

Village of Westchester Comprehensive Plan • Public Open House

Project Information • Planning Process



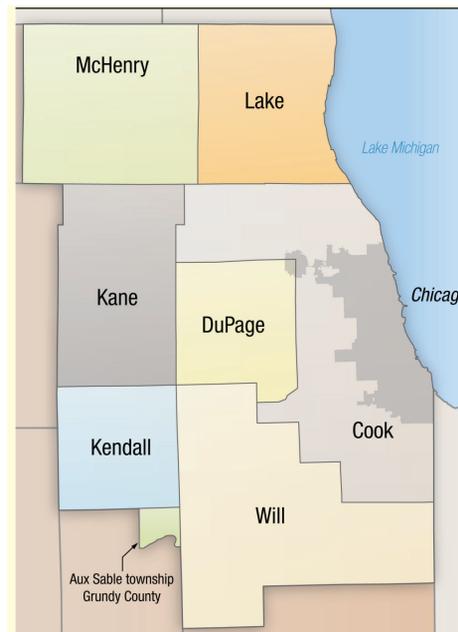
WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

- Outlines desired vision for the Village's future over a 10 to 20 year time period
- Contains actions to be taken by Village officials
- Not set-in-stone, can adapt with change (should be updated every 5 to 10 years)

WHY DOES WESTCHESTER NEED A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

- Existing plan was completed in 1955 and is outdated
- There is an opportunity to redevelop areas in the Village
- Will help Village obtain grants
- Will help elected officials in decision-making
- Will help Village departments in setting priorities

WHO IS CMAP?

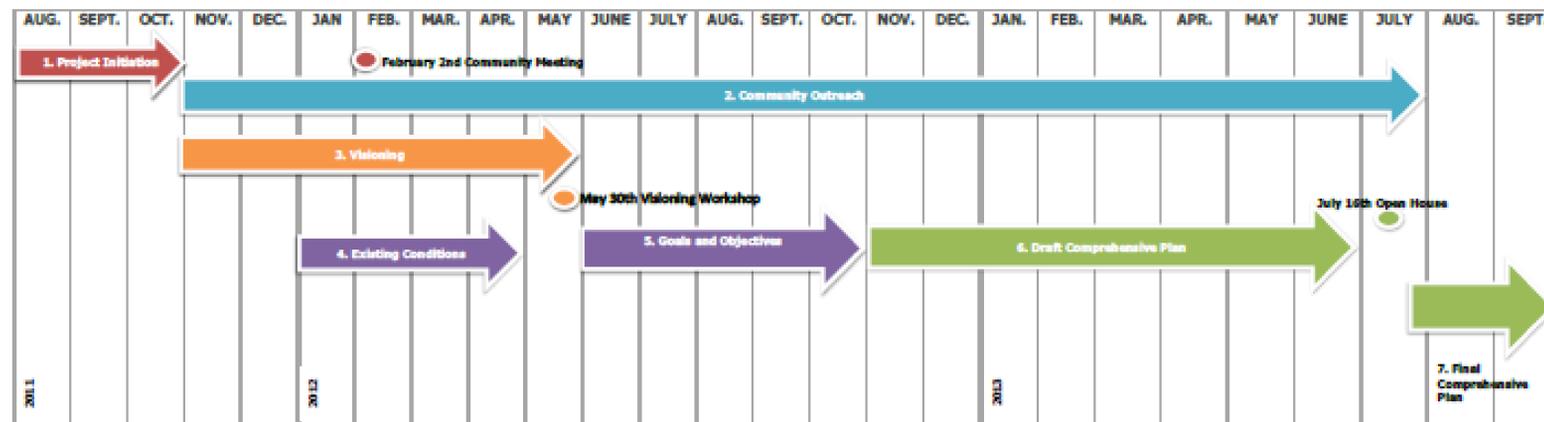


- CMAP: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
- Established in 2005
- Mission: To plan comprehensively for economic prosperity and improved quality of life within north-eastern Illinois
- Serves 7 counties, 284 municipalities, and over 1,200 units of government

WHY IS CMAP FUNDING THIS EFFORT?

- CMAP created the GO TO 2040 regional comprehensive plan.
- CMAP received a grant through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to implement the GO TO 2040 Plan.
- Over 130 municipalities and non profits applied with 230 projects.
- The Village of Westchester is one of the first communities in the region to receive this funding.

PLANNING PROCESS



COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

Phase 1:

- Meeting with Steering Committee
- Meeting with Divine Providence Over 50 Club
- Public Meeting with 85+ attendees
- One-on-One Stakeholder Interviews
- Meeting with Westchester Middle School students
- Meeting with St. Joseph High School students

Phase 2:

- Public Visioning Workshop with 60+ Attendees
- Meeting with Steering Committee

Phase 3:

- Presentation to Steering Committee
- Public Open House (today)
- Public Hearing (August)
- Plan Adoption (September)

WHAT HAVE WE HEARD?

Issues

- Business attraction and revitalization
- Infrastructure
- Transportation facilities (sidewalks, streets)
- Stormwater management
- Transit options

Desires

- Accessible, with safe travel options for pedestrians
- Distinct, with a defined community character
- Economically-competitive, with revitalized and attractive commercial corridors
- Environmentally friendly and green
- Livable, with multiple housing options



For more details about draft recommendations, visit www.cmap.illinois.gov/Westchester