

*Contact* Nicole Woods, Deputy Director of Community Development

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

*Telephone* 847-459-5539

Website <u>www.vbg.org</u>

October 29, 2019

## Buffalo Grove Kicks Off Comprehensive Plan with First Public Workshop

**Buffalo Grove, Illinois –** The Village of Buffalo Grove is kicking off a new Comprehensive Plan with a public workshop November 13, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Aptakisic Junior High School, 1231 Weiland Road in Buffalo Grove. The plan looks to establish a long-term vision for the community and explore what Buffalo Grove could look like in 2040 and beyond. It will cover issues such as land use, development, transportation, housing, natural resources, economic development, and more.

Project consultant RATIO is guiding the project and will lead the workshop by first presenting an overview of the project and then facilitating interactive stations. Project Lead, Lesley Roth of RATIO stated, "We are excited to help Buffalo Grove plan for 2040! We look forward to hearing from residents and other stakeholders in the community."

President Beverly Sussman is also encouraging the public to participate. "This plan will help to mold and guide the future of Buffalo Grove. It is important for our community to collaborate and develop a unified vision together."

A unique aspect of the plan is the utilization of the Ideas Exchange, a virtual platform where residents and other stakeholders can post ideas, comments, and ultimately help to guide the plan's vision and priorities. The project webpage <u>engagebg.org</u>, provides a link to the Ideas Exchange, as well as more information on the project.

The Village's existing comprehensive plan was approved in 2009 and has reached the end of its shelf-life. A new, more modern plan will better reflect current challenges, complexities, and opportunities in Buffalo Grove. An updated plan will also build off and tie together many past and current initiatives, which include the Prairie View Metra Station Area Plan and the Lake Cook Corridor Market Study and Plan.

The new Comprehensive Plan is expected to be completed by mid-2021 and will implement key action steps from the Economic Development Strategic Plan and Village's Strategic Plan. The plan is begin led by a steering committee consisting of residents, business owners, property owners, partners and other key stakeholders.

For more information about the project, to access the virtual platform, and to sign up for the project's mailing list, visit the website at <u>engagebg.org</u>. This website will be routinely updated to announce public engagement activities, project updates and other related news.