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Village of Woodridge Names Kimberly Clarke as Community Development Director

WOODRIDGE, Ill., August 12, 2022: The Village of Woodridge has announced the addition of Kimberly Clarke as community development director. She will provide oversight and leadership for the Community Development Department in this position. The Community Development Department manages Woodridge's balanced growth by attracting businesses, enforcing village codes, ensuring quality construction for all developments, providing support to the Plan Commission, and more. Woodridge conducted a nationwide search for the community development director position and ultimately invited five applicants for an initial first-round interview. Clarke will start her new role with Woodridge on September 6.

"Kimberly has a track record and passion for public service and for helping shape the quality of life in the communities in which she has served, which makes her a great fit to lead our Community Development Department," said Al Stonitsch, village administrator. "Her demonstrated leadership experience, development expertise, and understanding of Woodridge will serve our community well in the years to come."

Clarke most recently served as community development director for the Village of Tinley Park, and she has more than 17 years of community planning experience. Prior to Tinley Park, she served as the zoning administrator for the City of Countryside and also as Community Development Director in Shorewood. Early in her career, she spent six years working for the City of Lockport, starting as an assistant city planner, and then Lockport promoted her to director of community development.

"I am thrilled to have been selected to join the leadership team of Woodridge," said Clarke. "The community has a diverse economic base, quality neighborhoods, dedicated stakeholders and residents that have made Woodridge a desirable community."



Kimberly Clarke, director of community development, Village of Woodridge. Clarke has more than 17 years of community planning experience. She has implemented several master plans, zoning code updates, and negotiated annexation and redevelopment agreements for commercial, residential, and industrial developments in her career.

Clarke has a bachelor's degree in geography and another bachelor's degree in management, both from Illinois State University. She has an MBA with a certificate in managerial leadership from Northern Illinois University. She is a member of the American Planning Association and the Illinois Economic Development Association. Clarke was born and raised in Darien and currently lives there with her husband and two young daughters.

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