

FRANKFORT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

What is the purpose of the Plan? How will it be used?

Frankfort's Comprehensive Plan is designed to guide community leaders and decision-makers on matters related to growth, development and quality of life over the next 20 years. It is meant to assist with coordinated, long-range growth and development, helping to prepare the Village for changes in and around the community. The Comprehensive Plan lays out the vision for the Village through goals and policies, indicating potential partners and resources to help achieve such.

The Village will use the Plan to evaluate development proposals, plan for infrastructure / capital improvements, secure grants and seek funding opportunities.

Community Organizations, such as the school district and fire district, can use the Plan to understand potential growth, how best to accommodate it and identify projects they can help champion to enhance the Village.

Residents and Businesses are encouraged to use the Plan to understand what goals are on the horizon and identify ways they can get involved to build an even stronger community.

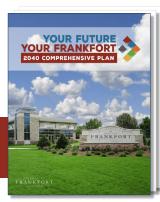
What was the process?
How was the Plan created?

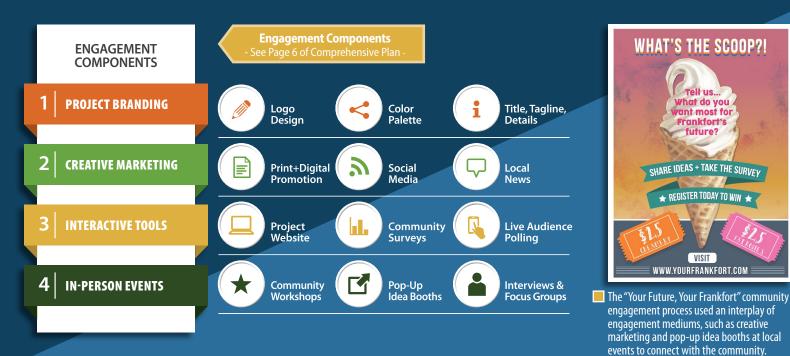
The Comprehensive Planning effort spanned almost two years, with project initiation beginning in March of 2018 and plan adoption by the Village Board in Decembet of 2019. Throughout the process, a dedicated Comprehensive Plan Working Group reviewed progress and goals as new topics were raised and consensus collected. The community outreach campaign lasted the duration of the project, with residents and stakeholders sharing input via a variety of tools and opportunities.

Community Engagement included in-person events, pop-up idea booths, focus groups, interviews, and interactive online tools to supplement face-to-face feedback. The project website, www.yourfrankfort.com, allowed users to share ideas, upload photos, map place-based feedback, participate in a series of community polls, and vote on design priorities.

The complete plan is available to view and download at:

www.VillageofFrankfort.com







YOUR FRANKFORT GOAL CHECKLIST

Social & Cultural Vibrancy

- ☐ Strengthen Frankfort's social capital by engaging with and connecting a diverse network of citizens to maintain a strong sense of community.
- □ Leverage and enhance Frankfort's public spaces through creative place-making and thoughtful design that considers how people interact with space and place.
- □ Diversify Frankfort's arts, culture and entertainment offerings by expanding programs and events year round.
- Partner with local providers to grow, expand and improve educational opportunities for residents of all ages.
- □ Support the growth and development of services and amenities that promote healthy lifestyles and contribute to quality-of-life in Frankfort.
- ☐ Promote public safety, focusing on education, enforcement and updating public infrastructure.

Green Initiatives

- Preserve, enhance and grow Frankfort's network of open spaces and natural areas.
- ☐ Improve energy efficiency, foster appropriately scaled local energy production and increase the use of renewable energy.
- ☐ Promote awareness, safeguard water resources and improve water management.
- ☐ Promote waste management best practices to reduce the overall amount and types of substances entering landfills.
- □ Include grey and green stormwater infrastructure in Frankfort's overall stormwater management strategy to prevent and alleviate the effects of flooding.
- ☐ Reduce emissions and air pollution, improve overall air quality.
- ☐ Integrate environmental planning into local development codes and regulations.
- ☐ Where possible, encourage infill development and adaptive reuse.

Land Use

☐ Guide growth and development in a way that considers both short-term benefits and the long-term effects on the community.



May 2018 to July 2019

- 20+ eNews Articles
- ☐ 4,500+ Site Visits
- 250+ Web Subscribers
- 250+ Ideas Shared
- 75+ Mapped Ideas
- 600+ Poll Participants





Project Cards helped build awareness and get the word out throughout the engagement process. They posed key questions and pointed residents to the project website to learn more and share input.

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Resilient Community Infrastructure

- ☐ Provide high quality water and sewer utility services.
- ☐ Provide reliable, efficient and accessible electric & natural gas services.
- ☐ Expand consumer choice / access to reliable low-cost, high-speed internet services.
- ☐ Continue to cater to the health, wellness and safety of Frankfort and its residents through continued maintenance and improvement of municipal facilities.

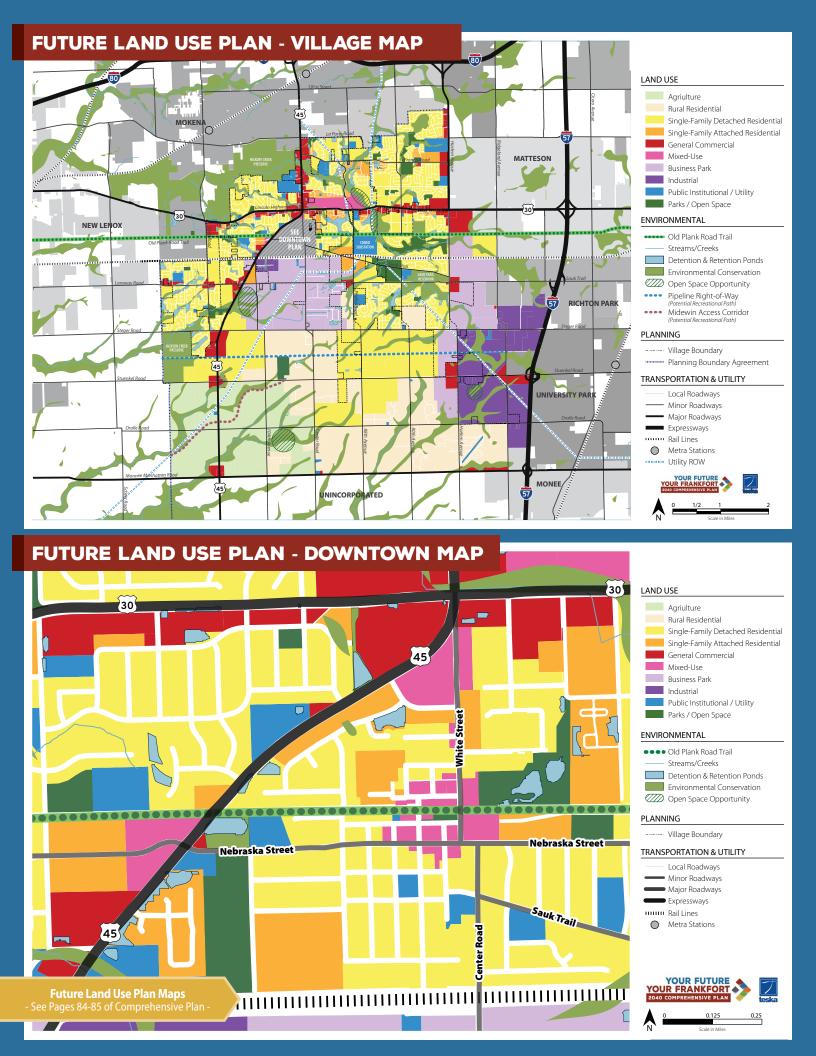
Transportation + Mobility

- ☐ Increase roadway connectivity to meet the need for mobility and accessibility.
- ☐ Coordinate with other jurisdictions to mitigate the impacts of truck traffic on area roadways, while maintaining economic vitality and growth as part of the Will County freight network
- ☐ Enhance the use of rail and work with the Canadian National (CN) railroad to leverage the potential of Elgin, Joliet & Eastern corridor to support future industrial development in Frankfort, further diversifying the tax base.
- ☐ Improve transit connections in Frankfort to help decrease reliance on single-occupancy vehicle travel, and increase access to opportunities for those unable or unwilling to drive themselves.
- ☐ Increase connectivity of the trail network—including links to regional trails—to support the safety and comfort of both recreational and destination-based bicycle and pedestrian trips.
- ☐ Promote public safety, focusing on education, enforcement and updating public infrastructure.
- ☐ Expand and enhance Frankfort's inventory of public parks and recreational amenities.

Economic Prosperity

- ☐ Support and encourage the diversification of the Village's tax base.
- ☐ Maintain and enhance Downtown Frankfort as a successful and vibrant corridor for residents, local businesses and visitors.
- ☐ Encourage and support appropriate infill development in commercial corridors.
- ☐ Support infrastructure expansions/investments that promote/foster economic development.
- ☐ Ensure stable growth in the community's high quality housing stock.





US ROUTE 30 CENTRAL REDEVELOPMENT PORTENTIAL MIXED USE: RETAIL FIRST FLOOR + OFFICE ABOVE INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY LUXURY RENTAL COMPLEX: COURTYARD TOWNHOMES I COMMUNITY PARK APARTMENTS AND GARAGE TOWNHOMES MEDICAL OFFICE H MIXED RESIDENTIAL: **FSTATE SINGLE FAMILY ALLEY LOADED SINGE FAMILY HOME &** COMMERCIAL FITNESS CENTER RESIDENTIAL FRONT-LOADED GARAGE TOWNHOMES FXISTING MARIANO'S I CONSERVATION DESIGN GROCERY STORE NEIGHRORHOOOD PARK SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL MIXED USE: RETAIL FIRST FLOOR + OFFICE AROVE ENTERTAINMENT USE(S) LIBRARY (FXISTING ASSISTED LIVING APARTMENTS RESTAURANTS, TYP. COMMERCIAL TOWNHOMES Figure 10.2 | US Route 30 Corridor **Redevelopment Potential**

FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP

The Village of Frankfort has a healthy mix of land uses, including residential areas, newer developments, various types of industrial and commercial uses, and important natural areas and open spaces. Creating and enhancing harmony between these different land uses is essential for maintaining a healthy, vibrant Frankfort.

While this plan takes a Village-wide approach to future land use planning, it also addresses vital subareas of Frankfort that warrant special attention. These areas include the residential neighborhood and commercial core of Downtown Frankfort, two commercial corridors along Route 30 (referred to as Route 30 Central and Route 30 East), the Laraway Road Business Corridor, and the I-57 Industrial Corridor. The future land use patterns and development formats for the five subareas are considered in light of community input, deliberations by a community working group, insights from Village staff, and technical analysis. Each corridor is considered in terms of its 1) key existing conditions, 2) market trends, and 3) land use opportunities and recommendations.

Figure 11.8 | Laraway Road Landscape Buffer Enhancements - See Page 124 of Comprehensive Plan -

US ROUTE 30 CORRIDOR

The U.S. Route 30 corridor runs east-west through the heart of the Village of Frankfort. While western portions of this corridor are mostly developed, the central and eastern portions of this corridor offer some unique opportunities. The segment that has the most development potential is located along U.S. Route 30 between La Grange Road (U.S. Route 45) and 84th Avenue. This corridor is centrally located within the village and includes 290 acres of undeveloped land with a limited number of property owners. Given these characteristics, the area offers significant development potential (See above US Route 30 Corridor Redevelopment Potential sketch).

