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Janes Avenue Neighborhood Strategy Area Plan

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Introduction

The Village of Woodridge has initiated an update of its 1995 Janes Avenue Neighborhood Strategy Area (NSA) Plan. The NSA Plan is a policy guide which is long-range in focus. It defines the neighborhood's vision for the future and identifies actions necessary to achieve that vision. The Plan contains priority issues and recommendations for ongoing revitalization efforts that address physical, economic and social issues within the Janes Avenue/83rd Street neighborhood. This includes various aspects of housing, infrastructure, parks and recreation, facilities, and social services. Unlike codes and ordinances that are legally enforceable, the NSA Plan is an advisory tool to be consulted and considered by the Plan Commission, Village Board, staff, and other officials.

The Village relies on this Plan when applying for Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for many projects that directly benefit the Janes Avenue neighborhood. Past CDBG-funded projects include Echo Point Park, Janes Avenue Park, Windy Point Park, and the Orchard Hill Athletic Field improvements.

Need for an Updated Plan

The original Janes Avenue Neighborhood Strategy Area (NSA) Plan was adopted in 1995. It addressed largely physical and related perceptual issues in the neighborhood. The emphasis of the Plan was to construct physical improvements in order to improve the real and perceived quality of the neighborhood. Over the past twelve years, the neighborhood has seen a significant amount of new construction and reinvestment. The physical character of the neighborhood has changed and the passage of time has rendered much of the original NSA Plan obsolete. Many of the major recommendations of the 1995 Plan have been implemented and thus, the Plan no longer provides effective policy guidance. The updated Plan will provide feedback on the effectiveness of implemented improvements, define which issues still remain, and discover new opportunities that may have developed since the NSA Plan was first adopted.

The Planning Process

The update of the Neighborhood Strategy Area Plan was guided by a Steering Committee comprised of local officials, residents, representatives of Village organizations, and members of the business community. The planning process was facilitated by the Village of Woodridge Planning and Development Department.

The initial step in the process was to conduct a background analysis on existing neighborhood conditions and changes since the adoption of the 1995 Plan. The analysis results were compiled in the *Janes Avenue Neighborhood Strategy Area Plan Assessment Report*, and reviewed with the Steering Committee and interested members of the public. A public meeting was held in the neighborhood during which attendees participated in a workshop to identify and prioritize current neighborhood issues and future projects and initiatives for the neighborhood. These issues and initiatives were evaluated by staff and the Steering Committee and incorporated into the updated NSA Plan. The Plan was reviewed at a second public meeting and then by the Plan Commission and Village Board. The Plan will ultimately be forwarded to DuPage County for approval.

The 1995

Study Area

The 1995 Plan incorporated an area bounded by 75th Street on the north, Woodward Avenue on the east, 83rd Street on the South (including the area now home to Cypress Cove and the Orchard Hill Athletic Fields), and Woodridge Drive on the west. Figure 1 depicts the 1995 Plan Study Area.

This section of the report summarizes the issues and recommendations contained within the 1995 Plan. Implementation updates are provided in the grey boxes and detail development activity, programs and initiatives that have been undertaken since the adoption of the 1995 Plan.

Issues

As noted, the previous plan addressed largely physical and related perceptual issues in the neighborhood. Issues and concerns raised in the previous plan included:

1. Chronic building code violations
2. Negative perception of the Janes Avenue Park activities
3. Perceived lack of support for cultural diversity
4. A need for increased education regarding drugs, alcohol and gang activity
5. A need for tenant screening and monitoring by property owners
6. A need for alternative activities for youth and residents
7. A lack of a sense of community among neighborhood residents
8. A lack of jobs for youth in the area
9. A desire to improve the curb appeal along Janes Avenue

Recommendations & Implementation

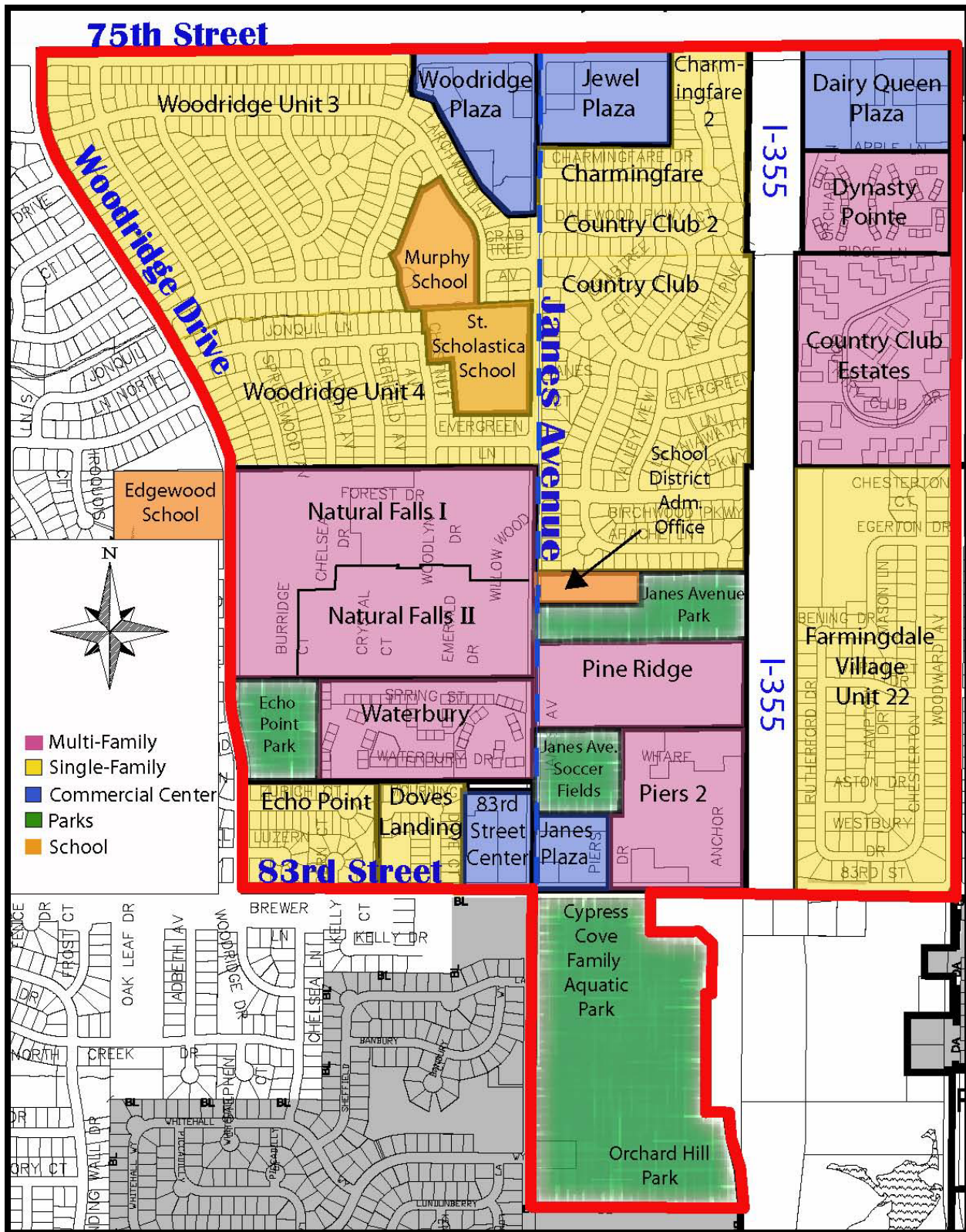
The 1995 Plan provided several recommendations to address the above-noted issues. These recommendations can be grouped into four primary categories: (1) community facilities, parks and open space, (2) crime, (3) community building and outreach, and (4) neighborhood aesthetics. Several of these recommendations have since been implemented.

Community Facilities, Parks and Open Space

These recommendations centered around the aesthetics and functionality of the Janes Avenue Park. Recommended actions included providing supervised programs at the Janes Avenue Park, providing additional landscaping, and relocating the basketball courts away from Janes Avenue. Additionally, it was noted that there was a need for approximately 18 acres of additional open space. The Woodridge Park District identified the need to construct a new aquatic center and baseball/softball and soccer fields in the neighborhood.

Since adoption of the 1995 Plan, the Woodridge Park District hosts several leagues and other District activities at Janes Avenue Park. Additionally, the Cypress Cove Aquatic Park was completed in 1997. Echo Point Park (playground equipment, gazebos, walking path, etc.) was completed in 1999 and the Orchard Hill Athletic Fields (3 baseball/softball fields, and the Park District maintenance building) were constructed in 2003. School District #68 completed construction of their administrative building in 1999.

FIGURE 1: 1995 Plan Study Area



Crime

The 1995 Plan noted that while there was drug, alcohol and gang activity in the neighborhood, the actual level of crime was lower than the perceived level. As a result, the primary focus for this category related to increasing education and raising public awareness. Recommendations included increasing the frequency of crime prevention programs such as D.A.R.E., involving parents and publicizing positive crime statistics. The Plan also suggested increasing the police presence in multi-family complexes through the use of bike patrols.

Since adoption of the 1995 Plan the Police Department has undertaken several initiatives, including increasing the number of D.A.R.E. staff by five officers and increasing communication with area schools, increasing the gang/tactical unit staff, targeting certain portions of the study area for additional patrol and enforcement, creating an officer liaison program with multi-family complexes in the study area, purchasing bicycles and ATV's for patrol purposes, and establishing two Neighborhood Watch groups.

Community Building and Outreach

These recommendations centered around creating a sense of community within the neighborhood. The Plan recommended promoting neighborhood spirit through block parties, creation of a "Welcome Wagon" program for new residents and delivery of the Woodridge Progress (now the Reporter) in the neighborhood. Additionally, the Plan called for recognizing and promoting the cultural diversity of the neighborhood by developing a "Neighborhood Outreach Program." Finally, the Plan recognized the need to provide alternative activities for youth, including employment activities, and suggested establishing a job club and mentoring program.

Since adoption of the 1995 Plan the Community Resource Center (CRC) was established in the NSA (1996). The CRC provides a variety of programs for both youth and adults including English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, computer classes and an after-school program. The CRC serves nearly 10,000 residents annually with the majority of those served coming from the study area. In addition to daily services, the CRC also holds an annual Career Day, which provides students the opportunity to learn about careers in various fields. Additionally, the CRC is the primary facilitator of the Latino Outreach Program, which was started in 2006. The Program provides information on important life-safety issues and daily life skills to the Latino community.

In 2005, the Woodridge Area Chamber of Commerce implemented a Greeter Program which provides coupons, gift certificates and information on local businesses to new residents. The Chamber also established an online job bank, where residents can search for local employment opportunities.

Neighborhood Aesthetics

The 1995 Plan recognized that the poor perception of the neighborhood was due in large part to the physical characteristics of the area. Several property owners within the area had allowed their buildings and parking lot areas to deteriorate by foregoing routine property maintenance. As a result, these owners were constantly being cited for property maintenance violations. (The Multi-Family Licensing Program was adopted during the course of the drafting of the 1995 Plan.) Additionally, several of the commercial structures were outdated and contained minimal parking and landscaping improvements. The Plan further recommended encouraging reinvestment by private property owners through the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Program (see below for more information on the TIF). The Plan also suggested developing a unified streetscape design, which included streetscape landscaping and decorative street lighting.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District

The Village created the Janes Avenue Tax Increment Financing District in 1995, which is located within the NSA boundary. A TIF district is a mechanism in which the Village can set aside tax revenue that is generated above the “base” amount of tax revenues for that district. The “base” is the amount of tax revenue received by the Village in the year prior to the creation of the TIF District. The revenue that is generated above the base amount after the creation of the TIF (the “increment”) is set aside and can be used for improvement initiatives within the boundary of the TIF District. The Village has also established a Cost Participation Program within the TIF, in which the incremental revenues may be used to provide matching grants for rehabilitation of private properties within the District.

Reinvestment

In the past 12 years, over \$50 million has been reinvested in the study area by single-family, multi-family and commercial property owners. Nearly 4,000 building permits have been issued for the study area since 1998, averaging over 400 building permits per year. A brief summary of the commercial, single-family and multi-family reinvestment in the study area is provided below.

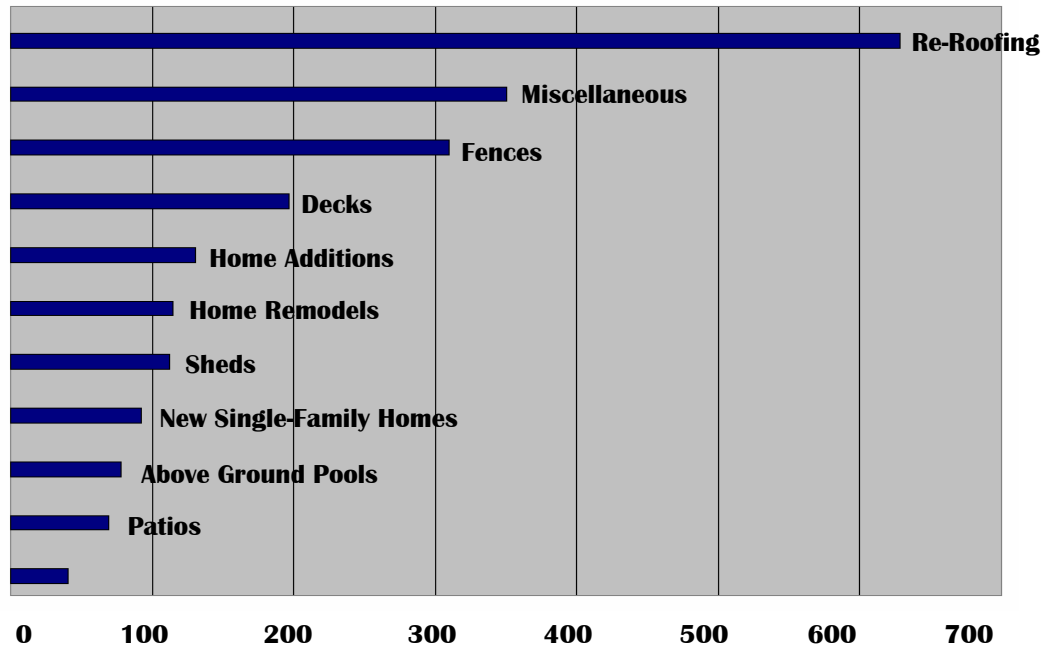
Commercial Reinvestment

Figure 2 provides details on commercial reinvestment projects that have occurred in the study area since 1995.

Single-Family Residential Reinvestment

Village data on single-family residential reinvestment is readily accessible only from 1998 forward. Since that time there has been a significant amount of reinvestment in single-family properties within the study area. Chart 1 provides a list of the number of building permits that have been issued for various single-family residential improvements within the study area from January of 1998 to May of 2007.

CHART 1: Number and Types of Building Permits Issued Since 1998



As Figure 1 indicates, over 1,700 building permits have been issued for single-family home improvements such as home additions and remodels. Additionally, over 350 buildings permits have been issued in the past nine and half years for driveway and sidewalk replacements. Other improvements made included the installation of irrigation systems, and the installation and upgrades to fire alarms and fire protection systems. A number of property owners have also reinvested in their homes by installing aluminum or vinyl siding, new windows and new landscaping (this work does not require a Village permit).

Multi- Family Residential Reinvestment

In 2006, the Village Board approved a ¼% sales tax increase for community reinvestment initiatives. In an effort to further diversify the Village housing stock by providing senior housing options, the Village is currently working with the owner of Pine Ridge Apartments to evaluate redevelopment options for the complex that would include the consolidation and conversion of existing apartments into condominiums, construction of new town homes, and the construction of senior-oriented housing. Revenues from the ¼% sales tax increase would partially fund this initiative.

Also in 2006, the owner of Natural Falls I received approval to construct additional garages, gazebos, fountains, decorative bridges and walkways, and to install additional landscaping. Construction on these improvements is currently underway.

In 2007, the Village entered into a development agreement with the Waterbury Condominium Association, the Waterbury South Condominium Association and the Waterbury Improvement Association. Under the agreement, the associations will receive approximately \$300,000 in TIF funds to assist in making several management and physical improvements to the property over the next five years. Management improvements will include modification of association rules and regulations and by-laws to clarify maintenance responsibilities and to **require that the review of all rental applications include credit screening and criminal background checks.** Physical improvements will include the reconstruction of Waterbury Drive, repaving of parking lots, upgrading and installation of lighting, fence replacement, sidewalk and stoop restoration, and the installation of dumpster enclosures and additional landscaping. Construction on these improvements is currently underway.

Public Right-of-Way Reinvestment

In 1999, the Village constructed a bike path from Woodridge Drive to Woodward Avenue, 75th Street to 83rd Street and Cambridge Way to 83rd Street. From 2000 to 2003, the Village completed the widening of 83rd Street, Janes Avenue and Woodward Avenue. In 2005, the Village completed streetscape improvements along the Janes Avenue/83rd Street intersection using TIF funds. These improvements included installing decorative streetlights, brick pavers, trees and planting beds, park benches, trash receptacles, and bike racks.

The 2007

Study Area

The study area has been revised from the 1995 Plan to exclude the area located between I-355 and Woodward Avenue. In 1995, this area consisted of an apartment complex, a condominium complex, a small shopping center and vacant land. Since that time, a 138 lot single-family subdivision has been constructed along with a neighborhood park. This area is physically separated from the neighborhood to the west by I-355. Thus, it has been omitted from the 2007 study area. Figure 3 depicts the current study area, which includes an area bounded by 75th Street on the north, I-355 on the east, 83rd Street on the South (including Cypress Cove and the Orchard Hill Athletic Fields), and Woodridge Drive on the west (including the 75th Street Park).

Composition

The study area incorporates several land uses, including single-family residential, multi-family residential, commercial, and community facilities and open space. Table 1 and Chart 1 depict the breakdown of uses within the study area.

TABLE 1: Land Uses Within the Study Area by Acreage

LAND USE	ACRES
Single-Family Residential	206.0
Multi-Family Residential	107.0
Commercial	30.5
Institutional	18.5
Transportation & Utilities	46.3
Parks, Open Space	71.5
TOTAL	479.8

CHART 1: Land Uses Within the Study Area by Percentage

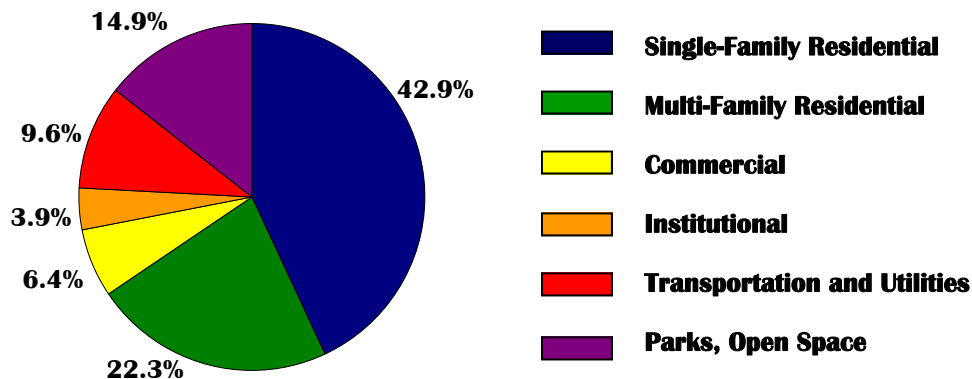
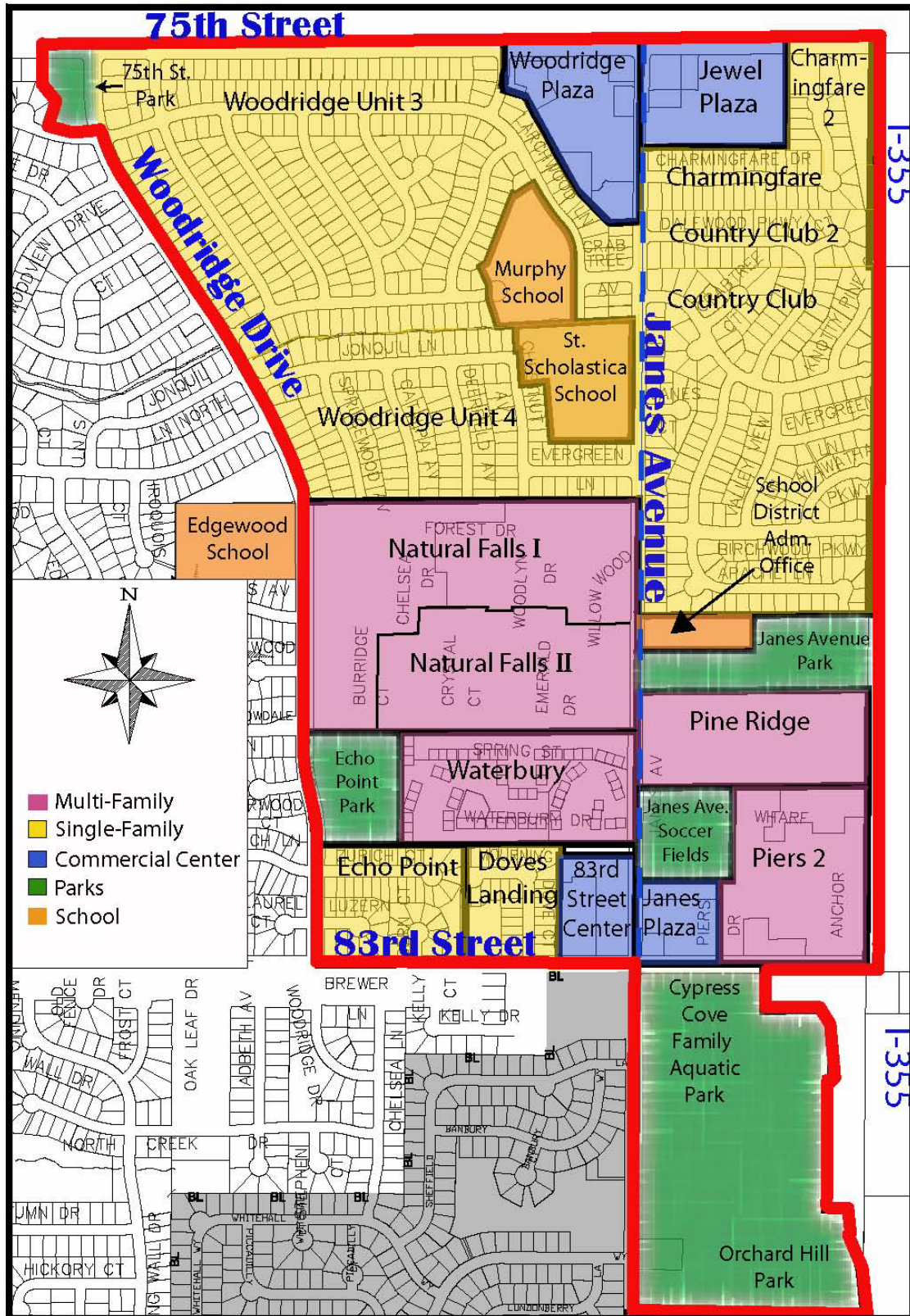


FIGURE 3: 2007 Plan Area



Demographic Characteristics

For the purpose of this report, the study area was analyzed using several data sources. In 2006, the Village conducted a demographic survey of the area. The survey was sent to all 3,200 households with 699 responses (21.8% response rate). 2000 U.S. Census data was used to provide a comparison of the study area to the community at large and DuPage County.

Table 2 indicates that the NSA is similar in racial composition to both Woodridge and DuPage County. Overall, both the NSA and the Village are more diverse than DuPage County.

TABLE 2: Comparison of Racial Composition of Study Area, Woodridge and DuPage County

RACE	NSA	WOODRIDGE	DUPAGE COUNTY
American Indian	1.0%	0.2%	0.2%
Asian / Pacific Islander	5.5%	11.3%	7.9%
Black	10.2%	8.0%	3.1%
Hispanic/Latino	4.8%	9.2%	9.0%
White	76.6%	75.3%	84.0%
Other	1.9%	3.1%	3.1%

TABLE 3: Comparison of Income, Household Size and Owner-Occupied Housing of Study Area, Woodridge and DuPage County

STATISTIC	NSA	WOODRIDGE	DUPAGE COUNTY
Percent Earning <80% of MFI	63.2%	28.5%	25.3%
Average Household Size	2.4	2.7	2.7
Owner- vs. Renter Occupied	54.1%	67.2	78.4%

Table 3 notes that in comparison with the community at large and DuPage County, the study area has the highest percentage of households that earn less than 80% of the Median Family Income (MFI) as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Overall, in the study area 63.2% of households earn less than 80% of the MFI, as compared to 28.5% of households in the Village and 25.3% in DuPage County earning less than 80% of the MFI.

The average household size within the study area is slightly smaller than that of the Village or DuPage County. Additionally, within the study area 54.1% of units are owner-occupied in comparison to 67.2% in the Village and 78.4% in DuPage County. This may be due to the fact that multi-family dwelling units make up a larger portion of the housing stock in the NSA than in the Village and DuPage County.

Crime

Both real and perceived drug, alcohol and gang activity has been an issue in the study area since before the adoption of the 1995 Plan. Table 4 summarizes the number of police service calls and crimes reported in 1995 and in 2005 (the latest year for which the data is available). The “Number of Service Calls” is defined as the number of calls that are received and responded to by the Police Department. The “Number of Crimes Reported” refers to actual crimes reported in the area, which may or may not have generated a service call to the Police Department. (For example, if a police officer witnesses a criminal act, this would result in the filing of a crime report by the officer, but there would be no service call involved since the officer reported the act.)

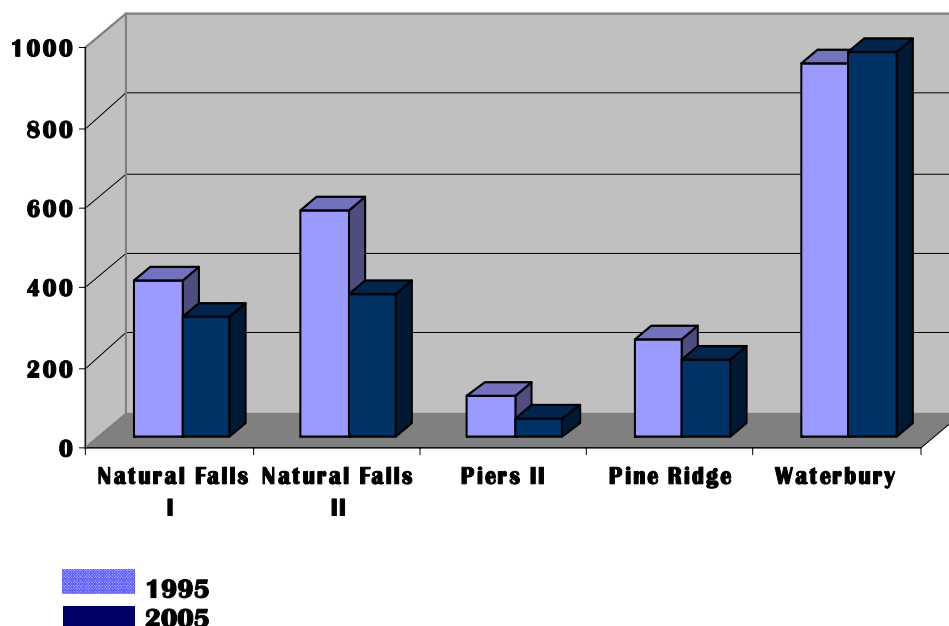
The Table indicates that while the number of service calls has decreased by 7% since 1995, the number of crimes reported has increased by 8%.

TABLE 4: Comparison of Number of Police Service Calls and Crimes Reported 1995 vs. 2005

YEAR	NUMBER OF CRIMES REPORTED	NUMBER OF SERVICE CALLS	TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS
1995	735	2,982	3,717
2005	792	2,774	3,566

Chart 2 summarizes the total number of police service calls and crimes reported per multi-family complex within the study area. Overall, the total number of calls and crimes reported within multi-family complexes decreased by 17% from 1995 to 2005. However, the Waterbury complex generated 51.7% of the service calls and crimes reported in 2005, representing an increase of nearly 10% over 1995 for that complex.

CHART 2: Comparison of Multi-Family Police Service Calls and Crimes Reported 1995 vs. 2005



Commercial Uses

There is over 190,000 square feet of office/commercial space within the study area which provides a wide range of retail and service options. Traditional “strip” style shopping centers are located at the southeast and southwest corners of the intersection of Janes Avenue and 75th Street, and at the northeast and northwest corners of the intersection of Janes Avenue and 83rd Street. These centers were constructed in the 1970’s and 1980’s and most do not meet current Village Code requirements with regard to bulk regulations, number of parking spaces, minimum lighting levels, and landscaping.

Additionally, a small warehouse is located just west of Janes Avenue, north of the existing shopping center. Table 5 provides a breakdown of commercial space within the NSA.

TABLE 5: Commercial Land Uses by Square Footage

USE	SQUARE FEET
Janes Plaza	16,600
83rd Street Plaza	23,025
J&L Fasteners Express	7,450
Woodridge Plaza	68,900
Jewel Plaza	75,625
TOTAL	191,600

Table 6 notes the vacancy trends of shopping centers in the study area from 2001-2006. As of 2006, the vacancy rate was 5.5%, which is nearly twice as high as the Village-wide vacancy rate of 3%. Over time the vacancy rates have been comparatively higher in the shopping centers located at the intersection of Janes Avenue and 83rd Street than those located at the Janes Avenue and 75th Street intersection, with the Jewel Plaza experiencing the lowest vacancy rates (0%) and Janes Plaza experiencing the highest (average of 36.6%).

TABLE 6: Commercial Vacancy Rates From 2001-2006

	PERCENT OF VACANT SPACE					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Janes Plaza	34.2%	24.1%	18.1%	18.1%	46.3%	42.9%
83rd Street Plaza	4.2%	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%
Woodridge Plaza	13.1%	13.1%	13.1%	0.0%	1.3%	3.5%
Jewel Plaza	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
AVERAGE	8.5%	7.6%	6.5%	1.2%	4.5%	5.5%

Residential Uses

Single- Family

Table 7 depicts the composition of the approximate 800 single-family homes in the study area. These homes are contained within six subdivisions: Woodridge Units 3 and 4, Echo Point, Charmingfare Units 1 and 2, and Doves Landing. With the exception of Doves Landing, which was constructed in the 1990's, homes in the subdivisions were constructed in the 1960's. The provision of sidewalks, street lights and street trees vary across subdivisions, with some subdivisions having no sidewalks and only minimal street lighting and parkway landscaping.

TABLE 7: Single-Family Subdivisions—Number of Dwelling Units

SUBDIVISION	NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS
Charmingfare	37
Charmingfare 2	10
Country Club	198
Country Club 2	33
Echo Point	50
Doves Landing	30
Woodridge Unit 3	306
Woodridge Unit 4	135
TOTAL	799

Multi- Family

There are approximately 1,660 dwelling units contained within five multi-family complexes within the study area, which include both apartment and condominium complexes. Multi-family rental complexes include Natural Falls Resort I & II (formerly Westwood Springs and Emerald Courts), Pine Ridge, and portions of the Waterbury Condominium complex. Owner-occupied units include the Piers II and the remainder of the Waterbury Condominium Complex. Table 8 depicts the breakdown of dwelling units per multi-family complex.

Table 9 details the type of unit (one, two or three bedroom) per each multi-family rental complex in the study area. The majority of the units, approximately 49%, are two-bedroom. Approximately 40% are one-bedroom units, with the remaining 11% being three-bedroom units.

TABLE 8: Multi-Family Complexes—Number of Dwelling Units

COMPLEX	TYPE	NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS
Natural Falls I	Apartment	526
Natural Falls II	Apartment	366
Piers	Condominium	192
Pine Ridge	Apartment	195
Waterbury	Apt./Condo.	378
TOTAL		1,657

TABLE 9: Number of Bedrooms per Multi-Family Rental Complex

COMPLEX	1 BDRM	2 BRDM	3 BDRM
Natural Falls Resort I & II	362	439	116
Pine Ridge	81	92	22
TOTAL	443	531	138

Table 10 details the rental rates for one, two and three bedroom apartments in the study area. Table 11 provides rental rates for apartments elsewhere in the Village. Overall, rental rates in the study area are lower than in the rest of the Village, with rates averaging 10%, 12% and 22% lower for one, two and three bedroom units respectively. This may be due in part, to the fact that many of the multi-family complexes in the study area are older than those found elsewhere in the Village.

TABLE 10: Monthly Rental Rates For 1, 2 and 3 Bedroom Apartments in Study Area

COMPLEX	1 BDRM	2 BDRM	3 BDRM
Natural Falls Resort I & II	\$775 -895	\$900 -1,130	\$1,050 -1,405
Pine Ridge	\$695 -750	\$810 -870	\$1,075 -1,145
AVERAGE	\$735 -823	\$855 -1,000	\$1,063 -1,275

**TABLE 11: Monthly Rental Rates For 1, 2 and 3 Bedroom Apartments in Woodridge
(Excluding Study Area)**

COMPLEX	1 BDRM	2 BDRM	3 BDRM
AMLI @ Seven Bridges	\$948 -1,115	\$1,164 -1,700	N/A
Dynasty Pointe	\$710 -750	\$810 -850	N/A
Hawthorne Ridge	\$815 -850	\$950 -955	N/A
Highcrest Townhomes	\$839 -879	\$905 -1,015	\$1,209 -1,259
Lincoln @ Seven Bridges	\$950 -1,125	\$1,115 -1,410	\$1,580 -1,850
The Quarters	\$830 -840	\$930 -960	N/A
Thornberry Woods	\$947 -1,169	\$1,254 -1,378	N/A
Timber Creek	\$695 -705	\$830 -850	N/A
Windsor Lakes	\$729 -770	\$960 -1,000	N/A
AVERAGE	\$829 -911	\$991 -1,124	\$1,395 -1,555



Community Facilities and Open Space

The study area contains approximately 90 acres of open space. This includes Janes Avenue Park (basketball courts, baseball/softball field, playground equipment), Janes Avenue Soccer Fields, the 75th Street Park (tennis courts), Cypress Cove Aquatic Park, Echo Point Park (playground equipment), and the Orchard Hill Athletic Fields (3 baseball/softball fields, 4 soccer fields and the Park District maintenance building).

Also contained within the study area is Murphy School and St. Scholastica parochial school. Edgewood School is not located within the study area, but is immediately adjacent to the west, and several students within the study area attend this elementary school.

The Community Resource Center (CRC) is located in the 83rd Street Plaza. Although the CRC serves the entire community, the majority of the residents attending the programs live within the study area.

Finally, the administrative offices of School District #68 are located within the study area.

Table 12 depicts the acreage of community facilities and open space uses within the study area.

TABLE 12: Community Facility and Open Space Uses by Acreage

USE	ACRES
75th Street Park	2.5
Cypress Cove/Orchard Hill Athletic Fiel	46.1
District #68 Administration Building	2.8
Echo Point Park	6.9
Janes Avenue Park	10.0
Janes Avenue Soccer Fields	5.9
Murphy School	6.9
St. Scholastica	8.8
TOTAL	89.9

Issues,

Recommendations

& Implementation

Issues & Recommendations

There are six primary issues currently confronting the study area that were identified through key person interviews, public meetings, and by Steering Committee members during the 2007 update process. These issues are:

1. Transportation
2. Property Maintenance, Repair and Reinvestment
3. Crime
4. Childcare, Youth & Non-Sport Leisure Activities
5. Housing
6. Neighborhood Perception

All of the issues addressed in the 1995 Plan were raised again during the 2007 update process. It is important to note however, that residents and stakeholders felt significant progress had been made in addressing the 1995 concerns and this was evident in their prioritization of current neighborhood issues during the 2007 update process. For example, in the 1995 Plan, the focus was on improving the physical components of the neighborhood in an effort to improve neighborhood perception, provide a variety of recreational opportunities and to discourage criminal activity. The need to increase the amount of open space in the neighborhood and improve the functionality of Janes Avenue Park were highlighted as key issues in 1995. During the 2007 update, open space and Janes Avenue Park concerns were not raised. Residents expressed satisfaction with the amount of available open space and noted a significant increase in the amount of recreational opportunities available. Additionally, they felt that the amount of criminal activity had decreased and as a result, neighborhood perception was not as significant of an issue as in 1995. They felt that current Village efforts in the neighborhood have had a positive impact and noted that they would like to see these efforts continue.

During the 2007 update, three new issues emerged. Participants raised concerns regarding transportation which appears to primarily be attributable to recent development activity in proximity to the neighborhood. Concerns regarding maintaining affordable housing and providing senior housing were raised and may be due in part to the recent reinvestment in the neighborhood's housing stock. These issues, along with the issues carried forward from the 1995 Plan, will be discussed in detail in the following pages.

Implementation

In addition to providing input on current neighborhood issues, residents and key person interview participants also provided their suggestions and recommendations for how to address the priority issues. Both the Steering Committee and staff evaluated the desirability, feasibility and timeframe for implementing the various recommendations. The recommendations were then categorized into four timeframes: ongoing, 1-3 years, 4-6 years, and 7-10 years. The following discussion of each issue is accompanied by the participant recommendations and the proposed timeline for implementation. It is important to note that the timeframes indicated are considered to be estimates and some recommendations may be implemented earlier or later than the noted timeframe based on funding availability, urgency, or changing neighborhood dynamics.

Transportation

Residents living in the NSA cited concerns regarding traffic congestion, vehicular speeding and a desire for crossing guards. The Steering Committee and key person interviewees raised concerns regarding the availability of public transportation for neighborhood residents.

Traffic Congestion

Many residents feel the amount of traffic traveling Janes Avenue and 83rd Street has increased in recent years due to construction of a regional shopping center to the south of the neighborhood at the intersection of Janes Avenue and Boughton Road. They expressed frustration related to making left turns onto 83rd Street at unsignalized intersections and noted that traffic often backs up along Janes Avenue at the 83rd Street intersection during rush hour.

Figure 4 provides a summary of participant recommendations and a proposed timeline for implementation.

FIGURE 4: Recommendations and Implementation Timeline for Traffic Congestion

ONGOING	1-3 YEARS	4-6 YEARS
Conduct and analyze traffic counts at Janes Avenue/83rd Street intersection to evaluate traffic control needs	Evaluate the need and feasibility of adding dedicated right/left turn lanes at 83rd Street/Woodridge Drive intersection	If determined necessary and feasible, construct additional dedicated right/left turn lanes at 83rd Street/Woodridge Drive intersection
Review timing of traffic lights at Janes Avenue/83rd Street intersection to ensure they are properly facilitating traffic flow		

Traffic Safety

At the public meeting, residents expressed concerns about vehicular speeding along Janes Avenue. Janes Avenue is classified as a residential street with a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour, which is reduced to 20 mph in the vicinity of St. Scholastica School. Residents also expressed a desire to see crossing guards at the intersections along Janes Avenue serving St. Scholastica. Finally, residents noted that some areas of the NSA are underserved by streetlights and sidewalks. They expressed a desire to see additional streetlights and sidewalk access provided in areas lacking these amenities to increase both pedestrian and vehicular safety in the neighborhood.

Figure 5 provides a summary of participant recommendations and a proposed timeline for implementation.

FIGURE 5: Recommendations & Implementation Timeline for Traffic Safety

ONGOING	1-3 YEARS	4-6 YEARS	7-10 YEARS
Continue to conduct seat belt checks and monitor vehicle speed using radar	Establish a grant program to assist schools in hiring crossing guards (particularly at St. Scholastica)	Evaluate whether traffic calming devices are warranted along Janes Avenue, including what types of devices are appropriate and feasible for the area	If determined necessary and feasible, construct/install traffic calming devices
Continue to work with residents to evaluate the need for and installation of streetlights and sidewalks in underserved areas			

Public Transportation

Steering Committee members as well as several of the key person interviewees expressed a desire for additional transportation options to be made available to neighborhood residents. Employers in the neighborhood noted that their employees often have to walk long distances to work, or are late or absent from work due to a lack of reliable transportation. Representatives of community organizations noted that parents often aren't able to transport their children to various programs conducted outside of the neighborhood, such as before and after-school programs, Park District activities, etc. Finally, participants noted that seniors in the neighborhood often don't have their own means of transportation and have difficulty getting around on foot and therefore need transportation alternatives.

Figure 6 provides a summary of participant recommendations and a proposed timeline for implementation.

FIGURE 6: Recommendations & Implementation Timeline for Public Transportation

ONGOING	1-3 YEARS	4-6 YEARS	7-10 YEARS
Continue to work with existing transit providers to maintain and improve existing service	Promote existing transportation programs provided by the Village, County, State, Federal and other agencies	Evaluate the feasibility of providing alternative means of transportation from the NSA to employment areas	If determined feasible, implement establishment of alternative transportation means

Property Maintenance, Repair and Reinvestment

Participants who provided input identified a need to improve the overall aesthetic quality of the neighborhood, particularly with regard to single-family homes. There is concern that property owners are not adequately maintaining their homes and that this adversely impacts adjacent property owners and has a negative reflection on the neighborhood.

Figure 7 provides a summary of participant recommendations and a proposed timeline for implementation.

FIGURE 7: Recommendations & Implementation Timeline for Property Maintenance, Repair and Reinvestment

ONGOING	1-3 YEARS	4-6 YEARS
Continue code enforcement actions to ensure properties are maintained in good repair	Provide frequent reminders regarding property maintenance responsibilities and potential funding sources to educate property owners	Evaluate the feasibility of expanding the Multi-Family Licensing Ordinance to address a greater number of rental units in the Village and if not feasible, consider alternative means/programs to address this issue
	Provide information to property owners on how and where to dispose of more difficult household items (appliances, paint, hazardous waste, etc.)	

Crime

Input gathered through the key person interviews, public meeting, and the Steering Committee resulted in mixed opinions regarding the seriousness of crime in the neighborhood. Many residents felt that neighborhood crime is no longer the problem it had been in the past. Others continue to have concerns about crime and illegal drug activities. All residents felt that continued vigilance and enforcement is important to maintaining and increasing neighborhood security.

Figure 8 provides a summary of participant recommendations and a proposed timeline for implementation.

FIGURE 8: Recommendations & Implementation Timeline for Crime

ONGOING	1-3 YEARS	4-6 YEARS	7-10 YEARS
Continue Police Department participation and interaction at neighborhood events	Schedule annual crime prevention tactics programs and encourage residents to participate	Schedule and effectively promote more events to encourage neighborhood residents to get acquainted with each other (e.g. block parties)	Increase the formation of Neighborhood Watch groups, including expanding the program to multi-family complexes
Evaluate the need for additional police patrols and provide them as warranted	Promote the installation and use of yard and house lights on private property to deter crime		
Continue to encourage multi-family housing managers to conduct background checks on potential tenants	Establish a forum by which residents can discuss neighborhood issues with the Police Department		

Childcare, Youth & Non-Sport Leisure Activities

Through the key person interviews, public meeting, and steering committee, a number of needs and issues were identified regarding general activities for neighborhood youth and regarding recreational opportunities for all ages.

Childcare

There is a need for before- and after-school childcare programs, particularly for families with limited resources. These programs provide a safe place for children to stay while their parents are at work and offer an opportunity for enrichment and intervention activities.

Figure 9 provides a summary of participant recommendations and a proposed timeline for implementation.

FIGURE 9: Recommendations & Timeline for Childcare

ONGOING	1-3 YEARS	4-6 YEARS
Through economic development efforts, seek to attract a not-for-profit or low-cost commercial daycare provider to the shopping centers at the Janes Avenue / 83rd Street intersection	Educate residents on the availability of existing childcare programs and childcare-related financial assistance	Determine the feasibility of adding a before-school program and expanding the after-school program at the Community Resource Center
	Direct residents to existing resources on how to start a State licensed at-home day care business	Provide educational programs for children regarding "home alone" safety

Youth Activities

Participants in the update process identified a need to involve neighborhood youth in the community. This included involving them in decision-making processes, teaching them work and life skills, and instilling them with a sense of civic pride.

Figure 10 provides a summary of participant recommendations and a proposed timeline for implementation.

Non- Sport Leisure Activities

There are numerous facilities available in or near the study area for organized sports, such as Janes Avenue Park and Cypress Cove. However, participants in the NSA update process felt that there is a need for more non-sports related leisure activities for all ages. There is a desire for the establishment of safe and acceptable gathering places for youth. There is also a need for a place where senior citizens can gather and socialize that is safe, convenient and nearby. Though senior-oriented programs are offered at the Park District Community Center, transportation to this location may be problematic for NSA residents. This need for senior gathering places will increase with the development of senior housing in the neighborhood. Finally, the Park District noted that there is a need to improve existing recreational facilities and amenities to better serve the disabled population.

Figure 11 provides a summary of participant recommendations and a proposed timeline for implementation.

FIGURE 10: Recommendations & Timeline for Youth Activities

ONGOING	1-3 YEARS	4-6 YEARS	7-10 YEARS
Continue to include Police Department representatives in youth events to develop mutually beneficial relationships	Create a parent task force to discuss and develop youth activities	Expand the "Youth in Government Day" program to involve a larger number of youth from the area	Expand the tutoring/mentoring program provided by the Community Resource Center
Continue to support Agents for Change by publicizing their events	Encourage youth involvement in local volunteer opportunities by creating a means of connecting youth with appropriate organizations and empowering and training them to organize and implement projects on their own	Expand on existing programs that educate youth on job interview and job hunting skills	Evaluate ways to subsidize youth activities to make them more affordable for low-income families
		Connect local youth with existing job opportunities and local businesses	

FIGURE 11: Recommendations & Implementation for Non-Sport Leisure Activities

ONGOING	1-3 YEARS	4-6 YEARS	7-10 YEARS
Continue to include Police Department representatives in youth events to develop mutually beneficial relationships	Create a parent task force to discuss and develop youth activities	Expand the "Youth in Government Day" program to involve a larger number of youth from the area	Expand the tutoring/mentoring program provided by the Community Resource Center
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Housing

Feedback from the Steering Committee, participants in the public meeting, and key person interviews cited concerns about multi-family housing areas. There is a concern that some multi-family units have more people living in them than they were designed to accommodate and that overcrowding should be addressed. They also noted a need for affordable senior housing so residents can stay in the community when they downsize their households.

Figure 12 provides a summary of participant recommendations and a proposed timeline for implementation.

FIGURE 12: Recommendations & Implementation Timeline for Housing

ONGOING	1-3 YEARS	4-6 YEARS
Continue to promote redevelopment by marketing the area to senior housing developers	Educate residents about housing assistance programs and other forms of financial assistance	Educate residents on occupancy related issues and encourage residents to report instances of overcrowding that they witness
As property owners seek approvals for redevelopment, the Village should maintain a diversified range of housing types and prices		
Continue to work with school district and through other means to monitor dwelling unit occupancy rates		

Neighborhood Perception

Participants in the update process raised concerns that both neighborhood residents and Village residents overall perceive the study area more negatively than deserved. This perception does not recognize the positive things that have been accomplished in the study area over the last twelve years. There is also a perception that the Village of Woodridge does not care about, or is unresponsive to, its multi-family residents. There was a general feeling that the Village should better and more widely promote itself as a great community in which to live, work and play.

Additionally, residents desire to expand the number of businesses and services in the NSA, particularly at the intersection of 83rd Street and Janes Avenue. Residents felt that the empty storefronts reflected poorly on the neighborhood. Examples of desired businesses and services provided by residents included a recreational center, a health & wellness clinic, a fitness center like a YMCA, additional sit-down restaurants, movie rental store, office space, gift shops and an ice cream shop.

Figure 13 depicts the recommendations provided by participants on how to improve the overall neighborhood perception and a proposed timeline for implementation.

FIGURE 13: Recommendations & Implementation Timeline for Neighborhood Perception

ONGOING	1-3 YEARS	4-6 YEARS	7-10 YEARS
Be more aggressive with positive public relations efforts within the Village, including continuing to publicize the status of being in the "Top 100 Best Communities"	Educate the community on actual crime levels to correct the misconception that crime is a significant problem	Host community-wide events to expose residents elsewhere in the Village to the improvements in the neighborhood	Establish an incentive program encouraging residents to make exterior home improvements and provide additional landscaping
Continue to promote reinvestment and redevelopment of existing shopping centers through financial incentives such as Tax Increment Financing (TIF)	Provide wider distribution of the State of the Village CD's	Host events that encourage intermingling between multi-family and single-family residents in the neighborhood	Expand the membership for Agents for Change to neighborhoods outside the area
Continue economic development efforts in marketing the commercial areas to prospective businesses	Promote an anti-littering campaign	Recruit residents to participate in local boards and commissions to increase the neighborhood's visibility and voice in community affairs	
Provide zoning flexibility as an incentive to redevelop the commercial properties at the Janes Avenue /83rd Street intersection			

Appendix

Funding

An important component of any neighborhood plan is the identification of potential funding sources to facilitate the implementation of recommended actions. The 1995 NSA Plan focused on two primary sources of funding: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and HOME funds. For the 2007 update, staff has undertaken a more extensive search for potential funding sources. These sources are provided below. The issue(s) and recommendations that may be funded through these sources are noted in italics. A brief summary of the program/organization and contact information has also been provided.

Allstate Foundation Grants

The Allstate Foundation supports national and local programs that address safe and vital communities; economic empowerment; and tolerance, inclusion and diversity.

ISSUES: Youth and Non- Sport Leisure Activities; Neighborhood Perception; Transportation; Property Maintenance, Repair and Reinvestment; Crime

Contact: Allstate Insurance Company—Midwest Region
2150 East lake Cook Road, 11th Floor
Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089
(847) 667-8108
<http://www.allstate.com/citizenship/foundation/region/midwest.aspx>

Community Development Block Grants

Administered through DuPage County, this federally-funded program provides grants to municipalities and non-profit organizations to fund neighborhood resource centers; programs supporting the needs of families in crisis, people with disabilities, & the elderly; neighborhood investments; and housing programs.

ISSUES: Housing; Childcare, Youth and Non- Sport Leisure Activities; Neighborhood Perception

Contact: DuPage County Community Development Commission
421 North County Farm Road, 1-700
Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 407-6602
<http://www.dupageco.org/cdc>

Community Services Block Grant Scholarship

Provides financial assistance to low-income and disadvantaged persons of high academic attainment or potential for formal education or occupational training in an accredited Illinois educational institution. Apply through DuPage County Human Services Department.

ISSUES: Childcare, Youth and None-Sport Leisure Activities

Contact: DuPage County Community Services
CSBG Scholarship Program
421 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 407-6500 or (800) 942-9412
<http://www.dupageco.org/humanservices>

COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services)

COPS offers grants to support community policing efforts in areas such as hiring, school safety, seat belt usage, technology, and quality of life issues (such as reducing drug use).

ISSUES: Transportation; Crime

Contact: U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
1100 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530
(800) 421-6770
<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov>

Downers Grove FISH

Provides volunteer transportation primarily for emergency or medical needs.

ISSUE: Transportation

Contact: (630) 415-3083
www.twp/downers-grove.il.us/Site/Fish/index.html

DuPage County Paratransit Program

Offers low-cost curb-to-curb transportation to county residents who meet low-income guidelines to medical appointments, Hines Veteran Hospital and DuPage County Human Services in Wheaton. Registration is through DuPage County Senior Services.

ISSUE: Transportation

Contact: DuPage County Senior Services
421 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 407-6500 or (800) 942-9412
<http://www.dupageco.org/seniorsvcs>
E-mail: seniorsvcs@dupageco.org

DuPage County Human Services

Income eligible households may receive a variety of services including: vouchers for shoes, clothing and/or household items; referrals for eyeglasses; counseling; yearly benefit to low-income households for winter heating bills; educational and employment planning to help families become self-sufficient.

ISSUES: Childcare, Youth and Non-Sport Leisure Activities; Housing

Contact: DuPage County Human Services
421 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 407-6500 or (800) 942-9412
<http://www.dupageco.org/humanservices>

DuPage County Senior Citizen Services

DuPage County Senior Citizen Services offers a number of programs directed at protecting the lives of senior citizens and ensuring they receive the services for which they qualify. It publishes the Senior Housing Directory, the Long Term Care Facilities Directory, and the Senior Citizen Resource Directory. The Senior Citizens Resource Directory includes information on home support services; home repair and renovation; housing, recreation and social programs.

ISSUE: Housing; Childcare, Youth and Non-Sport Leisure Activities

Contact: Jack T. Knuepfer Administration Building
421 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 407-6500
(800) 942-9412
<http://www.dupageco.org/seniorsvcs>
E-mail: seniorsvcs@dupageco.org

GE Healthcare

GE Healthcare provides grants for programs that focus on: youth education in core areas and the arts; health issues; diversity issues and local community issues and services.

ISSUE: Childcare, Youth and Non- Sport Leisure Activities

Contact: <http://www.gehealthcare.com/usen/about/commitment.html>

Giving DuPage

A public/private collaboration that connects volunteers with local charities and non-profit organizations.

ISSUES: Childcare, Youth and Non- Sport Leisure Activities

Contact: Giving DuPage
421 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60198
(630) 407-6458
<http://www.dupageco.org/givingdupage>

HOME/Housing Development Fund Grants

There are three federally-funded programs administered by DuPage County Department of Community Services. The HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Housing Development Fund provide grants for acquisition of land and buildings, rehabilitation and site improvements. American Dream Down-payment Initiative provides funds for down-payments, closing costs and rehabilitation assistance to first-time homebuyers.

ISSUES: Housing; Property Maintenance & Reinvestment

Contact: DuPage County Community Development Commission
421 North County Farm Road, 1-700
Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 407-6602
<http://www.dupageco.org/cdc>

Illinois Department on Aging

Illinois Department on Aging provides the Circuit Breaker program which assists with pharmaceuticals, grants and discount on license plate fees.

ISSUE: Housing

Contact: Illinois Department on Aging
P.O. Box 19003
Springfield, IL 62794-9003
(800) 252-8966
<http://www.hfs.illinois.gov>

Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services

The State of Illinois provides financial assistance, including food stamps, health insurance coverage and medical care to families with children under age 18 who meet income eligibility requirements, including assistance in meeting private health insurance plan costs and special coverage for prenatal care and the first year of the baby's life.

ISSUES: Childcare, Youth and Non-Sport Leisure Activities; Housing

Contact: Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services
146 West Roosevelt Road, Suite 2
Villa Park, IL 60181
(630) 530-1120
<http://www.hfs.illinois.gov>

Illinois Department of Human Services

This Department provides financial support, employment and training programs, child care and other family services for low-income families.

ISSUES: Childcare, Youth and Non-Sport Leisure Activities

Contact: Illinois Department of Human Services
401 South Clinton Street
Chicago, IL 60607
(800) 843-6154
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us>

Illinois Department of Transportation

IDOT offers several programs that fund pedestrian and bicycle facilities; landscaping; and safety education for pedestrians and bicyclists.

ISSUES: Transportation; Neighborhood Perception

Contact: Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, Illinois 62764
(217) 785-2932
(847) 705-4082
<http://www.dot.il.gov/opp/itep.html>
<http://www.dot.il.gov/saferoutes/saferouteshome.aspx>

Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program

Provides a pressure diagnostic test, energy-saving weatherization measures and furnace checks/repairs/replacements to income-eligible households to aid in lowering the cost of utilities. Smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers are installed in homes without them.

ISSUE: Property Maintenance, Repair and Reinvestment

Contact: DuPage County Human Services
421 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 407-6500 or (800) 942-9412
<http://www.dupageco.org/humanservices>

Lisle Township

Lisle Township provides various forms of assistance to residents, including special services and programs for older adults. These may include, but are not limited to, information and referral, health screenings, an onsite food pantry, a Senior Dining Center, 55 Alive/Mature Driving, transportation, and more. Township staff and/or volunteers assist in the preparation of income tax forms and complete applications for residents applying for federal, state and/or local benefits.

ISSUES: Housing; Transportation

Contact: Lisle Township
4711 Indiana Avenue
Lisle, IL 60532-1610
(630) 968-2087
<http://www.lisletownship.com>

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

This program provides a one-time yearly benefit to low-income households for winter heating bills. Locally administered by DuPage County, applications may be submitted at the Lisle Township office.

ISSUE: Housing

Contact: DuPage County Human Services
421 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 407-6500 (DuPage County) or
(630) 968-2087 x 12 (Lisle Township)
<http://www.liheap.org>

National Crime Prevention Council

NCPC reaches out to involve young people in making their communities safer and building a connection between youth and the community. NCPC focuses on engaging children and youth in making their homes, schools and communities safer from crime through its Teens, Crime and the Community (TCC) initiative; Youth Safety Corps (YSC) Youth Outreach for Victim Assistance (YOVA); and the Be Safe and Sound Campaign. Training and technical assistance is provided to national, state and local drug, violence and other crime prevention practitioners, community organizations, schools, youth groups, law enforcement, and others so participants can spread their knowledge to others.

ISSUE: Crime

Contact: National Crime Prevention Council
1000 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 466-6272
<http://www.ncpc.org>

Nicor Gas Sharing Program

Administered by the Salvation Army, the Nicor Gas Sharing Program provides onetime annual grants to residential customers who are income eligible.

ISSUE: Housing

Contact: Nicor Gas Sharing Program
1S415 Summit
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
(630) 629-4948
<http://www.nicor.com>

Pilot II Subsidized Taxi Service/Ride DuPage

Administered by DuPage County with registration through participating sponsor agencies, this program provides for reduced rates with participating taxicab companies, easing transportation obstacles for senior citizens, persons with disabilities, teen parents, and for job-hunting residents with qualifying incomes levels. The Village of Woodridge is a sponsoring agency.

ISSUE: Transportation

Contact: DuPage County Human Services
421 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 407-6500 or (800) 942-9412 DuPage Human Services
(630) 852-7000 Village of Woodridge
<http://www.dupageco.org/humanservices>

Single Family Rehabilitation Program

DuPage County's Community Development Block Grant Program funds two housing rehab loan programs. The first allows qualified homeowners to borrow up to \$20,000 for up to 10 years at 3% simple interest. The second allows a homeowner to borrow up to \$20,000 with no monthly payments or interest charges until change of title/sale of the home. These loans are for mitigating the deterioration of single family homes, not for the purpose of interior or exterior decoration.

ISSUES: Property Maintenance, Repair and Reinvestment; Neighborhood Perception

Contact: Housing Rehabilitation Office
Human Services
421 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 407-6500
<http://www.dupageco.org/humanservices>

State Farm Insurance Company

State Farm offers grants that focus on safety, community development and education, as well as community-based needs.

ISSUES: Transportation; Crime; Housing; Property Maintenance, Repair and Reinvestment

Contact: Public Affairs, GNC Coordinator
State Farm Illinois Operations Center
2702 Ireland Grove Road
Bloomington, Illinois 61709
(309) 763-1509
<http://www.statefarm.com>

Target Store Grants

Annual Target grants are available to programs that bring the arts to schools or that make it affordable for families to participate in cultural experiences; promote early childhood reading; and strengthen families by preventing or reducing the cycle of family violence. Target also provides employee volunteers for local charitable activities.

ISSUES: Crime; Neighborhood Perception; Childcare, Youth and Non-Sport Leisure Activities

Contact: Target
2333 63rd Street
Woodridge, IL 60517
(630) 434-0909 or (800) 440-0680
<http://www.sites.target.com/site/en/corporate>

Wal-Mart Foundation

Wal-Mart provides both financial contributions, in-kind donations and volunteer support for programs supporting local issues and causes.

ISSUES: Childcare, Youth and Non-Sport Leisure Activities; Crime; Neighborhood Perception; Transportation

Contact: Community Involvement Coordinator
7300 Woodward Avenue
Woodridge, Illinois 60517
(630) 663-9600
<http://www.walmartfoundation.org>

Youth Service America

YSA's Disney Minnie Grants and Youth Venture Program help engage youth in community service.

ISSUES: Childcare, Youth and Non-Sport Leisure Activities; Crime; Neighborhood Perception

Contact: Youth Service America
1101 15th Street, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 296-2992
<http://ysa.org>

YWCA Childcare Resource and Referral

Through the Illinois Statewide Child Care Resource & Referral system funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services, this referral service offers information on local childcare providers; childcare payment assistance; training and technical support to child care centers and home providers; and recruits new family child care providers.

ISSUE: Childcare, Youth and Non-Sport Leisure Activities

Contact: YWCA Child Care Resource & Referral
739 Roosevelt Road #8-210
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2006 Median Family Income Guidelines

HOUSEHOLD SIZE (No. of Persons)	EXTREMELY LOW INCOME (0-30% MFI)	VERY LOW INCOME (31-50% MFI)	OTHER LOW INCOME (51-80% MFI)	MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME (MFI)
1	\$15,850	\$26,400	\$41,700	\$52,800
2	\$18,100	\$30,150	\$47,700	\$60,300
3	\$20,350	\$33,950	\$53,650	\$67,300
4	\$22,600	\$37,700	\$59,600	\$72,400
5	\$24,450	\$40,700	\$64,350	\$81,400
6	\$26,250	\$43,750	\$69,150	\$87,500
7	\$28,850	\$46,750	\$73,900	\$93,500
8 or more	\$29,850	\$49,750	\$78,650	\$99,500

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Village of Woodridge Planning and Development Department

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

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Traffic Safety	Continue to conduct seat belt checks and monitor vehicle speed using radar	Establish a grant program to assist schools in hiring crossing guards (particularly at St. Scholastica)	Evaluate whether traffic calming devices are warranted along Janes Avenue, including what types of devices are appropriate and feasible for the area	If determined necessary and feasible, construct/install traffic calming devices	
	Continue to work with residents to evaluate the need for and installation of streetlights and sidewalks in underserved areas				
Public Transportation	Continue to work with existing transit providers to maintain and improve existing service	Promote existing transportation programs provided by the Village, County, State, Federal and other agencies	Evaluate the feasibility of providing alternative means of transportation from the NSA to employment areas	If determined feasible, implement establishment of alternative transportation means	
Property Maintenance, Repair and Reinvestment					
	Continue code enforcement actions to ensure properties are maintained in good repair	Provide frequent reminders regarding property maintenance responsibilities and potential funding sources to educate property owners	Evaluate the feasibility of expanding the Multi-Family Licensing Ordinance to address a greater number of rental units in the Village and if not feasible, consider alternative means/programs to address this issue		
	Continue to promote existing recycling options	Provide information to property owners on how and where to dispose of more difficult household items (appliances, paint, hazardous waste, etc.)			

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Crime	<p>Continue Police Department participation and interaction at neighborhood events</p> <p>Evaluate the need for additional police patrols and provide them as warranted</p> <p>Continue to encourage multi-family housing managers to conduct background checks on potential tenants</p>	<p>Schedule annual crime prevention tactics programs and encourage residents to participate</p> <p>Promote the installation and use of yard and house lights on private property to deter crime</p> <p>Establish a forum by which residents can discuss neighborhood issues with the Police Department</p>	<p>Schedule and effectively promote more events to encourage neighborhood residents to get acquainted with each other (e.g. block parties)</p>	<p>Increase the formation of Neighborhood Watch groups, including expanding the program to multi-family complexes</p>
Childcare, Youth and Non-Sport Recreational Activities				
Childcare	<p>Through economic development efforts, seek to attract a not-for-profit or low-cost commercial daycare provider to the shopping centers at the Janes Avenue / 8 3rd Street intersection</p>	<p>Educate residents on the availability of existing childcare programs and childcare-related financial assistance</p> <p>Direct residents to existing resources on how to start a State licensed at-home day care business</p>	<p>Determine the feasibility of adding a before-school program and expanding the after-school program at the Community Resource Center</p> <p>Provide educational programs for children regarding "home alone" safety</p>	
Youth Activities	<p>Continue to include Police Department representatives in youth events to develop mutually beneficial relationships</p> <p>Continue to support Agents for Change by publicizing their events</p>	<p>Create a parent task force to discuss and develop youth activities</p> <p>Encourage youth involvement in local volunteer opportunities by creating a means of connecting youth with appropriate organizations and empowering and training them to organize and implement projects on their own</p>	<p>Expand the "Youth in Government Day" program to involve a larger number of youth from the area</p> <p>Expand on existing programs that educate youth on job interview and job hunting skills</p> <p>Connect local youth with existing job opportunities and local businesses</p>	<p>Expand and the tutoring/mentoring program provided by the Community Resource Center</p> <p>Evaluate ways to subsidize youth activities to make them more affordable for low-income families</p>

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Childcare, Youth and Non-Sport Leisure Activities				
Non-Sport Leisure Activities	Continue and improve communication efforts to educate residents about existing recreational opportunities	Better educate residents about existing financial assistance for Park District programs	Schedule more community-wide activities and events in the NSA, particularly at Echo Point Park	Provide an all-season recreation center at Orchard Hill that will accommodate non-sports activities
	Continue Hispanic Outreach Program and related efforts	Improve existing amenities within the area to better accommodate seniors and the disabled population	Expand Community Resource Center programs	Provide a gathering space for seniors
	Continue English as a Second Language (ESL) classes		Create opportunities to integrate seniors into the neighborhood, including social events and volunteer opportunities	Provide low- to no-cost transportation for low-income residents to Park District Community Center programs
Housing				
	Continue to promote redevelopment by marketing the area to senior housing developers	Educate residents about housing assistance programs and other forms of financial assistance	Educate residents on occupancy related issues and encourage residents to report instances of overcrowding that they witness	
	As property owners seek approvals for redevelopment, the Village should maintain a diversified range of housing types and prices			
	Continue to work with school district and through other means to monitor dwelling unit occupancy rates			

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Neighborhood Perception				
	Be more aggressive with positive public relations efforts within the Village, including continuing to publicize the status of being in the "Top 100 Best Communities"	Educate the community on actual crime levels to correct the misconception that crime is a significant problem	Host community-wide events to expose residents elsewhere in the Village to the improvements in the neighborhood	Establish an incentive program encouraging residents to make exterior home improvements and provide additional landscaping
	Continue to promote reinvestment and redevelopment of existing shopping centers through financial incentives such as Tax Increment Financing (TIF)	Provide wider distribution of the State of the Village CD's	Host events that encourage intermingling between multi-family and single-family residents in the neighborhood	Expand the membership for Agents for Change to neighborhoods outside the area
	Continue economic development efforts in marketing the commercial areas to prospective businesses	Promote an anti-littering campaign	Recruit residents to participate in local boards and commissions to increase the neighborhood's visibility and voice in community affairs	
	Provide zoning flexibility as an incentive to redevelop the commercial properties at the Janes Avenue /8 3rd Street intersection			



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