader mix of uses. For developments that have a vertical mix of uses that include multi-family units, the first floor should include the primary uses, with the residential uses on the floors above.
- Encourages pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular access; is consistent with the high quality streetscape and character of the community; and aims to achieve green building and site performance standards.
- Includes streetscape that encourages walkability and provides safe connections to adjacent uses, outdoor cafes and dining areas, plazas, parks, community amenities, and other community gathering spaces, and is at a scale that relates to the pedestrian environment.
- Provides accommodations to encourage the use of alternate modes of transportation over time. This includes the ability to be readily served by public transportation for uses along or proximate to public transit routes, drop-off/pick-up areas for ride-share services, electric vehicle charging stations, and bicycle infrastructure.
- Encourages appropriate screening of buildings, parking areas, and driveways with landscaping along adjacent residential neighborhoods and also providing transitions in massing and height of the buildings.
- Site design minimizes impervious surfaces and includes best practices for stormwater management, native plantings, and site sustainability.

## Downtown Mixed-Use

**Primary uses:** A diverse mix of uses including retail, specialty shops, restaurants, bars, coffee shops, business/office, professional, service, cultural, arts and entertainment, and civic uses characteristic of a downtown area.

**Secondary uses:** Townhomes, medium to high density multifamily residential uses, health services, community amenities, as well as plazas, squares, pocket parks, recreational uses, community gathering spaces, and parking to support transit ridership and community events

This land use category supports the development of a vibrant downtown through a viable mix of uses, and accommodates future growth in the community while preserving the character of single family residential neighborhoods. Besides the mix of primary and secondary uses, provision of public gathering spaces like Village Green and use of parking lots during off-peak hours in the downtown area is important to provide opportunities for community events like festivals, parades, cultural events, and farmers markets.

### Key characteristics:

- Encourages the provision of high-density residential uses that include a variety of unit types, price ranges, and ownership and rental options. This is to provide a range of housing options for residents who choose to live in a transit supportive environment, with convenient access to community amenities and services and to also provide an opportunity to create live-work environments (ground floor office with upper story residential use).
- Encourages preservation of buildings with historic significance and existing low-density single-family uses that are along the edge of the downtown mixed-use boundary. Provides appropriate buffering and transitions in building scale to these uses.
- Encourages primary building entrances to be pedestrian-oriented with separate convenient access to vehicular parking and loading areas.
- Encourages streetscape that is consistent with the downtown area and provides safe connections to adjacent uses, outdoor cafes and dining areas, plazas, parks, and other community gathering spaces.
- Provides accommodations to encourage the use of alternate modes of transportation by providing access to the Metra train station and bus stop locations, providing drop-off/pick-up areas at larger sites for ride-share services, electric vehicle charging stations, and bicycle infrastructure.
- Provides appropriate screening between the downtown area and neighboring low-density single family uses including a transition in massing and building height.



Example of a vertical and horizontal mix of uses in the downtown area of Mount Prospect

## Mixed-Use District

**Primary uses:** Commercial, heavy industrial, manufacturing, office, research, solid waste handling, warehousing uses, and uses that benefit from the proximity to the I-90 tollway.

**Secondary uses:** Recreational uses, health services, hotel, civic uses, restaurants, and screened outdoor storage.

This land use category helps define the character and mix of uses in the non-residential areas south of Dempster Street. It accommodates a mix of uses that promotes a more cohesive environment to meet the changing needs of existing and future uses in this area. It promotes corridor and streetscape improvements, provision of additional open space and access to recreation, and development opportunities for tollway frontage properties.

### Key characteristics:

- Encourages the adaptive reuse of older buildings and sites.
- Encourages larger sites to allow for large-scale employment facilities, with lot consolidation in areas that would benefit from redevelopment. Also encourages incorporation of pedestrian amenities, plazas and landscape features that improve the support the pedestrian environment.
- Encourages a mix of recreational facilities/areas to provide access to recreation for neighboring multi-family residential uses, as well as promotes an active lifestyle for workers in this area.
- Encourages buildings to face the street frontage, be consistent with the quality and character of the area, aims to achieve green building performance standards, and includes sustainability best practices for stormwater management, native plantings, and site design.
- Provides adequate buffering of loading areas and transitions in building scale between adjacent uses.
- Promotes well-defined and convenient vehicular site access while minimizing the impact on traffic congestion.
- Encourages the provision of drop-off/pick-up areas for ride-share services, electric vehicle charging stations, car or van pool parking, car share parking, bicycle share parking, and bicycle infrastructure such as bicycle racks.
- Promotes walkability by including streetscape that is accessible for all users and provides safe connections through parking lots, to adjacent uses, bus stops, recreational amenities and neighborhood centers that are within walking distance.
- Promotes a cohesive corridor character through consistent signage design and placement.



*Example of an office building*



*Existing light-industrial use in Mount Prospect*

## 4. COMMUNITY FACILITIES, PARKS, AND OPEN SPACE

All the community resource opportunities in the Village like schools, parks, civic facilities and utilities are included in this group of land uses. Promoting convenient access to them is important to promote walkability and an active lifestyle in the community.

### Institutional

**Primary uses:** Institutional uses including governmental, educational, and religious uses, and senior housing.



*Mount Prospect Public Library*

**Key characteristics:**

- Institutional uses generally include public, quasi-public, and private uses, such as governmental, educational, medical, religious, and university facilities.
- Public and semipublic land areas, including public and private schools, municipal facilities and places of worship are distributed throughout the Village.

### Open Space and Recreation

**Uses:** Public parks, golf courses, swimming pools, community facilities, community gardens, and other open space uses or resources to serve the recreational needs of residents.



*Moehling Park in Mount Prospect*

**Key characteristics:**

- Open space areas are intended to include all active and passive park lands, public recreation centers, and golf courses. Park and recreational areas can be found throughout the community.
- The Open Space system consists of sites, facilities, and programs which perform several important functions. The most basic function is the provision of recreational services to local residents. An effective system can also create opportunities for a wide range of leisure time experiences, help define and delineate neighborhood areas, and be an important visual feature in the community. An effective parks and recreation system is particularly important in a traditionally strong residential community like Mount Prospect.
- Provides access to recreational resources including the Cook County Forest Preserve, regional trails, and golf courses. The Village contains numerous privately operated recreational facilities including an ice arena, swimming pools, tennis courts, and playgrounds which add to the recreational opportunities in the Villages.

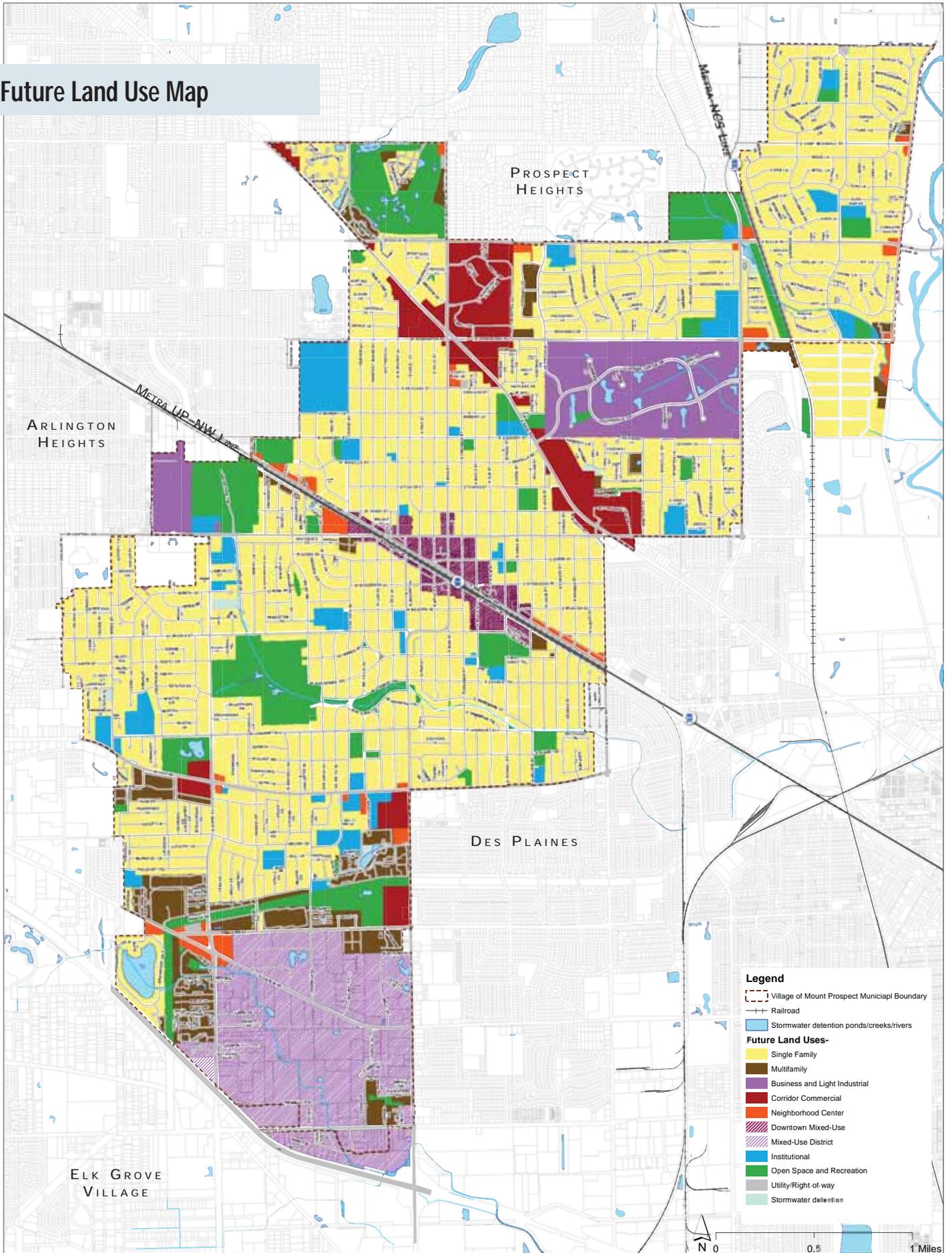
### Utility

**Primary uses:** Facilities such as electrical substations, water and wastewater facilities, utility right-of-ways, and other utility uses.

**Key characteristics:**

- All utility uses should be adequately screened and integrated into the surrounding uses.
- Right-of-ways for power lines should be well maintained and be used for recreational connections to trails in the community.

# Future Land Use Map

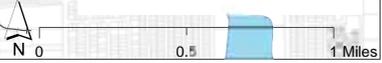


**Legend**

- Village of Mount Prospect Municipal Boundary
- Railroad
- Stormwater detention ponds/creeks/rivers

**Future Land Uses-**

- Single Family
- Multifamily
- Business and Light Industrial
- Corridor Commercial
- Neighborhood Center
- Downtown Mixed-Use
- Mixed-Use District
- Institutional
- Open Space and Recreation
- Utility/Right-of-way
- Stormwater delineation



In 1911, the Mount Prospect Improvement Association was founded to make civic improvements like kerosene street lamps, sidewalks and oiled streets!

# Chapter 8: Implementation

The purpose of this chapter is to provide guidance to implement the Village of Mount Prospect's Comprehensive Plan. Implementation strategies have been provided to achieve the goals for the six guiding principles. Some strategies respond to multiple goals and guiding principles. These are noted as such under the strategy for easy reference. The strategies are grouped based on the recommended time frame for implementation as short term, long term, or ongoing, as defined below:

**Short term-** To be acted upon within 5 years of the Plan adoption.

**Long term-** To be acted upon within 5 to 10 years of the Plan adoption.

**Ongoing-** To be acted upon during the life of the Plan.

The responsible parties for implementation are also listed for each strategy:

**Lead-** The lead department is identified to ensure that the strategy is acted upon. For some strategies, more than one department is listed with the intent that they will work as equal partners.

**Partners-** A supporting department, organization, or group is also included that will support the implementation of the strategy.

The implementation strategies are also marked as specific types based on the scope of the intended result and include an icon indicating how they were prioritized by the community. The strategy types include:



**Regulation-** These strategies include improvements through regulations to help achieve the goals, and may also include revisions to the Village's Zoning Code.



**Program/Service-** These strategies are in the form of programs or services that help fulfill different types of needs. They may be in partnership with other organizations.



**Project/Infrastructure Improvement-** These strategies relate to specific projects or infrastructure improvements to achieve the goals and vision for the community. They may result in physical improvements or recommendations for improvements.



**Promotion-** These strategies involve promotion of different programs or services in the community.



**Coordination-** Some strategies require coordination with other jurisdictions and agencies to be effective. For example, completion of the sidewalk gaps in the community will involve ongoing coordination with Cook County for County owned roads in the Village.

**Community Priority:** Residents were given an opportunity to weight in on the implementation strategies, by means of an online survey. There were 373 responses received that prioritized the strategies as high, medium, or low priority. Strategies that were 'ongoing' or already part of Village Department goals were not included in the survey. Based on a range of the weighted average for the survey results, the strategies are indicate if they are -



High Priority,



Medium Priority, or



Low Priority

# 1. Strategies to support a livable built environment

The strategies in this section help support a balanced mix of land uses and growth in the community, infrastructure improvements to support future growth, expand opportunities for mixed-use developments in neighborhood centers, improve walkability and community health, and encourage property maintenance and streetscape improvements to enhance the community character. Specific strategies also help build a sense of place and community through the creation of additional third places, expansion of programs and services, and promotion of all that Mount Prospect has to offer.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	RESPONSIBILITY	TYPE & PRIORITY
<b>Short Term</b>		
1. Ensure that the Village’s Zoning Code is consistent with the Future Land Use Map to sustainably accommodate future growth, support walkability, an active lifestyle, local food production, and enhance the character of the community. <i>Responds to Goals 1 &amp; 3, and also Goal 1 in 3, 2 in 4, and 5 in 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Regulation
2. Create a program or process that encourages property maintenance of multi-family housing developments to improve and strengthen the character of the community. <i>Responds to Goal 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Program/Service
3. Conduct a study for South Mount Prospect to promote inclusive growth while comprehensively addressing land use, economic development, housing, streetscape and character, transportation, infrastructure and services, recreation and walkability improvements. <i>Responds to Goals 1, 5 &amp; 7, and also Goal 1 &amp; 3 in 2, 2 &amp; 3 in 3, 4 in 4 and 1 in 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Village Departments <b>Partner:</b> Pace, IDOT, Cook County, Des Plaines	Project/ Infrastructure Improvement
4. Create an inclusive sense of place in the Village by identifying locations for additional Third Places, plazas, and community gathering spaces, arts and cultural programs, community events, art installations, and historical markers. Pursue grants and other funding opportunities to implement them. <i>Responds to Goals 1 &amp; 6, and also Goal 2 in 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Human Services, Communications <b>Partner:</b> Commissions, Mount Prospect Historical Society	Project/ Infrastructure Improvement
5. Evaluate the water and sewer capacity, infrastructure needs, emergency services, and fire prevention needs for the newly annexed areas and areas of future growth, so that they can be adequately served. <i>Responds to Goal 7, and also Goal 4 in 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works, Fire, Police, Community Development	Project/ Infrastructure Improvement
6. Strengthen the identity and character of Mount Prospect through streetscape and signage improvements. Create a way-finding and directory signage plan for areas highlighted on the Future Growth and Opportunities Map (Pages 73 and 74) to improve access to and promote existing businesses. Improve and expand the gateway signage, banner, and streetscape program to all major corridors to strengthen the identity and character of the whole Village. <i>Responds to Goal 5, and also Goal 3 in 6.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Public Works, Village Manager’s Office	Project/ Infrastructure Improvement  Low Priority
7. Analyze annexation opportunities to strengthen the Village’s tax base. <i>Responds to Goal 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Village Manager’s Office, Community Development, Village Departments	Project/ Infrastructure Improvement

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	RESPONSIBILITY	TYPE & PRIORITY
8. Promote the Village as a vibrant place to live, work, and visit to attract new residents and visitors, and further stimulate commercial activity. <i>Responds to Goal 1, and also Goal 3 in 6.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Village Manager’s Office, Community Development	Promotion
9. Evaluate changes to the development code to remove barriers to infill and redevelopment opportunities and develop parameters for the adaptive reuse of older buildings, such they are consistent with the character of the surroundings. <i>Responds to Goals 1, 3 &amp; 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Regulation  Medium Priority
10. Evaluate changes to the development code, development review process and permitting process to ensure that Mount Prospect is a development friendly community. <i>Responds to Goals 1, 2, 3 &amp; 5, and also Goal 1 &amp; 4 in 3, and 1 &amp; 4 in 6.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Regulation  High Priority
11. Align the Village’s Capital Improvement Program to ensure that key infill and redevelopment sites are adequately served by Village services and infrastructure to support future growth. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works	Project/ Infrastructure Improvement
12. Evaluate improvements to key development sites in terms of lot consolidation and other development incentives to ensure that they are development ready and promote them as such. <i>Responds to Goals 1, 2, 3 &amp; 5, and also Goal 3 in 6.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Project/ Infrastructure Improvement
<b>Long Term</b>		
13. Coordinate with service providers to study the feasibility of placing telecommunication and electric utility infrastructure underground to improve resilience such as from power outages due to fallen trees during storms. <i>Responds to Goal 7, and also Goal 4 in 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works <b>Partner:</b> Service providers	Project/ Infrastructure Improvement, Coordination  Medium Priority
14. Study the feasibility of providing wifi hot-spots downtown and at community centers to support the use of technology. <i>Responds to Goal 7.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Information Technology <b>Partner:</b> Service providers	Project/ Infrastructure Imp.  Medium Priority
15. Evaluate opportunities to provide businesses the option of requesting street furniture, such as trash cans, benches, and bike racks, when needed to improve the streetscape and pedestrian environment. <i>Responds to Goal 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works, Community Development	Program/Service, Project/ Infrastructure Imp.  Low Priority
16. Evaluate regulating short term rentals such as AirBNB to maintain the neighborhood character and welfare of community residents. <i>Responds to Goal 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Regulation
<b>Ongoing</b>		
17. Continue to support the development of infill projects to improve investment and growth in the Village. <i>Responds to Goals 1, 2 &amp; 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Project/ Infrastructure Improvement, Promotion
18. Continue to promote property maintenance and other regulations that impact community character. <i>Responds to Goal 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Regulation, Promotion
19. Continue to promote cost effective housing rehabilitation programs that assist seniors and disabled residents. <i>Responds to Goal 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services, Community Development	Program/Service, Promotion

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	RESPONSIBILITY	TYPE & PRIORITY
<p>20. Continue promoting available resources and services that improve the quality of life of residents. This includes resources for home owners, renters, and multi-family property owners, that include information on grants/funds for energy efficiency improvements, fair housing, affordability, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) guidelines, senior services, family friendly amenities, schools, and community facilities.</p> <p><i>Responds to Goals 3 &amp; 5, and also Goals 2 &amp; 4 in 3, 4 in 4 and 2 in 6.</i></p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Human Services, Community Development</p>	<p>Program/Service, Promotion</p>
<p>21. Improve access to neighborhood recreational facilities by continuing to seek joint use agreements with public and private organizations to make efficient use of existing facilities.</p> <p><i>Responds to Goals 4 &amp; 6, and also Goal 1 in 2, 2 in 3, 1 in 4 and 2 in 5.</i></p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Community Development <b>Partner:</b> School Districts, Park Districts</p>	<p>Coordination</p>
<p>22. Continue to participate in the Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative’s initiatives to develop regional solutions to address short and long term housing needs of the Village.</p> <p><i>Responds to Goals 3 &amp; 4.</i></p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Community Development <b>Partner:</b> Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative</p>	<p>Coordination</p>

## 2. Strategies to support mobility in the community

The strategies in this section help bridge the gaps in the pedestrian network, improve access to alternate modes of transportation, mitigate traffic congestion, improve transportation safety in the community, and improve access in the region. The strategies also promote walkability and encourage the use of alternate modes of transportation through an expansion of programs and services offered in the community.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	RESPONSIBILITY	TYPE & PRIORITY
<b>Short Term</b>		
1. Improve resident access to services, community events, and employment centers by exploring shuttle-bus services as needed. <i>Responds to Goals 2 &amp; 5, and also Goal 3 in ③, and 3 in ④.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Village Manager’s Office, Human Services, Community Development <b>Partner:</b> Business community	Program/Service, Coordination  Low Priority
2. Complete sidewalk accessibility improvements at all intersections to provide a safe passage for all users. <i>Responds to Goal 2.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works	Project/ Infrastructure Improvement
3. Identify traffic congestion management solutions to improve the flow of vehicles. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works, Police	Project/ Infrastructure Imp.  High Priority
4. Pursue Access Management Plans for downtown, neighborhood, and commercial centers to ensure safe vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle access. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Project/ Infrastructure Improvement
5. Accommodate changes in vehicular technology by encouraging infrastructure such as charging stations for electric vehicles in the downtown area, neighborhood centers, and at major commercial developments. <i>Responds to Goal 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development <b>Partner:</b> Development community	Regulation, Promotion
6. Promote RTA’s public transportation trip planner application to encourage the use of available transportation services. <i>Responds to Goal 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works, Community Development <b>Partner:</b> Pace	Program/Service, Promotion
7. Provide pedestrian walk-signal countdowns where feasible to improve pedestrian safety at intersections. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works <b>Partner:</b> IDOT, Cook County	Project/ Infrastructure Imp.  High Priority
8. Encourage transit ridership by improving access to the Metra Stations, improving crossing safety, defining ride-share drop-off locations, and providing additional parking for Metra users. <i>Responds to Goals 1, 2 &amp; 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Public Works, Police <b>Partner:</b> RTA, Metra	Project/ Infrastructure Improvement  Low Priority
9. Improve access for pedestrians and emergency vehicles downtown by evaluating the feasibility of additional at-grade crossings across the railway tracks. <i>Responds to Goals 2 &amp; 3, and also Goal 1 in ⑤.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Public Works, Police <b>Partner:</b> RTA, Metra	Project/Infrastructure Improvement  Medium Priority
10. Conduct a public transit study to improve connectivity and transportation service in the Village. <i>Responds to Goals 1 &amp; 3, and also Goal 1 in ⑤.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development <b>Partner:</b> Pace	Project/Infrastructure Imp.  Low Priority

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	RESPONSIBILITY	TYPE & PRIORITY
11. Continue to identify future right-of-way utilization areas for roadway improvements to accommodate pedestrian, ride share, and public transportation opportunities. <i>Responds to Goal 2.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works	Project/Infrastructure Improvement
12. Prioritize and implement the completion of bicycle network infrastructure to improve bicycle route connectivity in the Village and to regional networks. <i>Responds to Goals 1 &amp; 3, and also Goal 1 in 1, 2 in 3, and 1 in 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works, Community Development	Project/Infrastructure Improvement  High Priority
13. Adopt a Complete Streets policy to ensure that the street network is planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe and convenient access for all users of the roadway, regardless of mode of transportation, age or abilities. <i>Responds to Goals 1 &amp; 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Public Works	Regulation
14. Establish and promote safe routes around schools and parks to encourage walking and biking, and decrease traffic congestion around these facilities during peak hours. Encourage the use of traffic calming techniques like crossing islands and crossing flags to further assist pedestrians to safely cross streets. <i>Responds to Goals 1, 4 &amp; 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services, Police <b>Partner:</b> School Districts	Program/Service, Project/Infrastructure Improvement, Promotion  High Priority
15. Prioritize and implement the completion of gaps in the sidewalk network to provide safe pedestrian access throughout the Village. <i>Responds to Goals 1 &amp; 2, and also Goal 6 in 1, 1 in 4, and 1 in 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works <b>Partner:</b> IDOT, Cook County	Project/Infrastructure Imp., Coordination  High Priority
16. Update the development review process to include review of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and traffic studies as needed to ensure that developments are safely and well connected to existing networks. <i>Responds to Goal 2.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Public Works	Regulation
17. Expand educational programs for seniors to include use of technology for transportation services such as ride shares to improve their mobility. <i>Responds to Goals 3 &amp; 5, and also Goal 3 in 3, and 1 in 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services, Community Development <b>Partner:</b> Pace, Metra	Program/Service
18. Implement modifications to improve traffic signal operation and intersection efficiency to improve the flow of traffic throughout the Village. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works	Project/Infrastructure Imp.  High Priority
<b>Long Term</b>		
19. Investigate the feasibility of providing a free bus service along dedicated routes to encourage ridership and support businesses. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works, Community Development, Finance <b>Partner:</b> Pace	Program/Service, Promotion
20. Prioritize and implement amenities and improvements at bus stop locations, including shelters, benches, lighting, and real-time information boards, to encourage ridership and improve safety and convenience. <i>Responds to Goal 1, and also Goal 1 in 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Public Works <b>Partner:</b> Pace	Project/Infrastructure Improvement  Low Priority

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	RESPONSIBILITY	TYPE & PRIORITY
21. Improve pedestrian access across the railway tracks by pursuing the construction of a pedestrian bridge between Melas Park and Meadows Park, and the feasibility of additional grade-separated crossings in the downtown area. <i>Responds to Goal 2.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works	Project/ Infrastructure Improvement  High Priority
22. Identify bike share opportunities to major employment and commercial centers to provide an alternate mode of transportation and reduce traffic congestion. <i>Responds to Goal 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development <b>Partner:</b> Local businesses	Program/Service,  Low Priority
23. Improve public transportation options to O'Hare Airport by exploring opportunities to connect to the Pace Pulse Dempster Route at Des Plaines Metra Station. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development <b>Partner:</b> RTA, Pace	Program/Service, Coordination  Medium Priority
24. Encourage employers to support public transit ridership, transit demand management strategies, rideshare, and bikeshare programs. <i>Responds to Goal 5, and also Goal 1 in 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development <b>Partner:</b> Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Merchants Association	Program/Service, Coordination
<b>Ongoing</b>		
25. Continue to provide educational materials to promote biking, safety, transit service, and walkability to encourage the use of alternate modes of transportation and reduce traffic congestion. <i>Responds to Goals 3 &amp; 5, and also Goal 3 in 3 and 1 in 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Promotion
26. Continue to implement the Bicycle Plan and bike route signage program to provide a safe environment for biking in the Village. <i>Responds to Goal 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works	Project/ Infrastructure Improvement
27. Continue to ensure that Village vehicles perform efficiently to reduce fuel consumption and pollution. <i>Responds to Goal 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works	Program/Service
28. Continue to implement pilot projects to reduce speeding and cut-through traffic, and improve pedestrian safety. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works, Community Development	Program/Service
29. Continue to identify locations for additional bicycle parking as needed. <i>Responds to Goal 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works	Project/Infrastructure Improvement

### 3. Strategies to support community needs

The strategies in this section help support the community’s changing needs for human service, housing, and amenities that are accessible to residents of all incomes, ages, and abilities. It also includes promotion and creation of events to engage and inform residents.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	RESPONSIBILITY	TYPE & PRIORITY
<b>Short Term</b>		
1. Identify/expand youth programs to include mentoring. <i>Responds to Goal 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services	Program/Service
2. Pursue access to the Health/Housing connection program through the Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative (NWSHC) for home modifications of seniors in the community to enable them to safely age in place via a safe physical environment at home. <i>Responds to Goals 1 &amp; 3, and also Goal 3 in 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Program/Service, Promotion, Coordination
3. Explore opportunities to address diversity and inclusiveness in the community and continue to find ways to better serve and communicate with the community’s diverse population. <i>Responds to Goals 2 &amp; 5, and also Goal 4 in 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services, Community Development, Police,	Program/Service
4. Identify historically significant buildings in the community and promote their preservation. <i>Responds to Goal 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Program/Service  Medium Priority
5. Conduct a needs analysis study to evaluate the need for more space to expand programs at the Community Connections Center. <i>Responds to Goal 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services	Project/Infrastructure Improvement
6. Expand and promote the Emergency Financial Assistance Program that provides qualifying residents with rental and utilities assistance, medications, and even summer pool passes. Pursue increasing the funds that support the program through grants and donations. <i>Responds to Goal 3 in 2.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services	Program/Service, Promotion
7. Conduct or promote educational programs for first time home buyers. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Human Services	Promotion
8. Support the organization of neighborhood events by creating programs that can be repeated, provide equipment that can be rented/borrowed for use, easy permit process, etc. <i>Responds to Goal 4, and also Goal 1 in 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Village Manager’s Office	Program/Service
9. Encourage developers to apply for HOME funds through Cook County for proposed developments that qualify based on HOME qualifications. <i>Responds to Goal 3, and also Goals 1 &amp; 3 in 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Human Services	Promotion
10. Continue to attract sales tax producing businesses to reduce the Village’s reliance on property taxes. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Finance	Program/Service
<b>Long Term</b>		
11. Organize programs to install art in the community similar to the painting of fire hydrants during the centennial celebrations. <i>Responds to Goal 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Village Manager’s Office	Program/Service, Promotion  Low Priority

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	RESPONSIBILITY	TYPE & PRIORITY
<b>Ongoing</b>		
<p>12. Through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG):</p> <p>a. Continue to fund Public Services that address Homelessness and a Continuum of Care and provide existing supportive services to residents with special needs.</p> <p>b. Continue to fund Rehab Programs that maintain/improve our existing housing stock, improve housing with supportive services, and improve public facilities that provide supportive services.</p> <p>c. Continue to fund Public Improvements like Sidewalk improvements, Public Parkway Tree replacement, and other Infrastructure improvements.</p> <p><i>Responds to Goals 1 &amp; 3.</i></p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Human Services</p>	<p>Program/Service, Promotion</p>
<p>13. Continue to partner with and support programming opportunities for all Mount Prospect residents.</p> <p><i>Responds to Goal 4, and also Goal 2 in 4 and 2 &amp; 4 in 6.</i></p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Village Departments <b>Partner:</b> Local businesses, Chamber, DMA</p>	<p>Program/Service, Coordination</p>
<p>14. Continue to identify and support home improvement programs to expand accessibility.</p> <p><i>Responds to Goal 1, and also Goal 3 in 1.</i></p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Human Services</p>	<p>Program/Service, Promotion</p>
<p>15. Continue to provide early intervention programs and services.</p> <p><i>Responds to Goals 1 &amp; 3.</i></p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Human Services, Police, Fire</p>	<p>Program/Service</p>
<p>16. Continue to provide crisis response service and a continuum of services for residents affected by a crisis.</p> <p><i>Responds to Goal 3.</i></p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Human Services, Police, Fire <b>Partner:</b> Relevant agencies</p>	<p>Program/Service</p>
<p>17. Continue to provide outreach and promote resources available for homelessness.</p> <p><i>Responds to Goal 1.</i></p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Human Services <b>Partner:</b> Northwest Compass, Journeys: The Road Home</p>	<p>Program/Service, Promotion</p>

## 4. Strategies to support health and safety in the community

The strategies in this section help improve access to health services, emergency services, and recreational opportunities. They also promote an active and healthy lifestyle through different programs and services, engage the Village’s diverse population and promote a safe and inclusive sense of place.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	RESPONSIBILITY	TYPE & PRIORITY
<b>Short Term</b>		
1. Promote existing mobile clinic services to improve access to residents. <i>Responds to Goal 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services	Promotion
2. Provide and promote intergenerational services/events. <i>Responds to Goal 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services	Program/Service, Promotion
3. Conduct programs on healthy eating habits, such as nutrition and cooking classes at different locations in the community including special programs for children. <i>Responds to Goal 2.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services, Community Development <b>Partner:</b> School Districts, Park Districts	Program/Service, Promotion
4. Evaluate the feasibility of locating a grocery store or farm-stand downtown, food trucks at events, etc. <i>Responds to Goal 2.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development <b>Partner:</b> Chamber, DMA	Program/Service, Coordination  High Priority
5. Identify locations for new community gardens, farm stands, farmers markets, and opportunities for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA's). <i>Responds to Goal 2.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development <b>Partner:</b> Park Districts, Schools Districts, Places of Worship	Program/Service, Coordination  Medium Priority
6. Monitor the changes in health indicators for Mount Prospect by the metrics outlined in WePlan2020. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services, Community Development	Program/Service
7. Work with local organizations, schools, faith communities, businesses, and the medical community to promote a healthy lifestyle. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Human Services <b>Partner:</b> Local organizations	Promotion, Coordination
8. Provide education on healthy food options, healthy choices, and active lifestyles. <i>Responds to Goals 2 &amp; 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Human Services	Promotion
9. Create awareness on mental health issues and services. <i>Responds to Goal 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services	Promotion
10. Establish neighborhood watches in residential areas, promote the use of technology for crime reporting, and continue to promote Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) guidelines and public safety information to eliminate the environment for crime and improve the perception of safety. <i>Responds to Goal 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Police, Fire <b>Partner:</b> Resident groups, neighborhood organizations, home owners associations, apartment rental companies.	Program/Service, Promotion  High Priority
11. Explore and invest in new technology such as drones to improve the quality of Village services provided. <i>Responds to Goal 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Fire, Police, Public Works, Community Development	Project/Infrastructure Improvement  Low Priority
12. Continue to pursue accreditation of Fire Department, Police Department, and Public Works, and aim to achieve ISO-I rating for the Fire Department. <i>Responds to Goal 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Fire	Program/Service

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	RESPONSIBILITY	TYPE & PRIORITY
13. Organize community events around ethnic foods. <i>Responds to Goal 2, and also Goal 5 in 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Program/Service, Promotion  Medium Priority
14. Study the opportunities for co-location of health and human services with other uses in the community. <i>Responds to Goal 3, and also Goal 2 in 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Human Services, Police, Fire	Project/Infrastructure Improvement
15. Create community partnerships with groups, organizations that show similar goals of medical, fire, and life safety issues. <i>Responds to Goals 3 &amp; 4, and also Goal 3 in 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services, Fire, Police	Program/Service, Coordination
16. Increase volunteer opportunities for Village events and services. <i>Responds to Goals 3 &amp; 4, and also Goal 4 in 3, and 1 &amp; 2 in 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Village Manager's Office, Human Services	Program/Service, Promotion  Medium Priority
<b>Long Term</b>		
17. Evaluate the need to provide nursing/health services to respond to the changing needs of residents. <i>Responds to Goal 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services	Program/Service
18. Identify opportunities for locally produced groceries/food to be distributed to residents in need. <i>Responds to Goal 2.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services, Community Development	Program/Service, Coordination
19. Support educational programs for school aged children about local food production by providing access to community gardens, bee keeping, etc. <i>Responds to Goal 2.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services, Community Development <b>Partners:</b> Community organizations, School Districts	Program/Service, Promotion
<b>Ongoing</b>		
20. Continue to provide mental health related services. <i>Responds to Goal 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services	Program/Service
21. Support the objectives of Cook County Department of Public Health's WePlan2020 to improve health equity, reduce chronic disease, and support and enhance behavioral health. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Human Services <b>Partner:</b> Cook County Department of Public Health	Program/Service, Coordination
22. Continue and expand programs such as the Citizen Police Academy, Coffee with the Cops, Fire Academies, and other programs to engage residents and build rapport. <i>Responds to Goal 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Police, Fire	Program/Service, Promotion
23. Continue to provide information, public education, and risk reduction in the community. <i>Responds to Goal 3, and also Goal 4 in 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Fire	Promotion
24. Continue to identify additional services and strategies to improve efficiency and effectiveness of emergence response, services and capabilities of the Village's Fire Department. <i>Responds to Goal 4, and also Goal 4 in 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Fire	Program/Service
25. Continue to identify additional areas of shared response within the Village with other service providers. <i>Responds to Goal 3, and also Goal 2 in 3, and 4 in 5.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Fire, Police	Program/Service

# 5. Strategies to support resiliency in the community

The strategies in this section help protect the environment, improve the sustainability initiatives in the community, and ensure the community’s resilience in the face of any disasters or hazards. Besides having a positive impact on the environment, energy and water saving strategies also support economic sustainability through savings in the cost of utilities. This helps lower the cost of living and in turn increase the disposable income of residents. Stormwater management strategies help protect public property from flooding and having a hazard mitigation plan in place will help the community prepare and recover from any disasters or hazards.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	RESPONSIBILITY	TYPE & PRIORITY
<b>Short Term</b>		
1. Conduct energy audits and recommissioning of all public buildings, implement energy efficiency improvements and track savings. <i>Responds to Goal 1, and also Goal 7 in 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works, Community Development, Village Manager’s Office	Project/Infrastructure Improvement  Medium Priority
2. Evaluate the installation of building Energy Management Systems at all Village facilities. <i>Responds to Goal 1, and also Goal 7 in 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works	Project/Infrastructure Improvement  Medium Priority
3. Complete the Levee 37 project. <i>Responds to Goal 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works	Project/Infrastructure Improvement
4. Establish a solid waste reduction program at all Village facilities. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Village Manager’s Office, All Departments	Program/Service  Medium Priority
5. Evaluate setting up a new service to collect household hazardous waste and dispose of it. <i>Responds to Goal 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works <b>Partners:</b> Republic Services	Program/Service  Medium Priority
6. Connect the parks, greenways, and recreational facilities to the surroundings. <i>Responds to Goals 1 &amp; 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Public Works <b>Partners:</b> Park Districts, School Districts, ComEd	Project/Infrastructure Improvement  High Priority
7. Partner with other service providers to further the common sustainability goals and address environmental issues. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Village Manager’s Office	Program/Service, Promotion, Coordination
8. Establish a Village Sustainability Committee to guide energy efficiency and conservation activities, educate the public, and demonstrate leadership in sustainability. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Village Manager’s Office	Program/Service, Coordination  Medium Priority
<b>Long Term</b>		
9. Increase promotion of the preservation of natural resources, and environmental programs. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Village Manager’s Office, Human Services, Public Works <b>Partners:</b> MP Public Library	Promotion
10. Convert Village street lights to LED or other energy efficient lighting. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works	Project/Infrastructure Improvement  High Priority
11. Promote tree species diversity, use of native planting in landscaping, planting guidelines, preservation of waterways and pollution reduction methods, and tree preservation. <i>Responds to Goals 1 &amp; 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works <b>Partner:</b> Park Districts, School Districts	Promotion

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	RESPONSIBILITY	TYPE & PRIORITY
12. Develop and implement a Village Sustainability Education & Public Outreach Program to encourage Village staff and the community to invest time and resources in sustainability initiatives. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development <b>Partner:</b> Library	Program/Service, Promotion, Coordination
13. Establish a composting and mulching program. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works	Program/Service  Medium Priority
14. Review installing renewable energy sources at all public buildings and facilities. <i>Responds to Goal 1, and also Goal 7 in 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works	Project/Infrastructure Improvement  Medium Priority
15. Support the use of non-toxic treatments for landscaping and plants in public areas. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works <b>Partner:</b> Park Districts, School Districts	Program/Service, Promo.  Medium Priority
16. Promote awareness through appropriate signage of the Village's anti-idling policy for vehicles. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works, Community Development	Promotion, Regulation, Project/Infrastructure Improvement
<b>Ongoing</b>		
17. Continue to promote current residential Energy Efficiency Programs: -ComEd Home Energy Assessments for residential properties -Nicor Gas energySMART energy efficiency loans for homeowners -Income-Qualifying Programs: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Share the Warmth, Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP), Weatherization Assistance Program/ Multi-family Weatherization Assistance Program. <i>Responds to Goal 1, and also Goal 7 in 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Promotion
18. Continue to maintain/clean-up creeks in the community. <i>Responds to Goal 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works <b>Partners:</b> MWRD	Project/Infrastructure Improvement
19. Continue to create awareness about the safe shelters, informational kiosks, emergency preparedness, and response procedures in the Village. <i>Responds to Goal 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Fire, Community Development	Promotion
20. Continue to implement the Village's Home Weatherization Program and Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Program. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Promotion
21. Conduct educational programs on the economic, social, and environmental benefits of energy, water, and waste reduction programs. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works, Community Development	Promotion
22. Continue to update the Village's Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) and Continuity of Operation Plan (COOP) that outlines the roles and responsibilities of Village departments and partner entities during large scale disasters and emergencies. <i>Responds to Goals 1 &amp; 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Fire	Project/Infrastructure Improvement, Promotion, Coordination
23. Continue to pursue green building certification for all Village buildings and encourage certification of new construction projects as well. <i>Responds to Goal 1, and also Goal 7 in 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Public Works, Village Manager's Office	Program/Service, Promotion
24. Continue to provide promotional materials for the community on solid waste reduction, recycling programs, and composting. <i>Responds to Goal 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works	Promotion

## 6. Strategies to support economic vitality in the community

The strategies in this section help support the business community through training, promotion, partnerships and recognition. They also encourage businesses to engage in the community and improve the business climate.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	RESPONSIBILITY	TYPE & PRIORITY
<b>Short Term</b>		
1. Market the Village through the development of a comprehensive website, increasing the use of social media, and participation at targeted conferences and trade shows. <i>Responds to Goals 1, 3 &amp; 4, and also Goal 2 in ①.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Promotion
2. Aggressively pursue redevelopment opportunities in the downtown district as detailed in the Downtown Implementation Plan. <i>Responds to Goal 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development <b>Partner:</b> Developers	Promotion, Coordination
3. Review existing development codes and processes for opportunities to streamline the permit approval process. <i>Responds to Goals 1 &amp; 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Regulation  High Priority
4. Collaborate with the Downtown Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce to maintain an open dialogue with the business community. <i>Responds to Goals 1 &amp; 2.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development <b>Partner:</b> Chamber, DMA	Coordination
5. Reach out to recently annexed businesses to welcome them to the community and to determine if they have unmet needs. <i>Responds to Goal 4, and also Goal 2 in ①.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development <b>Partner:</b> Chamber, EDC	Coordination
<b>Long Term</b>		
6. Retain, expand, and attract businesses Village-wide, emphasizing innovation. <i>Responds to Goals 3 &amp; 4, and also Goal 1 in ①.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Promotion, Coordination  High Priority
7. Nurture entrepreneurship in Mount Prospect. <i>Responds to Goals 3 &amp; 4, and also Goal 1 in ①.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Program/Service  High Priority
8. Create jobs and workforce training opportunities for residents in diversified business sectors. <i>Responds to Goal 2.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Program/Service, Coordination  Medium Priority
9. Promote Mount Prospect as an innovative and progressive place by reinforcing the strengths of our diverse community. <i>Responds to Goals 3 &amp; 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Promotion
10. Ensure Village infrastructure supports the needs of the business community. <i>Responds to Goal 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Public Works, Community Development	Project/Infrastructure Improvement
11. Encourage mixed-use redevelopment of aging commercial centers throughout the community. <i>Responds to Goal 3.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Promotion  High Priority
<b>Ongoing</b>		
12. Utilize incentives to recruit targeted businesses. <i>Responds to Goals 3 &amp; 4, and also Goal 2 in ①.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Program/Service, Promotion

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES	RESPONSIBILITY	TYPE & PRIORITY
13. Support requests for Cook County Class 6b incentives to encourage the attraction and retention of manufacturing operations in the Village. <i>Responds to Goals 3 &amp; 4, and also Goal 2 in 1.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Program/Service, Promotion
14. Provide matching façade and interior build-out grants to qualifying businesses. <i>Responds to Goals 3 &amp; 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Program/Service, Promotion
15. Market available sites for sale and lease throughout the community. <i>Responds to Goals 3 &amp; 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development	Promotion
16. Continue to support the Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative in conjunction with the Mount Prospect Library, Chamber of Commerce, and Downtown Merchants Association. <i>Responds to Goals 3 &amp; 4.</i>	<b>Lead:</b> Community Development, Village Manager's Office <b>Partner:</b> Mount Prospect Library, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Merchants Association	Coordination

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# glossary

**ADT** - Average Daily Traffic

**Community amenities** - May refer to desirable or useful features of any resource (facility or service) provided or available in the community.

**Co-working spaces** - A shared environment used by different people to work independently. Unlike in a typical office environment, those co-working are usually not employed by the same organization. Typical users of co-working spaces include work-at-home professionals, independent contractors, people who travel frequently or freelancers.

**Community resources** - Include the public library, community facilities like school and park district facilities, senior centers, cultural centers, places of worship and other facilities that provide residents with a service or amenity.

**CMAP** - Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

**CMAP Region** - CMAP's six county region including the counties of Cook, Lake, Kane, DuPage, McHenry and Will

**HOME** - HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is a type of United States federal assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide decent and affordable housing, particularly housing for low-income households.

**NWSHC** - Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative, created in 2011 to help Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Mount Prospect, Palatine, and Rolling Meadows develop regional solutions to address the short and long-term housing needs.

**Public transit** - or public transportation includes the service provided by the Pace buses, shuttles, and vans and Metra trains. It also includes transportation service provided by other service providers in the community.

**Third Places** - informal public spaces separate from the two primary environments of home ("first place") and the office ("second place"). They can be defined as any place one spends time at other than work or home. The most common third placed identified was the public library.

**TOD** - Transit Oriented Development

**Traffic calming** - The use of physical design and other measures to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

**Service providers** - Includes non-profit and for-profit organizations that provide a service in the community. Examples include park and school districts, places of worship, hospitals, etc.

**SWMP** - Storm Water Management Program

**Universal design** - The design and composition of an environment so that it can be accessed, understood and used to the greatest extent possible by all people regardless of their age, size, ability or disability.

**USGBC** - U.S. Green Building Council

**VMT** - Vehicle Miles Traveled

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# who we are

## population demographics

- » A growing and aging population
- » Family friendly - highest percentage households with families and children as compared to neighboring communities
- » Recent increase in the median household income and educational attainment

## multi-ethnic diversity

- » A melting pot of languages and cultures that provide much to celebrate in the community

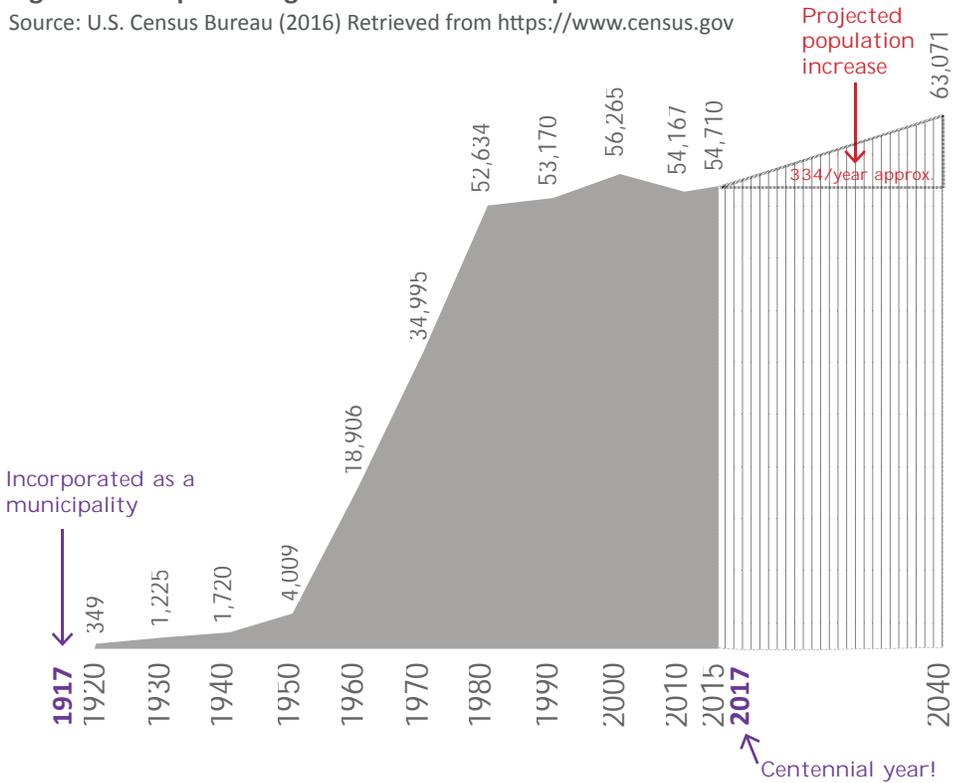
# Population demographics

Since incorporation in 1917, Mount Prospect's population saw the greatest increase between 1950 and 1980 (Figure A-1), during which seventy-two percent (72%) of the housing stock was built (Figure A-2). The land area of the municipality also grew over time, as more land was annexed into the Village. Between 2000 and 2010, the population of Mount Prospect and that of the surrounding communities have essentially leveled off (Figure A-2). However, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's (CMAP) GO TO 2040 Comprehensive Plan for the CMAP region projects that Mount Prospect could see a fifteen percent (15%) increase in its population by 2040 (if the region changes as per the assumptions made for the projection). The growth is expected to generate a demand for approximately 125 households per year - an increase of 3,100 households. Besides increasing demands for housing, a growing population would also create a demand for additional educational, recreational, and other municipal services. As the community is nearly fully built out, it lacks the capacity to add this many residents without changes to the zoning code to provide flexibility for growth.

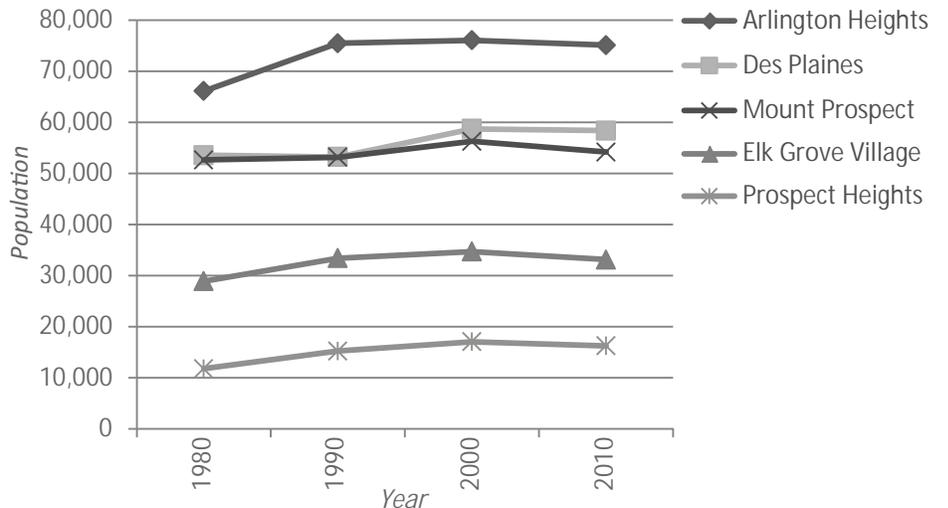


**Figure A-1: Population growth of Mount Prospect**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2016) Retrieved from <https://www.census.gov>



**Figure A-2: Population growth of Mount Prospect compared to the surrounding communities** (Source- U.S. Census Bureau (2016) Retrieved from <https://www.census.gov>)

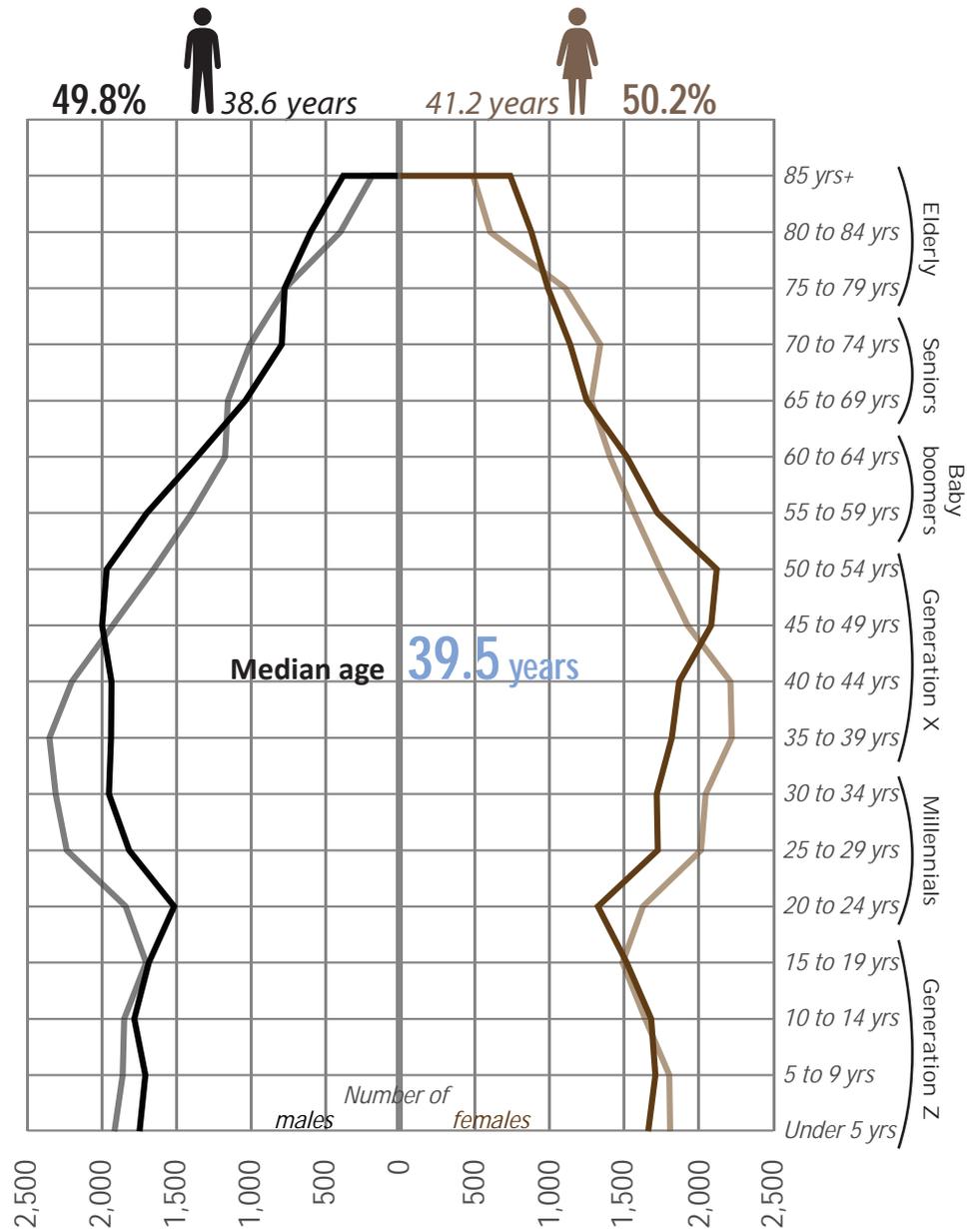


# Age

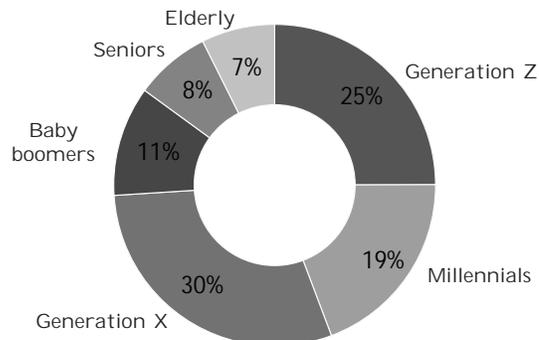
Mount Prospect has an aging population. This is evident from the median age of the community's population and the shift in population from one cohort to the next between 2000 and 2010. In 2010, the median age in Mount Prospect had increased to 39.5 years from 37.2 years in 2000, higher than Cook County (35.9 years) and Illinois (37.3 years). Stabilizing birth rates and longer life expectancy, are contributing factors to an increase in the median age.

Currently, eight percent (8%) of the population are seniors and seven percent (7%) are elderly. As the baby boomers and generation X which make up forty-one percent (41%) of the population age over the next 30 years, the number of seniors and elderly in the community will grow drastically. Ensuring that there are adequate housing options for these cohorts to age in place will be important, as will providing for the housing needs of the next generation of residents.

**Figure A-3: Mount Prospect's population pyramid**  
Source- U.S. Census Bureau (2000, 2010) *Census Summary File 1*



**Figure A-4: Snapshot of Mount Prospect's age cohorts in 2010**  
Source- U.S. Census Bureau (2010) *Census Summary File 1*



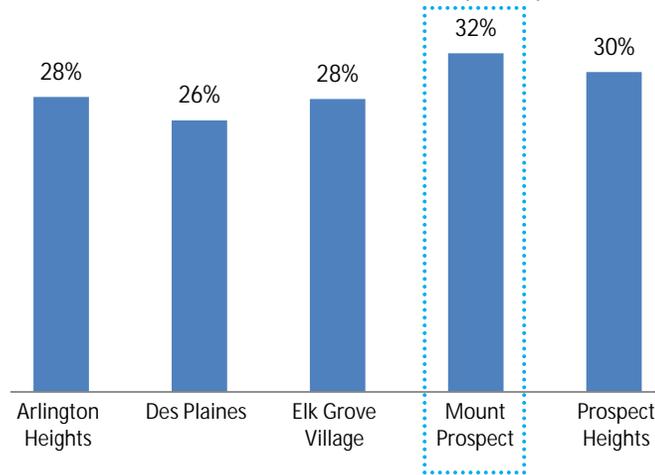
## Families

Mount Prospect has approximately 14,400 family households. Additionally, compared to the surrounding suburban communities, Mount Prospect has the highest percentage of households with children (Figure: A-5). Equipped with great schools, neighborhoods, and community resources, Mount Prospect was voted the “Best Place to Raise Kids” (Businessweek.com - 2009) and “Top 100 Places to Live” (Money Magazine, 2010).

<b>Total Families</b>	<b>14,402</b>	<b>Average Family size</b>	<b>3.26</b>
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>20,290</b>	<b>Household size</b>	<b>2.69</b>

**Figure A-5: Percentage of Mount Prospect households with children as compared to neighboring communities**

Source- U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



## Income

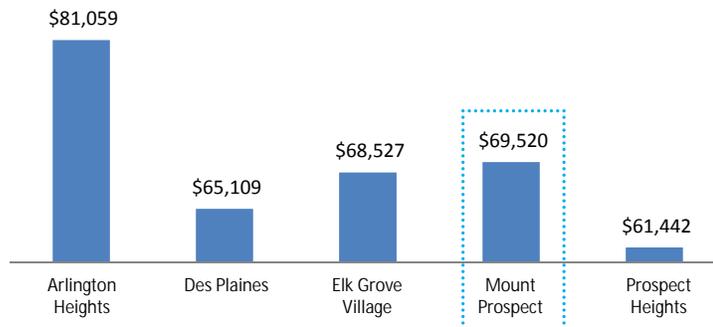
### Median Household Income

**\$69,520**

The median household income in Mount Prospect has increased by eighteen percent (18%) between 2000 and 2015.

**Figure A-7: Median household income compared to neighboring communities**

Source- U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

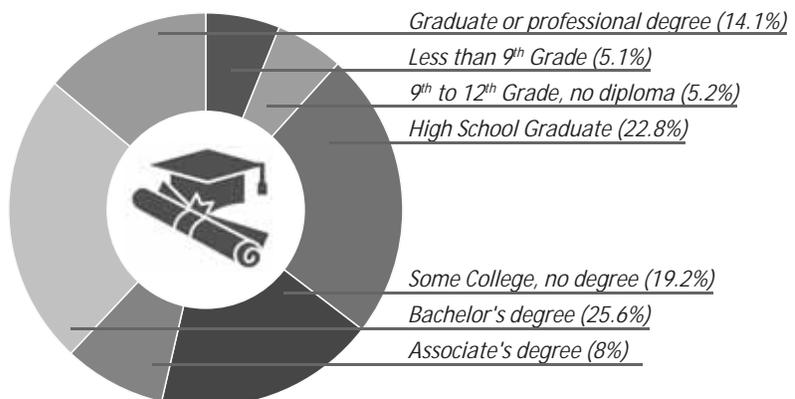


## Educational Attainment

Ninetypercent (90%) of Mount Prospect residents are high school graduates or higher, while forty percent (40%) have a bachelor’s degree or higher. This is a fifty-six percent (56%) increase between 2000 and 2015 for those who have a bachelor’s degree or higher. Additional ways to further improve the skillset of the community’s workforce is through training and development of skills that pay off in the labor market. This includes educational certificates or licenses, noncredit courses, on-the-job training, and apprenticeships.

**Figure A-8: Educational attainment of Mount Prospect residents**

Source- U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



# Multi-ethnic Diversity

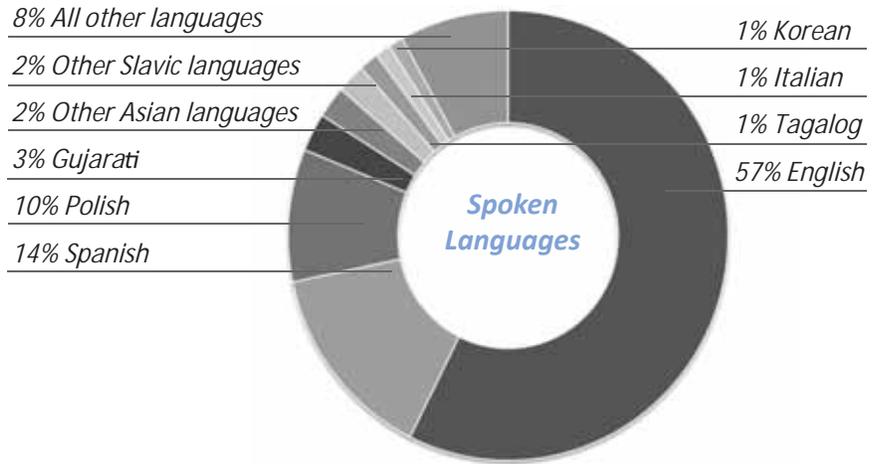
## Mount Prospect is a melting pot of languages and cultures.

While fifty-seven percent (57%) of residents speak only English at home, fourteen percent (14%) also speak Spanish, ten percent (10%) speak Polish, followed by Gujarati, and other Asian and Slavic languages (Figure A-9). With respect to ancestry, sixteen percent of residents are Polish, fifteen percent (15%) are German, ten percent (10%) are Irish and eight percent (8%) are Italian (Figure A-10). Additionally, thirty two percent (32%) of the community's residents were born in a foreign land. Ten percent (10%) were born in Latin America, another ten percent (10%) in Asia, and nine percent (9%) in Eastern Europe<sup>1</sup>.

With respect to race, Mount Prospect's non-white population increased from nineteen percent (19%) to twenty three percent (23%) between 2000 and 2010, and it was at twenty-six percent (26%) in 2015 (Figure: A-11). The pie chart in Figure A-11 shows the diverse mix of races within this population.

**Figure A-9: Languages spoken by Mount Prospect residents**

Source- U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



**Figure A-10: Map highlighting the top countries of ancestry and birth for Mount Prospect residents (country names are included in the adjacent paragraph)**

Source- U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

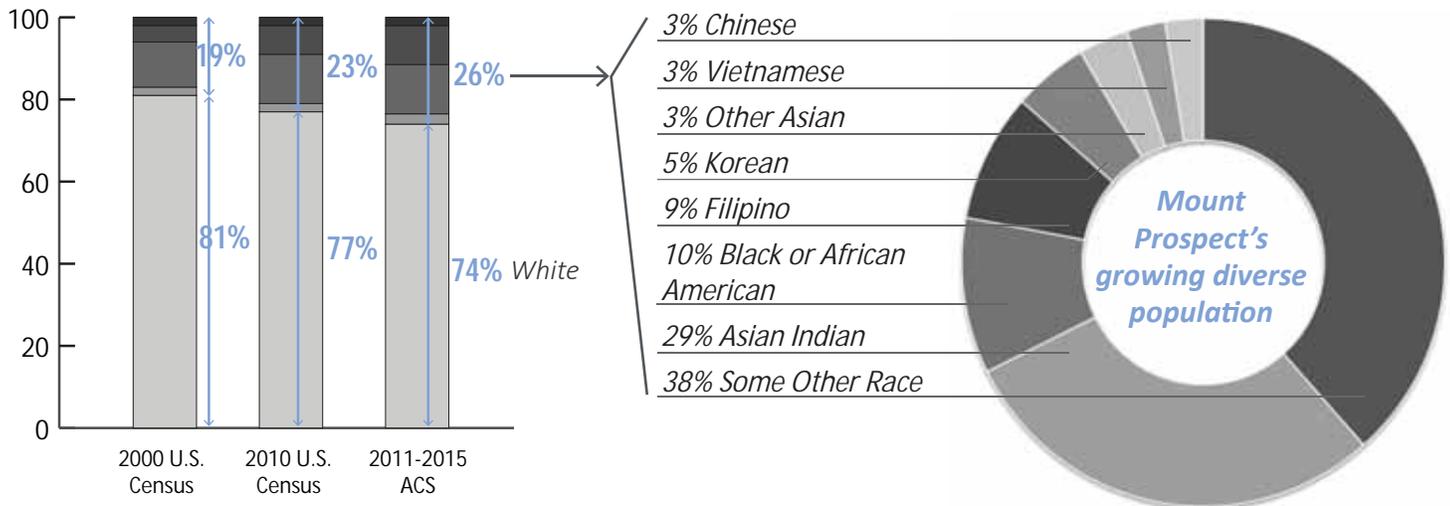
Hispanic/Latino 16.5%



Note: The Census Bureau lists Hispanic or Latino as a separate category besides race. This means that residents may identify as both Hispanic or Latino and white or another race.

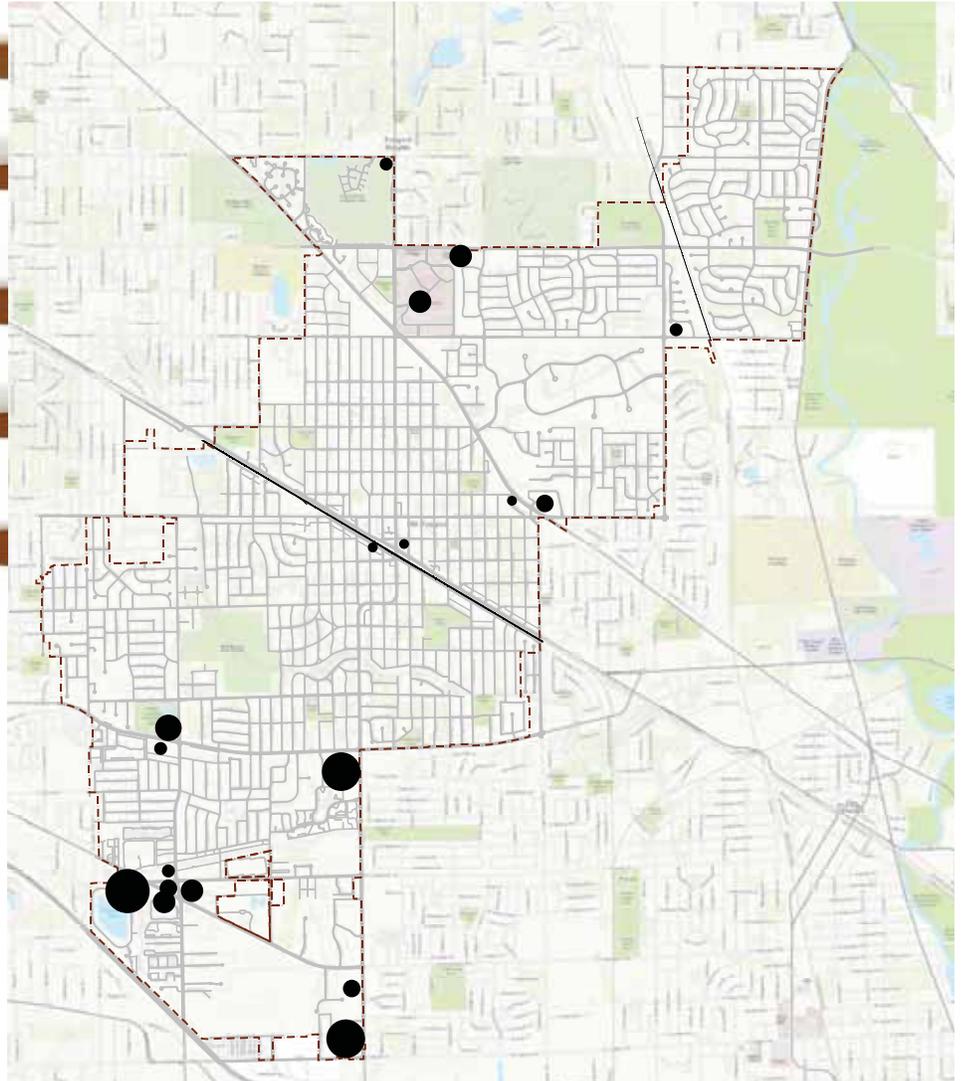
**Figure A-11: Race distribution of Mount Prospect residents**

Source- U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



**Figure A-12: Distribution of diverse food and retail offerings in Mount Prospect**

Source- Village of Mount Prospect

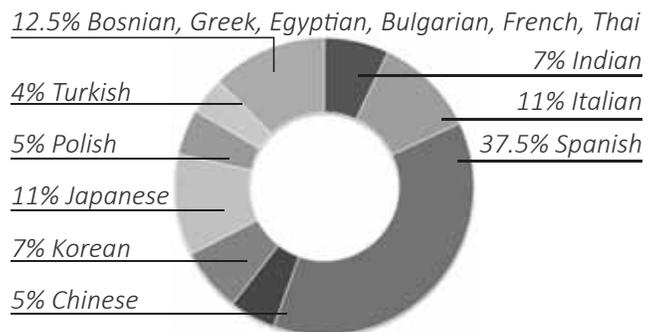


Mount Prospect's population has also become more ethnically diverse with respect to residents that identify as Hispanic/Latino- a trend that is consistent both regionally and nationally. This Latino population grew by forty percent (40%) between 2000 and 2010, which is twice the growth rate of the Latino population in Cook County. Ensuring that services provided in the community cater to the specific needs of this diverse population will be important to ensure inclusivity.

Mount Prospect's diversity is not limited to its people. It also has a diversity of food establishments, retail offerings, and cultural centers. Figure A-12 shows the location clusters of these different types of ethnic commercial establishments in Mount Prospect. The chart in Figure A-13 shows the diversity of cuisines that these establishments offer - truly adding a multi-ethnic flavor to the community. Additionally, Mount Prospect is also home to cultural institutions such as the Turkish American Society, Hanul Family Alliance (Korean American Senior Center), and Bulgarian Traditions (cultural center).

**Figure A-13: Diversity of cuisines in Mount Prospect**

Source- Village of Mount Prospect



# where we live, work, learn, & play

## live

- » aging housing stock
- » preference for newer residents to rent versus own their units
- » need for more condominiums to house millennials, younger suburban commuters, and empty-nesters
- » need for more market rate units for seniors
- » opportunities exist to improve housing affordability

## work

- » a majority of residents work outside Mount Prospect, while local jobs are filled by non-residents
- » a diverse mix of employers
- » opportunities exist to reduce housing and transportation costs

## learn

- » well-served by public and private educational institutions

## play

- » most neighborhoods are well-served by recreational facilities, but there are opportunities to improve access to them

# LIVE

Mount Prospect is a predominantly single-family residential suburban community. Some key housing trends are noted below:

**Age of housing** Similar to most of the neighboring communities, eighty three percent (83%) of Mount Prospect's housing stock was built between 1950 and 1990 (Figure A-14). Given their age, some houses may be in need of upgrades or maintenance/rehabilitation, especially with respect to making them more energy efficient and capable of accommodating an aging population.

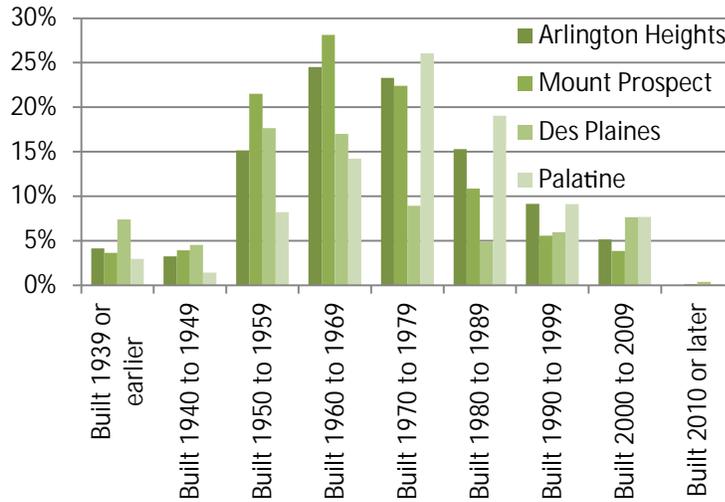
**Distribution** As the map in Figure A-15 illustrates, single family detached housing is the predominant housing type in the community at fifty seven percent (57%). Much of the townhome and multi-family units are located along major corridors and in the southern portion of the Village.

The Homes for a Changing Region report completed by Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) in 2013, included a Housing Policy Plan for Mount Prospect. The report made a series of housing recommendations that included: addressing housing rehabilitation needs; dealing with the aftermath of foreclosures; creating more opportunities for senior housing; exploring development and redevelopment opportunities in southern Mount Prospect, including unincorporated areas; and creating initiatives to increase the energy efficiency of new and existing housing.

While some of these recommendations are currently being addressed, there is opportunity to expand support for housing rehabilitation, energy efficiency initiatives, housing variety for seniors, and redevelopment opportunities.

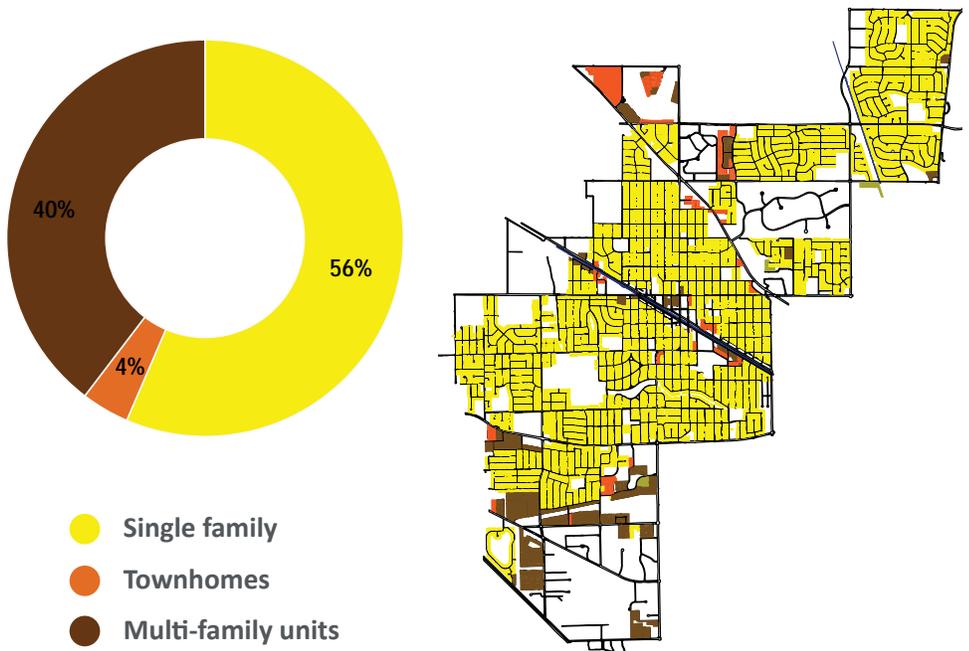
**Figure A-14: Age of units in Mount Prospect and surrounding communities**

Source- U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



**Figure A-15: Snapshot of Mount Prospect's housing units by type**

Source- U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



## Tenure (owned or rented)

Ninety four percent (94%) of the single family homes in Mount Prospect are owner occupied, while only thirty one percent (31%) of multi-family units are owner occupied. This is attributable to much of the multi-family units being apartment buildings. An interesting trend is that a majority of the community's long-time residents own their units, while newer residents tend to rent their units (as shown in Figure A-18).

## Additional housing needs

Recent housing studies that reviewed Mount Prospect's housing stock noted a need to expand the type of units available for a few different cohort populations in the community. The 2013 Senior Housing Needs Assessment Report prepared for the Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative noted that there was a need to add more market rate units for seniors in Mount Prospect (Figure A-19). Additionally, a market study completed in 2017 noted that the Village lacks desired Class A type rental units, and that there was a demand for rental units in condo buildings downtown. The report also predicted a future need for condominiums to house millennials and empty-nesters.

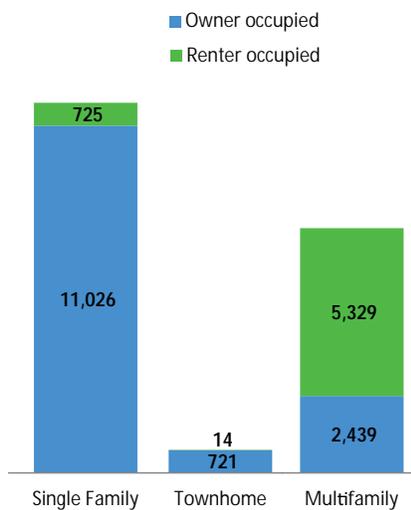
**Figure A-16: Housing Profile**

Source- U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Summary File QT-H1

<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>21,836</b>	
<b>Occupied units</b>	<b>20,564</b>	<b>94.2%</b>
<b>Owner occupied</b>	<b>14,893</b>	<b>72.4%</b>
<b>Renter occupied</b>	<b>5,671</b>	<b>27.6%</b>
<b>Vacant Units</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>5.8%</b>

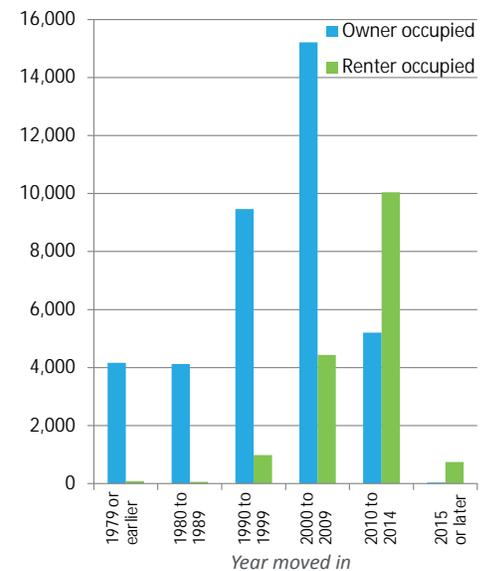
**Figure A-17: Snapshot of housing units by type of occupancy**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



**Figure A-18: Historic preference of residents to own vs rent their unit**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



**Figure A-19: Number of senior housing units needed in Mount Prospect by type of unit** (Source Senior Housing Needs Assessment Report)

### The need for more senior housing

In 2013, a Senior Housing Needs Assessment Report was prepared for the Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative which represents the communities of Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Mount Prospect, Palatine and Rolling Meadows. The report noted that there were 20 senior housing facilities with approximately 3,800 units within these communities. Of these, 503 units were in Mount Prospect in the form of affordable independent units at Mount Prospect Horizon, Huntington Towers, and Centennial North & South. The report stated the need for adding more market rate units as shown in the table below-

	Independent living	Assisted Living	Memory Care
Market Rate	464	139	74
Affordable	(139)*	179	58
Moderate Income	196		

\*Numbers in parentheses indicate excess supply.

## Housing costs

The 2017 Market Study Report by Appraisal Research Counselors also noted that the net effective rent per square foot is higher in communities with higher detached housing prices. The median single family house sale price was \$326,150 in 2016, which was a twenty two percent (22%) increase since 2013. This increase in property values might have also impacted rental prices in Mount Prospect. Additionally, given that the community does not have many vacant sites for new single-family houses, it is possible that the housing demand may exceed supply well into the future, further pushing housing prices upwards.

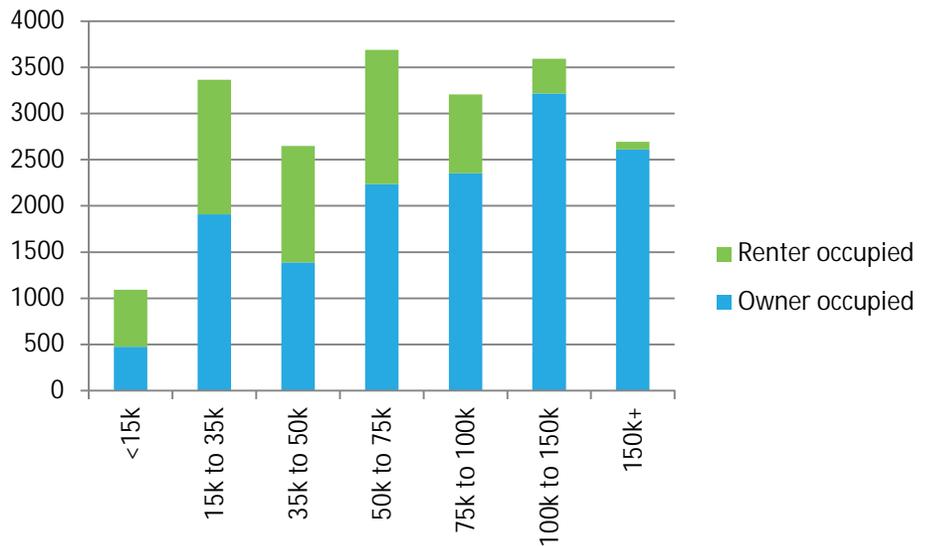
Affordable housing is housing that costs no more than 30 percent of household income (including utilities, insurance, and taxes). As per 2010 Census data, forty percent (40%) of renters and thirty five percent (35%) of owners in Mount Prospect are cost burdened. This was a ten percent (10%) increase for renters and thirteen percent (13%) increase for owners since 2000. This increase in cost burdened households however, is consistent with national trends. An analysis by Harvard University attributes this trend in general to declining incomes, slow employment growth, and more stringent credit requirements.

### 40% renters and 35% owners are cost burdened

	Median Household Income	Monthly Housing Costs
Owner occupied units	\$85,968	\$1,580
Renter occupied units	\$46,526	\$974

**Figure A-20: Owners vs renters based on household income**

Source- 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



# WORK

## Commuting to work

A majority of Mount Prospect residents work outside the Village. Only seven percent (7%) of residents live and work in the community (Figure A-21), while ninety-three percent (93%) work in the surrounding communities listed in Figure A-22. The majority of employees in Mount Prospect live outside the community. Figure A-23 lists the different communities these workers travel from to get to their workplace in Mount Prospect.

**Figure A-21: Diagram showing Inflow/outflow of jobs**

Source: State of Illinois IDES: Where workers Work 2016 Report

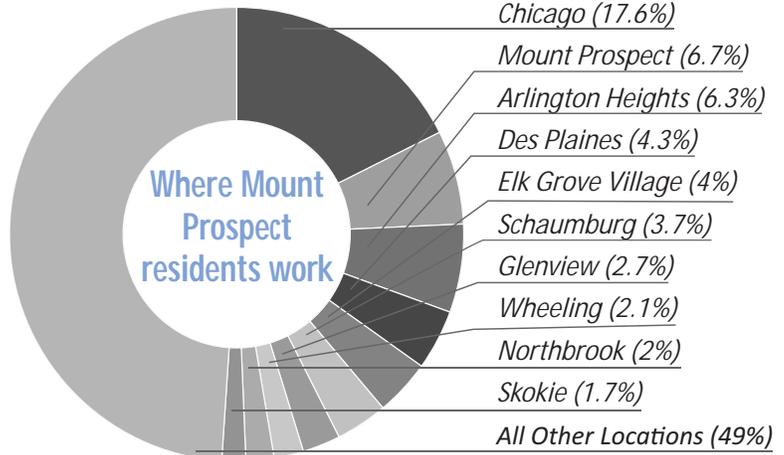


## Place of work

The largest employers in Mount Prospect are listed below in Figure A-24. The largest employer is CVS Caremark. While industrial uses have the highest building square footage in the community, the retail trade industry had the highest share of jobs based on industry classification in 2015 (Figure A-25).

**Figure A-22: Chart showing where Mount Prospect's residents work**

Source: State of Illinois IDES: Where workers Work 2016 Report



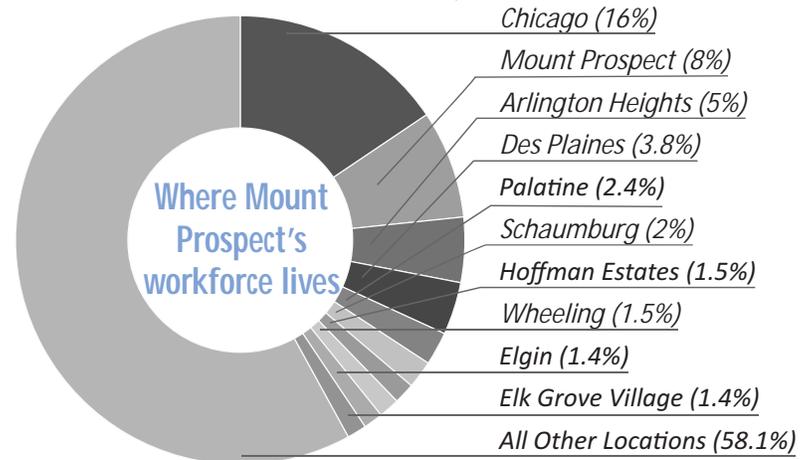
**Figure A-24: Mount Prospect's largest employers**

(Source: VOMP, 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report)

Company Name	Employees (approx.)
CVS Caremark	1,445
Robert Bosch Tool Corp.	650
Cummins-Allison Corp.	391
Village of Mount Prospect	307
Rauland Borg	300
School District 57	300
Carson Pirie Scott	291
Jewel Food Stores Inc	240
Township High School District 214	225
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc	200

**Figure A-23: Chart showing where Mount Prospect's workforce lives**

Source: State of Illinois IDES: Where workers Work 2016 Report



**Industrial/Flex space**  
**5 million sq. ft.**

**Commercial space**  
**3.2 million sq. ft.**

**Office space**  
**1.7 million sq. ft.**

**Figure A-25: Mount Prospect's top employment industrial**

Source: Village of Mount Prospect

2015 Industry (NAICS*)	Share of jobs
Retail Trade	27.6 %
Manufacturing	11.2 %
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, and Management of Companies and Enterprises	10.2 %
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services	9.9 %
Wholesale Trade	9.0 %
Finance and Insurance, Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing	7.4 %
Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance	6.9 %
Construction	5.9 %
Other Services, except Public Administration	5.1 %
Information	4.6 %
Transportation and Warehousing	2.3 %

\*NAICS- North American Industry Classification System



## Travel mode & affordability

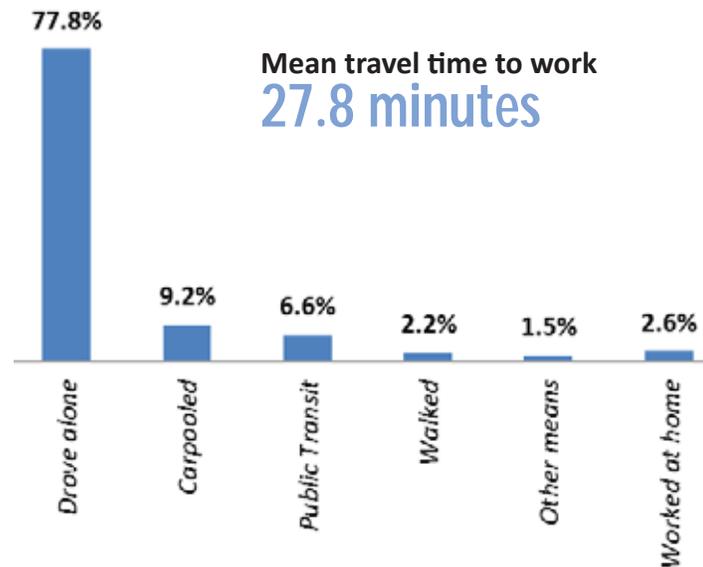
Figure A-24 shows the different modes of travel residents choose to get to work. According to the 2010 Census, thirty-five percent (35%) of occupied housing units in Mount Prospect have only 1 vehicle, requiring other householders to share or depend on other modes of transportation for travel. Typically, a household's largest expenditure after housing costs is on transportation. The Housing and Transportation (H+T®) Affordability Index by the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) provides a comprehensive view of affordability that includes both the cost of housing and transportation at the neighborhood level.

The H+T Index combines both housing and transportation costs and sets the benchmark at no more than 45% of the total household income. Figure A-27 illustrates the areas of the community that have a H+T index over 45%, signifying a cost burden of housing and transportation expenses on typical households in that area. Given the high percentage of workers who drive to work alone and the distribution of the H+T index, there is opportunity to improve access to public transportation and alternate modes of transportation in the Village.

**Annual Transportation Costs \$11,827** Autos per household **1.65**  
**19,010** Average Household Vehicle Miles Traveled  
**8.10 tonnes** Annual greenhouse gas emission per household

**Figure A-26: Mode of travel to work for Mount Prospect residents**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

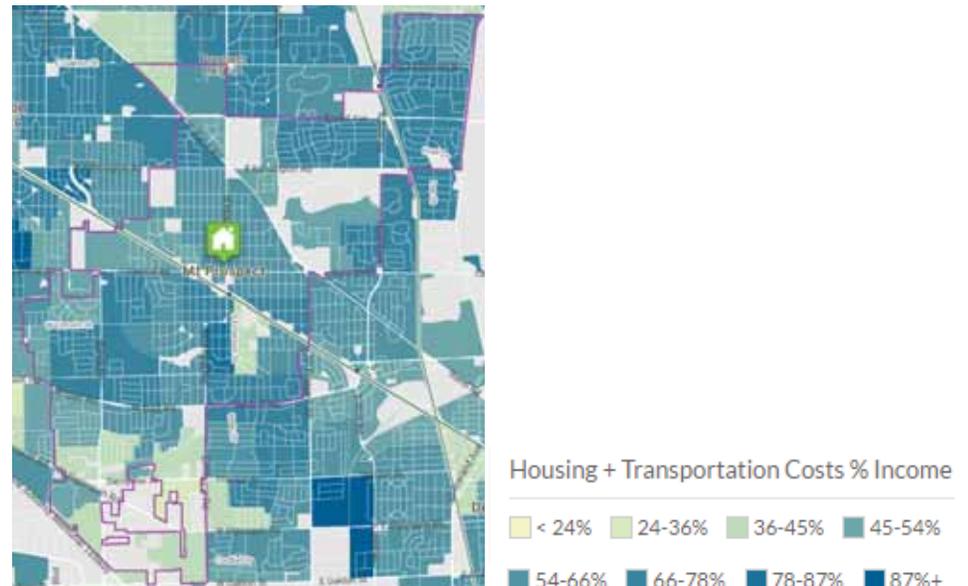


Mean travel time to work  
**27.8 minutes**

**35% of occupied housing units have only 1 vehicle**

**Figure A-27: Map showing the Housing + Transportation costs in the area**

Source: Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT)



# LEARN

## Education System

Mount Prospect residents are served by six (6) elementary school districts (Figure A-28). Township High School District 214 serves the whole community. While only Prospect High School is located in Mount Prospect, residents also attend John Hersey, Rolling Meadows, and Elk Grove High Schools. The enrollment numbers for all the schools serving Mount Prospect are included in Figure A-30.

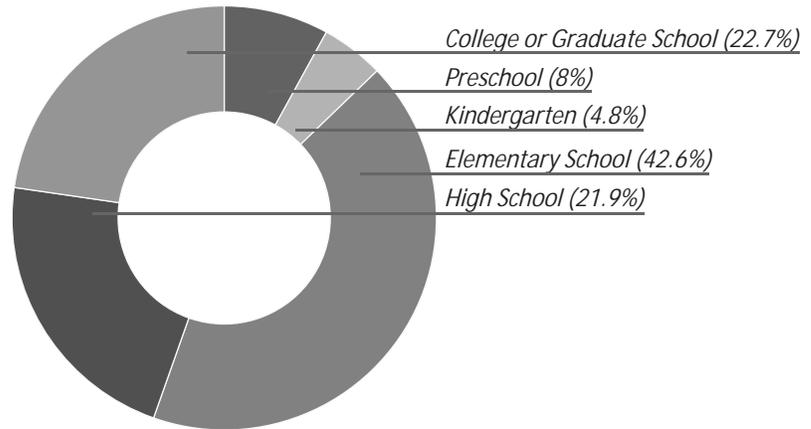
The quality of educational institutions has always been a major factor in the quality of life in the Village. According to the Illinois District Report Card (<http://iirc.niu.edu>), all 6 school districts serving Mount Prospect produced test results above the state average. However, enrollment is near capacity at most public schools and are over capacity at a few schools.

Higher educational institutions in the area include Christian Life College in Mount Prospect, Oakton Community College in Des Plaines, Harper College in Palatine, and Roosevelt University in Schaumburg.

**28.3%** increase in School enrollment since 2012

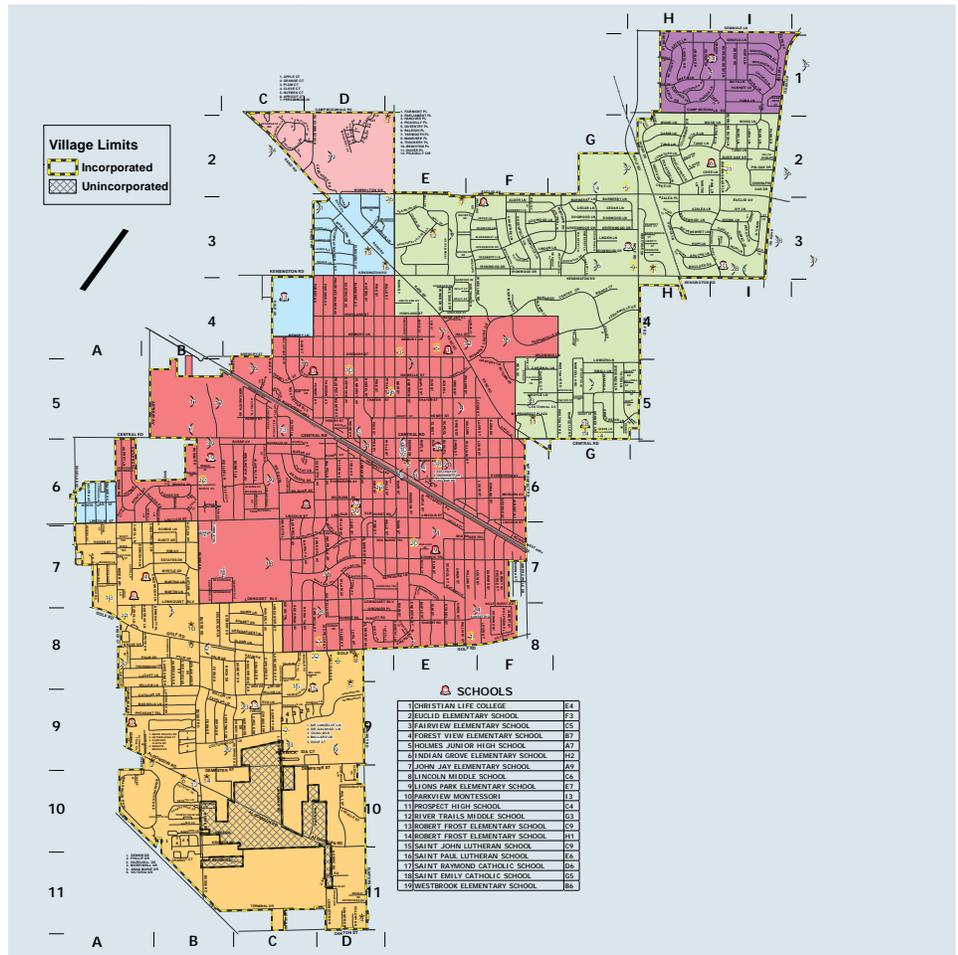
**Figure A-28: A Snapshot of Mount Prospect's students**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



**Figure A-29: Map of schools and district boundaries**

Source- Village of Mount Prospect, 2016



**Figure A-30: Capacity and enrollment of schools serving Mount Prospect**

\*Source- Illinois Report Card, \*\*Source- <http://www.privateschoolreview.com/illinois>

School Name	School Capacity	2016 Student Enrollment*
<b>Township High School District 214</b>		
Prospect High School	2,200	2,228
John Hersey High School <i>(Outside MP)</i>	NA	1,879
Rolling Meadows High School <i>(Outside MP)</i>	NA	1,985
Elk Grove High School <i>(Outside MP)</i>	NA	2,000
<b>Community Consolidated School District 21</b>		
Robert Frost Elementary School	708	665
Oliver W Holmes Middle School <i>(Outside MP)</i>	NA	765
<b>Prospect Heights School District 23</b>		
Macarthur Middle School <i>(Outside MP)</i>	NA	512
Anne Sullivan Elementary School <i>(Outside MP)</i>	NA	349
Betsy Ross Elementary School <i>(Outside MP)</i>	NA	330
Dwight D Eisenhower Elementary School <i>(Outside MP)</i>	NA	396
<b>Arlington Heights School District 25</b>		
Dryden Elementary School <i>(Outside MP)</i>	NA	524
<b>River Trails School District 26</b>		
Euclid Elementary School	540	513
Indian Grove Elementary School	540	506
River Trails Middle School	660	465
<b>Mount Prospect Public School District 57</b>		
Fairview Elementary School	540	528
Lincoln Middle School	760	735
Lions Park Elementary School	540	450
Westbrook Early Learning Center	480	516
<b>Community Consolidated School District 59</b>		
Forest View Elementary School	600	457
District 59 Early Learning Center		
Holmes Junior High School	650	807
John Jay Elementary School	500	376
Robert Frost Elementary School	500	436
<b>Private Schools</b>		
St. Emily Catholic School	600	327
St. Paul Lutheran School	520	250
St. Raymond Catholic School	1,250	490
Science Academy of Chicago	222	200
Camelot Therapeutic School (Special Education)	120	63

1 Special Education School

2 Early Learning Centers (PreK)

8 Elementary Schools (PreK to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

*(Also served by 4 outside MP)*

3 Middle Schools (6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

*(Also served by 2 outside MP)*

1 High School (9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

*(Also served by 3 outside MP)*

4 Private Schools (PreK to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

14 Private Daycare/Early Learning Schools

OVER CAPACITY

NEAR/JUST UNDER CAPACITY

MORE THAN 25% UNDER CAPACITY

VERY LOW ENROLLMENT

# PLAY

## Parks and Recreation

Five (5) Park Districts serve Mount Prospect residents as shown on the map in Figure A-32:

- Mount Prospect Park District
- River Trails Park District
- Des Plaines Park District
- Prospect Heights Park District
- Arlington Heights Park District

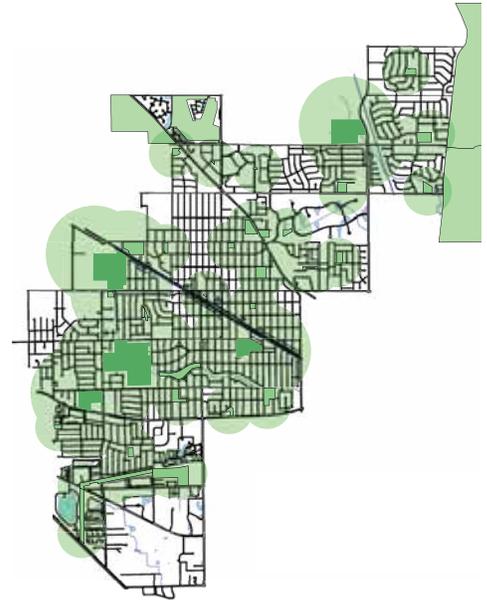
These five districts provide over 550 acres of park and recreation space within the Village. This includes two indoor recreation complexes, three community centers, five outdoor pools, two arts and visual arts studios, two golf courses, one driving range and miniature golf course, and a nature center.

Besides park district facilities, the community also has access to the Cook County Forest Preserve to the east of the community along the Des Plaines river. There are also a few private recreational facilities in the community. The newest addition is the Mount Prospect Ice Arena at Kensington Business Park. The facility includes two regulation size sheets of ice, a full service restaurant, and pro shop. In addition to hosting many private teams and functions, the Mount Prospect Park District will also be offering programs at the arena.



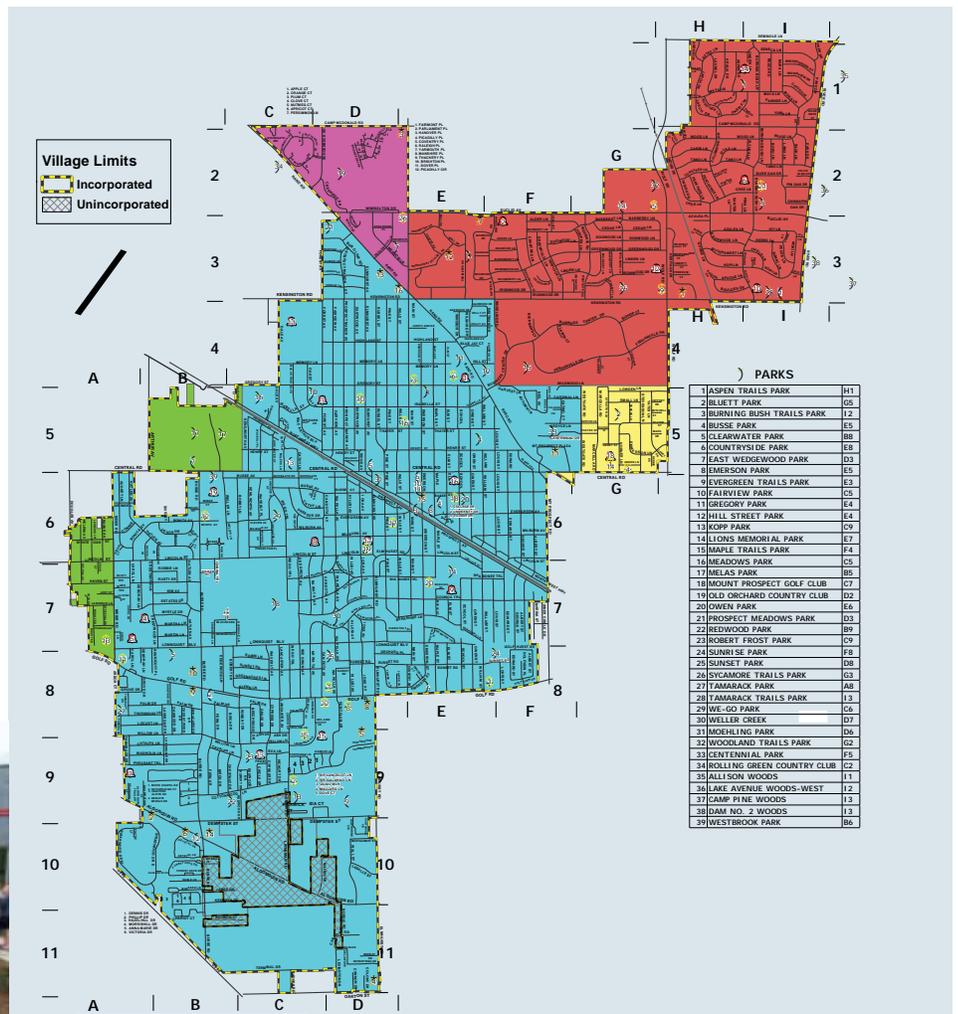
**Figure A-31: Walkability to parks**

- Indicates the areas served by parks within a quarter mile distance.



**16 miles of trails**      **550 acres** of park and recreation space

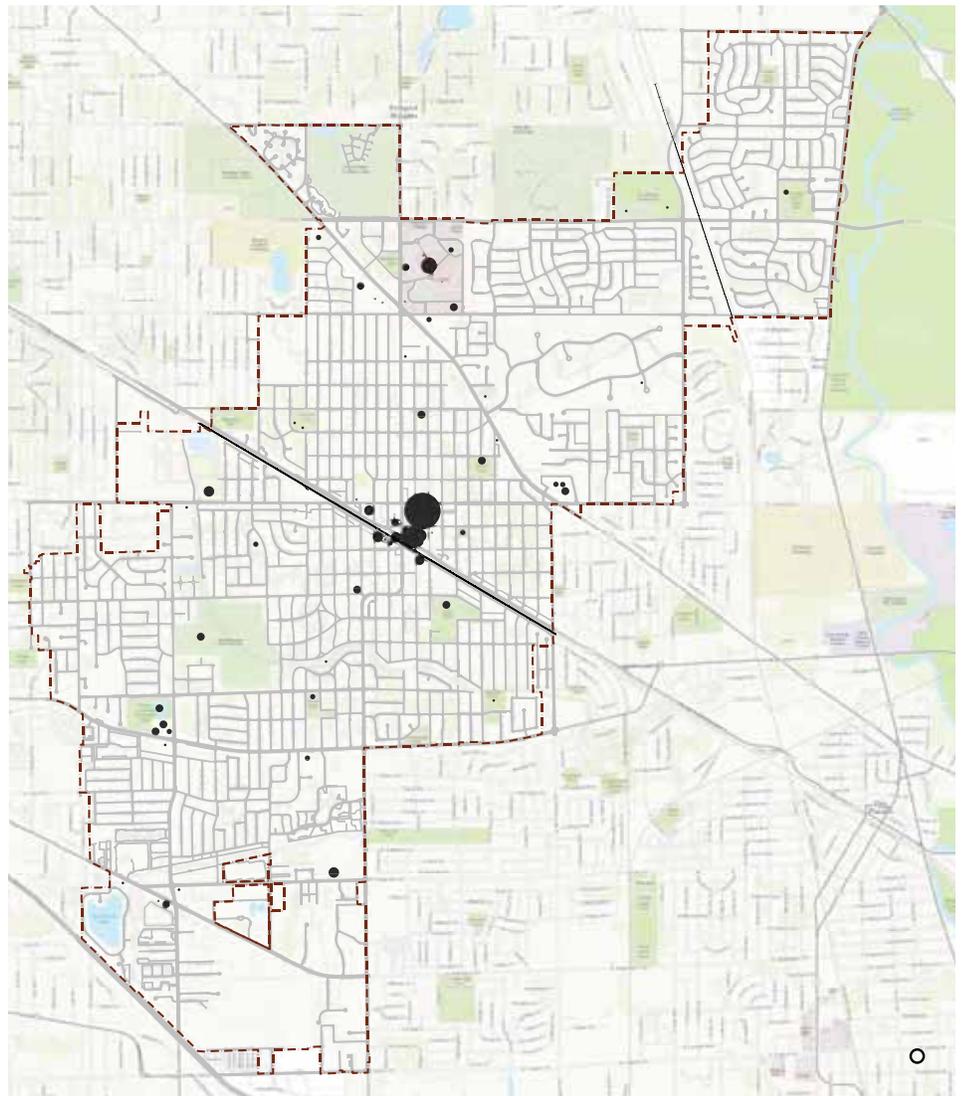
**Figure A-32: Map of parks and district boundaries**



# Third Places

A “third place” can be defined as any place one spends time other than work or home that help create a sense of place. Based on the community survey, the adjacent map shows the places respondents consider third places in the Village. While the locations of the third places are well spread out in the community, there is a concentration in the downtown area and at major commercial areas. There is an opportunity to provide additional third places in the community, especially in areas that have a higher residential density.

Figure A-33: Map of Third Places in the Village and what these places are



= number of responses  
 1 to 5    5 to 15    25 to 35    35 to 45    55 to 65    85 to 95    95 to 105



**Restaurants/bars**      Gyms

**Parks**      sidewalks      **Coffee shops**

Neighbors      School events      Forest Preserve      Dog Park      **Icecream shops**

**Library**      Downtown      Farmer's Market      Shops/Grocery store

MP Festivals/Events      Biketrails      Churches



# how we get around

## transportation network

- » close proximity to airports
- » well-served by road and rail networks
- » opportunities exist to reduce traffic congestion and roadway safety, especially at intersections and railroad crossings
- » opportunities exist to complete sidewalk and bike trail connections, and improve safety

## public transportation

- » served by a number of Pace bus routes
- » well-connected by train (Metra) service
- » increase in the use of ride-share services to complete the first/last mile of transit commutes
- » opportunities exist to improve the north-south service, and expand service flexibility for seniors and those with a disability

## Transportation network

Mount Prospect is well located as a northwest suburb of Chicago with access to roadways, rail, and air. This makes it an ideal regional center for commercial and residential uses.

### Air

#### CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT

**7 miles (< 15 minutes)**

Take-offs and Landings/year: **148,486**

- Charter Service Available
- Private Storage Available
- Private Maintenance Available

Expansion of jet and private airplane traffic at the airport continues. It's proximity to Kensington Business Center is a plus, and a recent Master Plan recommends better integration of the airport site with local communities.

#### O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**8.7 miles (15 minutes)**

Commercial Airlines: **47**

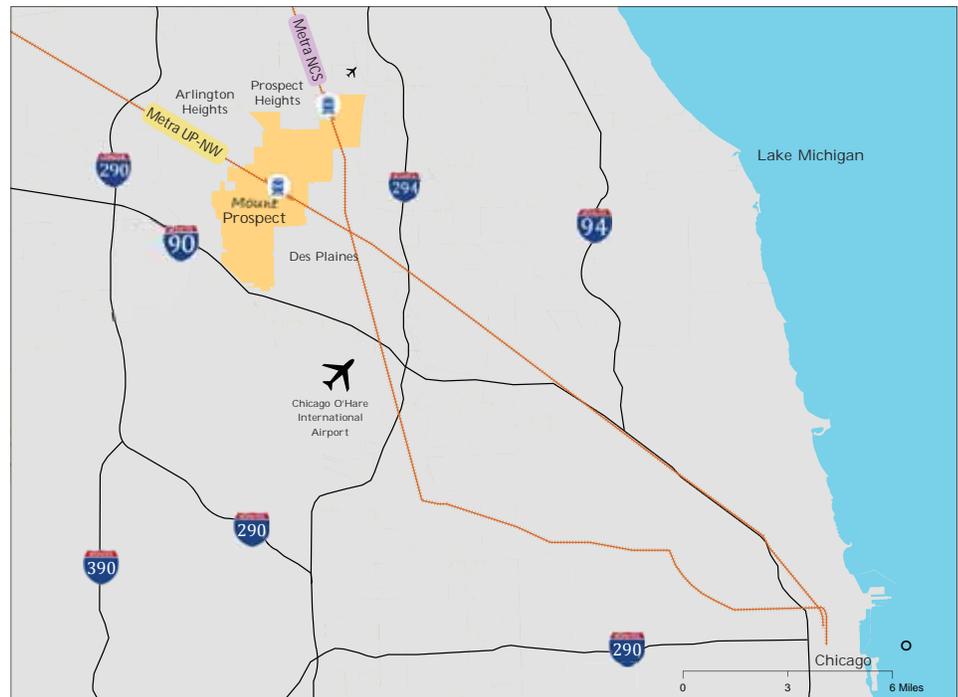
Flights per day: **2,416**

Passengers per year: **87 million**

- Busiest airport in the world for annual aircraft operations (2014)<sup>1</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> busiest for annual passengers (2010)<sup>1</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> busiest for air cargo<sup>1</sup>

The Village benefits from its close proximity to O'Hare Airport. O'hare is currently executing the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) which includes reconfiguring its runways to a mostly parallel runway configuration that will improve safety. This change will have a positive impact on Mount Prospect, as the OMP final build anticipates areas of Mount Prospect to have a decrease in aircraft noise by around 3dB and greater.<sup>2</sup>

Figure A-35: Regional location map

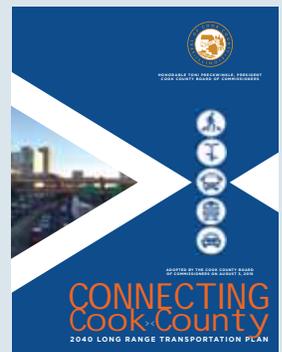


## Cook County Transportation Plan

The County's long range transportation plan highlights new technological changes that are impacting the transportation system. One such example is an increase in online shopping that has resulted in fewer trips to stores and an increase in truck deliveries. Other impacts include a growth in car sharing, ride sharing, and bike sharing, with the future of driverless cars on the horizon.

The plan also puts a greater focus on alternate modes of transportation and outlines the following strategies to support it:

- Commitment to assist Pace in its efforts to provide expedited bus service on arterial roads and expressways, assisting local governments (including Mount Prospect) with the design of streets, sidewalks and bus stops while giving transit vehicles priority.
- Provide funding focused on TOD to make it more convenient to walk, bike or take transit to destinations
- Provide support to local governments in the implementation of complete street ordinances.
- Assist local governments to adopt bicycle/pedestrian planning programs by identifying gaps and promoting pedestrian and bicycle trips.
- Provide support for ride sharing, private shuttles besides the taxi industry and transit agencies.



Source- 1 <http://www.flychicago.com/OHare/EN/AboutUs/Facts/Air-Traffic-Data.aspx>  
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# Freight

## Rail:

NEAREST INTER-MODAL TERMINAL FOR UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD-

East/West: **Chicago (23 miles)**

North/South: **Dolton (43 miles)**

## Road:

**31** Local freight carriers within 5 miles

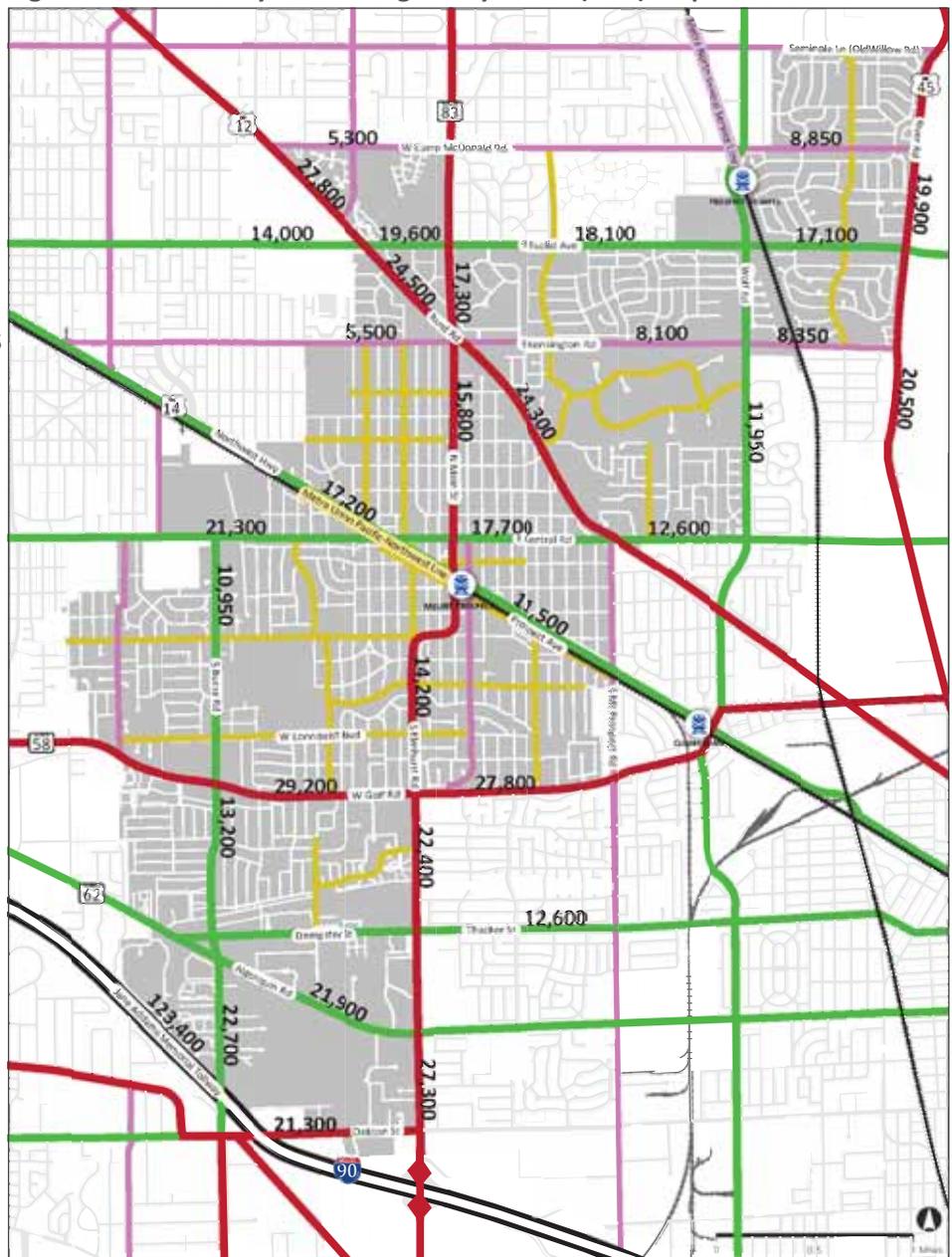
**3** Motor freight terminals within 5 miles

# Roadways

Mount Prospect is connected to the region by major U.S. and State Routes. The Roadway and Average Daily Traffic (ADT) Map in Figure A-36 shows the functional classification of streets, their designations as major routes and the average daily traffic along different segments of the roadways. Functional classification is the process by which the Illinois Department of Transportation groups streets and highways into classes (major or minor arterials and collectors) according to the character of service they are intended to provide. These transportation corridors traversing the community provide convenient access to the entire region, but do create traffic congestion.

The Village of Mount Prospect conducts an annual street resurfacing program to maintain its 136 mile road network. Five percent (5%) of all Village streets are repaved each year, as part of this 20 year program that prioritizes the streets to be resurfaced based on their condition. In addition to street resurfacing, the program also replaces damaged sidewalk, curb, and underground utilities. In 2015, the Village secured a grant from the

Figure A-36: Roadway and Average Daily Traffic (ADT) map



Source- Village of Mount Prospect; IDOT's 5-Year Functional Class Township Maps 2015

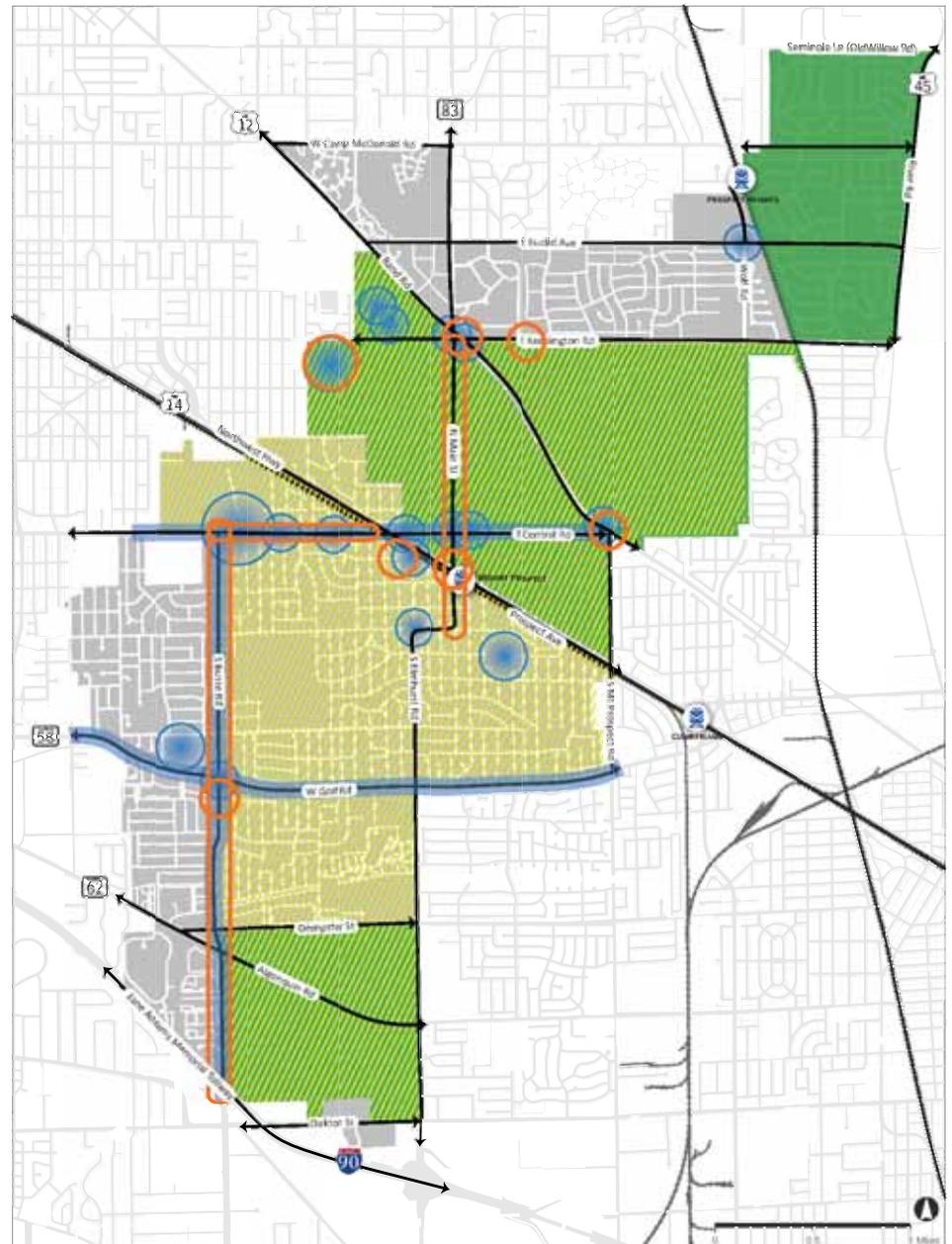


Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program to improve several blocks along Northwest Highway with streetscape elements. Currently, pedestrian signal improvements are underway at Central Road and Arthur Avenue. Traffic calming improvements are also underway along See Gwon and Lincoln Street in the form of textured pavement, curb bump-outs, etc. The Illinois Department of Transportation recently upgraded the Elmhurst Rd/ I90 interchange to provide full east/west access. This upgrade should have a positive impact on the south side commercial and industrial market.



Streetscape improvements along Northwest Highway

Figure A-37: Map of traffic and pedestrian safety concerns in the community



Source- Village of Mount Prospect

Metra railway line & Station  
 Village of Mount Prospect

Community feedback from the survey -

- Areas perceived to have traffic congestion
- Areas in need of pedestrian safety improvements
- Areas that experience drive through traffic
- Areas that experience speeding
- Areas that experience both speeding and drive through traffic

**Traffic congestion**

Congestion specifically exists where north-south major arterial streets intersect east-west major arterial streets, and where Rand Road and Northwest Highway intersect with north-south and east-west major arterial streets. The most serious problems exist at the Northwest Highway/Main Street intersection, the Rand Road/Kensington/Elmhurst Roads intersection, and at the intersection of Mount Prospect/Rand/Central Roads. The map in Figure A-37 highlights the congested intersections and neighborhoods that have significant speeding issues, as identified through the Community Survey for this Plan.

The Rand Road Corridor Plan completed in 2017, evaluated characteristics of the corridor and recommended potential improvements to improve connectivity, accessibility and efficiency for all users. In addition, the Village also performed studies to gauge vehicle queuing time at key intersections. A Neighborhood Traffic Study completed in 2016, reviewed 700 intersections and 130 miles of streets in its neighborhoods to improve safety. It included a Residential Speed Limit Program which involved reviewing the existing speed limit on each street

to determine the appropriate speed limits, and The Residential Intersection Traffic Control Program to evaluate and determine the appropriate traffic control at each intersection under the Village's jurisdiction. This endeavor included follow-up studies to track the effectiveness of the implemented changes in terms of traffic volume, average speed, and accident rate. In general, it was noted that there was a decrease in the accident rate in nearly all the zones.

**At-grade crossings**

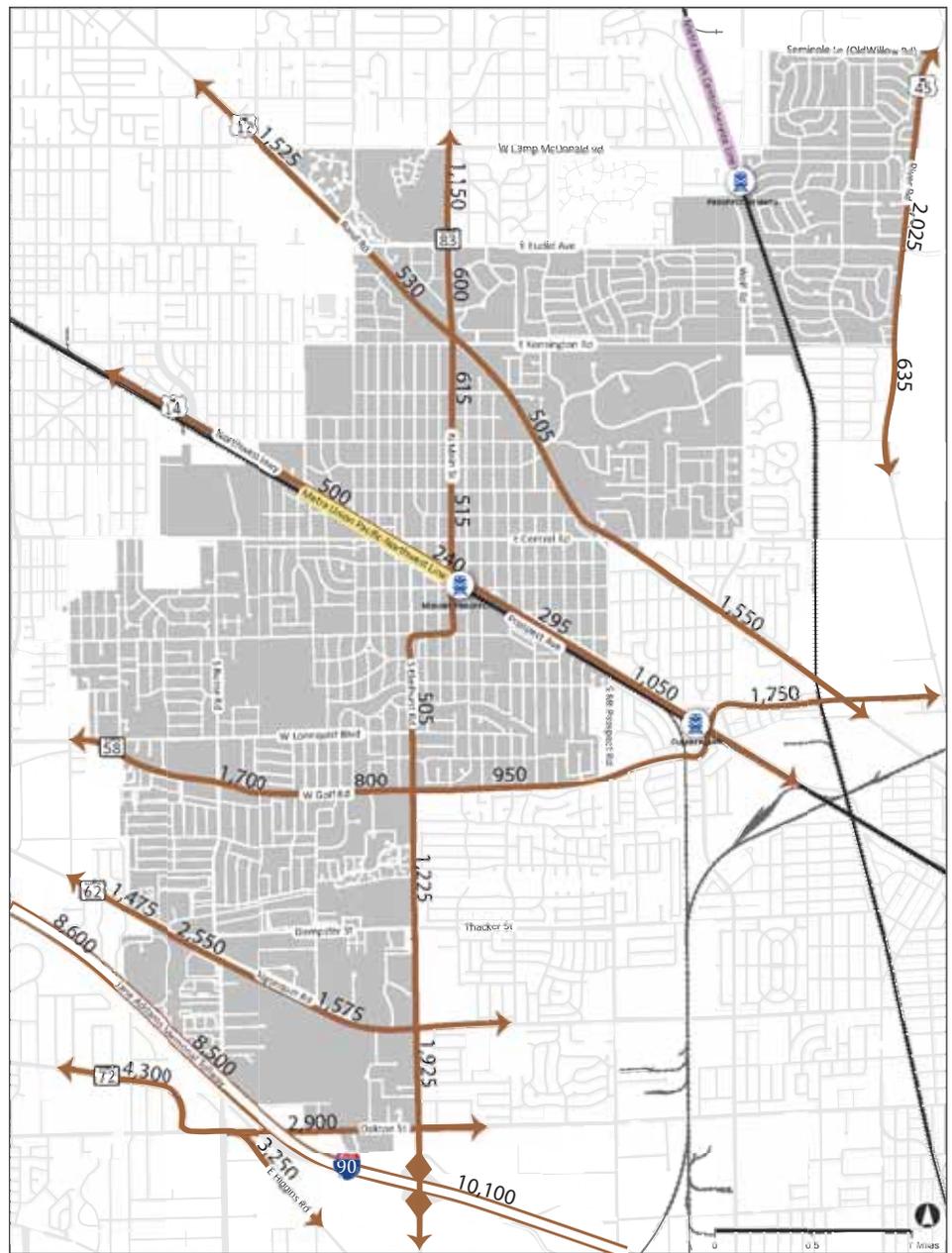
The Union-Pacific and North Central railroads bisect Mount Prospect. While an amenity for commuters, they do add to traffic flow disruption on the arterial system at the at-grade crossings. This is most prevalent during the morning and evening peak traffic periods when both vehicular volumes and train activity are at their highest.

**Truck traffic**

Given the proximity to O'Hare Airport, Mount Prospect has a number of designated truck routes through the community. The map in Figure A-38 shows the location of these routes and the average daily truck traffic. The new double diamond interchange, completed in 2017 at I-90 and Elmhurst Road has further connected the community to O'Hare and the region.

Digitally connected consumers, looking for lower prices, greater convenience and a seamless experience when buying, receiving and returning products, are forcing post and parcel companies to rethink traditional parcel delivery. This has impacted the number of delivery vehicles serving the community.

**Figure A-38: Map showing truck routes through the community**



Source- Village of Mount Prospect; IDOT's 5-Year Functional Class Township Maps 2015

- Village of Mount Prospect
- 90 Interstate
- 12 U.S. State Route
- 83 U.S. County Route
- Metra railway line & Station

**Truck Routes-**

- Class I Route
- Class II Route
- XXXX Average Daily Traffic (ADT) Truck Counts



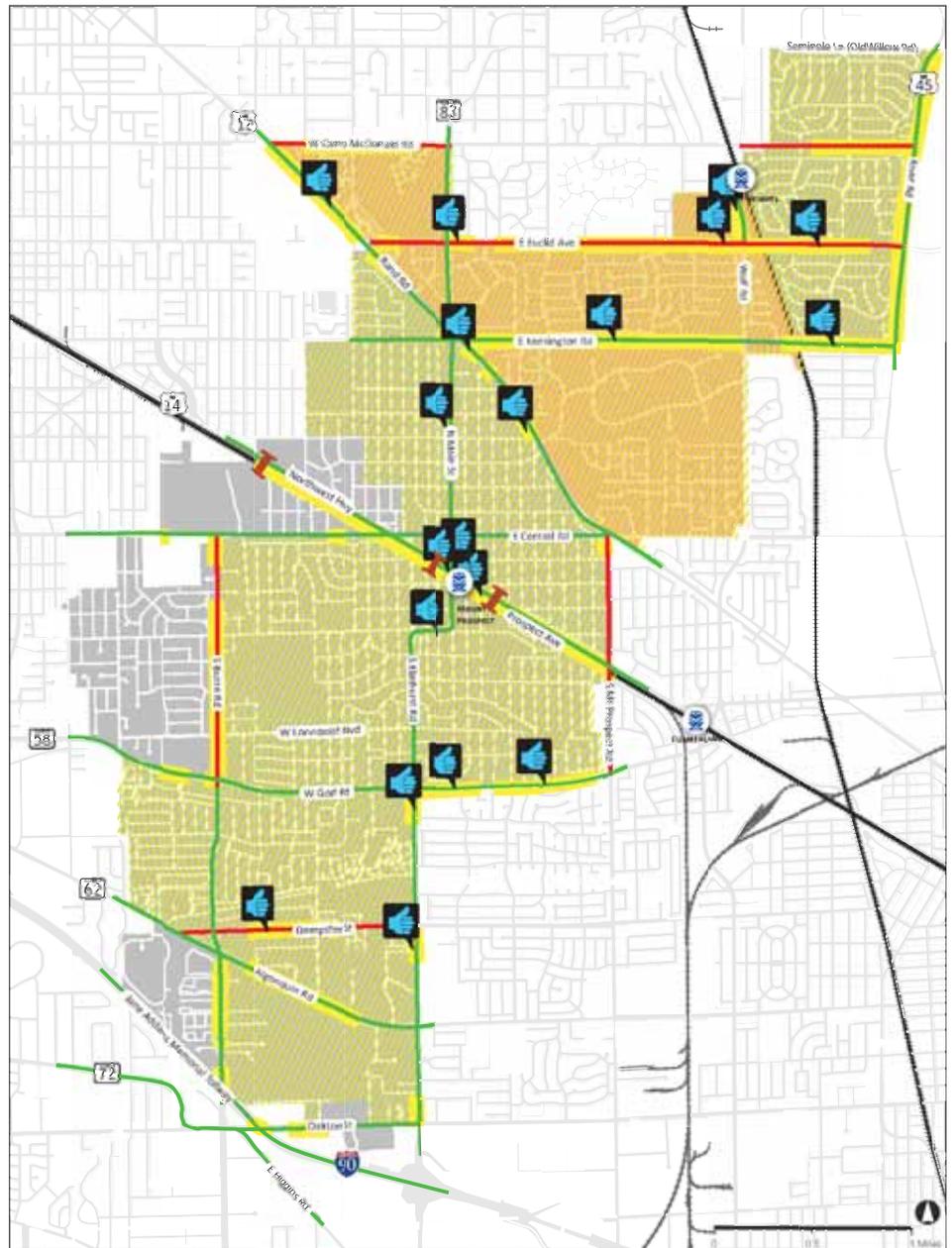
Diverging diamond interchange at I-90 and Elmhurst Road

# Pedestrian infrastructure

## Sidewalks

The existing sidewalk gaps in the community are shown on the map in Figure A-39. As evident in the map, these gaps are primarily along State and County owned roadways. For sidewalks along roadways owned by the Village, the Resurfacing Program is used to bring the sidewalks into Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. Based on input received from the Community Survey, the map also shows areas of the community that a majority of respondents noted as having inaccessible sidewalks, and pedestrian safety concerns. Specific road segments that residents wish to see complete sidewalk networks are also indicated on the map.

Figure A-39: Sidewalk gap analysis and pedestrian infrastructure feedback



Source- Village of Mount Prospect

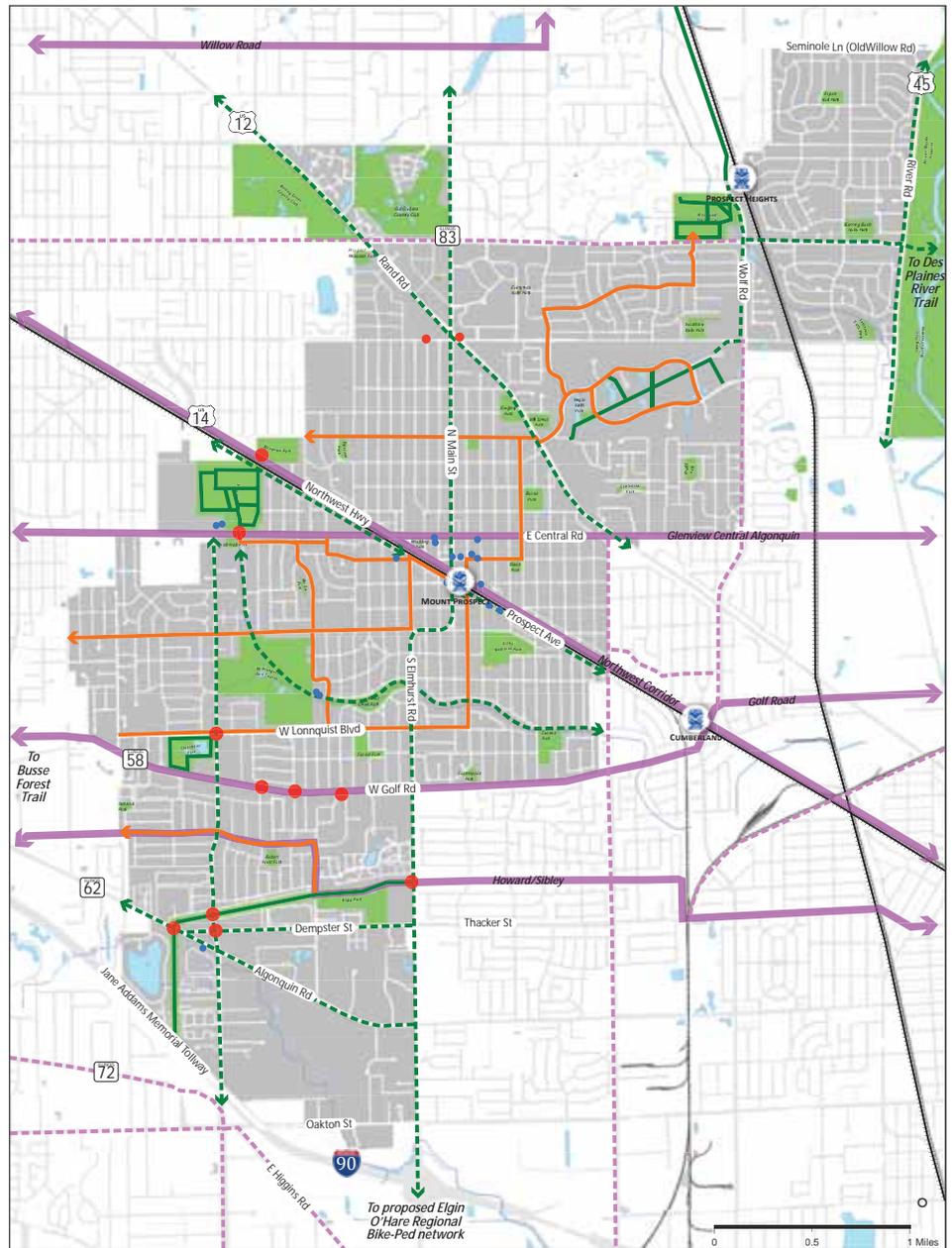
- Village of Mount Prospect
- Interstate
- U.S. State Route
- U.S. County Route
- Metra railway line & Station
- State owned roads
- County owned roads
- Gaps in the sidewalk network
- Areas of pedestrian safety concerns
- Areas with inaccessible sidewalks
- Pedestrian bridge or underpass
- Community support for completing the sidewalk gaps



## Bikepaths

In 2012, the Village completed a Bicycle Plan for the community with a vision to create a safe, comfortable and bicycle friendly environment in the community. Key recommendations from the plan included a bikeway network of 30 miles of on and off street facilities; bicycle friendly ordinances and policies; programming to support biking; and an implementation plan. The map in Figure A-40 shows the system of on-street and off-street bike paths completed thus far. It includes 16 miles of on-street bike routes and two miles of pavement markings in the Kensington Business Park. Implementation of the Bicycle Plan also includes the installation of approximately 350 signs throughout the Village. The adjacent map also shows the existing and proposed bike network based on this plan.

Figure A-40: Bike path/trail connections map



Source- Village of Mount Prospect

- Village of Mount Prospect
- Interstate
- U.S. State Route
- U.S. County Route
- Metra railway line & Station

### Bike paths/trail connections-

- Existing on-street bike path
- Existing off-street bike path
- Intersection improvements requested through community feedback
- Potential bike path connections based on community feedback
- Proposed bike routes outside Mount Prospect
- Proposed Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) regional bicycle corridors



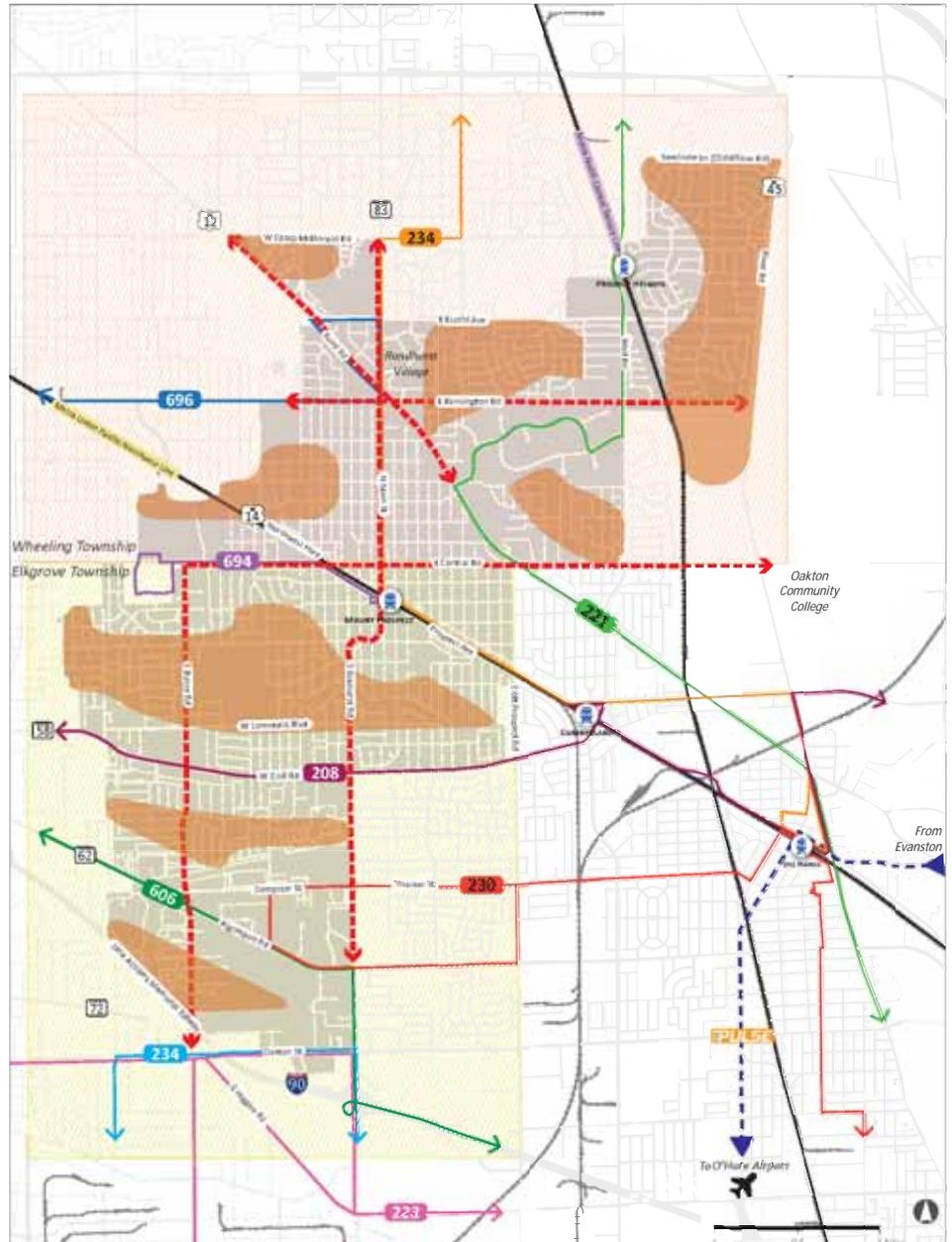
# Public transportation

## Bus and shuttle service

Pace operates nine bus routes through Mount Prospect, providing connections to key destinations in surrounding communities. Scheduled for launch in 2019, Pace will have a new bus service called Pulse that will provide more frequent and reliable service along Dempster Street from Evanston to O’Hare Airport - via the Des Plaines Metra Station. With respect to service for seniors and people with disabilities, Pace provides para-transit services within three-quarters of a mile of existing bus routes. Elk Grove Township and Wheeling Township also provide transportation services for seniors and those with a disability within their boundaries (shown on the map in Figure A-41). Some of the other service organizations that also provide transportation service in the community include Alexian Brothers Spirit Van, American Cancer Society Hospital Transportation, Escorted Transportation Service (Northwest), Holy Family Medical Center Care-A-Van, Northwest Community Healthcare Courtesy Van, and “First Transit” Medicaid Client Transportation.



Figure A-41: Public transportation service map, including transit desert locations



Source- Village of Mount Prospect

- Village of Mount Prospect
- Interstate
- U.S. State Route
- U.S. County Route
- Metra railway line & Station
- Wheeling Township service area
- Elk Grove Township service area
- “Transit deserts” - areas not served by public transportation within a quarter mile distance
- Existing Pace bus routes
- Proposed Pace Pulse Route to O’Hare Airport
- Public transportation connections needed - based on community feedback

**Service gaps**

- The Mount Prospect Public Transportation Plan (2009) performed a detailed service gap analysis for the community. It noted a need for north-south bus service, better service to key destinations in and around the Village, recommended route extensions, a new Call and Ride service area for the Village, and direct service to O’Hare International Airport.
- The north-south connection via public transportation is still a service gap today and was a noted through community engagement for this Plan. The average travel time to get to/from the south to employment centers in the north or vice-versa is around 1.5 hours by bus.
- There are parts of the community (highlighted on the map in Figure A-41) that are transit deserts, i.e. not served by public transit within a quarter mile distance.
- With respect to service for seniors and persons with disabilities, all the existing services have limited hours during weekdays, very limited service on the weekends, and are very restrictive in the locations the passengers can be taken to. Service time along the bus routes is also very limited on the weekend (Figure A-42).



**Figure A-42: Pace bus - route service** (Source- Pace)

Pace Routes	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Route 208	5:45am-10:45pm	5:55am-10:30pm	7:40am-9:35pm
Route 221	5:10am-7:05pm	-No Service-	-No Service-
Route 223	4:55am-1:05am	5:25am-12:30am	6:00am-11:30pm
Route 226	5:00am-6:20pm	-No Service-	-No Service-
Route 230	6:05am-7:10pm	-No Service-	-No Service-
Route 234	5:20am-6:50pm	9:00am-6:05pm	-No Service-
Route 606	5:10am-10:30pm	6:00am-11:30pm	6:20am-12:00am
Route 694	AM and PM Rush	-No Service-	-No Service-
Route 696	5:45am-8:15pm	-No Service-	-No Service-

*Note- the interval between stops along each route varies and is generally between 30 minutes and an hour.*



## Train service

Mount Prospect is also served by two Metra commuter lines; Union Pacific -Northwest (UP-NW) and North Central Service (NCS) lines. The Mount Prospect station along the UP-NW line is conveniently located in the heart of downtown. The Prospect Heights Station at 55 South Wolf Road is the closest NCS station to the Village of Mount Prospect. The plan to provide a Suburban Transit Access Route (STAR) Line which was to connect Mount Prospect to the Chicago area region (noted in the 2007 Comprehensive Plan) is no longer being pursued.

The Mount Prospect Station has a larger volume of weekday boardings as compared to the Prospect Heights Station (as shown in Figure A-43). With respect to parking, the UP-NW Metra parking lots are nearly at capacity. Figure A-44 also shows a decrease in the percentage of people driving alone and an increase in carpooling between 1999 and 2014. In an effort to support biking to the Metra Station, the Village secured \$135,000 in CMAQ funding along with a \$38,000 RTA match to install bicycle racks around the station. The project will include shelters and pads to accommodate 60 new covered bicycle parking spaces.

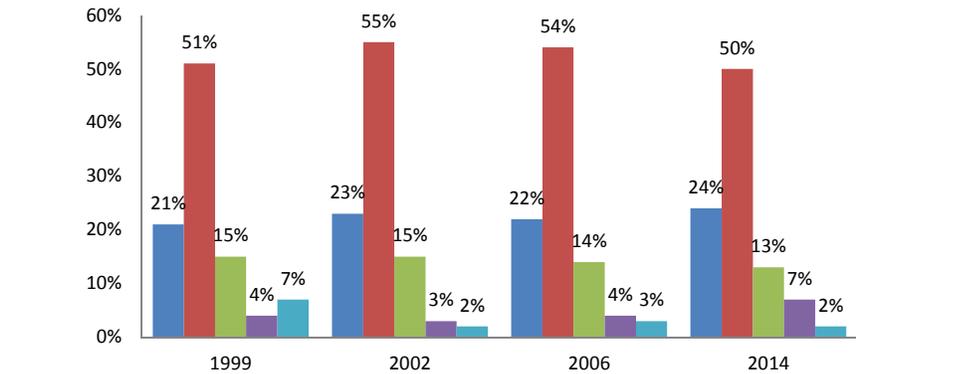
## Ride-share

The prevalence of ride-share services like Uber and Lyft has been on the increase. In summer 2017, Metra signed a promotional agreement with Uber to encourage riders to use such services to complete the first mile/last mile of their trips. Accommodations need to be made on the south side of the downtown station to allow for a safe ride-share drop-off area.

**Figure A-43: 2014 Ridership and parking counts at the Metra stations serving Mount Prospect residents** (Source- Metra/RTA website www.rtams.org)

	UP-NW (MOUNT PROSPECT)	NCS (PROSPECT HEIGHTS)
WEEKDAY BOARDINGS (average per day)	1,774	277
PARKING CAPACITY	668 spaces	328 spaces
PARKING UTILIZATION	99%	46%

**Figure A-44: 2014 Mode of travel to Mount Prospect Metra Station** (Source- Metra/RTA website www.rtams.org)



# our community

a summary of the following in Mount Prospect:

- » **land use, zoning & growth**
- » **employment and revenue**
- » **business services**
- » **community resources**
- » **public safety & emergency services**
- » **community health & wellness**
- » **infrastructure & services**
- » **sustainability**
- » **natural resources & flood hazards**

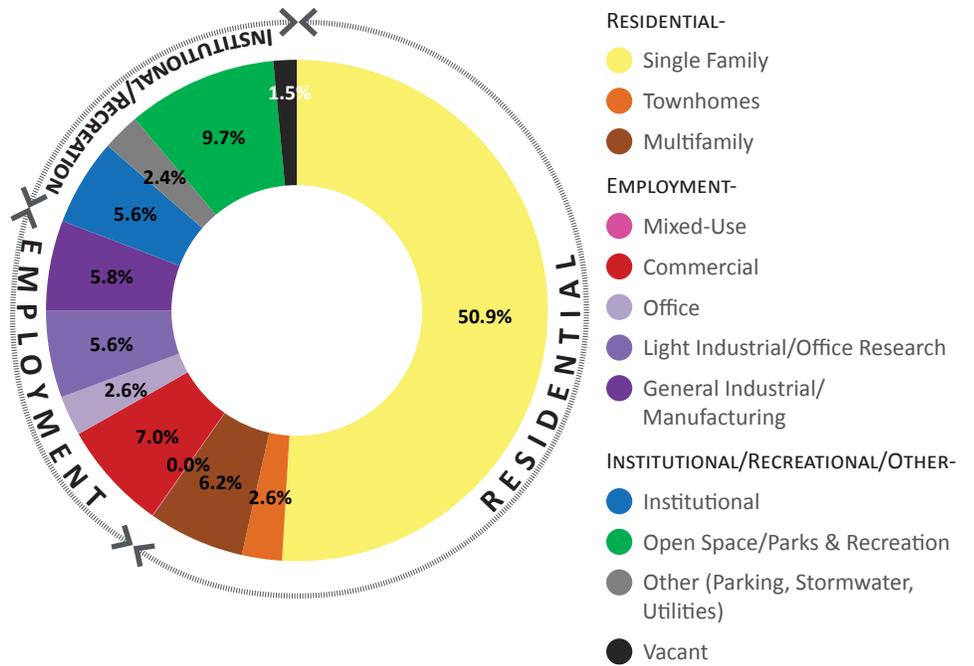
# Land use, zoning, and growth

The Village of Mount Prospect has a land area of close to 11 square miles. It comprises a variety of residential, commercial, office, industrial, open space, institutional and other land uses. As shown on the chart in Figure A-45, the community is approximately sixty percent (~60%) residential, twenty-one percent (21%) employment, and the remaining nineteen percent (~19%) is dedicated to institutional, recreational and other uses. The existing land use map in Figure A-47 shows the distribution of these different land uses in the Village.

### Pattern of development

Originally a commuter town that developed along the railway line, today Mount Prospect is a suburban community with a diverse economic base. When Mount Prospect was incorporated in 1917, most of the non-residential uses were in the downtown area. As the community grew to the northeast and southwest, the development of Randhurst Mall, the Kensington Business Park, commercial uses along Rand Road and other major arterials, and the industrial uses on the south added to the community's wealth of land uses. The map in Figure A-46 shows the distribution of land uses in the Village and surrounding region. The recent annexations of Cook County properties will serve to further bolster the Village's economic outlook.

Figure A-45: Land use distribution in Mount Prospect



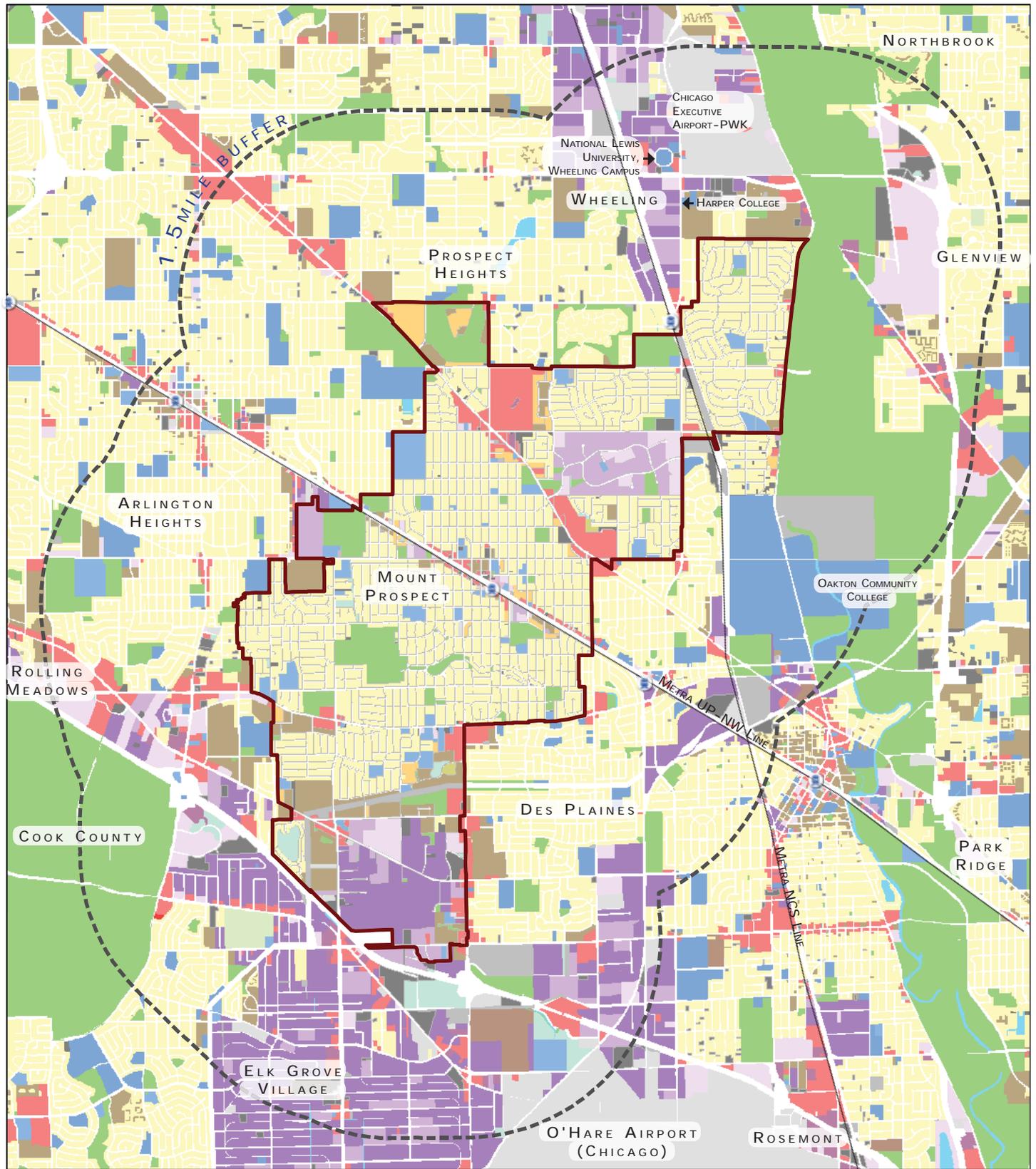
Randhurst Village, Downtown Mount Prospect, and the Kensington Business Park are important commercial districts whose success has contributed to the Village's fiscal sustainability.



### Randhurst Village

After redevelopment in 2009, from Amercia's first indoor mall to a vibrant, open-air mixed-use center, Randhurst Village today features nearly 40 stores and restaurants. Tenants include national and regional retailers, a 12-screen state-of-the-art cinema, second-floor office space, and a 140-room hotel in an inviting streetscape that is a popular destination for trade area residents and visitors alike.

Figure A-46: Map of land uses in Mount Prospect and surrounding communities



— Village of Mount Prospect boundary      1.5 mile buffer

**Existing Land Uses-**

<span style="background-color: yellow; border-radius: 50%; width: 15px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></span> Single Family	<span style="background-color: pink; border-radius: 50%; width: 15px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></span> Mixed-Use	<span style="background-color: lightblue; border-radius: 50%; width: 15px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></span> Office	<span style="background-color: green; border-radius: 50%; width: 15px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></span> Open Space/Parks & Recreation
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<span style="background-color: brown; border-radius: 50%; width: 15px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></span> Multifamily	<span style="background-color: blue; border-radius: 50%; width: 15px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></span> Institutional	<span style="background-color: darkpurple; border-radius: 50%; width: 15px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></span> General Industrial/Manufacturing	<span style="background-color: black; border-radius: 50%; width: 15px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></span> Vacant

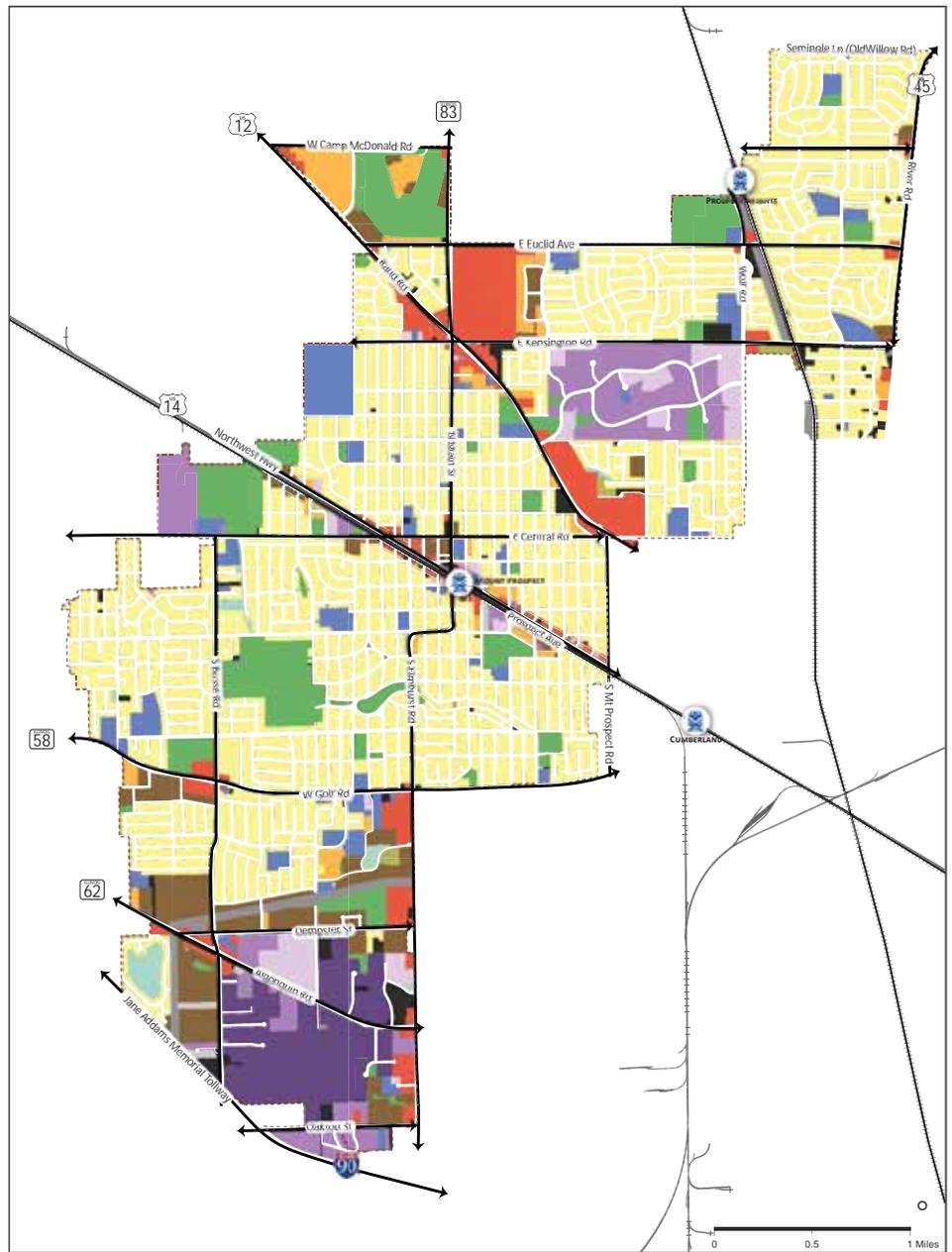


Downtown Mount Prospect, Randhurst Village, and Kensington Business Center have been epicenters of redevelopment and re-investment in the community. The recent and continued success of these areas has greatly helped shape the Village's character. Proximity to O'Hare airport and the I-90 interchange has encouraged industrial companies to locate on the south side and is consistent with the other communities neighboring O'Hare Airport.

Industrial vacancy is down  
**↓3.7%** in 2016,  
 compared to 14% in 2014



**Figure A-47: Existing land use map**



Source- Village of Mount Prospect; IDOT's 5-Year Functional Class Township Maps 2015

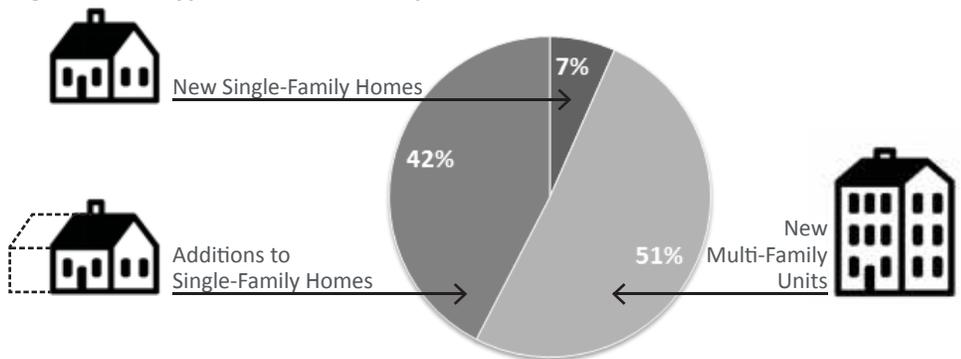
- Village of Mount Prospect Municipal Boundary (August, 2017)
- Interstate
- U.S. County Route
- Major roadways
- U.S. State Route
- Metra railway line & Station

**Existing Land Uses-**

- Single Family
- Commercial
- Institutional
- Townhomes
- Office
- Open Space/Parks & Recreation
- Multifamily
- Light Industrial/Office Research
- Other (Parking/Stormwater/Utilities)
- Mixed-Use
- General Industrial/Manufacturing
- Vacant

The Village of Mount Prospect's commercial sector is not the only area that has thrived. Residents have invested heavily in the neighborhoods with a renewed focus on additions to single family homes and new residential construction both downtown and throughout the Village. Figure A-46 shows the type of residential construction in the Village, based on construction permits between 2011 and 2015.

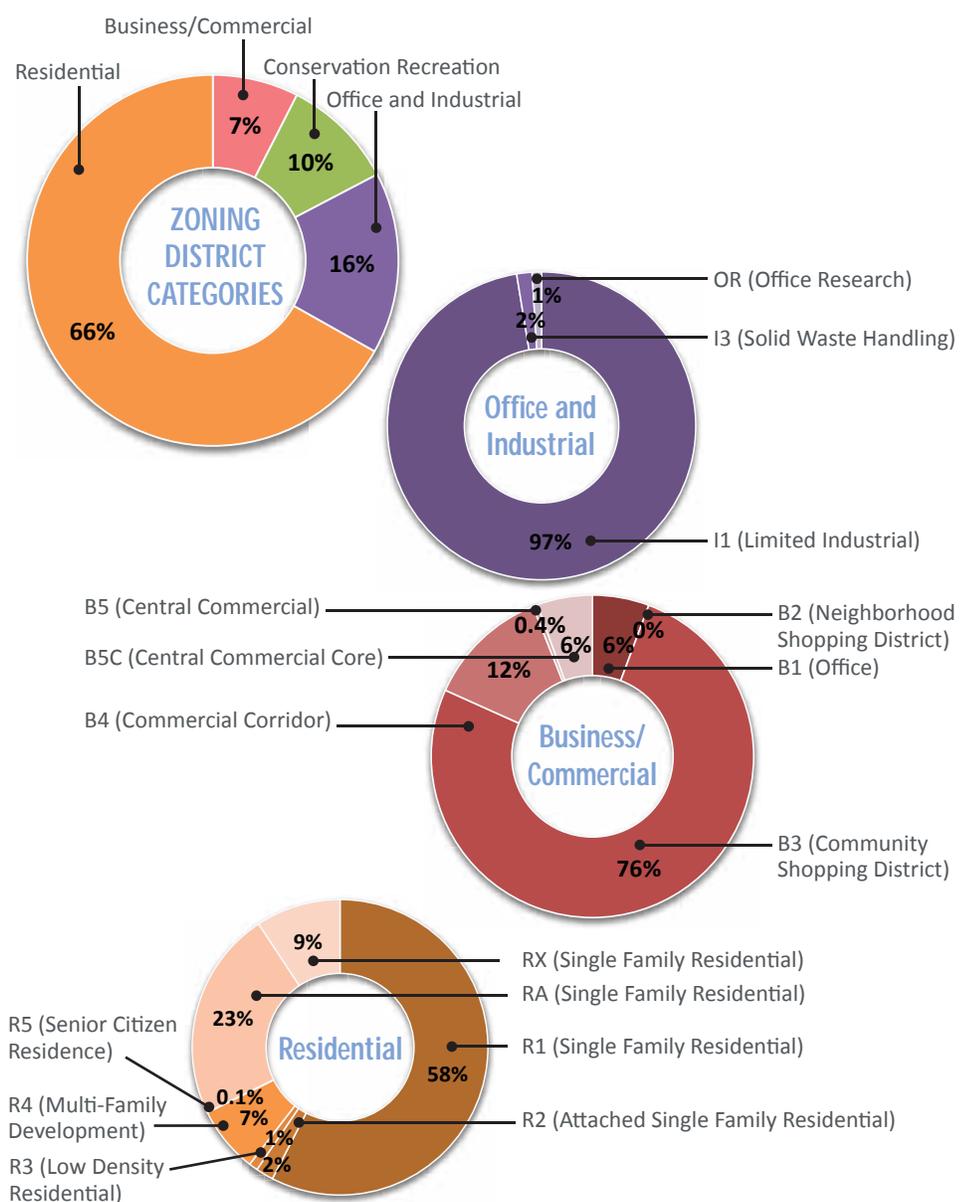
**Figure A-48: Type of construction permits (2011-2015)**



## Zoning

Illinois communities were first granted the power to adopt zoning laws in 1921, and the Village of Mount Prospect formally prepared its first zoning ordinance in 1923. Since then, the Zoning Ordinance has been updated and amended to meet the changing conditions in the Village. The zoning regulations will continue to be based upon the recommendations of the adopted Comprehensive Plan to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the Village. Today, there are 18 separate zoning districts. There are multiple districts for single-family residential, multi-family residential and commercial uses. The charts in Figure A-49 list the current composition of the zoning districts within the Village and Zoning Map (2016) is included in Figure A-50.

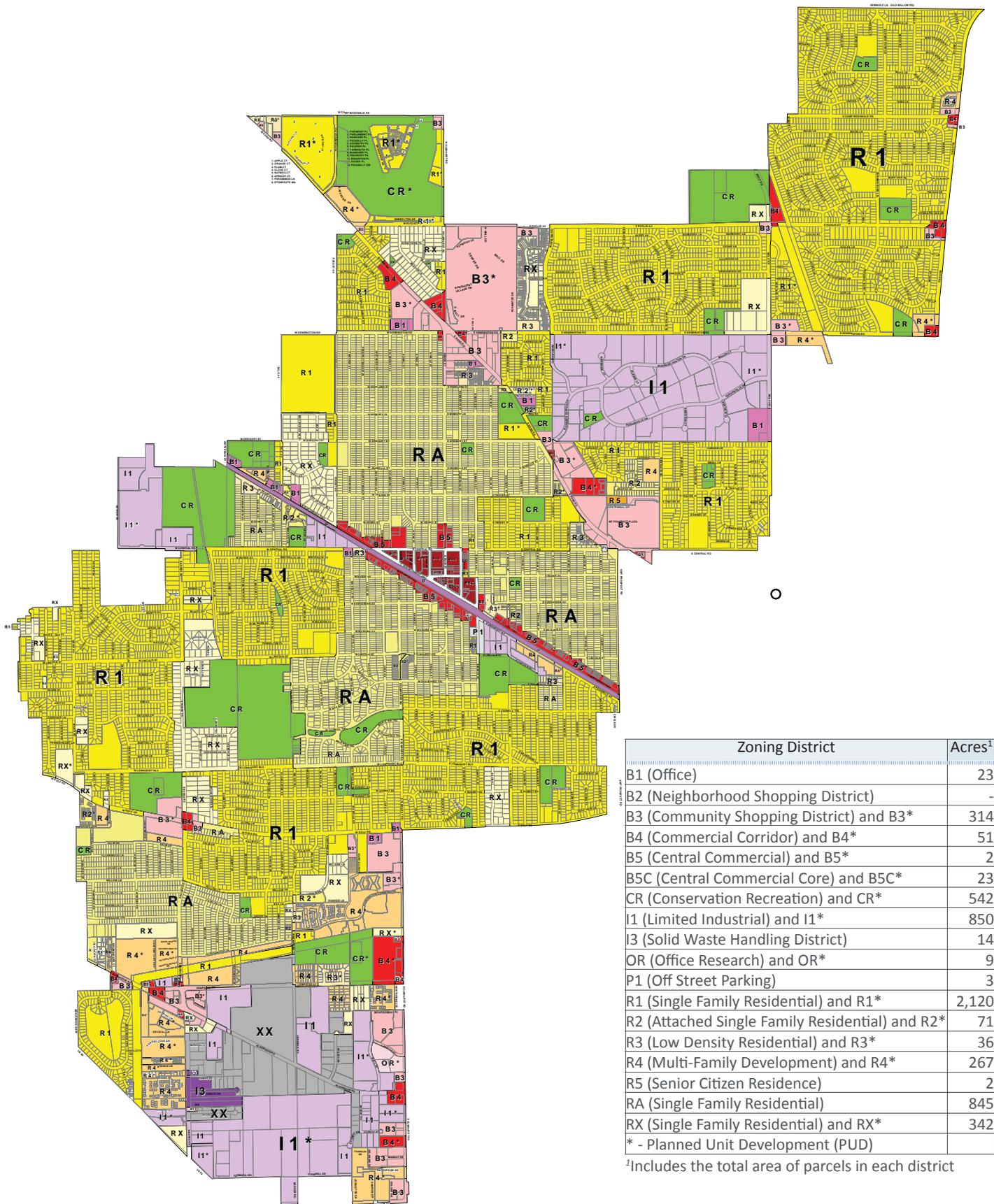
**Figure A-49: Composition of zoning districts**



### Zoning Code update

In 2017, the Village updated its Zoning Ordinance to address development trends and incorporate feedback from community stakeholders. The result of these updates was a clearer, simpler, and more organized ordinance for both staff and the development community.

Figure A-50: Zoning map (2016)



Zoning District	Acres <sup>1</sup>
B1 (Office)	23
B2 (Neighborhood Shopping District)	-
B3 (Community Shopping District) and B3*	314
B4 (Commercial Corridor) and B4*	51
B5 (Central Commercial) and B5*	2
B5C (Central Commercial Core) and B5C*	23
CR (Conservation Recreation) and CR*	542
I1 (Limited Industrial) and I1*	850
I3 (Solid Waste Handling District)	14
OR (Office Research) and OR*	9
P1 (Off Street Parking)	3
R1 (Single Family Residential) and R1*	2,120
R2 (Attached Single Family Residential) and R2*	71
R3 (Low Density Residential) and R3*	36
R4 (Multi-Family Development) and R4*	267
R5 (Senior Citizen Residence)	2
RA (Single Family Residential)	845
RX (Single Family Residential) and RX*	342
* - Planned Unit Development (PUD)	

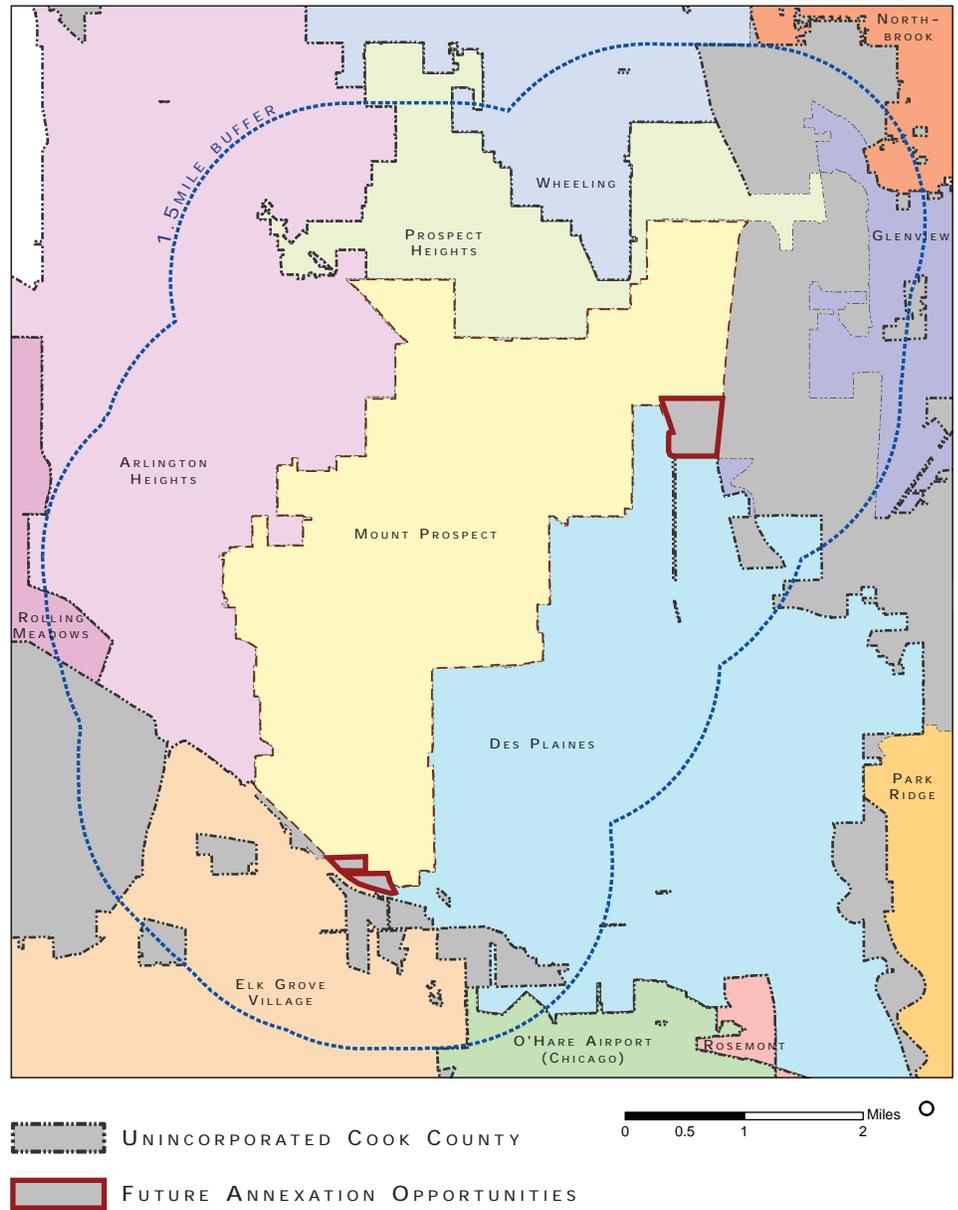
<sup>1</sup>Includes the total area of parcels in each district

# Growth

Since the last Comprehensive Plan update in 2007, the Village has annexed a large number of properties south of Golf Road - most of which was annexed during 2016 and 2017. These include residential properties at Lynn Court and Birch Manor, industrial uses along Addison Court, Busse Road, Imperial Court, Kenneth Drive, Nordic Road, Malmo Drive, and East Algonquin Road. One of the annexations also resulted in the creation of a new zoning district- I3 Solid Waste Handling District to allow for certain site and process specific requirements. In all, the annexations added approximately 200 acres and \$50 million in new equalized assessed value to the Village. In turn, the Village will be able to strengthen and improve services to the newly incorporated areas resulting in more complete and efficient operations for key service providers like police and fire/paramedic services.

There are also opportunities to annex some parcels in unincorporated Cook County adjacent to the Village and within the 1.5 mile distance from Mount Prospect's municipal boundary (shown in Figure A-51) and a few opportunities for infill and redevelopment in the downtown area and at commercial and employment centers along the arterial roadways.

**Figure A-51: Future annexation opportunities**



# Revenue

## Revenue Sources

The Village of Mount Prospect has a diverse revenue base comprised of multiple sources. This helps reduce its reliance on property taxes to finance Village services and enables the Village to maintain its financial stability during periods of economic change. As of 2016, sales tax receipts have replaced property taxes as the largest contributor to the Village's annual revenue (Figure A-52). This revenue growth is in part due to the successes in Randhurst Village and Kensington Business Park.

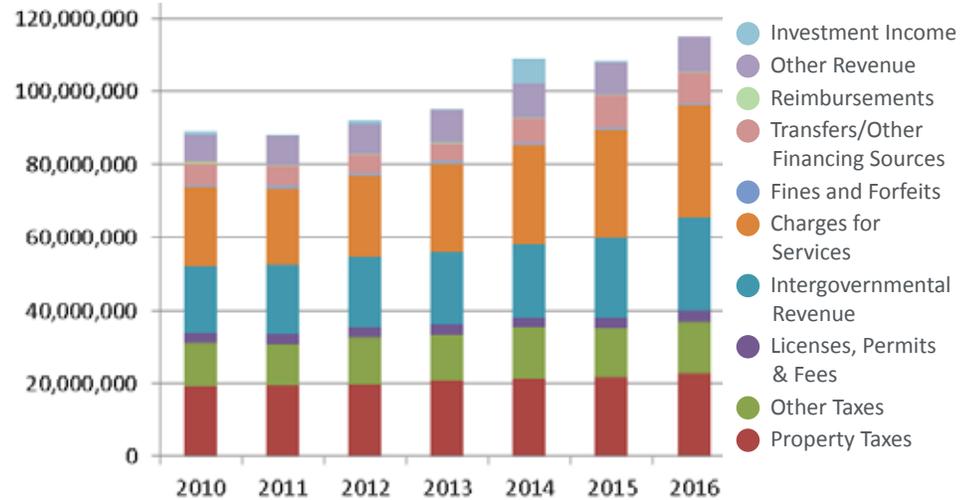
### Property values

The equalized assessed value (EAV) is the value of a property on which the tax rate is applied. Analysis of the EAV is one method of measuring the economic health of a community. After declining during the recent recession (2010-2013), the Village's total EAV has been on the upward trend again (Figure A-53). In 2016, the EAV had increased by nineteen percent (19%) compared to the previous year. The annexation of Cook County properties into the Village during 2016 added approximately \$50 million in industrial property EAV alone. Other contributors to the increase in EAV include the new commercial properties in the Village—specifically at Randhurst Village, Kensington Business Center, and other retail centers, and improvements to the residential building stock. The table in Figure A-54 lists the top contributors as of 2015.

Annual Sales Tax Revenue Growth was **9.2%** from 2012 to 2016

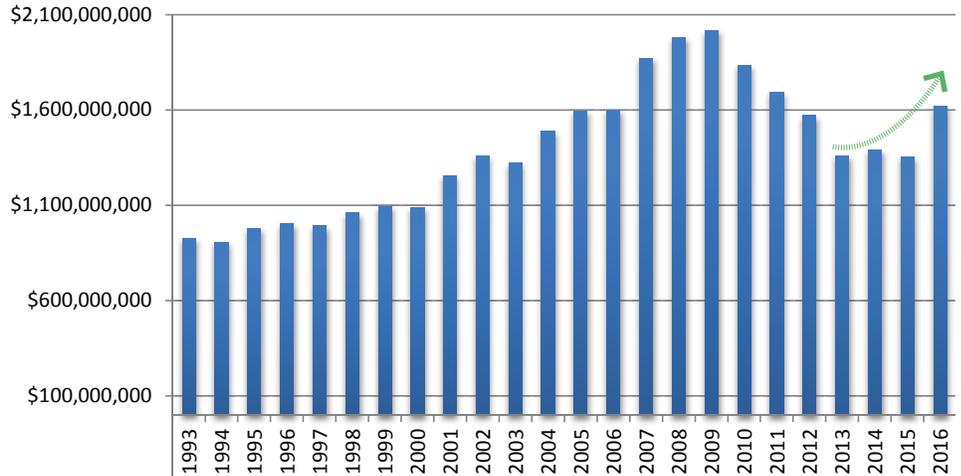
**Figure A-52: Mount Prospect's Sources of Revenue**

Source: Mount Prospect Annual Budget Reports



**Figure A-53: Total annual equalized assessed value for Mount Prospect from 1993 to 2016**

Source: Village of Mount Prospect



**Figure A-54: Top value properties in the Village that represent 8.7% of Village's 2015 EAV**

Source: Cook County Clerk's office, 2015 EAV data

Taxpayer	Product of Service	% of EAV
Randhurst	Management Corporation, Shopping Plaza	1.56%
Mount Prospect Plaza	Shopping Plaza	1.49%
United Airlines	Operations Center	0.98%
Golf Plaza I & II	Shopping Plaza	0.90%
Home Properties	Apartments	0.83%
CRP 3 (Bosch Corp)	N/A	0.81%
First Industrial	Industrial Real Estate	0.61%
Costco	Membership Warehouse Club	0.53%
LIT Industrial	N/A	0.52%
Cummins Alison	Coin, currency and check processing and ATMs	0.50%

## Business services

Mount Prospect is a business friendly community. The Village has several incentives and resources aimed at attracting new businesses and economic development opportunities while retaining and improving strong businesses and the talented labor pool that already exist in the community. These programs include façade and interior remodel grants, provision of market information, guidance through the development process, and programs such as Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative (MPEI) and Experience Mount Prospect.

MPEI is a partnership between Mount Prospect, Mount Prospect Public Library, and the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce. MPEI was started in 2013 as the Entrepreneur's Café to help fill vacancies within downtown Mount Prospect by reaching out to aspiring entrepreneurs that were unsure about how to take the "first step". From about 4 events per year, this program now organizes a dozen events annually on topics varying from business marketing / social media to succession planning. The target audience has broadened to include all types of business owners – both aspiring and established. In 2016, this MPEI was honored with a bronze award for Entrepreneurship programs from the International Economic Development Council. Experience Mount Prospect is an online tool that includes a website, calendar and news on business in the community. It gives a glimpse of what's going on and highlights local businesses and community events. The Village also has a TV show called Dish'n Out Mount Prospect that features unique restaurants and eateries located throughout the Village. It promotes these food establishments by taking viewers virtually to the small out-of-the-way establishments that offer diverse cuisines.

# MOUNT PROSPECT ENTREPRENEURS INITIATIVE

Welcome to MPEI! We offer resources to help strengthen and support entrepreneurship.

- **Business Event Calendar** - MPEI updates a calendar of events which cater specifically to entrepreneurs. A wide variety of workshops, webinars, and expos are listed, along with registration details. Many of these events are free of charge and are hosted locally.
- **Business workshops:** from finance to social media, we'll help you find the program that will help you strengthen, or even start, your small business.
- **Spotlight on Success Film Series,** featuring films designed to inspire and educate current and future entrepreneurs.
- **MPEI E-Newsletter,** an informative email newsletter filled with articles of interest to small business owners, is delivered straight to your inbox. Never miss an upcoming business event, [sign up today!](#)
- **A2A - Access to Advisors,** MPEI's own list of proven, successful entrepreneurs who have made themselves available to offer advice to those just starting out. Many of our advisors participate in our MPEI [qualitative and exit/exit blog sessions.](#)

Snapshot of the MPEI webpage

**INFORMATION FOR BUSINESS PARTICIPANTS**

Have your business listed in the directory and E-Newsletter!

Mount Prospect has made a commitment to our local merchants, restaurants, business owners and organizations to engage in an innovative and FREE marketing program – EXPERIENCE MOUNT PROSPECT.

**BE LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY!**  
Have your business listed in the directory by completing the [online listing form](#).

**PROMOTE IN OUR DEALS & SPECIALS E-NEWSLETTER**  
Email your specials, deals or sales event information by the 20th of each month to [Nellie Beckner \(nbeckner@mountprospect.org\)](mailto:nbeckner@mountprospect.org). The E-newsletter is automatically delivered to our nearly 2,000 local subscribers, at no cost to you. [READ these important submission guidelines](#) prior to participating.

If you're not already receiving our E-Newsletters, register today at [www.experiencemountprospect.org/signup/](http://www.experiencemountprospect.org/signup/)

Snapshot of the Experience Mount Prospect webpage

# Business Incentives

**Tax Increment Financing** is a public financing tool that is used to spur development in a defined area. It allows the Village to re-invest incremental tax dollars in the defined area for a 23-year period. Mount Prospect has had one TIF (Downtown TIF No. 1) that was retired in 2016 and a new TIF (Prospect and Main TIF) established in 2017.

**Downtown TIF No. 1** was established in 1985 and had three amendments: 1988, 1993, and 2006. At the time it was created, the value of properties in the district equated to around \$12 million. Properties in the district are worth over \$30 million today. Improvement projects funded by TIF moneys over the last ten years include the Village's Façade Rebate Program, Interior Build out Program, Downtown Streetscape Program, infrastructure improvements, and corridor furnishings. A timeline of TIF No. 1 is included in Figure A-55.

**Prospect and Main TIF** was established in 2017 to provide the Village with an economic development tool to encourage development on several key parcels in the downtown area and to address many of the key recommendations from the Village's Downtown Plan. Six opportunity sites were identified in the downtown for redevelopment (shown in Figure A-56). In addition, the TIF will provide funds to stimulate private investment in existing storefronts through the Façade Improvement Program, and a funding source for infrastructure and streetscape enhancements in this area.

## Cook County Class 6b

This Class 6b classification is a a real estate tax incentive designed to encourage development of industrial facilities, rehabilitate existing industrial structures, re-utilize abandoned buildings, stimulate expansion, and

Figure A-55: Timeline of TIF No. 1

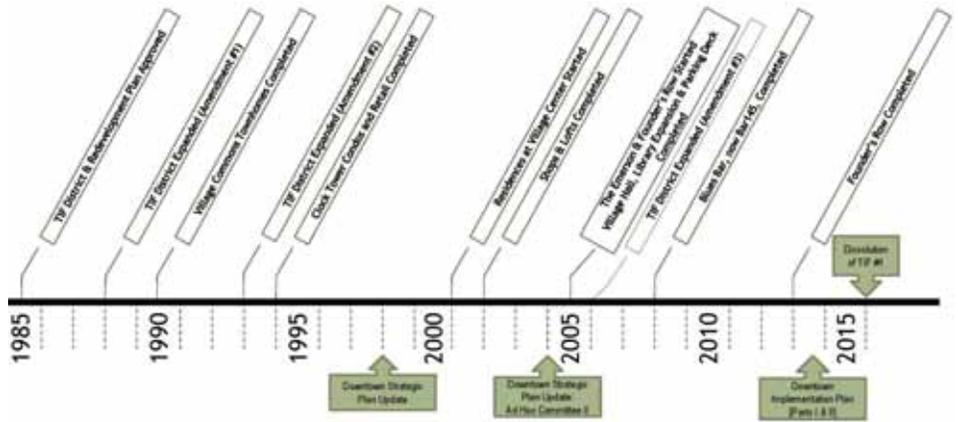
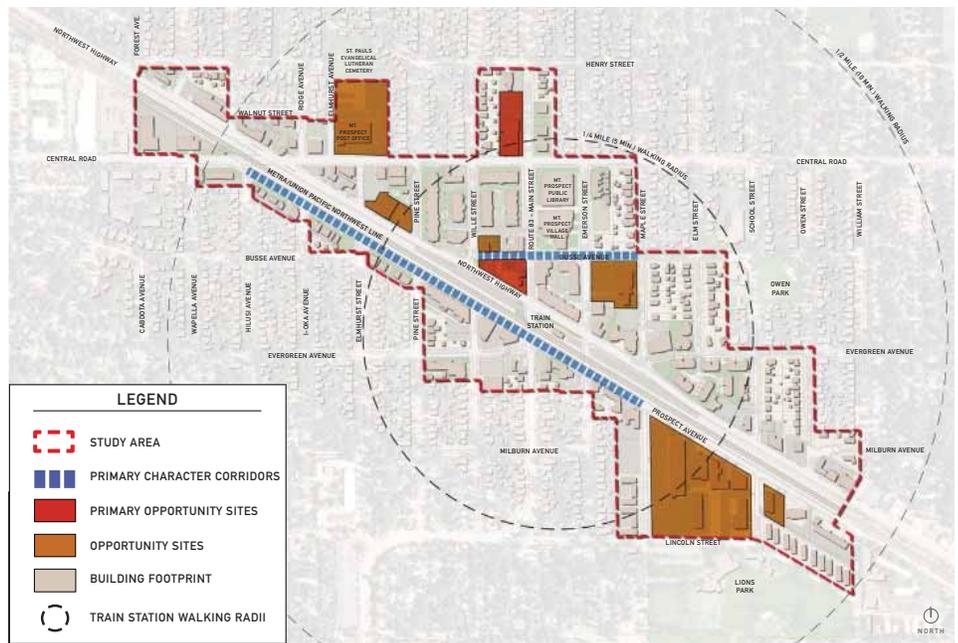


Figure A-56: Opportunity sites map from Mount Prospect's Downtown Plan

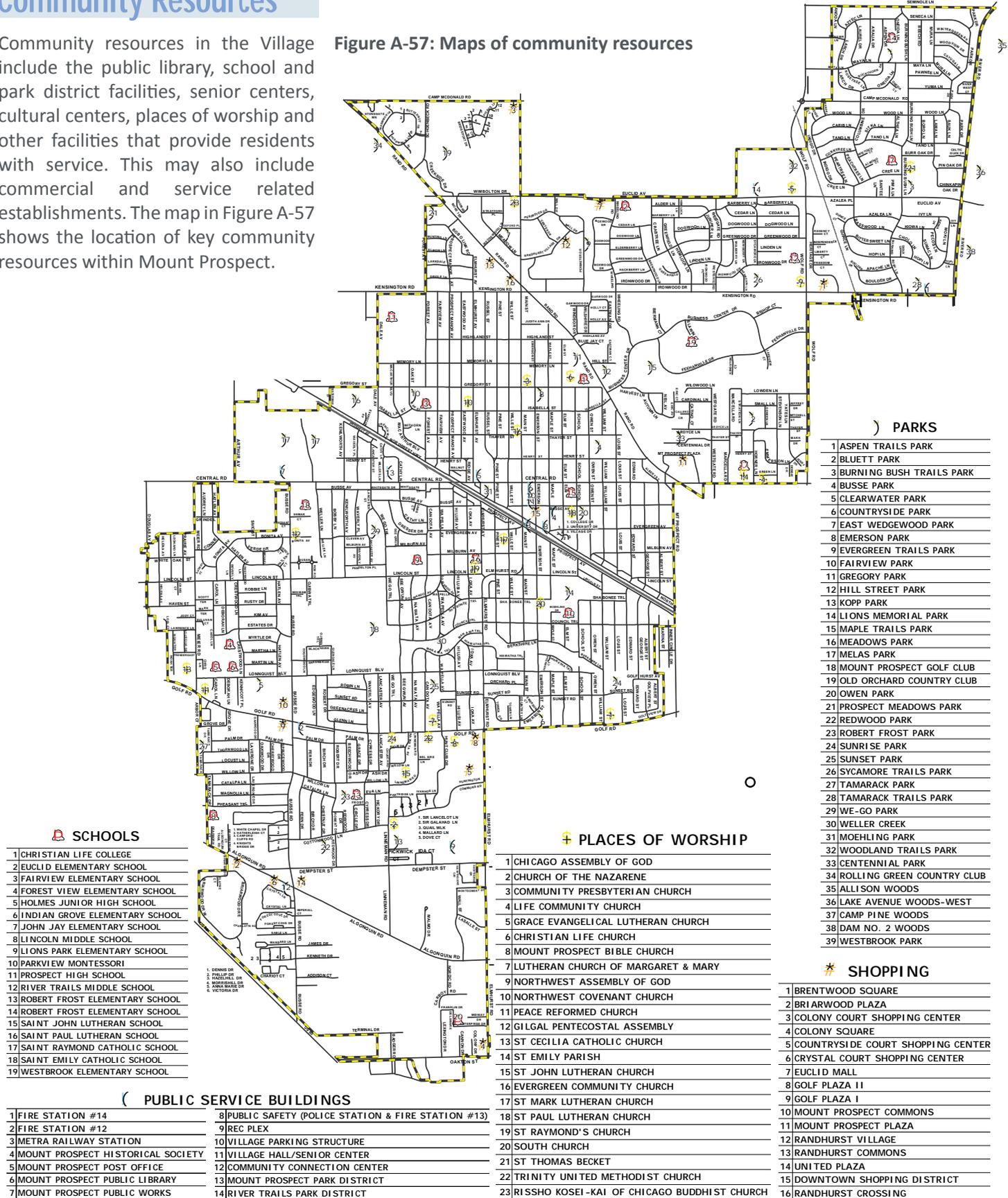


increase employment opportunities. Properties receiving Class 6b are assessed at ten percent (10%) of market value for the first ten years, fifteen percent (15%) in the eleventh year and twenty percent (20%) in the twelfth year. This constitutes a substantial reduction in the level of assessment and results in significant tax savings. In the absence of this incentive, industrial real estate would normally be assessed at 25% of its market value. The Village utilizes the 6b incentive to level our assessment ratio with that of surrounding counties.

# Community Resources

Community resources in the Village include the public library, school and park district facilities, senior centers, cultural centers, places of worship and other facilities that provide residents with service. This may also include commercial and service related establishments. The map in Figure A-57 shows the location of key community resources within Mount Prospect.

Figure A-57: Maps of community resources



### SCHOOLS

- 1 CHRISTIAN LIFE COLLEGE
- 2 EUCLID ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 3 FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 4 FOREST VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 5 HOLMES JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
- 6 INDIAN GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 7 JOHN JAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 8 LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 9 LIONS PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 10 PARKVIEW MONTESSORI
- 11 PROSPECT HIGH SCHOOL
- 12 RIVER TRAILS MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 13 ROBERT FROST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 14 ROBERT FROST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 15 SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL
- 16 SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
- 17 SAINT RAYMOND CATHOLIC SCHOOL
- 18 SAINT EMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
- 19 WESTBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### ( PUBLIC SERVICE BUILDINGS

- |                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1 FIRE STATION #14                  | 8 PUBLIC SAFETY (POLICE STATION & FIRE STATION #13) |
| 2 FIRE STATION #12                  | 9 REC PLEX  |
| 3 METRA RAILWAY STATION             | 10 VILLAGE PARKING STRUCTURE                        |
| 4 MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY | 11 VILLAGE HALL/SENIOR CENTER                       |
| 5 MOUNT PROSPECT POST OFFICE        | 12 COMMUNITY CONNECTION CENTER                      |
| 6 MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY     | 13 MOUNT PROSPECT PARK DISTRICT                     |
| 7 MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC WORKS       | 14 RIVER TRAILS PARK DISTRICT                       |

### PLACES OF WORSHIP

- 1 CHICAGO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
- 2 CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
- 3 COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- 4 LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
- 5 GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
- 6 CHRISTIAN LIFE CHURCH
- 7 MOUNT PROSPECT BIBLE CHURCH
- 8 LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MARGARET & MARY
- 9 NORTHWEST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
- 10 NORTHWEST COVENANT CHURCH
- 11 PEACE REFORMED CHURCH
- 12 GILGAL PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
- 13 ST CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH
- 14 ST EMILY PARISH
- 15 ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
- 16 EVERGREEN COMMUNITY CHURCH
- 17 ST MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
- 18 ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
- 19 ST RAYMOND'S CHURCH
- 20 SOUTH CHURCH
- 21 ST THOMAS BECKET
- 22 TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
- 23 RISSHO KOSEI-KAI OF CHICAGO BUDDHIST CHURCH

### PARKS

- 1 ASPEN TRAILS PARK
- 2 BLUETT PARK
- 3 BURNING BUSH TRAILS PARK
- 4 BUSSE PARK
- 5 CLEARWATER PARK
- 6 COUNTRYSIDE PARK
- 7 EAST WEDGEWOOD PARK
- 8 EMERSON PARK
- 9 EVERGREEN TRAILS PARK
- 10 FAIRVIEW PARK
- 11 GREGORY PARK
- 12 HILL STREET PARK
- 13 KOPP PARK
- 14 LIONS MEMORIAL PARK
- 15 MAPLE TRAILS PARK
- 16 MEADOWS PARK
- 17 MELAS PARK
- 18 MOUNT PROSPECT GOLF CLUB
- 19 OLD ORCHARD COUNTRY CLUB
- 20 OWEN PARK
- 21 PROSPECT MEADOWS PARK
- 22 REDWOOD PARK
- 23 ROBERT FROST PARK
- 24 SUNRISE PARK
- 25 SUNSET PARK
- 26 SYCAMORE TRAILS PARK
- 27 TAMARACK PARK
- 28 TAMARACK TRAILS PARK
- 29 WE-GO PARK
- 30 WELLER CREEK
- 31 MOEHLING PARK
- 32 WOODLAND TRAILS PARK
- 33 CENTENNIAL PARK
- 34 ROLLING GREEN COUNTRY CLUB
- 35 ALLISON WOODS
- 36 LAKE AVENUE WOODS-WEST
- 37 CAMP PINE WOODS
- 38 DAM NO. 2 WOODS
- 39 WESTBROOK PARK

### SHOPPING

- 1 BRENTWOOD SQUARE
- 2 BRIARWOOD PLAZA
- 3 COLONY COURT SHOPPING CENTER
- 4 COLONY SQUARE
- 5 COUNTRYSIDE COURT SHOPPING CENTER
- 6 CRYSTAL COURT SHOPPING CENTER
- 7 EUCLID MALL
- 8 GOLF PLAZA II
- 9 GOLF PLAZA I
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- 15 DOWNTOWN SHOPPING DISTRICT
- 16 RANDHURST CROSSING

## Public Library

The 101,000 square foot main branch building of the Mount Prospect Public Library is next to Village Hall, in downtown Mount Prospect. The Library also has a South Branch that is part of a 1,100 square foot facility along with the Community Connections Center in a shopping center on the south side of the community. This branch was established to provide better access to community residents. It has a full range of library services and staff who are bilingual in Spanish, Polish, and English. The library serves approximately 51,000 cardholders and a collection of approximately 489,000 items, with an annual circulation figure of 967,000. The programs offered include-

### Main Library services include:

- 3-D printing
- ADA accessibility
- Computers and wifi
- Homebound Delivery
- Interlibrary loan
- Meeting rooms
- Research assistance
- School services
- Voter registration
- Wireless internet

Events include: story-time, playtime for children and parents, reading programs, tech classes, book clubs, programs for all ages, movie nights, concerts and plays, business workshops, and job seeker programs.

### South Branch Library services include:

- ADA accessibility
- Computers and wifi
- Interlibrary loan
- Reader's advisory
- Voter registration
- Research assistance

Events include: story-time, reading programs, and family programs.

## Fiscal Year 2016:

**2,715** ITEMS PER DAY  
TOTAL CIRCULATION OF ITEMS

**921,990** 95%  
Print and A/V

**44,560** 5%  
downloadable media

**1,430** PROGRAMS

**36,834** PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

### World Language Collection

Spanish, Polish, Korean, Gujarati, Russian, Japanese, Chinese, French and others

### Green initiatives

Green Farmer's Market  
Healthy eating programs

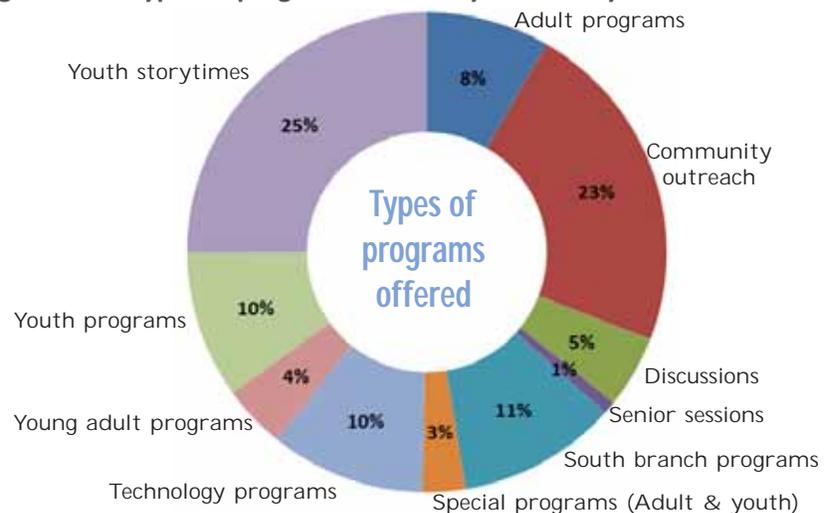
### Homebound Delivery Service

Provides free delivery to resident members that have a disability or long-term illness that prevents them from physically coming to the library.

### Public Art

Permanent collection that promotes lifelong learning through the arts.

Figure A-58: Types of programs offered by the Library



### Trends:

- In 2016, total circulation was essentially unchanged from the prior year, supported in part by less restrictive circulation policies.
- The most popular subjects for patron searches of the Library's electronic subscription resources are business, genealogy, and journal articles, generating a combined 70% of all searches.
- Patrons for public meeting and gathering spaces at the library continues to grow, with expanded study rooms experiencing an average 668 reservations per month in 2016.
- A newly constructed Teen Space was opened to the public in January 2016.
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) programming both in the library and at local schools has increased, in addition to related resources for checkout.

### Future direction/events:

- Programs for new and emerging technologies.
- More active learning opportunities that support literacy, Common Core standards, and STEAM.
- Continued support for small businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Investigate the need to expand off-site activities and services.

## Other Community Services

### SENIOR SERVICES

The Community Room at Village Hall is used to host a number of senior citizen groups, meetings and events. The groups sponsor lectures, scrabble, cards, chorus, holiday parties, luncheons, and other events. The Human Services Department provides a monthly newsletter (The Senior Sentinel) and a schedule of activities and important information for senior residents.

### HANUL FAMILY ALLIANCE

Established in 1999 as a suburban satellite office, Hanul is a Korean American Senior Center to meet the needs of primarily limited-English-speaking Korean elderly. Services and programs provided at this facility include senior service, family support, community health, legal and immigration services, and culture and education programs.

### MYER'S PLACE

Located at Busse, Dempster and Algonquin, Myer's Place offers 21 one-bedroom and 18 studio units of permanent supportive housing for individuals with special needs. Many of the residents at this location are originally from Mount Prospect, Arlington Heights and Elk Grove Village. On-site case management and social work services are provided by the Kenneth Young center, one of our area's community mental health providers.



### YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ELK GROVE TOWNSHIP

Located in Mount Prospect, this department provides sliding fee based counseling services to Township youth and their families, while also offering "life skills" building groups through its Challenge Program.



### TURKISH AMERICAN CENTER

Mount Prospect is also home to the Turkish American Society of Chicago (TASC) whose mission is to integrate the Turkish-American community in the Chicago area, and promote the Turkish culture. The society plans and executes cultural, inter-cultural, educational, religious, charitable, literary, sporting, and social programs and activities.



## Community Landmarks

Mount Prospect has a number of buildings in the community that are important pieces of the community's history.

### **MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Located at the 1906 Dietrich Friedrich's house, - now a museum, the objective of the Mount Prospect Historical Society is to advance the discovery, preservation and dissemination of historical and current information related to Mount Prospect and the surrounding area.



### **SCHOOL HOUSE**

Constructed in 1896, first moved in 1939, and moved a second time in 2008 to its current location, Central School was the first school building in Mount Prospect. This building was the location of many historic events in the community including the inception of the Fire Department, the incorporation of Mount Prospect as a Village, the first library building, and also community events like the first movie screening. It was rightly called a "Community Hall" and today is a part of Mount Prospect Historical Society's Museum Campus.



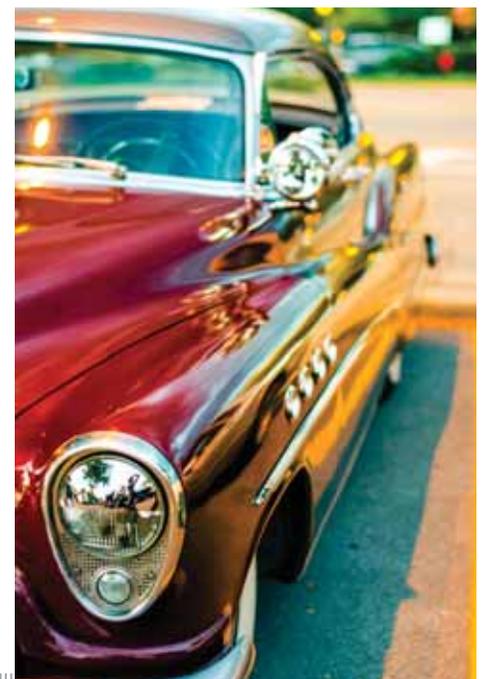
### **CAPPANARI'S ICE CREAM SHOP**

Before being restored and moved to its current location, this was the Moehling General Store. The Mount Prospect Post Office was established at this General Store.



## Community Events

The Village organizes a number of community events for residents to enjoy including concerts, farmers' markets, and holiday events. Some of the events co-sponsored by the Village include the Farmers' Market, Fridays on the Green, 4th of July Parade and Fireworks, Downtown Block Party, Tree Lighting, Fall Festival, Irish Fest and Oktoberfest.



## Public Safety and Emergency Services

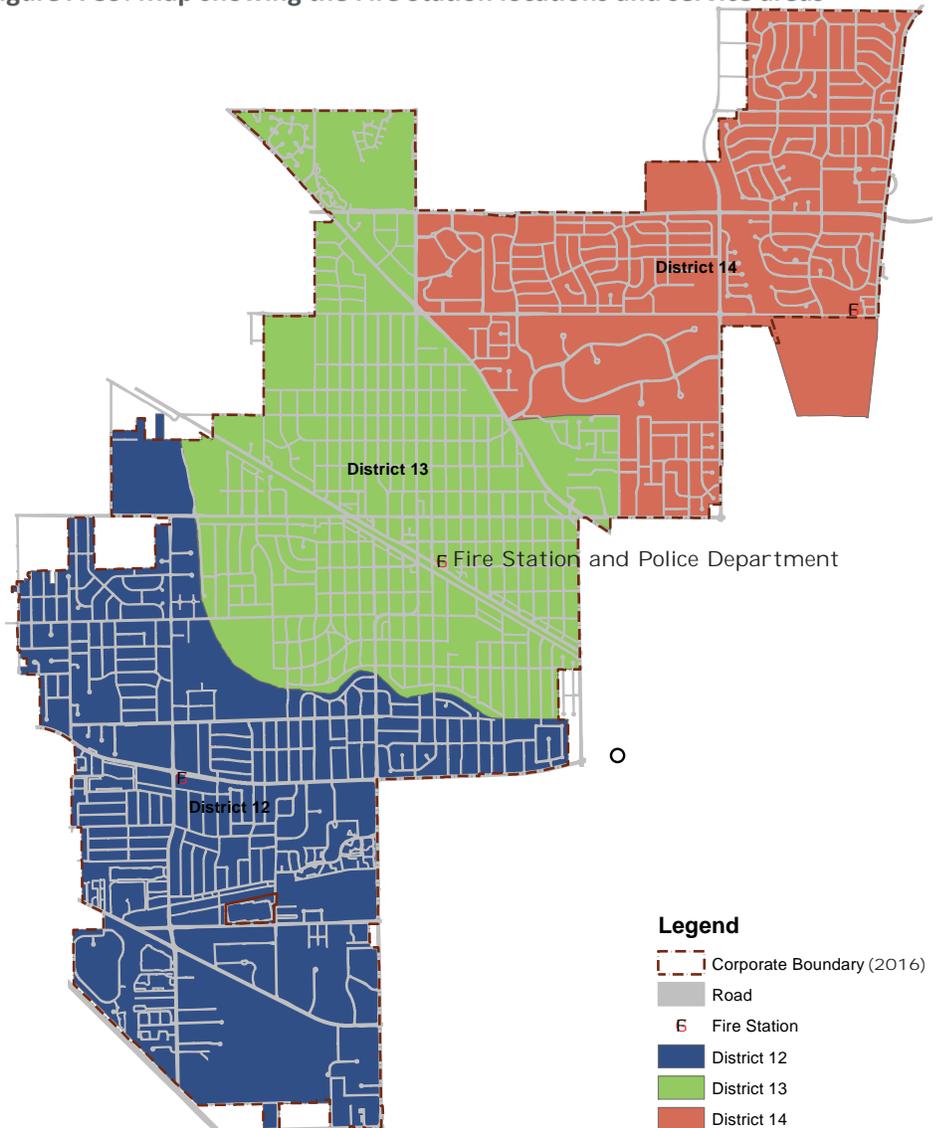
Mount Prospect's public safety departments are located downtown. The Police Department, Fire Department, and Fire Station #13 share the building. In addition, the fire department has a station (#12) on Golf Road and a new station (#14) on Kensington Road that was built in 2013. The map in Figure A-59 shows the locations of the police and fire stations that serve the community.



## Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services

- Department staff:** Seventy-two full-time sworn firefighters, sixty-nine of whom are paramedic certified. Thirty members are trained and certified in special rescue disciplines such as: hazardous material, confined space, below grade, high angle, and water rescue. In addition, the department is supported by thirteen Paid-on-Call firefighters, thirty-five Community Emergency Response Team members, as well as Mutual-Aid agreements with the surrounding communities.
- Fleet:** 15 fire, emergency medical, and special rescue vehicles, including a tower ladder truck with full fire suppression capabilities, a 105 foot aerial ladder, and six fully manned and equipped Advanced Life Support vehicles.
- Fire Prevention Bureau:** Five full-time individuals specializing in plan review, fire investigation, community risk reduction, emergency management, and evacuation planning.
- Public Education division:** includes multiple fire and life safety programs and offers training in critical areas such as CPR, AED, and fire extinguisher use.

Figure A-59: Map showing the Fire Station locations and service areas



**Trends and achievements:**

- Emergency service calls have remained relatively steady over the last five years.
- Emergency medical service calls have increased and are nearly 70 percent of the Department’s calls.
- Response time has improved due to the mutual aid agreement with neighboring communities.
- Development and implementation of an Active Shooter Program

**Future needs:**

Continue staff training, safety education for seniors, and public education efforts - in different languages as needed to communicate with Mount Prospect’s diverse community. Ensure code compliance for all newly annexed properties in the Village.



Fire Station #14

Figure A-60: Fire Department statistics and data for 2016, and prior year calls

**ISO II**  
**RATED FIRE DEPARTMENT AND**  
**CELEBRATED 100 YEARS IN 2013**

**295** hours

In 2015, firefighters averaged over 295 hours of fire, EMS and career development training – a 3.5% increase in training hours compared to 2014!

**3,800**  
**FIRE INSPECTIONS**

**22<sup>st</sup> annual Open House**

**35<sup>th</sup> annual Children’s Fire Safety Festival**

**15**  
**FIRE INVESTIGATIONS**

**415**  
**PUBLIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES**

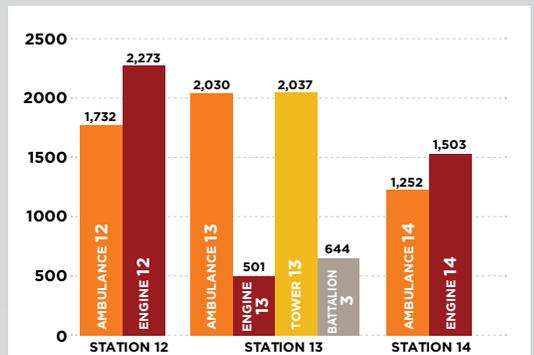
**320**  
**PLAN REVIEWS**

**CALLS FOR SERVICE BY STATION & VEHICLE**

**11,972**  
**TOTAL VEHICLE**  
**RESPONSES**



**5,944**  
**TOTAL INCIDENT**  
**RESPONSES**



**CALLS FOR SERVICE BY CALL TYPE**

- Rescue & Emergency Medical Calls 68.3%
- Service/Other Calls 17.4%
- False Alarms 10.0%
- Hazardous Situation Calls 3.0%
- Other Fires 0.9%
- Structure Fires 0.4% (23)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Fire calls	76	76	76	76	81
EMS calls	3703	3841	3928	3985	4061
Other calls	2150	1857	1875	1850	1802
<b>Total emergency calls</b>	<b>5929</b>	<b>5774</b>	<b>5879</b>	<b>5911</b>	<b>5944</b>
Mutual aid given	206	235	257	243	262
Mutual aid received	330	300	300	342	377
<b>Total mutual aid calls</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>639</b>
Auto aid given	238	244	238	235	218
Auto aid received	182	143	98	209	158
<b>Total auto aid calls</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>376</b>

*Mutual Aid Calls-Given--Calls for assistance from neighboring communities when their local/immediate emergency response capabilities are overwhelmed; Mutual Aid Calls-Received--Calls for assistance to neighboring communities when our local immediate emergency response capabilities are overwhelmed. Automatic Aid Calls-Given--Responses from Mount Prospect Fire Department to surrounding communities because of the close proximity of city limits; Automatic Aid Calls-Received--Responses from surrounding communities’ fire departments to Mount Prospect because of the close proximity of city limits.*

# Police Department

- 80 full-time employees and 2 part-time employees.
- 52 vehicles and 8 bicycles.
- Currently pursuing a Tier I Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation.
- Conducts a number of trust building and public education programs, besides general services.

## Trends:

- Northwest Central Dispatch Service calls have been in decline (Figure A-61).
- Since the introduction of the Crime Free Housing Program in 2007, Mount Prospect has seen a 31% decrease in crime at apartment buildings. Part I and Part II crimes have also decreased in general in the community.
- As shown in Figure A-62, while juvenile arrests have decreased, the annual number of these arrests and vehicle crashes have been consistent since 2013.
- In 2013, nearly one in five crashes (equaling 18% percent of crashes) in the U.S. which involved personal injury was due to distracted driving - an 11% increase since 2011.\*

**Future needs:** The space needs analysis study will determine if a new facility is needed for the department. With respect to resources, there is an interest in seeing more motorcycles and ATVs, and purchasing automatic license plate readers. A manpower allocation study would need to be done in the future, if the Village annexes a significant number of residential units. Active recruiting and employee retention are priorities now and in the future as well.

\* National Center for Statistics and Analysis, Distracted Driving: 2013 Data, in Traffic Safety Research Notes. DOT HS 812 132. April 2015, National Highway Traffic Safety Admin. D.C.

\*\*VoMP 2016 survey results

## Perception of safety in the community (as per the 2016 Village Survey)-

**91%** felt either “very safe” or “safe” within the Village

**94%** felt “very safe” or “safe” in their neighborhood during the day

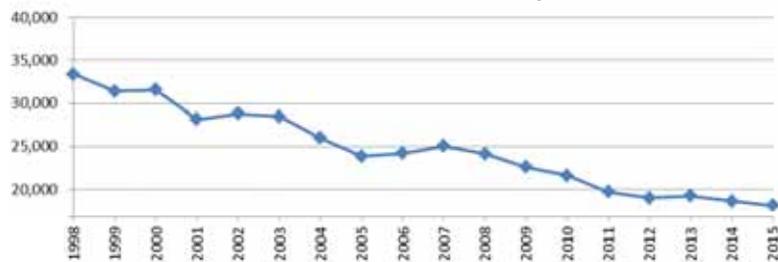
## Top public safety service improvements:

- Increase the visibility of police in neighborhoods
- Improve efforts to prevent crime
- Organize **Neighborhood Watch** in the community’s neighborhoods

## Public Safety and Education Programs

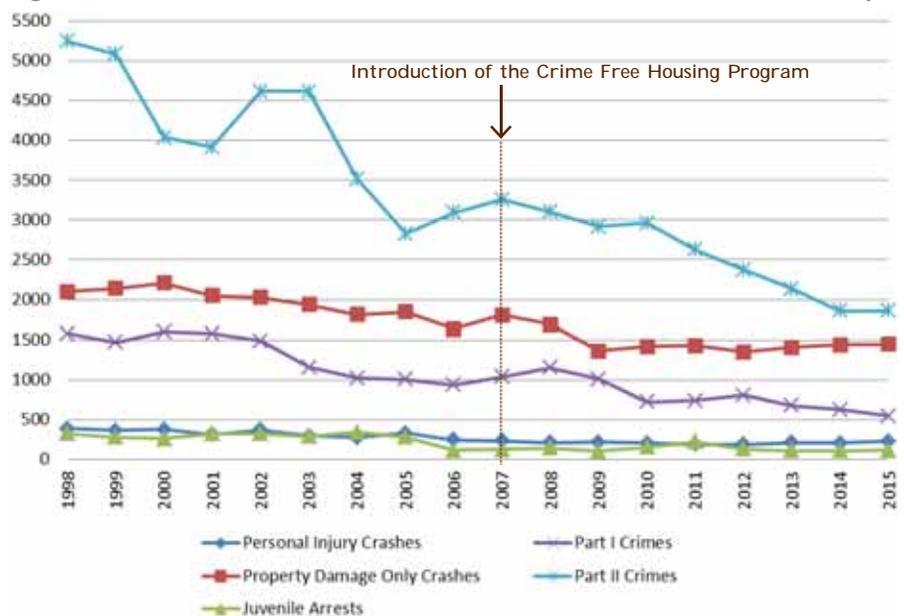
- Officer Friendly Programs
- Crime Prevention Programming
- Crime Free Housing Program
- Kicking It With the Cops
- National Night Out
- Community Town Hall Event
- Coffee With the Cops
- Child Safety Seat Installation
- Social Media accounts

Figure A-61: Number of annual calls recorded by NWCDS<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS) is an intergovernmental consolidated emergency dispatch system, providing 9-1-1 services for Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Mount Prospect, Palatine, Prospect Heights, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg and Streamwood.

Figure A-62: Historic data for crashes, arrests and crimes in Mount Prospect



## Community Health and Wellness

### Healthcare & Medical Services

While there are no hospitals in the community, there are a number of immediate care facilities that serve Mount Prospect. These include Amita Health, Northwest Community Healthcare, and NorthShore Medical Group.

Hospitals in the region include:

Northwest Community Hospital	3 miles
Presence Holy Family Medical Center	3 miles
Advocate Lutheran General	5 miles
NorthShore University Health System	6 miles

### Health & human services

The Human Services Department of the Village of Mount Prospect and a number of public, private and non-profit organizations offer a wide range of health and human services to the community. The organizations include Elk Grove Township, Wheeling Township, Northwest Compass, Catholic Charities, Right at Home Mount Prospect, and Frisbie Senior Center; for domestic violence cases-Life Span, WINGS Program, and Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault; for mental health cases-Kenneth Young Center, Alexian Center for Mental Health, Journeys the Road Home, and National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. These organizations each focus on a specific issue or area of need, and the Human Services Department helps direct residents to related organizations for the services not provided by the Village.



Community Garden at Busy Bees Montessori in Mount Prospect

## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Human Services Department provides nursing and social services to improve the health and wellbeing of the community's residents. Figure A-63 lists all the social services, community health and senior citizen programs provided. In addition, the Community Connections Center (CCC) was opened in 2007 on the south side of the community to provide residents with easy access to social, medical, health, and other services. In addition, the Mount Prospect Public Library developed the South Branch at this Center, which provides needed library services to this area. The other partner agencies that provide programs at the Center include School District 59 and WINGS. The Center receives grant funds from Elk Grove Township and a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to run some of its programs.

### Future service expansion opportunities:

- Job training
- Mental health counseling
- Bus/van pool to take seniors to the Senior Center downtown from the south side/CCC
- Use of CDBG funds to create new services (e.g.: job training), child care, substance abuse services, education programs, energy conservation, recreational services, etc.



Community Connections Center

**Figure A-63: Programs provided by the Human Services Department, including the Community Connections Center**

### SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMMING:

- Community Social Services-
- Case Management and Advocacy
  - Crisis Intervention
  - Informational Handouts
  - Information and Referrals
  - Notary Public
  - Outreach Social Work
  - Benefit Application Assistance
  - Latino Outreach
  - Program Enrollment Assistance

- Financial Assistance-
- Family swimming pool pass
  - Food Pantry Program
  - Holiday Meal Basket Program
  - My School, My Choice Program

- Fire and police referrals-
- Apartment and House Fire Calls
  - Police Social Services

**Food Pantry** - To address diversity in the community, special focus groups have been conducted to understand the type of foods people would want to receive through the Food Pantry.



Food collection drive for the Food Pantry

### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING:

- Community Health Services-
- Medical Equipment Lending Closet
- Health Screenings-
- Blood pressure clinic
  - Cholesterol Screening
  - Health Education Classes and Seminars (e.g.: session on nutrition, public health awareness drives on the Zika virus)
  - Public Health Nurse Office Visit

- Health Screenings Outreach-
- Community outreach nursing
  - Senior Subsidized Residence Health Screening Services

- Home Safety and Services-
- Call Check
  - LifeLine Program
  - Special Needs Registry

- Public Health Coordination-
- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
  - Senior health month

### SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMMING:

- Income Tax Assistance
- Senior Handyman Program
- Donations of fruits and vegetables from the farmer's market

- Activities-
- Club and Organization Meetings (e.g.: Senior walking club)
  - Monthly Newsletter

- Transportation
- A Transportation Brochure
  - RTA Free Ride Card
  - Odd Job Listings

- Wellness
- Senior Assessment Program

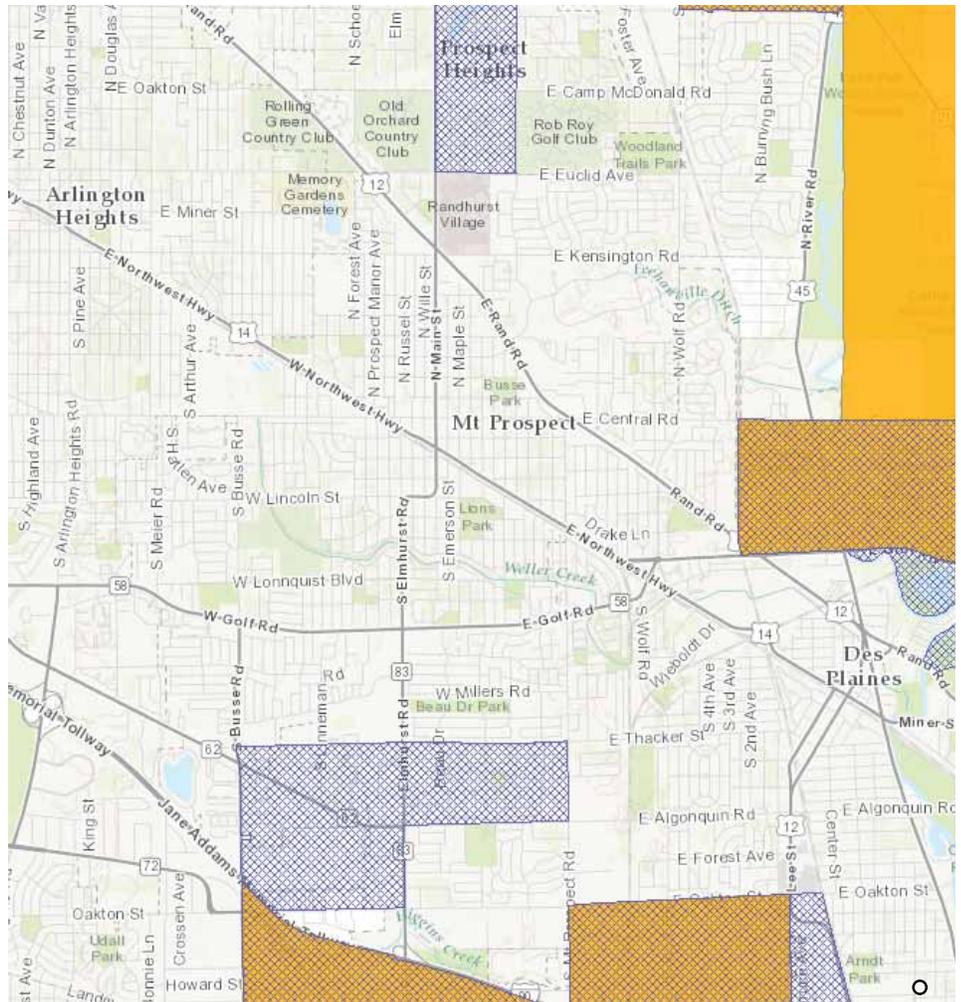
# Healthy Food Access

**Food deserts** The Food Access Research Atlas produces maps showing census tracts that are both low income and have low access to healthy food (Figure A-64). Low access to healthy food is defined as being far from a large grocery store. A census tract is considered to have low access if a significant number or share of individuals in the tract is far from a supermarket. Low-income census tracts where a significant number (at least 500 people) or share (at least 33 percent) of the population is greater than 1.0 mile from the nearest supermarket, supercenter, or large grocery store. This tool highlights areas that have a combination of low income, distance to supermarkets, and vehicle access that contribute to food deserts.

Based on the adjacent map, there are currently no food deserts within Mount Prospect. But access to fresh foods can always be improved. Figure A-65 shows the food insecurity rate in the County which would could also be improved over time. The Village already has a Farmer’s Market during the warmer months that is well attended. The Human Services department also runs a Food Pantry. In addition, fresh food donations from the Farmer’s Market are made available for seniors and families in need in the community at the Community Connections Center. There are two community gardens in Mount Prospect that are privately managed.

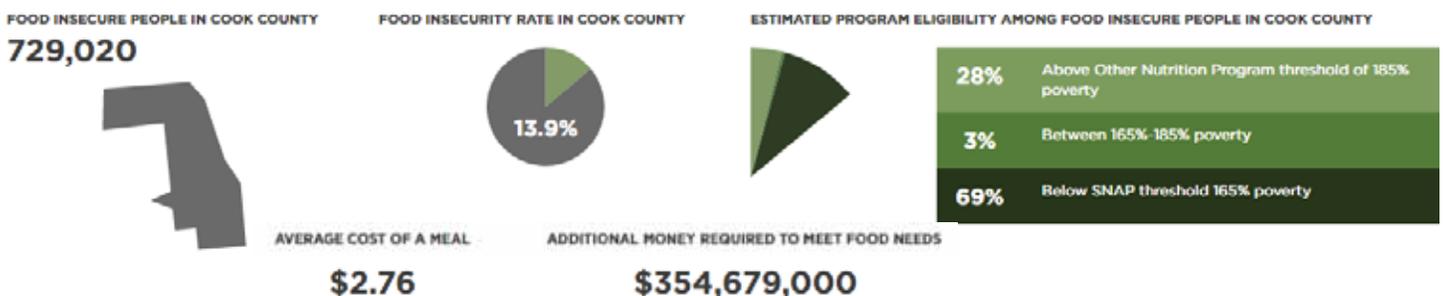
**Figure A-64: Map showing the locations of food deserts**

Source- Food Access Research Atlas



- Low Income and Access at 1/2 mile
- Low Access at 1/2 mile

**Figure A-65: Infographics showing food insecurity in Cook County**



## Infrastructure and services

### Roads

5% of the Village owned roads are repaved each year. Mount Prospect has an annual street resurfacing program to maintain the high quality road network and ensure safe travel. Other recent completed roadway projects include:

- In 2016, the Village completed 36 streets / 6.96 miles of intermittent curb repair and asphalt resurfacing at various locations.
- The Neighborhood Traffic Study included a traffic control analysis and implementation, resulting in a sharp drop in neighborhood traffic complaints.
- Bicycle route signage project
- 2016 new sidewalk program- included the installation of new sidewalk at the following locations:  
1) The south side of Camp McDonald Road, between Burning Bush Lane and River Road; 2) The south side of Lonquist Boulevard, between Elm Street and School Street.

Elmhurst Road Interchange Project at I-90. This \$54 million project will provide a full access interchange at I-90 and is scheduled to be completed in 2017. It included construction of a new ramps, as well as the bridge carrying Elmhurst Road traffic over the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), reconstruction and widening of Elmhurst Road and improvements to the intersection of Elmhurst Road and Oakton Street.

136miles OF ROADS



Lonquist Boulevard in Mount Prospect



Diverging diamond interchange at I-90 and Elmhurst Road



# Sewer System

## Sanitary and stormwater sewers

Mount Prospect owns and operates sewer systems in the areas shown on the adjacent maps (Figure A-66). The remaining areas are served by systems owned by Illinois American Water and Elk Grove Township. The Village owned system consists of both combined and separate sewers. The older parts of the Village have a combined system that was constructed in the 1920s. In the 1960s, the first separate sanitary and storm sewers were constructed. Today, all newly installed sewers have separate sanitary and stormwater systems.

Many older homes have a shared gravity sewer, subject to basement flooding. The Village attempted a program in 2010 to help homeowners install overhead sewers with no money down, but the program only received 14 participants. From 2006 through 2013, approximately \$7.43 million was spent to rehabilitate the combined sewers based on their condition. In 2015, the Village commissioned another program to determine the condition of all the combined sewers that had not been rehabilitated. The pie chart in Figure A-67 shows the condition of the remaining combined sewers and lists the rehabilitation schedule to fix the conditions by either lining the pipe segment or replacing the defective section of pipe.

Figure A-66: Service area for separate and combines sewers in Mount Prospect

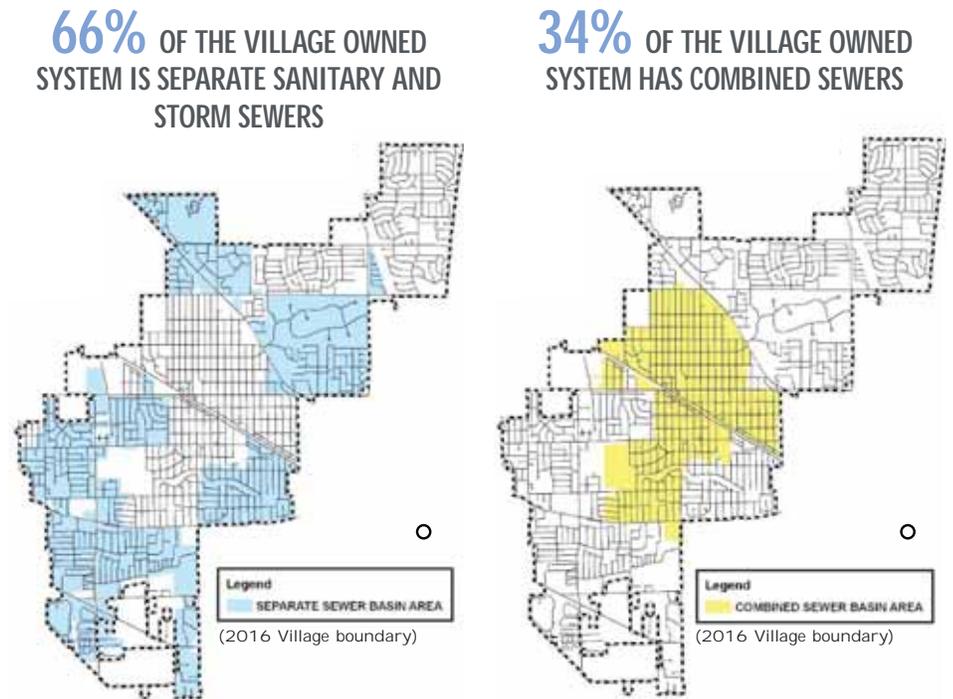
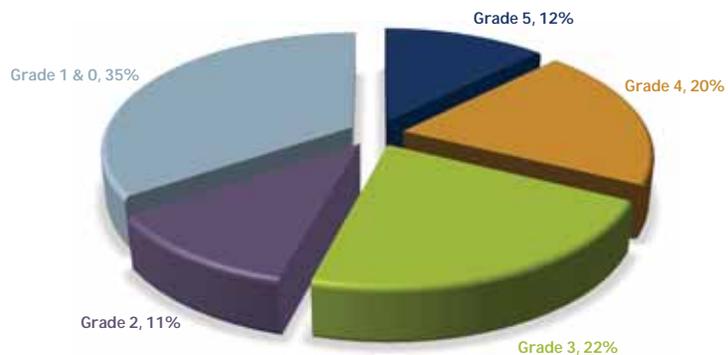


Figure A-67: Condition of combined sewer system and the sewer rehabilitation schedule



### SEWER REHABILITATION SCHEDULE:

GRADE 5	2016-2017
GRADE 4	2018-2019
GRADE 3	2020-2030

Note- Grade 5 indicates the worst condition.

## Water Supply

Mount Prospect is served by Lake Michigan water that is delivered by Northwest Suburban JAWA (municipal) and Illinois American Water (shown in Figure 68). On-going water main work includes replacement of deteriorated water mains to prevent leakage that can cause disruption of service and degradation of water quality.

**Future needs:** The existing water supply and sewer systems are sufficient to meet the current and future demands of growth and development in the community.

**Water conservation** While Mount Prospect does not face a pressing need to conserve water, conservation is a goal for the Village. In the recent past, the Village has offered a Free Rain Barrel Program to residents of a maximum of 4 rain barrels per household.

**Figure A-68: Water service statistics for 2017 in Mount Prospect and map showing the service area for Village and Illinois American Water**

**\$10.97** PER 1,000 GALLONS  
Municipal Combined Water/Sewer Service Rate (2017)

**161** MILES OF WATER MAINS

**8,800,000** GALLONS  
STORAGE CAPACITY

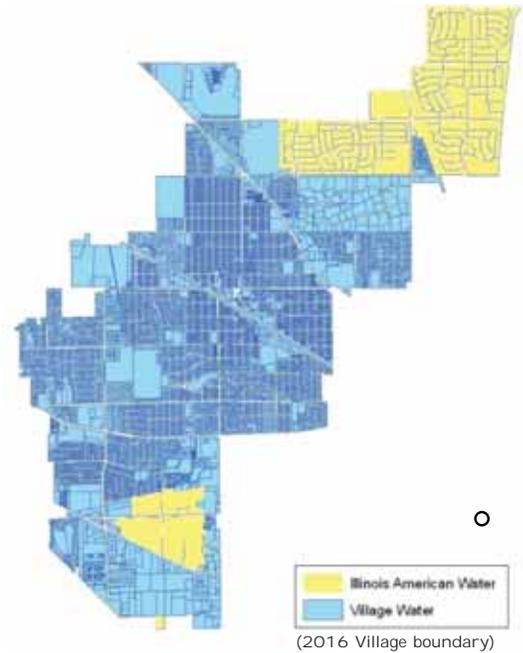
**4,970,000** GALLONS  
PEAK DAILY DEMAND

**4%** increase since 2016

**11,886** METERED ACCOUNTS

**3,571,652** GALLONS  
AVERAGE DAILY DEMAND

**1,238,000** GALLONS  
EXCESS DAILY CAPACITY



## Solid Waste Management

Mount Prospect has a contract with Republic Services for residential solid waste collection services, including refuse, recycling, yard waste, bulk items, white goods (appliances), construction, move-in debris, Christmas tree, and fall leaf collection.

**Recycling** In partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), the Village also offers the recycling of compact fluorescent light bulbs, computer/electronics, batteries, holiday lights and extension cords, and prescription drugs/sharps disposal.



# Utilities

## ELECTRICITY

Electricity in Mount Prospect is delivered by Commonwealth Edison, while there is a choice of ComEd, Municipal Aggregation Program, or other supplier for electricity suppliers.

ComEd rate: **6.318 cents per kWh**

Aggregation Program Rate\*: **7.499 cents per kWh**

\*Residents and small commercial customers have the opportunity to participate in an "opt-out" municipal aggregation plan to receive electric energy from an alternate retail electric supplier. Rates are as of January 2017.

## NATURAL GAS

Gas in Mount Prospect is delivered by NICOR Gas

Gas supply charge:

**42 cents/therm**

(January 2017)

This is a 56% increase from Jan 2016 when it was 27 cents/therm.

**Why aggregate??** Village of Mount Prospect's Electric Aggregation Program with Homefield Energy is an 'opt-out' program to pay for 100% renewable energy from Homefield Energy instead of ComEd. The current contract ends in August 2017. This aggregation is aimed to help residents and eligible small businesses save money by creating a combined customer group that has more buying power than individual residents and businesses, besides choosing an electric supply offer that includes a higher percentage of renewable power.



*Multi-use path along the ComEd utility right-of-way in Mount Prospect*

# Sustainability

## Greenest Region Compact

The Village passed a resolution endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Greenest Region Compact (GRC) in 2008, and another resolution in 2016 endorsing the Greenest Region Compact 2. The GRC2 presents consensus goals for environmental sustainability to be addressed by local municipalities. The ten sustainability areas addressed by the Compact are climate, economic development, energy, land, leadership, mobility, municipal operations, sustainable communities, waste & recycling, and water. Within each area are goals that are aligned with important regional, national and global goals. The GRC2 Framework offers a menu of options in each of the ten sustainability areas to allow communities to assess their current initiatives, select suitable goals and actions, and tailor objectives and strategies to their needs in preparing a local sustainability plan. The GRC2 also notes the following achievements by the Village in different types of program areas listed in Figure A-70. There is opportunity for the Village to use the GRCs's framework to track and achieve all the goals outlined in the Compact.

## Energy Strategy Plan

In 2009, the Department of Energy (DOE) notified the Village of Mount Prospect that it was eligible to receive \$489,600 as a direct formula grant via the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. One of the primary requirements under the grant was to submit an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy. The Village

**Figure A-69: Mount Prospect's achievements noted by the Greenest Region Compact Program** (Source- <http://mayorscaucus.org/initiatives/environment>)

Primary Indicators	Number of achievements
Air	1
Climate Change	0
Energy	7
Land	9
Sustainability	4
Waste	2
Water	2
TOTAL	25

**Figure A-70: Program areas for the Greenest Region Compact 2** (Source- <http://mayorscaucus.org/initiatives/environment>)



-  Land Use
-  Sustainable Communities
-  Mobility
-  Water & Wastewater
-  Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy
-  Municipal Operations
-  Waste & Recycling
-  Economic Development
-  Climate Change

**Figure A-71: List of LEED\* certified buildings in Mount Prospect** (Source- <http://USGBC.org>)

Starbucks Mt. Prospect -	Certified
Myers Place -	Certified
Mount Prospect Fire Station -	Gold
AMC Randhurst 12 Theatres -	Silver

\* Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)

hired Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. to develop the Village's first ever Energy Strategy Plan which was adopted in April 2010. The charts included in Figure A-72, show the energy use patterns included in this Plan. The Plan also set forth the Village's energy efficiency goals and objectives, as well as strategies to achieve them.

As an implementation step from the Energy Strategy Plan, the Village of Mount Prospect and Mount Prospect Public Library entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement in 2011 to create The Mount Prospect Sustainability Education Program. This program consists of monthly sessions and materials to educate residents and businesses about energy efficiency, recycling, and water conservation. In addition, the Village and the Library hosted a Green Fair which included seminars on a wide range of topics, from local community farming to wind power to electric cars and biking.

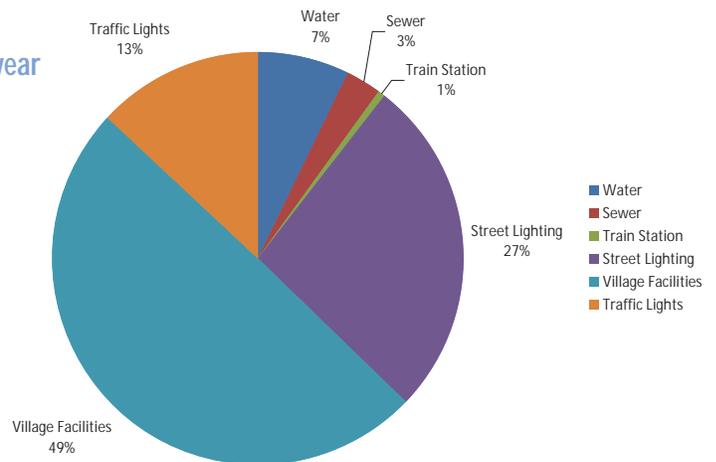
Other notable projects funded by the grant included:

- The design and installation of signage at the Mount Prospect Fire Station 14 on Kensington Road, highlighting and illustrating the facility's energy efficiency and sustainability features to serve as a model for sustainable building construction;
- A home weatherization rebate program;
- Creation of a community bike plan by Active Transportation Alliance and Sam Schwartz Engineering; and
- Installation of LED streetlights on Prospect Avenue and at the Kensington Business Center to save energy and reduce overall costs to light the roadways.

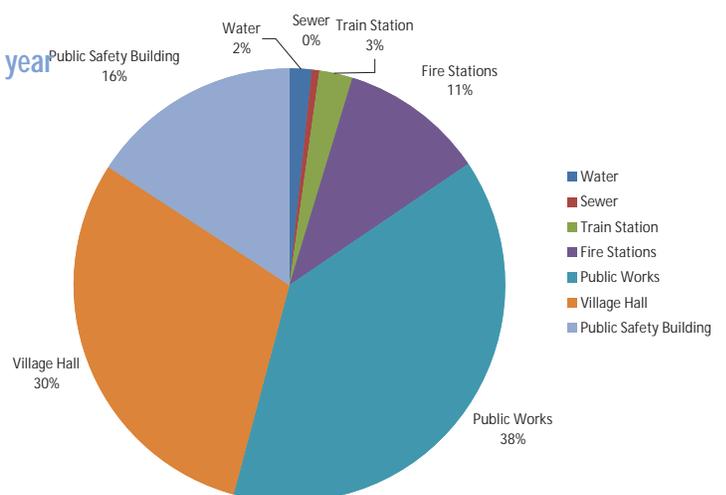
**Figure A-72: Snapshot of the use of energy for Village operations (2009)**

Source- Mount Prospect Energy Strategy Plan

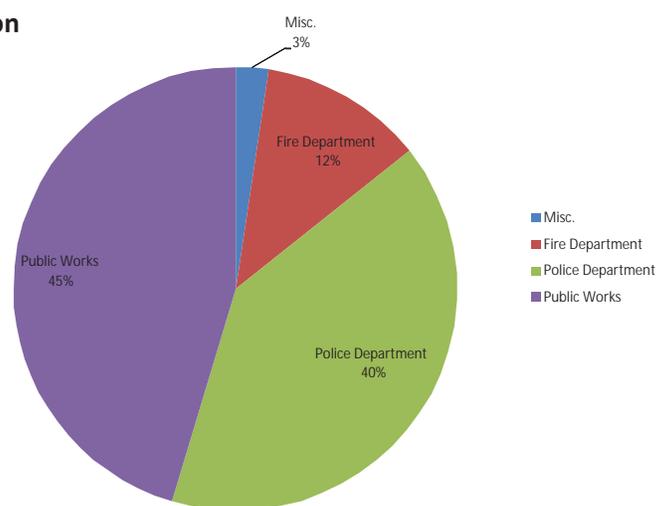
**Electricity usage**  
6,447,000 kWh per year



**Natural gas usage**  
129,000 therms per year



**Vehicle fuel consumption**  
176,000 gallons per year



# Natural Resources and Flood Hazards

## Urban Forestry

The Village was named a 2015 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management, marking the 31<sup>st</sup> time the Village has received Tree City USA recognition. The Village's commitment to urban forestry is most notable in its many tree-lined neighborhoods. In 2013, the Village also completed an Urban Forestry Management Plan to help guide the ongoing management of the thousands of trees growing on Village parkways.

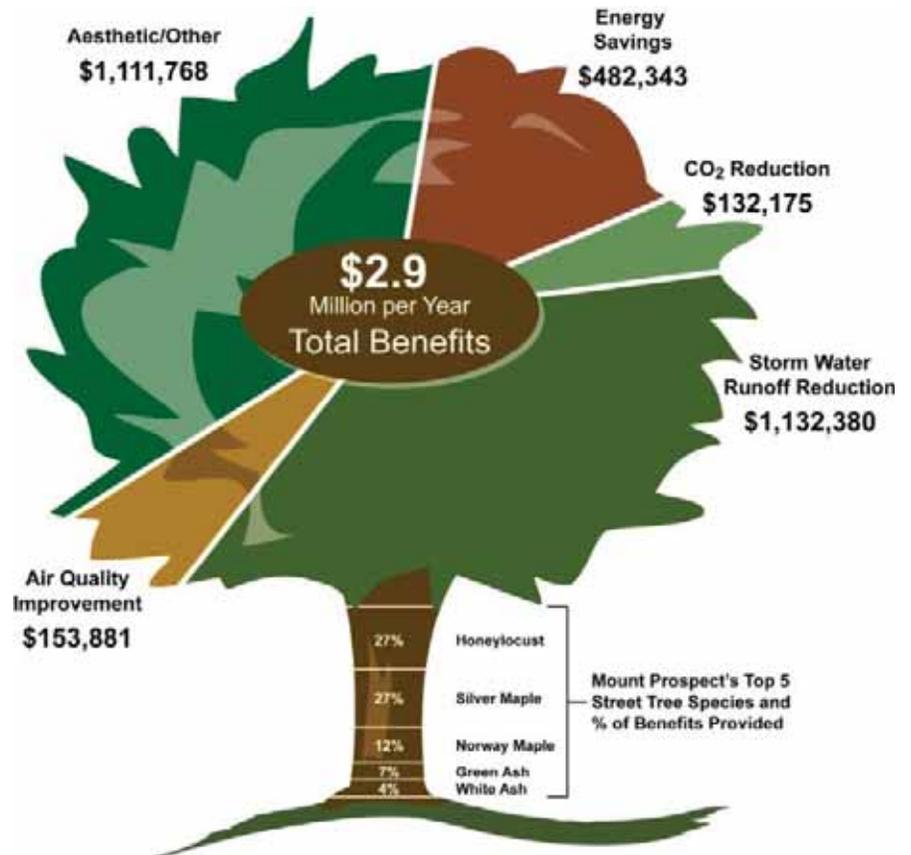


Every year, the Village's **Christmas tree** is a local tree donated by a resident

**24,000+** PARKWAY TREES

Figure A-73: Graphic showing the value of Mount Prospect's parkway trees

Source- Mount Prospect's Urban Forestry Management Plan



## Stormwater management

Federal regulations require all municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) to obtain storm water permits for their discharges into receiving waters (lakes, streams, rivers). To meet federal regulations, Village has developed a MS4 Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) that describes the procedures and practices to help reduce the discharge of pollutants into storm water runoff. Compliance with this program is intended to protect water quality, which will in turn contribute to cleaner

Over 14 Million Dollars of Relief Sewers and larger sewers were recently added in Mount Prospect!

lakes and streams, improve recreational opportunities and tourism, reduce flood damage, improve aesthetics and wildlife habitat, and contribute to a safer and healthier environment for Mount Prospect residents.

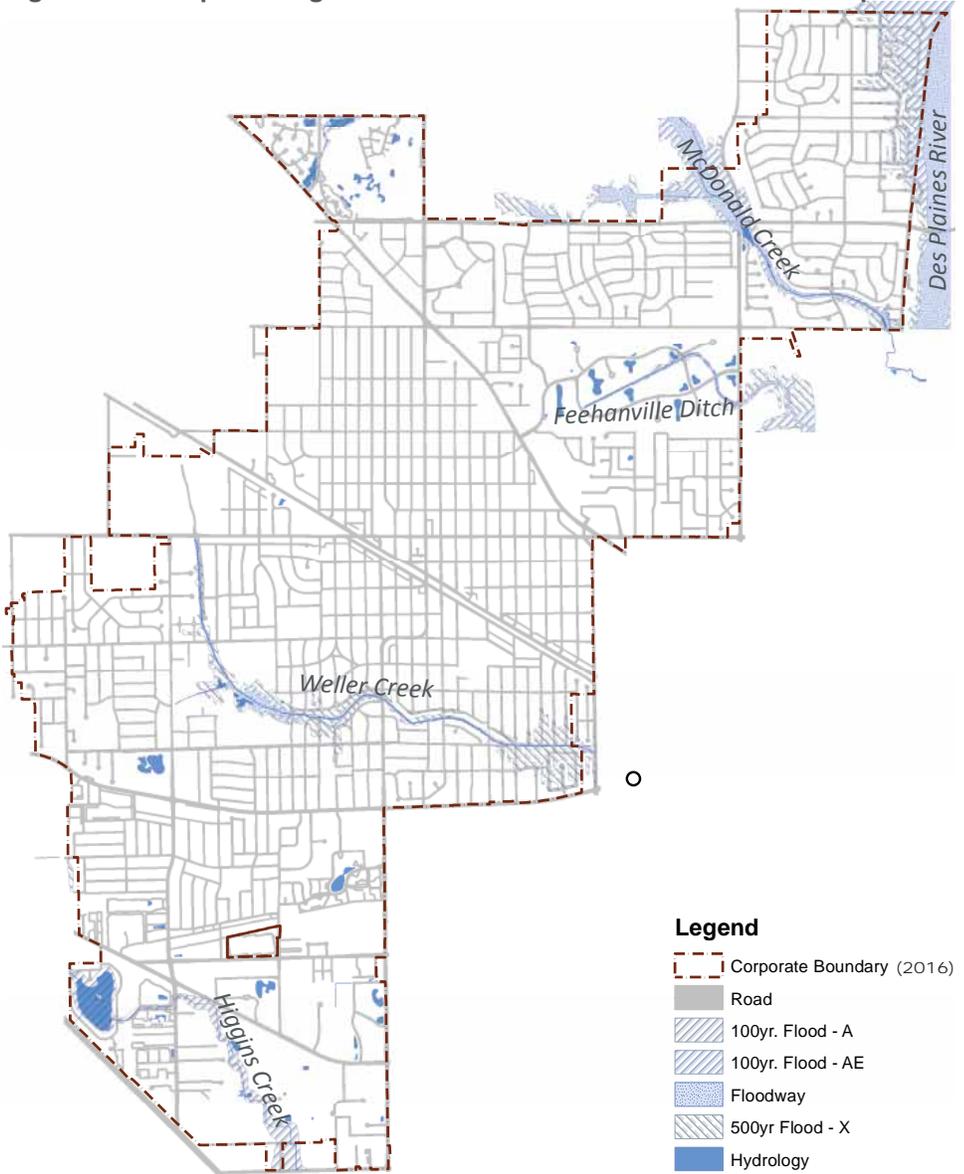
**Local Flood Hazards**

Five waterways carry stormwater into, through, and away from the Village: the Des Plaines River, McDonald Creek, Feehanville Ditch, Weller Creek, and Higgins Creek as shown on the map. The flood hazard areas associated with each waterway (designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency) are also included on the map in Figure A-74.

In 2011, the Village endured a record-setting rainfall event that resulted in widespread flooding. A comprehensive flood study report was completed in 2012 to analyze the causes of flooding. Two of the recommendations included the installation of larger diameter storm sewer mains along Lavergne Drive and Palm Drive (completed in 2016). Other major stormwater improvement projects have included-

- Isabella Street drainage project which included adding relief sewers.
- Prospect Meadows drainage improvements to eliminate areas of standing water in ditches by adding stormsewer pipes and regrading the ditches.
- Levee 37 flood control project involved the construction of flood control measures (levee and pumping stations) along the Upper Des Plaines River at Prospect Heights and northeast Mount Prospect. Currently, options are being considered to increase the capacity of the existing pumping stations to reduce the flooding of residential areas west of the levee.

**Figure A-74: Map showing the different flood zones within Mount Prospect**

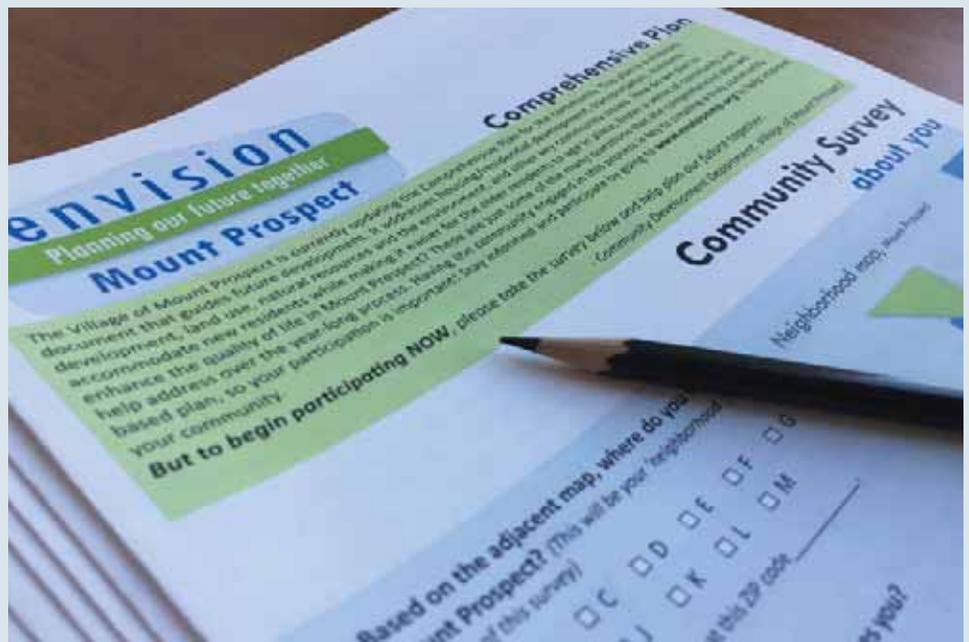


# Appendix B: Community Engagement

## I. Community Survey Summary

A survey titled Community Survey was created to get feedback on key issues, including land use, transportation, service, and other related topics. A copy of the survey was made available in English and Spanish (included in Figures B-1 and B-2) and was distributed through the project website, at open houses and at different public facilities in Mount Prospect. A total of 460 responses were received. Assuming a sample size of 20,290 households in Mount Prospect, the survey had a 95% level of confidence with a confidence interval (margin of error) of 4.6. This means that the responses were 95% within a +/-4.6% of the recorded values.

The survey was organized into different sections that included questions pertaining to the respondent's age group, housing preferences, the overall community, their neighborhood, transportation choices and issues, and third places. A summary of the responses received for each question is included on the following pages, along with the survey results for each question.







# Response summaries

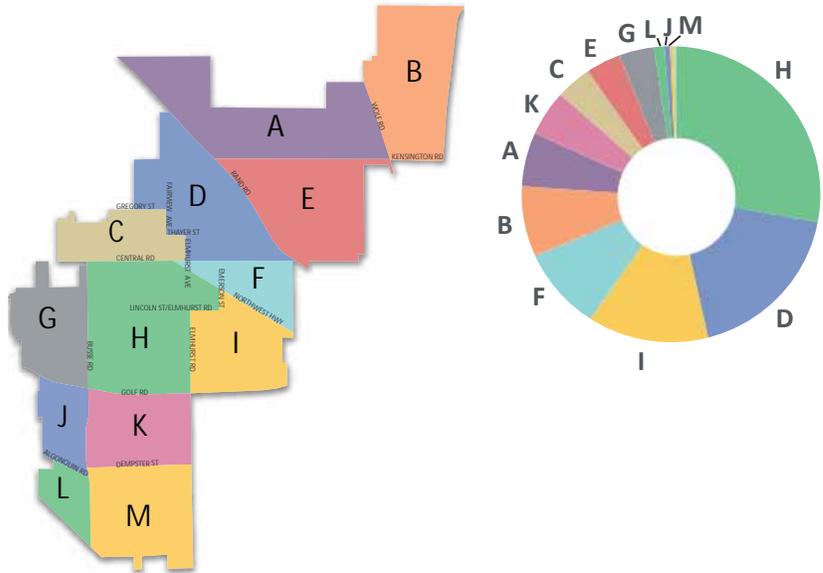
## Summary of responses received for Questions 1, 2 and 3:

Survey results indicate that the survey was completed by residents from all neighborhoods in the Village.

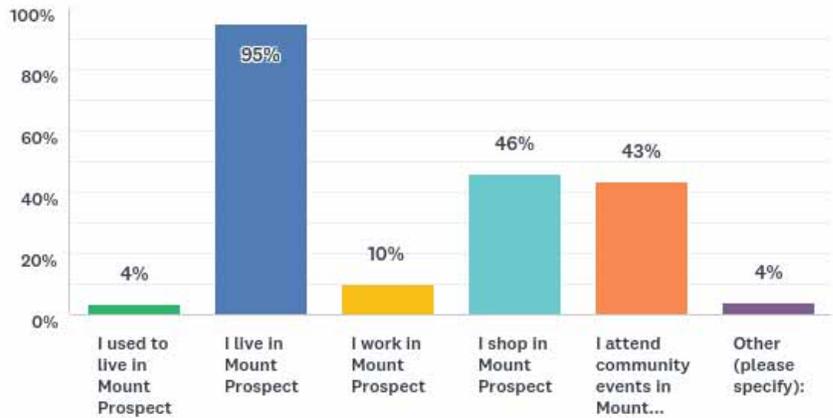
Of the total responses received, ninety-five percent (95%) of the respondents were residents of Mount Prospect. Respondents included all age groups. The majority of the respondents were between the ages of 35 and 64.

Survey question responses:

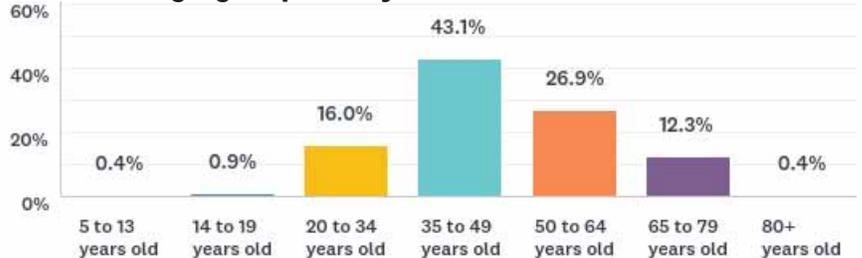
### Q1. Based on the adjacent map, where do you live?



### Q2. Which statement best describes you?



### Q3. Select the age group that you fall within.

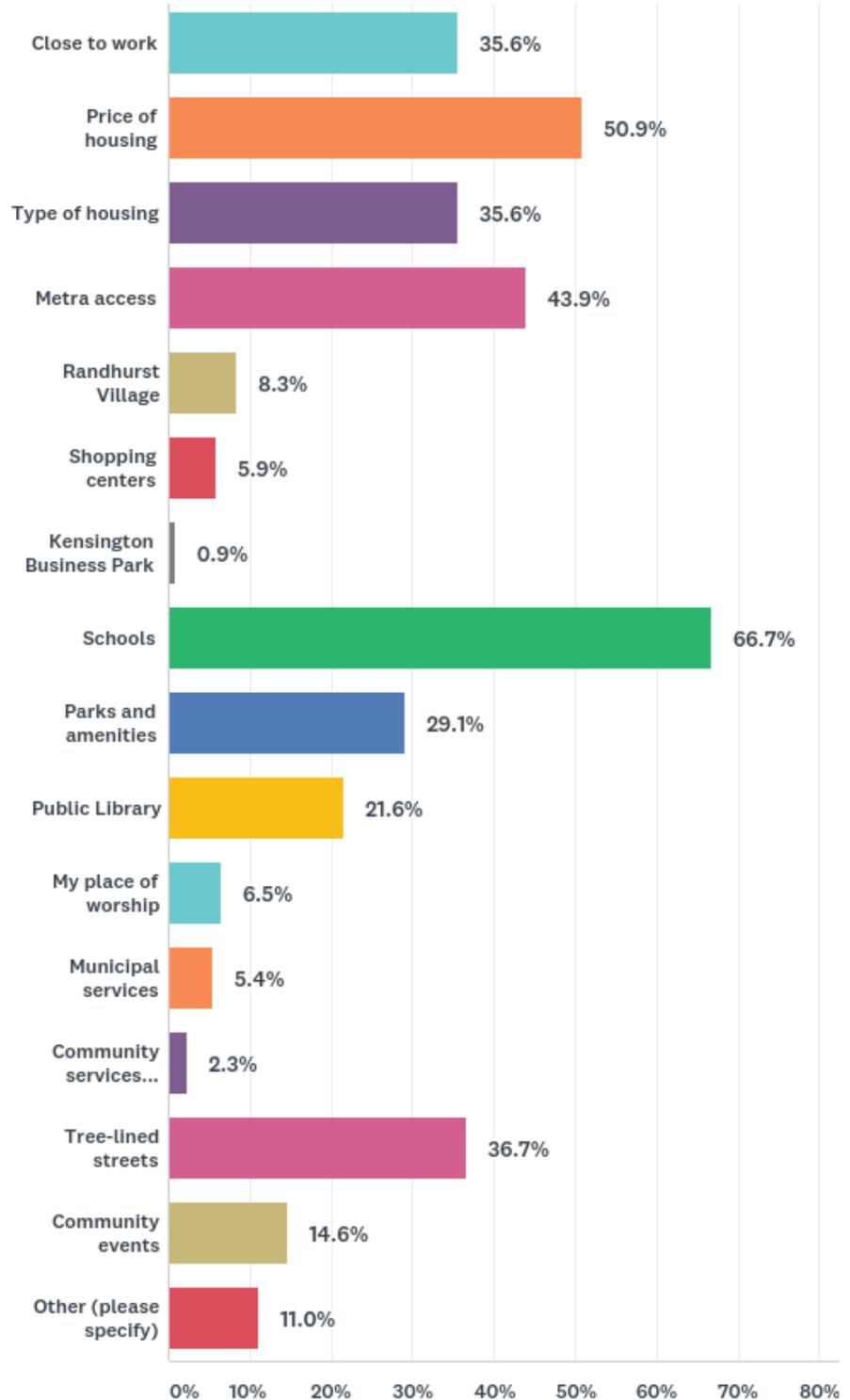


## Summary of responses received for Question 4:

Respondents were asked to identify the reasons they selected Mount Prospect as their home. Sixty-seven percent (67%) of the respondents selected schools as their top reason, and around fifty percent (50%) selected price of housing. The third reason for choosing Mount Prospect was the Metra access.

### Survey question responses:

#### Q4. What made you select Mount Prospect as your home?



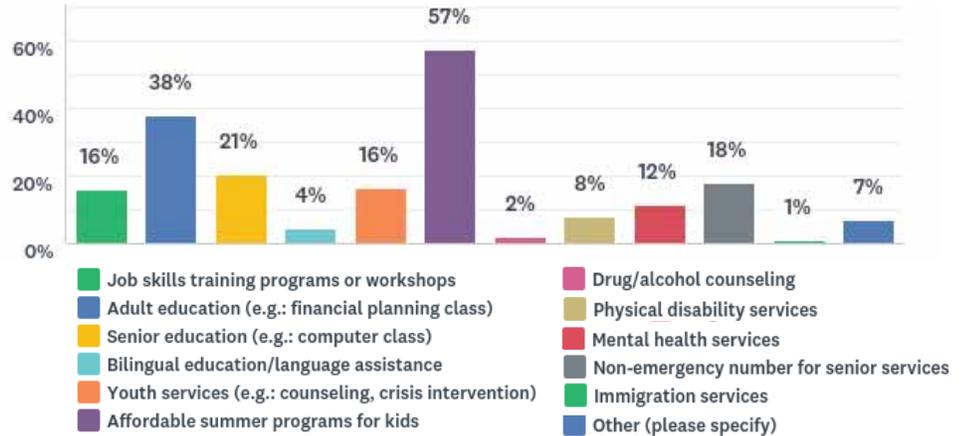
## Summary of responses received for Question 5:

Respondents indicated that they would take advantage of several services if provided in Mount Prospect. Respondents indicated the highest interest in affordable summer programs for kids at fifty-seven percent (57%), adult education at thirty-eight percent (38%), and senior education at twenty-one percent (21%).

Among the “other” service ideas, responses that were mentioned multiple times included a senior center, affordable school before and after care, and a splash pad.

### Survey question responses:

## Q5. If provided, which of the following services would you or your family use?



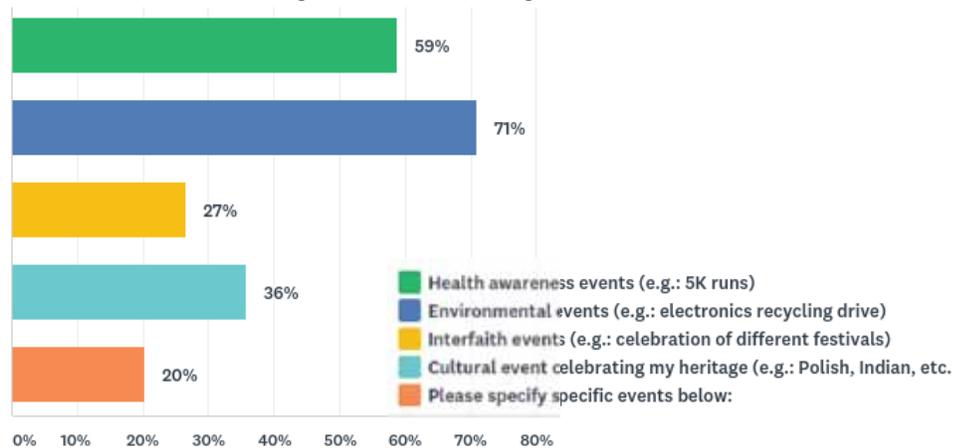
“Other” service ideas included\*: Park district amenities; activities for children; Computer classes in Spanish and English (especially for younger people); more interaction with community police; reduce costs associated with running the village; senior transportation and services; senior center; affordable school before and after care; Splash pad, better kids park, Randhurst Village similar to the Glen; and a high quality nursing home.

## Summary of responses received for Question 6:

When asked about types of community events they would like to see in the future, the majority of respondents indicated environmental events at seventy-one percent (71%) and health awareness events at fifty-nine percent (59%). Additionally, over a quarter of the respondents said they would like to see cultural events celebrating their heritage and interfaith events.

Among the “other” event ideas responses that were mentioned multiple times included kids/family events, family oriented events, events on all cultures, Polish and Irish events, and Christmas parade.

## Q6. What community events would you like to see in the future?



“Other” community event ideas included\*: Welcome Wagon for New Residents, Getting-to-Know-Your Neighbor Groups; British and Greek cultural events. Fitness related events like zumba; celebrate diversity; Kids/family events; Family oriented entertainment; Caribbean history month; Irish; all cultures including different religions; holiday events; movies in the park - at different parks; get to know each other events; Polish; Italian; Indian; Irish; German; Korean; Hazardous waste disposal; electronics recycling; tech events for/ with youth programs integrated with Schools and library; gay pride; CPR training; Christmas parade; history of MP; craft fair; vintage markets; food trucks; beer and wine tasting; food drives; adopt a family for the holidays; Local business support days; Fine Arts Festival; Dog/kid friendly events; community bicycle events; More festivals or public gatherings for entertainment.

## Summary of responses received for Questions 7, 8 and 9:

To better understand the responses received for questions 7, 8 and 9, a separate analysis was run to understand respondents' housing preference in the future. Ninety-five percent (95%) of the respondents currently own a home in Mount Prospect. Of these, sixty-four percent (64%) intend to continue to live in or move to a single-family home, nineteen percent (19%) intend to move into a townhome or condo, and ten percent (10%) intend to move to an independent living facility or an assisted living facility. Of the four percent (4%) that currently live in rental units, fifty-seven percent (57%) said they would move into single-family homes, twenty-one percent (21%) indicated they would move into an apartment, and seven percent (7%) indicated they would move into a condo.

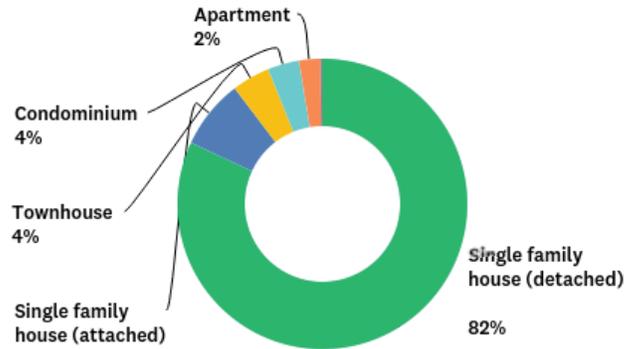
Another separate analysis was completed to understand the housing needs for those aged 50 and over. Only thirty-five percent (35%) of those currently living in a single-family home indicated an interest to continue to live in a single-family home in the future.

### Survey question responses:

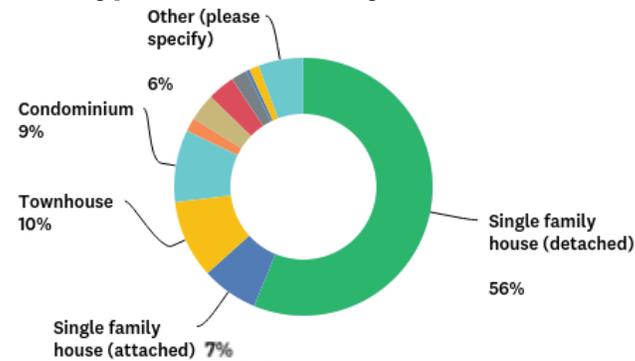
#### Q7. Current living situation:

95% owners 4% renters 2% temporarily living with family/friends

#### Q8. What type of unit do you currently live in?



#### Q9. What type of unit would you move to in the future?



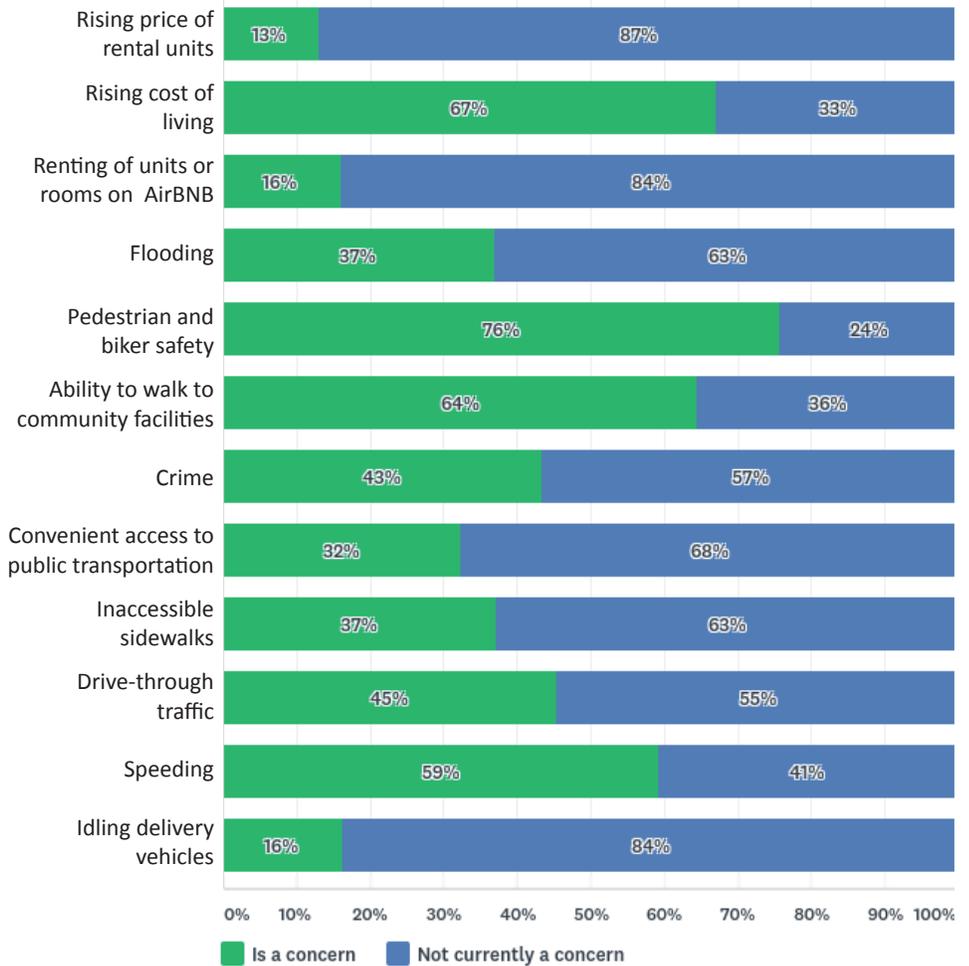
"Other" types of units included: Independent senior housing unit, Continuing Care Retirement Community (i.e., multiple levels of care like), senior housing.

### Summary of responses received for Question 10:

Regarding neighborhood concerns, the top concerns identified were pedestrian and biker safety at seventy-six percent (76%), the rising cost of living at sixty-seven percent (67%), ability to walk safely in their neighborhood at sixty-four percent (64%), and speeding at fifty-nine percent (59%). The rising price of rental units, renting of units/short-term rentals through AirBNB or other websites, and idling delivery vehicles were not noted as concerns in the neighborhoods.

### Survey question responses:

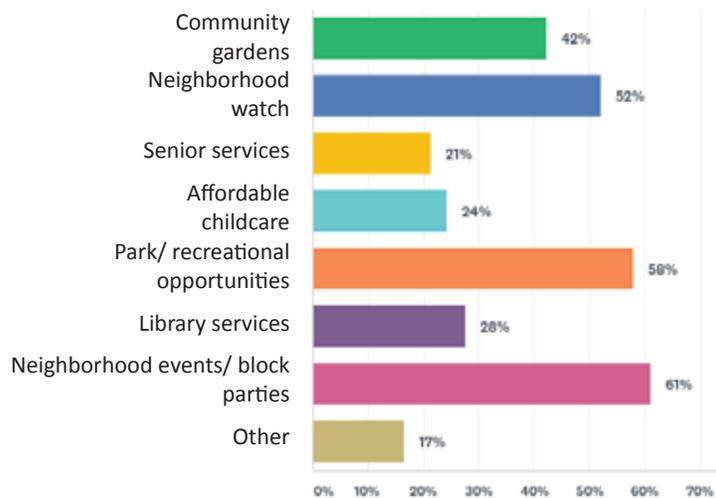
#### Q10. How do you perceive the following in your neighborhood? Concern, or not currently?



### Summary of responses received for Question 11:

Respondents indicated they would like to see more neighborhood events/block parties, parks/recreational opportunities, neighborhood watch, and community gardens the most.

#### Q11. What else would you like to have/see more of in your neighborhood?

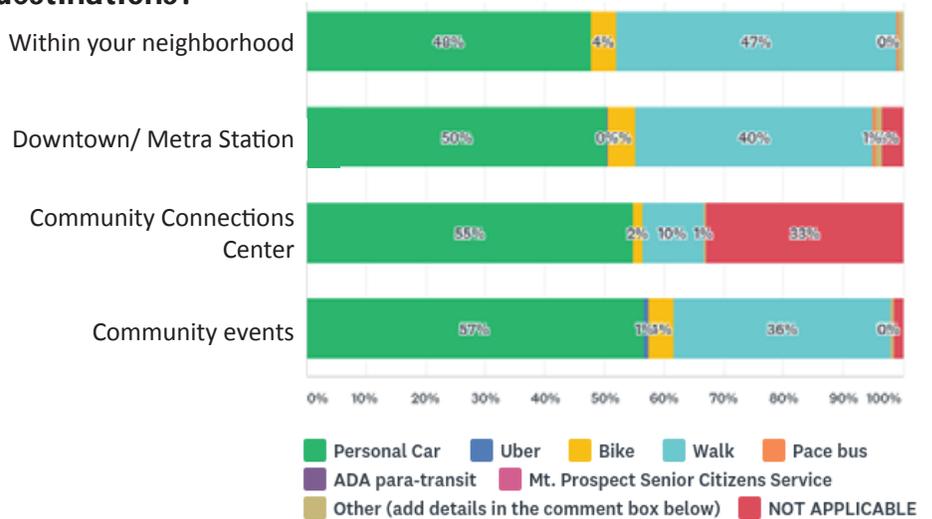


## Summary of responses received for Questions 12 and 13:

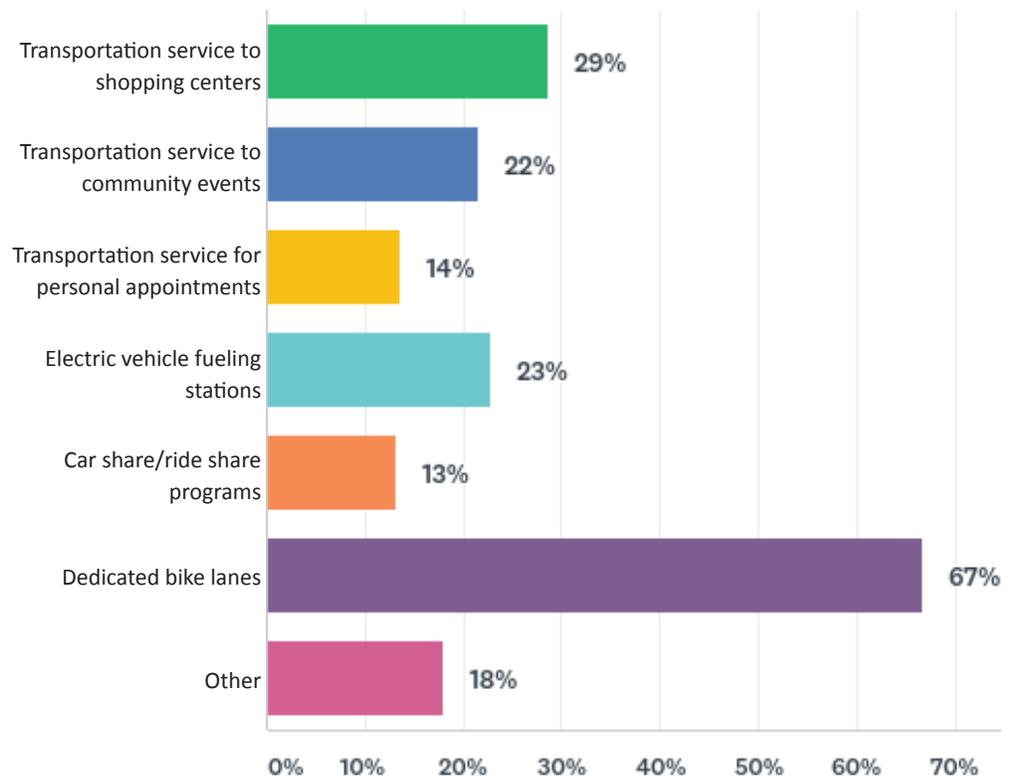
To better understand the primary ways residents travel within the Village, the survey included questions about mobility. Over half the respondents said they either walk or use a personal car to reach destinations within their neighborhood, the Downtown and Metra Station, the Community Connections Center, or community events. Sixty-seven percent (67%) of respondents indicated that they would like to see more dedicated bike lanes within the community in addition to other transportation services, such as car/ride share programs, and electric vehicle fueling stations.

## Survey question responses:

### Q12. What is your typical mode of transportation to these destinations?



### Q13. What other transportation services would you like to see/use in the community?



## Summary of responses received for Question 14:

All this feedback received for this question has been included on the transportation maps in Appendix A. In general, based on this feedback, the community has a strong desire to walk and bike in the community.

## Summary of responses received for Question 15 and 16:

Third places are informal public spaces separate from the two primary environments of home (“first place”) and the office (“second place”). They can be defined as any place one spends time at other than work or home. The most common third place identified was the public library. The map in Figure A-33 shows the third places that were identified.

The adjacent graphic indicates the respondents’ favorite places outside Mount Prospect. The top places included restaurants, downtowns, shopping malls, recreation and entertainment venues outside Mount Prospect. With respect to what residents want to see more of in their neighborhood, the key ideas included more activities for teens, play areas for young children such as a splash pad, a local grocery store downtown, continued development in the downtown area, providing more restaurant options, higher density housing, and façade maintenance.

## Survey question responses:

### Q15. Identification of third places.

(Response map included on page A-21)

### Q 16. What are your favorite places outside Mount Prospect that you visit? What else would you like to see in Mount Prospect?



## II. Feedback from the open houses, and other community engagement events:

When asked what they wanted to see more of in Mount Prospect, the top ideas included downtown development, more restaurants and businesses in the Village, especially in the downtown area.

