

# Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan

2014 Annual Implementation Report

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## **Executive Summary**

The 2030 Comprehensive Plan Implementation Sub-Committee presents this report to the Mayor, the Village Board of Trustees, and Village residents. Five Sub-Committee members appointed by the Mayor have worked together alongside Village staff to prepare this report.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Annual Report is to provide yearly communication regarding the status of the Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan and key near term goals. The implementation of the 2030 Plan is the largest program in our community. The Comprehensive Plan, adopted by the Board of Trustees in 2011, contains goals and objectives to preserve and protect important Village culture and features, guide growth and change, manage development and redevelopment efforts, and improve the community's overall appearance and image. It is divided into eleven distinct areas, vision sections, which reach across all aspects of life in Niles. We will be reporting to you on key activities and upcoming steps regarding each area and highlights concerning the status of the over one hundred and eighty objectives which are the individual "building blocks" of our Plan.

### **Background**

In 2009, Mayor Bob Callero and the Village established a formal program to develop by 2011, a new comprehensive plan for Niles. This historical planning project was managed under the oversight of the Building and Zoning Committee chaired by then Trustee Andrew Przybylo. A Comprehensive Plan Sub-Committee of seven residents and two ex-officio Village staff was formed with the responsibility to represent the community and to participate in the key development aspects of the planning process conducted by the municipal planning firm of Houseal Lavigne & Associates.

Early in the process, the Comprehensive Plan Sub-Committee was briefed and educated on the comprehensive planning process and the components of recently completed plans by other similar municipalities. In addition, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) presented their recently completed "Go To 2040" regional plan and the Sub-Committee discussed how the Niles comprehensive planning effort may fit in to the overall planning efforts of the entire region. This early consideration of "Go To 2040" and the resulting relationship building with CMAP benefited the Village's planning efforts and ultimately resulted in the application and award of two CMAP Technical Grants: the 2013 Environmental Action Plan and the 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Both plans directly support the Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives.

In February 2012, Mayor Bob Callero formed the 2030 Plan Implementation Committee comprised of several residents, representatives of the Niles business community and key Village staff. In its initial role, the Committee developed a program implementation approach based on a prioritization of the Plan's one hundred and eighty-three objectives and a monitoring methodology, which was presented to and formally adopted by the Village Board in November, 2012. Over the past several years, the Committee's function has evolved, now focusing on an independent auditory role.

Among the early efforts and recommendations of the 2030 Plan Implementation Committee was the active promotion and education of the goals and objectives established for the eleven vision elements of the Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan. This resulted in a program developed by Village Management to integrate structural changes in how we conduct our ongoing Village operations and priorities we focus on. Among the specific steps taken was the creation of an educational

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flyer for employees, Village wide employee presentations by the Village Manager, and alignment of all Board related Village expenditure requests to the 2030 Plan. The FY2014 budget was the first Village budget to demonstrate the impact of the Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan resulting in a more transparent and user friendly document stressing department accountability. Serving as our model and structure as we go forward, this document incorporates department goals and objectives, organizational charts, and Niles 2030 related department implementation. These principles have continued in both the proceeding FY2015 and FY 2016 budgets. Before each budget process, staff reviews not only the Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan, but all the other Village adopted plans that support it, such as the Stormwater Relief Program, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and the Environmental Action Plan.

### Keeping The Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan Moving Forward

There are a number of key items to be budgeted in FY2016 to ensure the Village continues to progress with the implementation of the Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan and the High Priority Objectives rated '9' and '10' as established by the 2030 Comprehensive Plan Implementation Subcommittee. The following is a list of continued key funding required and new key funding required within the FY2016 budget.

#### Continuation of Key Funding Required:

- Banner Program for Milwaukee Avenue
- Façade Improvement Grant Program
- Milwaukee Avenue Streetscape Improvement Phase IV Oakton to Monroe
- Flood Control Program Funding
- Stormwater - Small Projects
- Cleveland Sewer Separation Project
- Sanitary Sewer Smoke Testing and Sewer Lining
- Village Lobbyist Funding
- Tree Planting Program
- Sidewalk Infill Project
  - ◇ Phase I Engineering Services Using CMAQ Grant per Multi-Modal Plan
  - ◇ Prioritized Sidewalk Infill per Multi-Modal Plan
- Videographer Funding for Video PSAs
- Civic Event Planning
  - ◇ Holly Jolly Market & Christmas Tree Lighting - collaboration with Niles Park District
  - ◇ 4th of July Parade
  - ◇ Bike Niles & Fest
  - ◇ Community Resource and Wellness Fair

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### New Key Funding Required:

- Banner Program for Milwaukee Avenue and Civic Center
- Milwaukee Avenue Streetscape Phase I Engineering Monroe to Northern Limits
- Milwaukee Avenue Streetlight Study
- Way finding Signage Design and Location Consultant
- Gateway/Entrance Signage Design
- ATT V-Rad Landscaping
- Painting of Worn/Rusty Traffic Signals
- Designation of the Touhy Avenue Arts and Culture Corridor TIF District
  - ◊ Fire House II Renovation
  - ◊ Leaning Tower Restoration
  - ◊ Public Space and Sculpture Park
- New Community Christmas Lights & Decorations
- Shop Local Campaign
- Marketing Plan Development and Implementation
- Civic Center Parking and Street Improvements
- Staffing and Operational Study of Community Development Department
- Oak Park Green Street Pervious Pavement/Bio-swale Project
- Sidewalk Ped/Bike Crossings
  - ◊ Howard Street Crosswalk Improvement at North Branch Trail
  - ◊ Waukegan/Caldwell Crosswalk Improvements

### **Conclusion**

Overall, the citizens of the Village of Niles should be proud of the fact that a document such as the Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan is significantly moving forward and not simply “sitting on a shelf.” This document, built on a foundation of community input and outreach, establishes a reality based “roadmap” to an improved Niles utilizing the guiding principles of Economic Vitality, Desirable Housing Stock, Strength in Diversity, and Community Character and Identity.

The tables which follow on page (6) outline the details of how we measure our status as determined by our activity level of each objective. Out of the 83 Priority Objectives rated ‘9’ and ‘10’ by the 2030 Comprehensive Plan Implementation Sub-Committee, 72% are considered “active.” In the lower rated objectives, 8’s and below, approximately 38% are “active.” While progress has been good, there is much left to do. With the required funding outlined above, the percentage of “active” Priority Objectives will increase significantly providing for additional implementation progress and pave the way to further the implementation of Priority Objectives rated ‘8’ and ‘7’ in years 2015, 2016 and beyond.

## Acknowledgements

The creation of this report was overseen by the 5-person “2030 Comprehensive Plan Implementation Sub-Committee” comprised of civic-minded Niles volunteers and staff who have put in an extraordinary level of effort over the past several years in establishing an implementation plan for the Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan adopted October 25, 2011.

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The 2030 Comprehensive Plan Implementation Sub-Committee wishes to thank all participating staff and members of the public who attended meetings, shared information, and assisted with the development of this report.

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The following describes the four common steps or activity levels in a typical project cycle. These definitions are used to assess the status of each objective and the 2030 Plan overall.

### **Implementation Status Definitions/Stages**

Active—Formal Structure, Defined Objective, and Specific Assignments/Dates

Formation—Preliminary Assignment, Initial Exploration Activity

Discussion—Some Leadership/Staff Discussions Have Taken Place

Open—Little or No Activity

*As previously noted, the current status is summarized in the tables that follow*

# 2030 – Status of Objectives 3/31/15

## 10's & 9's

Vision	Total Objectives	'Active'	'Formation'	'Discussion'	'Open'
Element					
Residential	2	2	-	-	-
Commercial	11	7	4	-	-
Industrial	3	3	-	-	-
Infrastructure	6	6	-	-	-
Transportation	4	3	1	-	
Facilities/Services	13	11	2	-	-
Parks/Open Spaces	7	6	1	-	-
Image/Identity	17	11	4	2	-
Econ Development	13	8	4	1	-
Env./Sustainability	3	2	1	-	-
Arts/Culture	4	1	2	1	-
<b>TOTAL 3/31/15</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
TOTAL 6/30/14	83	47	21	14	1
TOTAL 9/30/13	83	42	25	11	5
TOTAL 6/30/13	83	40	24	10	9

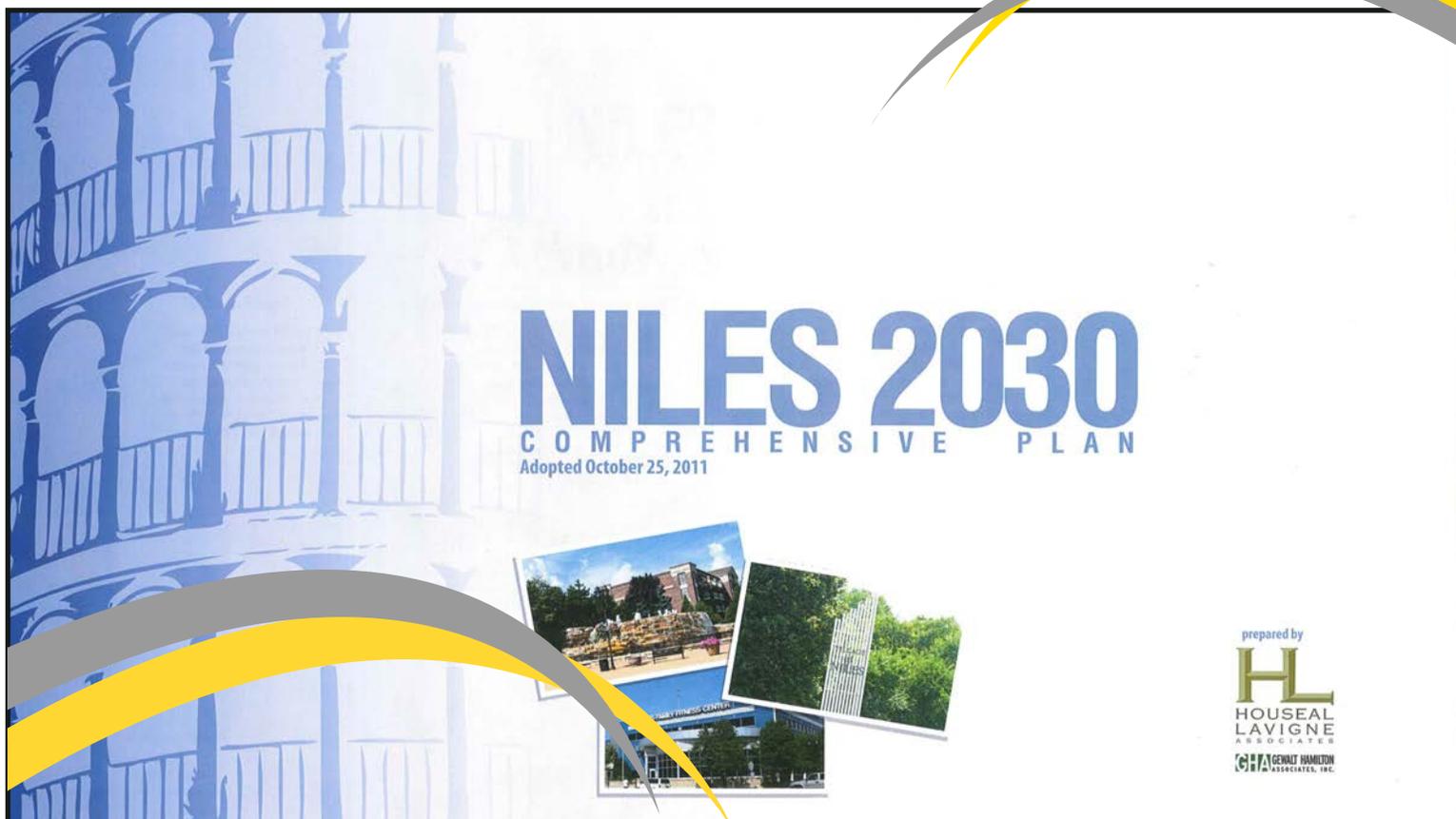
## 8's and Below

Vision	Total Objectives	'Active'	'Formation'	'Discussion'	'Open'
Residential	12	6	3	1	2
Commercial	11	1	6	2	2
Industrial	8	4	1	-	3
Infrastructure	8	4	3	1	-
Transportation	18	4	12	1	1
Facilities/Services	15	12	2	1	-
Parks/Open Spaces	9	4	2	1	2
Image/Identity	5	1	1	1	2
Econ Development	6	1	1	1	3
Env./Sustainability	3	1	-	1	1
Arts/Culture	5	-	3	1	1
<b>TOTAL 3/31/15</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>

# Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan

## 2014 Annual Implementation Report—

A summary of progress made to date implementing the 2030 Plan



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## Purpose of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

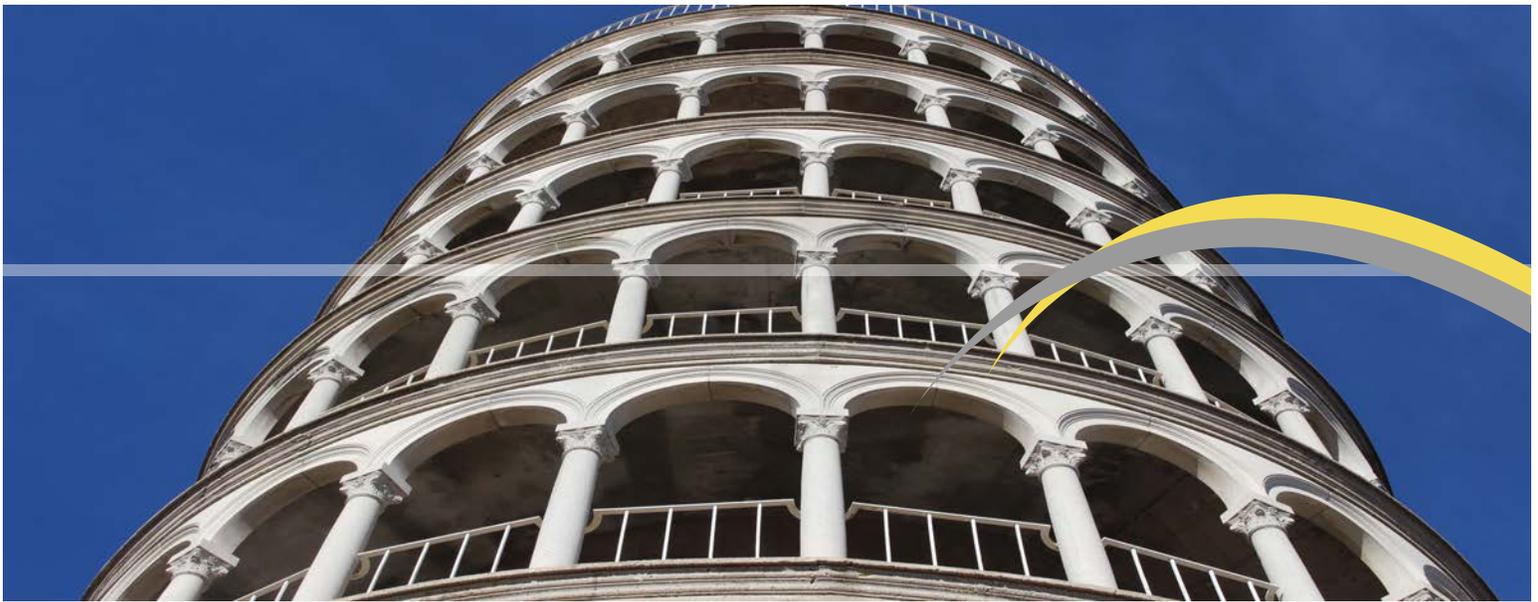
The Village of Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan was adopted on October 25, 2011 after an extensive period of community outreach and planning. The Plan provides Guiding Principles, Vision, Goals and Objectives for **eleven specific topics**: Residential Areas, Commercial Areas, Industrial Areas, Infrastructure and Development, Transportation and Circulation, Community Facilities and Village Services, Parks, Open Space and Environmental Features, Image and Identity, Economic Development, Sustainability, and Arts and Culture. The Plan also provides more detailed plans for Land Use, Transportation, Parks, Open Space and Environmental Features, Community Facilities, Arts and Culture, Urban Design and Community Character, and four multiple 'Key Focus Areas'.

**Part One** of this Annual Report provides a brief and quantitative update on progress made implementing each of the **eleven Vision Elements**. **Part Two** of this Annual Report outlines those Objectives which have not yet been rated "active" and which are high priorities for the up-coming fiscal year.

## Purpose of this Report

Each year, the Village Manager will produce this report to document progress made towards implementing the Village's 2030 Comprehensive Plan. **This Annual Report is divided into two sections**—the first outlines progress made while the second highlights priority goals and objectives that have yet to be accomplished.

The report will be produced each January, with the intention that items highlighted in Section two will be considered in budget discussions for the next fiscal year.



The Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan was unanimously approved by the Niles' Board of Trustees on October 25, 2011. The 2030 Plan is available for viewing on-line via the Village website at the following link: [www.http://www.vniles.com/634/2030-Comprehensive-Plan](http://www.vniles.com/634/2030-Comprehensive-Plan), or by going to the 'Government' heading on the Village's web-site, selecting 'Boards, Committees and Commissions', then selecting 'Niles 2030 Implementation Committee', and then clicking the link in the upper left corner entitled "Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan". A hard-copy can also be requested at the Community Development Department front desk at Village Hall or by calling 847-588-8040.

In February 2012, Mayor Bob Callero announced the formation of a 2030 Plan Implementation Committee. The first meeting of this committee took place on June 19, 2012. The members of the Committee were: Chuck Ostman, Chairman of the Committee & Director of the Niles Community Development Department; Pat Dalessandro, a long term Niles resident & owner of Coachlight Realty; Steve Gorski, a Niles resident & member of the 2030 Plan Development Committee; Fred Kudert, a Niles resident & member of the 2030 Plan Development Committee; Harry Major, Oak Mill Mall owner; & Mike Shields, a Niles Resident & member of the 2030 Plan Development Committee.

Seven meetings of the 2030 Plan Implementation Committee were held between mid-June and October 2012 resulting in an implementation approach recommendation based on setting calendar-based priorities for each of the 2030 Plan's 183 Objectives using the following numerical prioritization rating system developed by the committee:

- ten = Calendar year 2013 implementation**
- nine = 2014 implementation**
- eight = 2015 implementation**
- seven= 2016 implementation**
- six= 2017 implementation**
- five = 2018 implementation and beyond.**

Note that Appendix A, a mini-Implementation Management Document or IMD, lists these 183 objectives with their recommended implementation priority rating.

### Writing this Report

This first Annual Report for the implementation of the Village's 2030 Comprehensive Plan was conceived-of by the 2030 Implementation Committee as a way to present an attractive and user-friendly version of the Implementation Management Document (IMD). The IMD is a spreadsheet that lists all 183 Objectives of the 2030 plan organized by the eleven Vision Elements. Because this spreadsheet consists only of text, the Implementation Committee agreed that a more attractive report-style document with photographs would be more useful to the Niles community. The Village's Department Heads and Village Manager's office all contribute the information that is included in this report. The Implementation Committee continues to oversee the implementation of the 2030 Plan and is now acting in the capacity of an 'audit' committee.

# Part One—Accomplishments

## 2014 Annual Implementation Report—

A summary of progress made to date implementing the 2030 Plan



### 2030 Comprehensive Plan Accomplishments.

This Annual Report provides a brief and quantitative update on progress made implementing each of the **eleven Vision Elements**. As outlined in the following section, the Village of Niles has made substantial progress on many of the Goals and Objectives for the **eleven Vision Elements**: Residential Areas, Commercial Areas, Industrial Areas, Infrastructure and Development, Transportation and Circulation, Community Facilities and Village Services, Parks, Open Space and Environmental Features, Image and Identity, Economic Development, Sustainability, and Arts and Culture.

### Spotlights and Metrics

Sidebar—such as this one—throughout this report will attempt to spot light specific projects or accomplishments as they relate to the Comprehensive Plan. The goal of these sidebars is to provide a deeper, more comprehensive explanation of how a particular project or accomplishment fulfills the goals and objectives of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

Other sidebars will provide useful and interesting ‘metrics’—measurable and quantifiable information that shows progress towards various goals and objectives in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

# Vision One—Residential Areas (14 objectives/2 ranked 9 or 10)

Goal—Maintain the Village’s image and desirability as a great place to live by preserving and enhancing the quality, character, safety, and appeal of residential neighborhoods, developments, and subdivisions, and providing diversity in its housing stock and unit types.

There are **fourteen Residential Areas Objectives** in the Implementation Matrix. Two of these Residential Areas Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these two priority Objectives is provided below:

## Residential Areas Priority Objective 1 of 2: (Objective 20:1)

- Promote Residential Development and redevelopment of a variety of housing and dwelling unit types and densities, including as part of mixed-use development, in accordance with the Land Use Plan, and ensure the Zoning Ordinance and other regulatory tools are updated appropriately.

### Status:

- ◇ The Village is approving market-driven residential redevelopment projects throughout the Village and for a variety of housing types
- ◇ The Village is making progress on creating and adopting new zoning rules and new rules are expected to be adopted and put into use during 2015

## Residential Areas Priority Objective 2 of 2: (Objective 20:11)

- Strictly enforce buffering, landscaping, screening and lighting requirements of adjacent commercial areas to minimize the negative impacts of commercial development on residential uses

### Status:

- ◇ The Village continues to accomplish this Objective. Specific examples include:
  - ◆ Grendel’s Rapid Oil Change at 8657 Milwaukee Avenue
  - ◆ Proposed auto repair business at 8030 Oakton
  - ◆ Hardee’s at 9102 Milwaukee Avenue
  - ◆ Hertz rental car business at 7239 Dempster Street
- ◇ The Village will continue to review commercial development proposals to ensure that this Objective is met



*The Village of Niles must provide quality housing options to meet the needs of existing and future residents. By providing a diverse range of quality housing types, the Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan seeks to ensure that the Village provides the ability to “age in place,” thus meeting the housing needs for all stages of life.*



## Residential Case Study

In 2014, the Village approved a new subdivision plat in the northeast corner of Shermer Avenue and Main Street. The 0.8 acre site had one single-family home on it. The Village worked with Cahill Development to approve a plat that would allow four new single-family homes to be constructed on this site. Additionally, the Village required the developer to comply with new storm water management ordinances to ensure that the new homes would not flood or cause flooding problems for near-by homes. The site extended to the center-line for Main Street adjacent to the site, and as part of the plat approval process, the Village required the developer to dedicate the northern-half of the right-of-way for Main Street, allowing the street to be widened to meet Village street-width standards. Most recently, the Village is working with the developer to ensure that the homes that are constructed on these sites comply with the Village’s ‘anti-monotony’ ordinances.

The result of this redevelopment project includes the removal of an older and dilapidated home; the creation of four new residential parcels that include storm water management facilities; a wider and safer Main Street; and—in the near future—four new single-family homes.



## Vision Two—Commercial Areas (22 objectives/11 ranked 9 or 10)

**Goal 1**—Support well-functioning retail and commercial shopping areas that are market supportable, maintain a diversified tax base, and serve the needs of the Village’s residents and visitors.

There are **twelve Commercial Areas Objectives** in the Implementation Matrix for Goal 1. Four of these Commercial Areas—Goal 1 Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these four priority Objectives is provided below:

### Commercial Areas Goal 1—Priority Objective 1 of 4: (Objective 21:5)

- Continue to utilize and consider additional incentives such as sales tax rebates, TIF, SOSA, and business district funds to initiate redevelopment of key opportunity sites as identified in the Plan

#### Status:

- ◇ The Village utilized a sales tax rebate agreement with Fresh Farms and Costco as an incentive for modernizing an old Jewel-Osco store and vacant car dealership

### Commercial Areas Goal 1—Priority Objective 2 of 4: (Objective 21:6)

- Identify underperforming & underutilized parcels and sites and work with property owners and developers to promote their redevelopment, encouraging parcel assembly where appropriate to provide larger development opportunities

#### Status:

- ◇ The owner of the properties at 7247-7305 Waukegan Avenue will be consolidating two lots into one to accommodate a planned Holiday Inn Express
- ◇ The owner of the property at 6450 Touhy Avenue obtained the required village approvals for a plat of subdivision and special use permit and is expected to construct a medical out-patient facility.

### Commercial Areas Goal 1—Priority Objective 3 of 4: (Objective 21:7)

- Promote the modernization and/or redevelopment of outdated shopping centers and strip malls

#### Status:

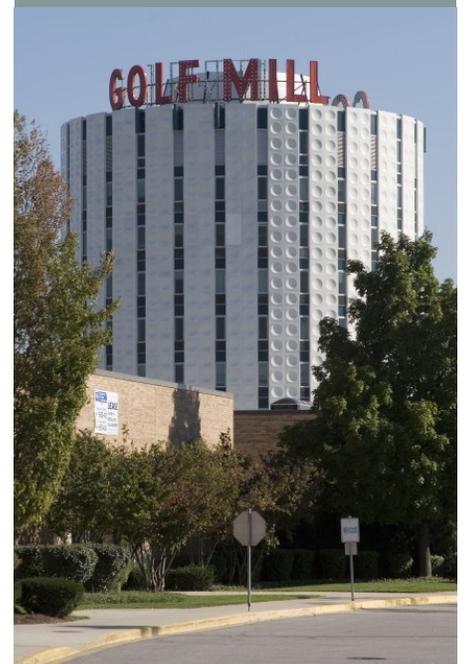
- ◇ The Sterling Organization purchased the largest shopping center in Nilus—Golf-Mill Mall with intentions to modernize and remodel
- ◇ The Community Development Department continues to work with Mega Development on the completion of the Harts Plaza redevelopment project at Harts Road and Milwaukee Avenue

## Focus on Milwaukee Avenue

Since adopting the 2030 Plan, the Village has proceeded with creating redevelopment plans for one of the Village’s most important commercial corridors—Milwaukee Avenue. The Community Development Department is working with the consult firm Camiros to finalize redevelopment plans for Milwaukee Avenue. (See Page 13 for an update on ITEP Phase IV.)

## Focus On Golf-Mill Mall

New ownership presents new opportunities. Sterling Organization plans to invest substantial resources to refurbish and update this important regional shopping center, which it acquired in 2014. Plans call to remodel and modernize, improve marketing and seek a new tenant mix.





## Spotlight—Fresh Farms

A second example of a commercial-areas success is the new Fresh Farms at Four Flags Shopping Center. When Jewel-Osco closed their store at this location, the Village used a sales-tax rebate incentive to quickly attract a replacement grocery store to this location. Fresh Farms is currently renovating the space and is expected to open in 2015!

## Vision Two—Commercial Areas (22 objectives/11 ranked 9 or 10)

### Goal 1—Continued from Previous Page

#### Commercial Areas Goal 1—Priority Objective 4 of 4: (Objective 21:12)

- Promote the installation of routes and facilities to encourage walking and biking to and through the Village’s commercial corridors

#### Status:

- Multi-Modal Plan was completed spring 2014 and recommendations of new sidewalk and bike trails are budgeted FY 2016
- Way finding study and construction tentatively planned for FY 2016 budget following the completion of village wide branding process

## Vision Two—Commercial Areas

**Goal 2**—Improve the appearance, character, and sense of place of the Village’s commercial areas as a means to create distinctive destinations which attract new businesses and additional customers.

There are **ten Commercial Areas Objectives** in the Implementation Matrix for Goal 2. Seven of these Commercial Areas—Goal 2 Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these seven priority Objectives is provided below:

#### Commercial Areas Goal 2—Priority Objective 1 of 7: (Objective 21:2)

- Ensure that all new, improved, and existing commercial development is effectively screened and buffered from adjacent residential use

#### Status:

- The Village continues to accomplish this Objective. Specific examples include:
  - Grendel’s Rapid Oil Change at 8657 Milwaukee Avenue
  - Proposed auto repair business at 8030 Oakton
  - Hardee’s at 9102 Milwaukee Avenue
  - Hertz rental car business at 7239 Dempster Street

## Spotlight—Costco

One success of 2014 was the expansion of Costco’s services in Niles through the addition of a fueling station at Touhy and Melvina. In addition to increasing the Village’s sales tax revenues, this project also significantly improves the chances of retaining this important retailer in Niles rather than losing them to a neighboring community.

In addition to the Costco fueling station, a new Aldi store was constructed and recently experienced one of the best single store openings in Aldi history.





## Vision Two—Commercial Areas (22 objectives/11 ranked 9 or 10)

### Goal 2—Continued from Previous Page

#### Commercial Areas Goal 2—Priority Objective 2 of 7: (Objective 21:4)

- Identify funds and establish a program to assist business and property owners with façade improvements, landscaping, parking improvements, and modernization of aging structures and facilities

##### Status:

- ◇ The Community Development Department created and administers a Façade Improvement Grant Program, which provides grants to businesses in Niles for improving the appearance of their exteriors. To date, three façade grants have been awarded to local businesses

#### Commercial Areas Goal 2—Priority Objective 3 of 7: (Objective 21:5)

- Initiate programs to encourage the improvement and rehabilitation of older commercial buildings and areas which are, or are becoming, functionally obsolete including improvements to façades, signage, landscaping, & parking areas

##### Status:

- ◇ The Community Development Department created and administers a Façade Improvement Grant Program, which provides grants to businesses in Niles for improving the appearance of their exteriors. To date, three façade grants have been awarded to local businesses

#### Commercial Areas Goal 2—Priority Objective 4 of 7: (Objective 21:6)

- Implement a more systematic and proactive property maintenance and code enforcement process in commercial areas of the Village

##### Status:

- ◇ The Community Development Department continues to aggressively enforce the Village’s property maintenance ordinances throughout the village, including in commercial areas. 174 citations for code violations were issued by the department in 2014

#### Commercial Areas Goal 2—Priority Objective 5 of 7: (Objective 21:7)

- Establish design and development standards and guidelines for commercial areas to guide the scale, appearance, orientation, and overall character of new development and redevelopment

##### Status:

- ◇ The Community Development Department has worked with the planners at the consulting firm of Camiros to draft new zoning language to address this objective, and the new zoning ordinance is anticipated to be adopted by the Village in 2015

## Spotlight— Façade Grant Program

In an effort to improve the appearance and attractiveness of commercial properties along Milwaukee Avenue, the Village allocated funds to provide grants to Milwaukee Avenue property and business owners to improve the front façades of their buildings. In 2014—the first year of the program—the Village completed one façade improvement and processed 2 additional applications for future completion.



**Before**

The owner of the property at 8142 Milwaukee Avenue received a \$5,000 grant to reconstruct the front façade of the building. The owner invested over \$30,000 in the project.



**After**



## Vision Two—Commercial Areas (22 objectives/11 ranked 9 or 10)

### Goal 2—Continued from Previous Page

#### Commercial Areas Goal 2—Priority Objective 6 of 7: (Objective 21:9)

- Implement and expand the streetscape program to create a unified theme of commercial areas and corridors within the Village, particularly along Milwaukee Avenue, Touhy Avenue, Golf Road and Dempster Street. Streetscaping may include elements such as landscaping, benches, bus shelters, trash cans, streetlights, way-finding signage, gateways, bicycle racks, and other amenities.

#### Status:

- ◇ The Public Services Department has secured I-DOT approval for implementation of Phase IV for the 'ITEP' beautification project along Milwaukee Avenue north of Oakton Street. This project will be started and completed in 2015
- ◇ Agreement approved with HR Green for construction engineering and MFT funding approved for engineering and construction of Phase IV on Milwaukee Avenue north of Oakton Street
- ◇ The Community Development Department is working with the planning and urban design consultant firm of Camiros to finalize redevelopment plans and guidelines for Milwaukee Avenue between Albion and Monroe Streets

#### Commercial Areas Goal 2—Priority Objective 7 of 7: (Objective 21:10)

- Work cooperatively with I-DOT to facilitate desired improvements within their right-of-way including improved landscaping, lighting, and gateway signage consistent with the Key Focus Area Plans

#### Status:

- ◇ Milwaukee Avenue Corridor Committee planning for the replacement of streetlights along the Milwaukee Avenue Corridor from Albion to Greenleaf. The current streetlights will be replaced with decorative LED lights with buried power cables. A substantial \$150,000 grant has been identified from DCEO for the purpose of this project
- ◇ Gateway and way-finding signage to be designed after village wide branding process completed. Gateway and way-finding signage planning and construction planned for FY2016 budget
- ◇ The Community Development Department continues to make progress on creating a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district to promote arts and culture in the 'Touhy Avenue Arts, Culture, and Economic Development Corridor'

## Spotlight— Milwaukee Avenue Beautification and ITEP Funding—Phase IV

While the Milwaukee Avenue façade program—described in the sidebar on the previous page—promotes *private property* improvements, the Village is *also* working to improve the appearance of the *public* right-of-way along Milwaukee Avenue. The Village has secured \$747,000 in I-DOT funding from the 'ITEP' program, which can be used for beautification and landscaping. The Village already used this funding for three Phases of improvements along Milwaukee Avenue south of Oakton. The Village has secured Phase IV funds to be used north of Oakton in 2015.



Northwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Oakton Street



Northeast corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Oakton Street

# Vision Three—Industrial Areas (11 objectives/3 ranked 9 or 10)

Goal—Continue to support a light industrial/business park/commercial service sector to maintain a diversified tax base and employment opportunities within the Village.

There are *eleven Industrial Areas Objectives* in the Implementation Matrix. Three of these Industrial Areas Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these three priority Objectives is provided below:

Industrial Areas Priority Objective 1 of 3: (Objective 22:1)

- Establish and maintain regular lines of communication with industrial property owners and businesses regarding current needs and future plans

Status:

- ◇ The Economic Development Coordinator in the Community Development Department is in frequent contact with industrial property owners and businesses
- ◇ The Community Development Department hosts regular ‘Breakfast Meetings’ with local property and business owners to discuss current needs and future plans
- ◇ The Community Development Department has created a new Business Development Brochure

Industrial Areas Priority Objective 2 of 3: (Objective 22:4)

Reclassify and rezone manufacturing areas which are functionally obsolete due to impactful proximity to residential, small lot size and challenging lot configuration, particularly along Milwaukee Avenue

Status:

- ◇ The Village successfully eliminated all ‘M’ zoning along Milwaukee Avenue in 2014 by rezoning the only remaining ‘M’ parcels to ‘B-2’

Industrial Areas Priority Objective 3 of 3: (Objective 22:9)

Ensure that all uses are effectively screened from adjacent residential properties and public rights-of-ways, through the use of landscaping, fencing, or a combination of these two

Status:

- ◇ There were no industrial development projects adjacent to residential areas during the time period covered by this report
- ◇ The Village will review future proposals to ensure that this Objective is met



## Industrial Vacancy Rates

The Village of Niles is fortunate to have varied and diverse land-uses within our community, including residential, commercial and industrial properties.

The Village’s industrial areas are healthy and at near-full occupancy. Vacancy rates for industrial properties in Niles during 2014 and our near-by neighboring communities, as provided by the Village’s Economic Development Coordinator using the real estate database “Co-Star”, is provided below:

- **Niles:** **6.8 %**
- **Skokie** **5.0 %**
- **Des Plaines** **7.1 %**
- **Glenview** **3.7%**
- **Northbrook** **7.0%**
- **Mt. Prospect** **12.3%**
- **Evanston** **8.3%**
- **Wheeling** **4.9%**
- **Arlington Hts.** **10.1%**

The vacancy rates outlined above are for the year 2014. The vacancy rate for industrial properties in Niles has fluctuated very little in the last 10 years—even during a serious economic slow-down—and has typically been around 7%.



# Vision Four—Infrastructure & Development

(14 objectives/6 ranked 9 or 10)

Goal—Maintain high quality, “green” and efficient infrastructure systems and networks through regular investment and maintenance to meet the changing needs of the Village today and in the future.

There are *fourteen Infrastructure and Development Objectives* in the Implementation Matrix. Six of these Infrastructure and Development Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these six priority Objectives is provided below:

## Infrastructure & Development Priority Objective 1 of 6: (Objective 22:1)

- Continue to budget for and implement the improvement/maintenance of the communities infrastructure including roadways, sewer, and water distribution

### Status:

- ◇ The Village Manager’s office is working with the Village of Morton Grove to finalize a more sustainable water services contract for alternative Lake Michigan water to serve both communities
- ◇ The Public Services Department regularly budgets funds for maintenance of the Village’s infrastructure to include \$100,000 for sewer lining, \$20,000 for leak detection, and \$45,000 for road condition testing. Road condition testing was completed in 2013 and is slated to be updated every 5 years

## Infrastructure & Development Priority Objective 2 of 6: (Objective 22:4)

- Fund, implement and monitor the Village’s Storm Water Management Master Plan to address flooding issues

### Status:

- ◇ The Community Development Department provided funding for 193 private flood-prevention systems in the Village in 2014
- ◇ The Public Services Department substantially completed two storm water basins in 2014 at Our Lady of Ransom and Mary Hill Cemetery
- ◇ National Flood Insurance Program awarded the Village a Community Rating System (CRS) score of 6 for storm water mitigation efforts

## Infrastructure & Development Priority Objective 3 of 6: (Objective 22:5)

- Amend the zoning ordinance and zoning map to restrict development in areas prone to flooding

### Status:

- ◇ This Objective will be addressed in the new zoning and subdivision ordinance that is being written by the Community Development Department



## Flood Prevention Program

An important infrastructure effort in the Village of Niles has been the prevention of flooding. The Village of Niles allocated a total of \$1,800,000 in 2014 to provide financial assistance to qualifying residential property owners in the Village to install flood prevention devices. These devices prevent flood waters from entering homes through the homes sewer system. The program grants up to \$4,000 to homeowners to use towards the costs of installing one of these systems.

In 2014, the Village received 40 applications for funding assistance and granted 193 grants totaling \$743,255.



# Vision Four—Infrastructure & Development

(14 objectives/6 ranked 9 or 10)

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## Infrastructure & Development Priority Objective 4 of 6: (Objective 22:6)

- Ensure that new development and redevelopment does not negatively impact neighboring properties or unduly stress the existing sewer system

### Status:

- ◇ The Village Engineer reviews all proposed development and redevelopment projects to evaluate their impact on the Village’s sewer system as per the stormwater management ordinance. If a negative impact is anticipated, the property owner is required to incorporate mitigation features into the development project

## Infrastructure & Development Priority Objective 5 of 6: (Objective 22:10)

- Continue to seek grants and other sources of intergovernmental funding to assist with capital improvements and projects to minimize the financial impact on the Village

### Status:

- ◇ The Public Services Department continues to utilize a \$750,000 ITEP grant-funding from IDOT for beautification projects along Milwaukee Avenue;
- ◇ With assistance from the Village’s lobbyist, \$450,000 was released in 2014 from the State of Illinois Capital Bill program
- ◇ Fire Department received a \$25,000 grant for radio communications
- ◇ Fitness Center received \$41,000 energy efficiency grant from DCEO
- ◇ Village pursuing IEPA Revolving Loan fund for Cleveland Relief Sewer project that will save \$1.8M in interest payments
- ◇ Village secured \$2M Intergovernmental Agreement for Cleveland Relief Sewer project
- ◇ Received ComEd/Openlands grant of \$5,000 for Rain Garden improvements
- ◇ Businesses sponsored \$7,000 of the costs for the July 4th Parade

## Infrastructure & Development Priority Objective 6 of 6: (Objective 22:11)

- Plan and budget for beautification elements to be incorporated into planned infrastructure improvements such as landscaped parking lots, planted medians, landscaped sidewalks, and street trees

### Status:

- ◇ The Public Services Department planted 326 street trees in 2014
- ◇ A 100 Trees for 100 Days program was implemented
- ◇ Sixteen deciduous shade trees were planted along Civic Center Drive in 2013



## **Spotlight— Street Improvements as part of Redevelopment**

One method for updating and improving the Village’s infrastructure is to require developers to improve infrastructure that is adjacent to a redevelopment site. Two recent examples illustrate how the Village imposes requirements for developers to upgrade infrastructure: the new Woodward facilities at 6300 West Howard Street and the new FedEx distribution center at 5959 West Howard Street.

Woodward relocated their operations to 6300 Howard in 2014 by adding additional office space onto the existing industrial building already at this site. The Village required Woodward to pay for the new traffic signals that are required at their front entrance.

Similarly, the Village has required FedEx to pay for the reconstruction of Maynard Street adjacent to their new warehouse and distribution facility at 5959 Howard.

These efforts allow infrastructure such as streets and traffic lights to be upgraded without using Village resources.



## Vision Five—Transportation & Circulation

(22 objectives/4 ranked 9 or 10)

### Goal 1—Improve the safety, function and efficiency of vehicular movement and parking facilities within the Village.

There are *seven Transportation and Circulation Objectives* in the Implementation Matrix for Goal 1. Two of these Transportation and Circulation—Goal 1 Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these two priority Objectives is provided below:

#### Transportation & Circulation Goal 1—Priority Objective 1 of 2: (Objective 23:1)

- Install and maintain “intelligent” traffic signals and systems along key corridors and routes to facilitate the efficient movement of vehicles within and through the Village and minimize the impact of peak traffic flows

##### Status:

- ◇ Pace planned for and implemented Signal Timing Optimization along the Milwaukee Avenue corridor in 2011 in preparation for the Arterial Rapid Transit project slated for implementation in 2016

#### Transportation & Circulation Goal 1—Priority Objective 2 of 2: (Objective 23:7)

- Establish a way finding signage system that directs motorists to key retail, office, industrial, and community facility destinations

##### Status:

- ◇ Way finding signage planning requires completion of the Village wide branding process, which is planned for 2015. Way finding and entry way signage planning is to be budgeted for FY2016



*The Niles Free Bus Modernization Project study was completed August 2014. The objective of the study was to understand the existing conditions within the Village and improve connecting Niles Free Bus service in order to support both local and regional mobility. Pace anticipates implementation of service adjustments in 2015.*

## Spotlight— PULSE Milwaukee Line

Pace’s new arterial bus rapid transit (ART) network, Pulse, will provide enhanced express bus service to commuters using the latest technology and streamlined route design.

Pulse is designed to provide fast, frequent and reliable bus service in heavily traveled suburban Chicagoland corridors. The Milwaukee Avenue line in Niles is scheduled to launch in 2017. Pulse will differ from regular fixed bus service in quite a few ways.

- Limited-stop express service
- Vehicles equipped with Wi-Fi and other technological advancements
- Easy-to-find stations with weather protection
- Real-time bus arrival signage





## Vision Five—Transportation & Circulation

(22 objectives/4 ranked 9 or 10)

**Goal 2—Provide a coordinated transportation network for pedestrians and bicyclists in order to connect them to employment, shopping, and recreational areas.**

There are *nine Transportation and Circulation Objectives* in the Implementation Matrix for Goal 2. 2 of these Transportation and Circulation—Goal 2 Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these two priority Objectives is provided below:

Transportation & Circulation Goal 2—Priority Objective 1 of 2: (Objective 23:6)

- Budget for on-going maintenance and repair of sidewalks and consider a cost-sharing program with private property owners

Status:

- ◇ The Public Services Department continues to budget for both maintenance of existing sidewalks and installation of new sidewalks
- ◇ No cost-sharing program planned at this time

Transportation & Circulation Goal 2—Priority Objective 2 of 2: (Objective 23:7)

- Maintain and expand the sidewalk network throughout the Village’s commercial districts and corridors ensuring sidewalks are located along both sides of all streets within these areas and ensure they connect to businesses and other destinations

Status:

- ◇ The Public Services Department continues to budget sidewalk funds to be prioritized with the use of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan approved by the Board of Trustees in March 2014.

**Goal 3—Ensure high quality public transit remains a vital part of Niles’ transportation network.**

There are *six Transportation and Circulation Objectives* in the Implementation Matrix for Goal 3. None of these Transportation and Circulation—Goal 3 Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village

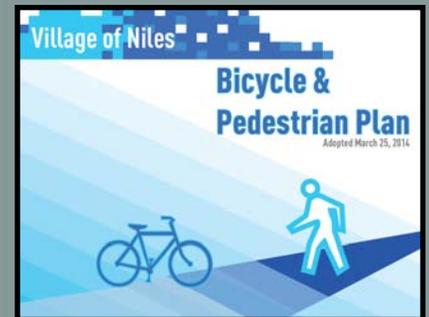
Status:

- ◇ Free Bus Modernization project was completed and presented to the Village Board of Trustees for implementation in 2015
- ◇ The Arterial Rapid Transit program study is ongoing with Pace with a planned implementation in 2016. The project construction is fully funded

### Spot Light—Sidewalks

One of the most important goals listed in the Village’s 2014 ‘Multi-Modal Transportation Improvement Plan’ was to complete the Village’s sidewalk network by filling-in ‘gaps’ in the existing system. The Plan identified where sidewalks are missing in the community and prioritized which missing sidewalks should be constructed first based on factors such as proximity to schools; location along routes to schools; and locations within commercial areas.

One important project that the Village is currently working on is a new pedestrian and bicycle crossing at Caldwell and Cleveland. This planned new crossing will make it safer for Niles residents to get to and from the Forest Preserve and regional bike path along the Upper Branch of the Chicago River.



*Through the support of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), the Village of Niles developed the a Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan that was approved in Spring of 2014. This plan builds off of the Comprehensive Plan, the Environmental Action Plan, as well as the Milwaukee Avenue Plan and related regional planning efforts, to develop an implementable strategy for creating a more walkable and bikeable community.*



## Vision Six—Community Facilities & Village Services (28 objectives/13 ranked 9 or 10)

Goal 1—Ensure the provision of high-quality public facilities, including municipal and educational facilities, for all residents of the Village of Niles.

There are **eight Community Facilities Objectives** in the Implementation Matrix for Goal 1. Two of these Commercial Areas—Goal 1 Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these two priority Objectives is provided below:

Community Facilities & Village Services Goal 1—Priority Objective 1 of 2: (Objective 24:4)

- Continue to implement the Village Beautification Plan to enhance aesthetics of public facilities

Status:

- ◊ All four phases of the Village Beautification Plan were completed. The Village now budgets to maintain these plantings and replace dead material
- ◊ The Public Services and Community Development Departments continue to collaborate on the implementation of the Illinois Department of Transportation’s ITEP funding for beautification along Milwaukee Avenue
- ◊ Village Hall entryway improved with removal of damaged wall mounted brochure rack & table, which was replaced by an “arts & culture” display case, decorative floor brochure rack and a framed rendering of Village Hall
- ◊ Roadway improvements (resurfacing and striping) for Civic Center Drive have been identified and are to be budgeted in FY 2016
- ◊ Carpeting in the Council Chambers replaced with more aesthetically pleasing carpeting pattern designed by an interior designer
- ◊ Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry artistic “Rose” installed in Village Hall and Fitness Center for the public to enjoy

Community Facilities & Village Services Goal 1—Priority Objective 2 of 2: (Objective 24:8)

- Using various design and signage elements, reinforce community landmarks such as the municipal building, the public library, the senior center, the family fitness center, schools, religious institutions, and parks as important focal points and resources for the community

Status:

- ◊ Way finding and entryway signage is planned for design and construction in the FY 2016 budget, however, Village wide branding project must be completed

### New Refuse Contract

Village services were greatly improved with the 2014 approval of a refuse contract extension with Groot Industries, Inc.

### Service Enhancements:

- Refuse & recycling carts to residents for improved appearance, reduced blowing trash and pest issues
- Weekly curbside brush collection (no sticker required)
- Multi-Family enhanced recycling with drop-off site
- Additional e-waste collection event for residents
- Pilot compost/food scrap program for a local school
- Increased annual recycling rebate of \$1,717
- Annual landfill savings of \$32,508



# Vision Six—Community Facilities & Village Services

(28 objectives/13 ranked 9 or 10)

Goal 2—Continue to provide high-quality and efficient Village services to provide for the day to day needs of residents and businesses and create a safe and well-organized support system allowing both neighborhoods and businesses to thrive.

There are *twelve Community Facilities and Village Services Objectives* in the Implementation Matrix for Goal 2. Seven of these Community Facilities and Village Services—Goal 2 Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these seven priority Objectives is provided below:

### Community Facilities & Village Services Goal 2—Priority Objective 1 of 7: (Objective 24:1)

- Provide reliable infrastructure to the residents and businesses within the community including electricity (power and substation locations), water supply and distribution, sanitary sewers, and telecommunications

#### Status:

- ◇ The Village Manager’s Office is working with the Village of Morton Grove to finalize a more sustainable water services contract for alternative Lake Michigan water to serve both communities
- ◇ The Village Manager’s Office worked with ComEd to identify the need for system “hardening” which was completed in 2014 and impacted 647 residents and businesses
- ◇ Public Services lined 1,891 feet of sanitary sewer that were smoke-tested the previous year

### Community Facilities & Village Services Goal 2—Priority Objective 2 of 7: (Objective 24:2)

Ensure the Village continues to benefit from an adequate level of fire and police protection throughout the Village

#### Status:

- ◇ Village wide hydrant flushing conducted annually
- ◇ Study in the works for the relocation of Fire House III
- ◇ Study recommendations for Fire House II to be budgeted FY 2016
- ◇ Police front entrance and elevator improvement completed

### Community Facilities & Village Services Goal 2—Priority Objective 3 of 7: (Objective 24:3)

- Review Village service levels to determine appropriate staffing levels and/or consultant/contractor support for all Village departments

#### Status:

- ◇ Implementation of the Matrix Study for Public Services continues to improve efficiencies, and operational costs
- ◇ The Village will conduct an operations and staff study of the Community Development department in 2015
- ◇ Staff continues to review all established consultant/broker relationships resulting in improved methods and cost savings
- ◇ Village participates in the Illinois Municipal Partnering Initiative
- ◇ Staff leadership reviews all vacancies for opportunities to reorganize and streamline staffing levels.



## New Police Entrance

The addition of the new lobby and elevator at the Police Station further enhances the award-winning architectural design of the building and provides greater accessibility to the disabled. When the building was opened in 2004, a ramp was constructed to allow citizens with disabilities access to the police department. The ramp, which was more than 200 feet long, was not very ‘user-friendly’, especially in extreme weather conditions. The severe winters began to take a toll on the cement ramp, including structural and surface cracks, along with deteriorating railings. The Mayor and Village Board approved the use of TIF funds for construction of a new lobby and elevator. The completed project will now last the duration of the building and adds to the beautification of the Milwaukee Avenue and Touhy Avenue corridors.

A grand re-opening of the Police Department building took place in March of 2015. The event included dignitary speeches, a ribbon cutting, and tours of the facility.



## Vision Six—Community Facilities & Village

### Services (28 objectives/13 ranked 9 or 10)

#### Goal 2—Continued from Previous Page

##### Community Facilities and Village Services Goal 2—Priority Objective 4 of 7:

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- Maintain a consistent, yet flexible, budgeting process that can adapt to changing economic conditions

##### Status:

- ◇ The Village of Niles Board and staff follows a consistent process each year that focuses on the current needs of the Village while providing for future funding requirements.
- ◇ The Village of Niles budget can be amended by the Village Board during the year if economic conditions change significantly after the budget is approved.

##### Community Facilities & Village Services Goal 2—Priority Objective 5 of 7: (Objective 24:8)

- Establish a process for the regular review and updating of the Village’s zoning ordinance to appropriately meet the changing needs of the community

##### Status:

- ◇ In addition to the complete rewrite and overhaul of the Village’s zoning and subdivision ordinances—which will be completed in 2015—the Community Development Department also regularly makes Text Amendments to address needed revisions to the Village’s zoning ordinance

##### Community Facilities and Village Services Goal 2—Priority Objective 6 of 7: (Objective 24:9)

- Monitor fees charged for Village Services to ensure fees charged are both fair and accurate and consider the use of fee-based services for some Village services that are currently provided within the Village’s tax levy for all properties

##### Status:

- ◇ The Village staff reviews its fee annually to ensure they are current and consistent
- ◇ The Village’s tax levy provides funding for pensions and garbage services. Both of these receive additional support from other revenue sources. Staff continually looks for options to funding these items through the use of other revenue sources to relieve the property tax burden

## Spotlight—Zoning

Zoning is the tool that a community uses to regulate and control the use of land. This is an important tool, as it tells property owners—and their neighbors—how a particular piece of land may or may not be used.

The Village’s current zoning rules have been in place since the early 1960s. Many changes have happened in land-development since these rules were adopted—such as mixed use development and the popularity of ‘new urbanism’. The Village will be updating and re-writing the zoning rules to address some of these recent development trends.





## Spotlight—

### Stormwater Commission

In response to the disastrous flooding event of September 2008, the Village of Niles established a formal Stormwater Commission to review this and past events, evaluating existing conditions in Niles and to develop and present a detailed improvement program to the Village Board for review and consideration for approval. The Stormwater Commission Report was published in September 2009. The goal of the Commission's study was to identify, evaluate, and report on "persistent" stormwater related issues.

## Vision Six—Community Facilities & Village Services (28 objectives/13 ranked 9 or 10)

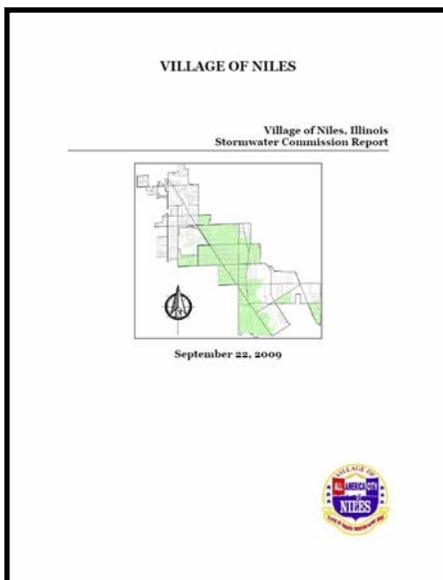
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#### Community Facilities and Village Services Goal 2—Priority Objective 7 of 7: (Objective 24:10)

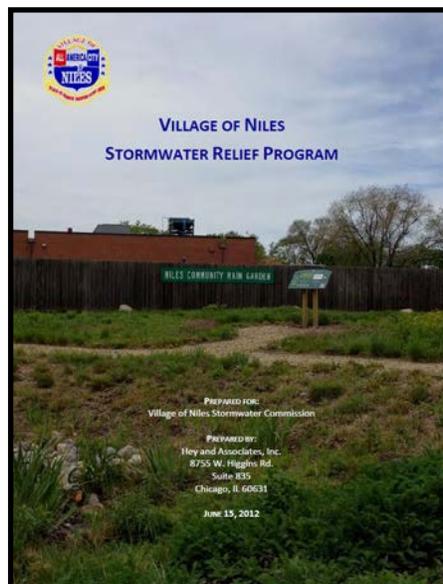
- Continue to implement the Village's storm water plan to adequately address storm and flooding concerns

#### Status:

- ◇ The Community Development Department provided funding for 193 private flood-prevention systems in the Village in 2014
- ◇ The Public Services Department substantially completed two storm water basins in 2014 at Our Lady of Ransom and Maryhill Cemetery
- ◇ \$9.8M Cleveland Sewer Separation Project to begin spring 2015
- ◇ National Flood Insurance Program awarded the Village a Community Rating System (CRS) score of 6 for storm water mitigation efforts



*Stormwater Commission Report  
September 22, 2009*



*Stormwater Relief Program  
June 15, 2012*



# Vision Six—Community Facilities & Village

## Services (28 objectives/13 ranked 9 or 10)

Goal 3—Lead the way on intergovernmental cooperation and outreach to residents to ensure open channels of communication and efficiency in ser-

There are **eight Community Facilities and Village Services Objectives** in the Implementation Matrix for Goal 3. Four of these Commercial Areas—Goal 3 Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these four priority Objectives is provided below:

### Community Facilities & Village Services Goal 3—Priority Objective 1 of 4: (Objective 24:2)

- Continue to regularly update and publish information through the many news platforms available to the Village including the website, newsletter, and Comcast cable channel 6 and ATT channel 99

#### Status:

- ◇ The Village updated and modernized its web-site and newsletter in 2014 and uses both to provide thorough and up-to-date information to the public
- ◇ The Village hired a Communications Coordinator in 2013 who coordinates all communications with the press for consistency and accuracy
- ◇ The Village started using social media for instantaneous two-way communication with followers
- ◇ Niles TV has expanded its content by adding public service announcements

### Community Facilities & Village Services Goal 3—Priority Objective 2 of 4: (Objective 24:3)

- Improve customer service levels at all points of contact with residents and provide regular training to ensure that a consistent message is delivered regarding Village policies

#### Status:

- ◇ Annual customer service training began in 2014

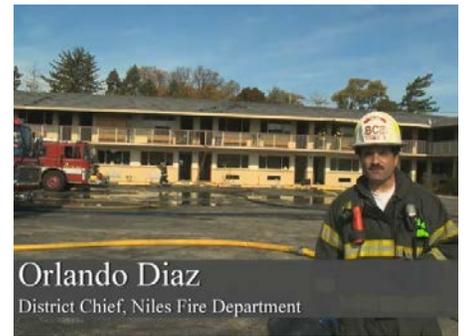
### Community Facilities and Village Services Goal 3—Priority Objective 3 of 4:

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- Maintain transparency related to Village operations, including public finances and large Village expenditures

#### Status:

- ◇ Village Manager reports several times a month to Village Board and key staff on significant operations or issues.
- ◇ Finance routinely provides financial reports and updates and holds open and public Finance Committee meetings



## VILLAGE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niles Television has expanded its content to include informational videos or Public Service Announcements that help raise awareness and change public attitudes and behavior towards an issue such as recycling or shopping locally.

Niles Television has broadcast PSAs on how to get rid of paint and household chemicals, SWANCC's programs for Special Materials and an informational piece on property taxes. Niles Television also broadcasts "Being Niles" segments, which help explain Village Services that are offered to residents. The "Being Niles" segments include a live fire training video from the Fire Department and "Day in the Life" pieces that follow a day in the life of a police officer, a public service worker, and a fire fighter. Niles Television is planning for many more PSAs in the FY 2015.



## Spotlight—SCRAM

The SCRAM mission is to provide awareness, resources and tools as well as a visible deterrent for residents from criminals who wish to separate a senior from their hard earned financial success.

- The SCRAM Program delivers monthly presentations on crime prevention topics and trending scams that impact seniors. These presentations run 9 months out of the year.
- The SCRAM program provides visual reinforcement reminders for seniors when confronted by scam artists.
- A monthly newsletter highlights scams and methods the seniors are targeted for crime.

## Vision Six—Community Facilities & Village Services (28 objectives/13 ranked 9 or 10)

### Goal 3—Continued from Previous Page

Community Facilities & Village Services **Goal 3**—Priority Objective 4 of 4: (Objective 24:8)

- Maintain a positive channel of communication with agencies like Metra, Pace, Regional Transit Authority, Cook County, Illinois Department of Transportation, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, school districts, park districts, and others

#### Status:

- ◇ All Village Departments are in regular contact with a wide-range of public and private agencies and all Village staff work to maintain positive relationships and positive interactions with these other agencies at all times
- ◇ Staff working with Advocate General on “Healthy Community Partnership” survey to be released in 2015
- ◇ Part-time social worker shared with School District 64
- ◇ Pace and Village continue to work on Free Bus Modernization Project to be implemented in 2015 and Arterial Rapid Transit project planned for 2016
- ◇ Village Manager’s Office works closely with Cook County leadership
- ◇ Village Manager’s Office working closely with the Center for Neighborhood Technology and the Delta Institute regarding regional stormwater issues
- ◇ Village worked closely with School Districts on Holly Jolly, Bike Niles, and Arbor Day
- ◇ Village collaborated with the Niles Park District, Library District, School District 71, the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and others on the Holly Jolly event
- ◇ Village collaborated with Cook County IEMA to develop a regional mitigation plan, which will be approved in 2015 opening the Village to FEMA stormwater mitigation grant funding
- ◇ Fire Department participated in 25 individual school visits in 2014
- ◇ Police Department conducted safety checks for participating schools



# Vision Seven—Parks, Open Space & Environmental Features (16 objectives/7 ranked 9 or 10)

Goal 1—Work with the Niles Park District and the Cook County Forest Preserve District to continue to provide opportunities for passive and active recreation through high-quality facilities.

There are *eight Parks, Open Space, and Environmental Features Objectives* in the Implementation Matrix for Goal 1. Four of these Parks, Open Space, and Environmental Features—Goal 1 Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these four priority Objectives is provided below:

## Parks, Open Space, and Environmental Features Goal 1—Priority Objective 1 of 4: (Objective 25:1)

- Work cooperatively with the Park District & other interested agencies & stakeholders to create a Bicycle Master Plan to create a Village-wide bicycle network that connects to existing park sites, the North Branch Trail, and the larger region

### Status:

- ◇ On March 25th, 2014 the Village Board adopted the Niles Multi-Modal Transportation plan, which provides thorough recommendations for bicycle improvements throughout the Village
- ◇ First official bike trail named “Robert W. Amling Memorial Bike Route”

## Parks, Open Space, and Environmental Features Goal 1—Priority Objective 2 of 4: (Objective 25:2)

- Assist the Park District in identifying grants and securing alternative funding for parks, open space, trail connections, and other recreation amenities for the community

### Status:

- ◇ Village Manager’s Office worked with the Niles Park District to reapply for the Niles North Branch Chicago River Riparian Restoration grant for bank stabilization

## Parks, Open Space, and Environmental Features Goal 1—Priority Objective 3 of 4: (Objective 25:7)

- Explore opportunities to work with the Park District to address the Village’s storm water issues

### Status:

- ◇ The Village collaborated with the Niles Park District on an Illinois Green Infrastructure grant to locate pervious parking and bio-swale project on Village right of way next to Oak Park



## Spotlight—

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements.

In 2013 and 2014, the Village led a community-based effort to create a plan for improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the village. Examples of ‘bicycle and pedestrian facilities’ include: sidewalks; off-street bike paths and on-street bike lanes; crosswalks with features such as more visible pavement paint for added security; and amenities such as pedestrian-activated crossing signals that respond to a pedestrian’s request to cross at a signalized intersection.

Having created this plan and adopted it in 2014, the Village is now ready to implement the recommendations contained in the plan. Department heads will be proposing that funds be included in their budgets to pay for the specific improvements included in the plan.

To date, there has been a great deal of discussion about bicycle and pedestrian improvements and the Village is now moving ahead with ‘Formation’ and ‘Active’ implementation stages as called for in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

*Bike Niles Event 2014*





## Spotlight—

### Niles Community Rain Garden and Prairie Plant Project

The most impressive aspect of the Niles Community Rain Garden is how it has brought neighbors, businesses, schools and community groups together for a common purpose—water sustainability. Besides the countless hours of volunteers who planted thousands of native plugs and pulled just as many weeds, there were those businesses and community organizations that provided over \$35,000 in in-kind contributions and donations.

## Vision Seven—Parks, Open Space & Environmental Features (16 objectives/7 ranked 9 or 10)

### Goal 1—Continued from Previous Page

#### Parks, Open Space, and Environmental Features Goal 1—Priority Objective 4 of 4: (Objective 25:8)

- Explore potential locations for a civic gathering space in the Village where special events can be held

#### Status:

- ◇ Bike Niles was held at Culver School for two years and will be held at Gemini in 2015
- ◇ The ‘Holly Jolly’ Christmas Event was held at the Niles Park District Oasis Water Park
- ◇ The annual Village/Park District collaboration for “concerts in the park” is held at Oak Park.
- ◇ The conceptual Touhy Arts and Culture Corridor TIF has a location for civic gathering in a redeveloped Leaning Tower site
- ◇ The Niles Post Office site is under consideration as a potential civic gathering space sometime in the distant future

## Vision Seven—Parks, Open Space and Environmental Features (16 objectives/7 ranked 9 or 10)

### Goal 2—Protect and promote the Village’s unique environmental assets and encourage opportunities for residents and visitors to connect to them in a responsible and sustainable manner.

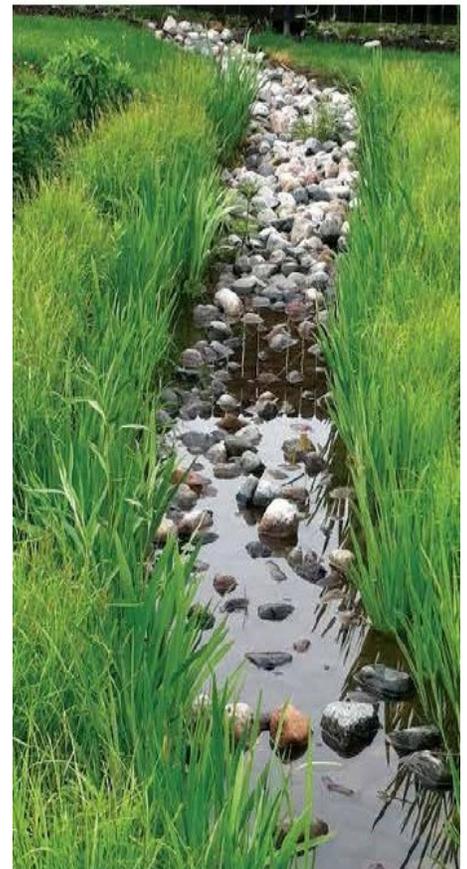
There are **eight Parks, Open Space, and Environmental Features Objectives** in the Implementation Matrix for Goal 2. Three of these Parks, Open Space and Environmental Features—Goal 2 Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these three priority Objectives is provided below:

#### Parks, Open Space, and Environmental Features Goal 2—Priority Objective 1 of 3: (Objective 25:6)

- Ensure zoning regulations protect and support floodplains, wetlands, and other sensitive environmental features

#### Status:

- ◇ The new zoning and subdivision ordinances, which will be adopted in 2015, will address this Objective





## Spotlight— Protecting Trees

Trees within the Village of Niles provide many important benefits, including beauty and shade. In an effort to protect and preserve the trees that exist throughout Niles, the Village has drafted a tree ordinance. This ordinance provides rules and guidelines that are aimed at protecting existing trees and encouraging new trees throughout the Village. The tree ordinance will qualify Niles for a Tree City USA designation. This ordinance was passed by the Village Board in 2014.

## Vision Seven—Parks, Open Space & Environmental Features (16 objectives/7 ranked 9 or 10)

### Goal 2—Continued from Previous Page

#### Parks, Open Space, and Environmental Features Goal 2—Priority Objective 2 of 3: (Objective 25:7)

- Establish local ordinances and regulations to preserve and protect trees and other environmental features throughout the Village and its neighborhoods

##### Status:

- ◇ The Village has drafted and approved a “Tree Ordinance” that provides for the care, maintenance and preservation of the urban forest
- ◇ A tree planting cost share program was implemented to increase tree education
- ◇ Annual Arbor Day ceremonies are conducted within the community
- ◇ 326 diseased Ash Trees were removed in 2014 to reduce the spread of Emerald Ash Borer
- ◇ Village awarded \$23,666 grant through Community Trees Program of the Morton Arboretum to replace trees lost to Emerald Ash Borer
- ◇ The Village Beautification Plan for facilities was updated to include native plantings to reduce costs and increase sustainability
- ◇ Applied for and received a ComEd/Openlands grant of \$5,000 for Rain Garden improvements
- ◇ The Community Development Department reviews redevelopment plans to determine if any trees can and should be preserved as redevelopment occurs

#### Parks, Open Space, and Environmental Features Goal 2—Priority Objective 3 of 3: (Objective 25:8)

- Conduct an inventory of the Village’s trees and consider pursuing “Tree City USA” recognition

##### Status:

- ◇ The tree inventory was completed and showed that there are approximately 7,900 trees within Village right-of-ways that the Village owns and maintains
- ◇ The Tree City USA application was submitted in December 2014





## Vision Eight—Image & Identity

(22 objectives/17 ranked 9 or 10)

*Goal 1—Maintain a positive image and identity for the Village that is distinct and reflective of its unique character and assets to distinguish Niles from other nearby communities.*

There are **twenty-two Image and Identity Objectives** in the Implementation Matrix for Goal 1. Seventeen of these Image and Identity—Goal 1 Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these seventeen priority Objectives is provided below:

Image and Identity Goal 1—Priority Objective 1 of 17: (Objective 26:1)

- Encourage compatible and high quality design and construction for all development/redevelopment with an emphasis on site design, building orientation, architecture, building materials and site improvements

Status:

- ◇ The Community Development Department conducts reviews of all proposed new developments to accomplish this goal. 2014 examples include: Hardee’s on Milwaukee Avenue and the new Costco fuel pumps on Touhy

Image and Identity Goal 1—Priority Objective 2 of 17: (Objective 26:2)

- Provide for consistent and high-quality maintenance of all local streets, parkways, sidewalks, water towers, and other visible municipal infrastructure

Status:

- ◇ Public Services Department completed street testing to develop a priority list of street improvements
- ◇ V-Rads budgeted for landscaping in FY 2016 Budget
- ◇ Civic Center parking lot and drive in FY 2016 Budget

Image and Identity Goal 1—Priority Objective 3 of 17: (Objective 26:3)

- Expand the Village’s streetscaping program and install elements that strengthen the unified theme of the community such as benches, bus shelters, trash cans, streetlights, decorative fencing, way-finding signage and other amenities

Status:

- ◇ The Public Services and Community Development Departments continue to work on ITEP-Phase IV planning to beautify Milwaukee Avenue north of Oakton Street
- ◇ Four additional large planters were installed along Milwaukee Avenue
- ◇ Decorative fencing replacement plan put in place to reduce time damaged fence is missing

## Spotlight— Branding for the Village

Currently, the Village of Niles has a variety of phrases it uses on official documents, signage, village vehicles and public facilities, including “Where People Count”; “Voted Best Place to Raise a Family” and “All American City”. The Village also uses various images—including the Leaning Tower, the “shield” from the ‘All American City’, and the ‘family under a roof’ image from the ‘Best Place to Raise a Family’ designation as the Village logo.

To strengthen communication and identity, the Village is working with a consultant to develop one cohesive brand for Niles including a brand identity, tagline, and logo that would be used on all Village-related signage, letterhead, vehicles, and other items.

The branding process will include a more comprehensive marketing program, with branding being one element of the marketing effort.





## Vision Eight—Image & Identity

(22 objectives/17 ranked 9 or 10)

### Goal 1—Continued from Previous Page

#### Image and Identity [Goal 1](#)—Priority Objective 4 of 17: (Objective 26:4)

- Create gateway features consisting of signage, walls, sculpture, pylons, fountains, lighting, monuments, and/or landscaping at key locations within the community to announce entry into Niles and to distinguish the Village from adjacent municipalities.

##### Status:

- ◇ Four phase facility landscaping plan completed in 2014 and will be maintained
- ◇ Branding and marketing consultant currently working with the Village
- ◇ New holiday decorations installed with more planned in 2015
- ◇ Gateway and way finding signage design in FY2016 budget

#### Image and Identity [Goal 1](#)—Priority Objective 5 of 17: (Objective 26:5)

- Encourage subdivision and business park monument signs to include the Village of Niles' name and/or logo to promote the Village's identity

##### Status:

- ◇ Branding and marketing consultant currently working with the Village
- ◇ Gateway and way finding signage design in FY2016 budget

#### Image and Identity [Goal 1](#)—Priority Objective 6 of 17: (Objective 26:6)

- Review and update the Village's landscape ordinance to ensure new development includes sufficient landscaping

##### Status:

- ◇ This Priority Objective will be accomplished when the new zoning and subdivision ordinances are adopted in 2015

#### Image and Identity [Goal 1](#)—Priority Objective 7 of 17: (Objective 26:7)

- Develop and implement landscaping and tree planting and maintenance programs that beautify the residential and commercial areas of the Village

##### Status:

- ◇ A tree planting cost share program implemented to increase tree education and increase tree canopy
- ◇ Village awarded \$23,666 grant through Community Trees Program of the Morton Arboretum to replace trees lost to Emerald Ash Borer
- ◇ Village aggressively planting trees throughout the Village on parkways in residential and commercial areas
- ◇ Residents no longer allowed to have healthy trees removed from parkways

## Spotlight—

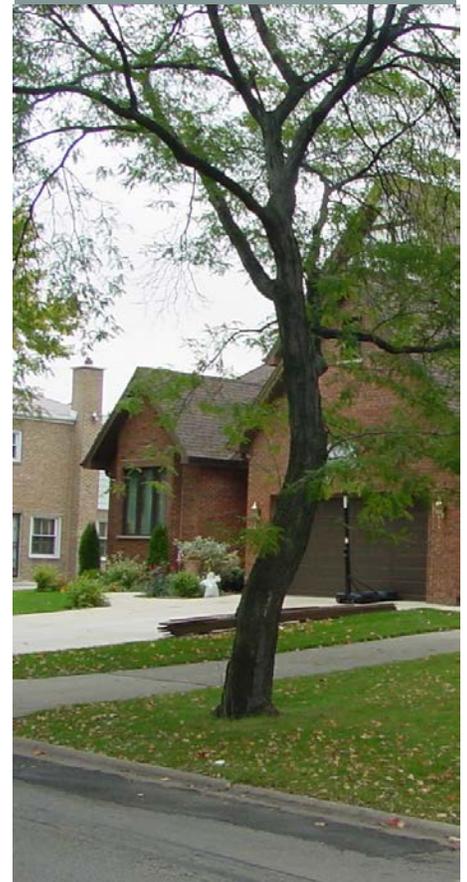
### Uniquely Niles

The Village's branding project has many benefits to the community. One of these benefits is helping distinguish the Village of Niles from other municipalities.

The branding process finds features that are unique to Niles and builds a brand based on these distinguishing features.

When we have our finished brand, it will fit only for the Niles community. This will define Niles and set it apart from adjacent municipalities.

The brand will also help answer the question, 'What does Niles offer that surrounding municipalities do not?'





## Spotlight— Milwaukee Avenue Streetscape Project

The overall goal of the Milwaukee Avenue Streetscape Project is to enhance the corridor's character and commercial viability through attracting people to the area and spurring redevelopment with carefully planned pedestrian safety improvements and the incorporation of decorative streetscape elements in a creative, cost effective manner.

## Vision Eight—Image & Identity

(22 objectives/17 ranked 9 or 10)

### Goal 1—Continued from Previous Page

#### Image and Identity [Goal 1](#)—Priority Objective 8 of 17: (Objective 26:10)

- Create a façade program to encourage private property owners to implement landscaping, façade and signage improvements to their sites, buildings, and businesses

##### Status:

- ◇ The Village created and funded a façade improvement program and in 2014 three façade-improvement grants were awarded for businesses along Milwaukee Avenue

#### Image and Identity [Goal 1](#)—Priority Objective 9 of 17: (Objective 26:11)

- Implement a program to screen fixed utility locations such as lift stations, pump houses, transformer sites, antennas, telephone switches, etc.

##### Status:

- ◇ A number of AT&T V-Rads budgeted for completion in FY 2016 Budget
- ◇ Preliminary discussion about Arts and Culture Council considering the artistic wrapping of IDOT type utility boxes in right of ways



#### Image and Identity [Goal 1](#)—Priority Objective 10 of 17: (Objective 26:12)

- Strictly enforce landscaping, screening and signage requirements including amortization regulations of non-conforming signs

##### Status:

- ◇ The Community Development Department actively enforces property maintenance codes for both landscaping and signage

#### Image and Identity [Goal 1](#)—Priority Objective 11 of 17: (Objective 26:13)

- Review development controls to ensure that they require appropriate screening of public utilities, dumpsters, rooftop equipment, etc.

##### Status:

- ◇ This Priority Objective will be accomplished when the new zoning and subdivision ordinances are adopted in 2015





## Vision Eight—Image & Identity

(22 objectives/17 ranked 9 or 10)

### Goal 1—Continued from Previous Page

#### Image and Identity [Goal 1](#)—Priority Objective 12 of 17: (Objective 26:14)

- Develop a marketing campaign to promote the advantages and benefits of living, working, visiting or doing business in the Village

##### Status:

- ◇ Branding and marketing consultant currently working with the Village
- ◇ Village promotes services and community events and shares positive community stories through the website, social media, the newsletter, and on Niles TV
- ◇ Marketing campaign funds in FY2016 budget

#### Image and Identity [Goal 1](#)—Priority Objective 13 of 17: (Objective 26:15)

- Improve communication with residents in an effort to increase awareness of, and participation in, programs, services and events within the Village such as the Niles Free Bus, Senior Center, Family Fitness Center and Community Rain Garden. Efforts should also be made to increase participation in civic activities including voting, Village committees, and Village meetings

##### Status:

- ◇ The Village hired a Communications Coordinator to improve communications with residents and increase participation in civic activities
- ◇ Niles TV creates in-house PSAs to promote events, programs, and services within the Village
- ◇ The Village newsletter has increased in size and now includes a community calendar to share community-wide events
- ◇ The Village promotes programs, services, and events through social media, the website, the newsletter, and NTV

#### Image and Identity [Goal 1](#)—Priority Objective 14 of 17: (Objective 26:16)

- Support efforts to increase the number of annual special events in the Village.

##### Status:

- ◇ The Village continues to support long-time community events such as the annual Fourth of July festival and Concerts in the Park
- ◇ 2nd annual Bike Niles community event held in 2014 to promote walking and biking in the community
- ◇ 2nd annual Holly-Jolly holiday market event and tree lighting
- ◇ First annual community wide Wellness event held at the Niles Senior Center
- ◇ First annual Community Resource Fair held at the Niles Senior Center

## Spot Light—

### Community Events

In an effort to promote the Village of Niles and raise its profile in the metropolitan region, the Village has embarked on organizing and hosting more community events. Until recently, the Village only hosted the Fourth of July parade, Community Rummage Sale, and collaborated with the Niles Park District on “Concerts in the Park.” Now the Village also hosts an annual ‘Bike Niles’ event to promote walking and biking in the community, an annual Holly Jolly Market and Christmas Tree Lighting to kick off the holiday season, and an annual Community Resource and Wellness Fair.

For the past two years, the Thanksgiving Luncheon was opened to the whole community in an effort to better serve all needy families in the Village of Niles. This program now attracts residents of all ages and has been combined with “Toys-for-Tots” providing young luncheon visitors with donated holiday gifts.





## Vision Eight—Image & Identity

(22 objectives/17 ranked 9 or 10)

### Goal 1—Continued from Previous Page

Image and Identity [Goal 1](#)—Priority Objective 15 of 17: (Objective 26:19)

- Update the Village’s website as a way to externally promote the Village’s image and identify

Status:

- ◇ This Priority Objective occurred in 2014
- ◇ After one year, staff is working to improve initial web design and navigation

Image and Identity [Goal 1](#)—Priority Objective 16 of 17: (Objective 26:20)

- Consider updating the Village’s logo and motto to reflect Niles’ designation as a “Best place to raise a family”

Status:

- ◇ The Village is working with a ‘branding’ consultant to address this Objective

Image and Identity [Goal 1](#)—Priority Objective 17 of 17: (Objective 26:22)

- Improve and maintain relationships with the press and other media

Status:

- ◇ The Village’s new Communications Coordinator has worked to improve relationships with local press and other media outlets

## Spotlight-

### Building Community One Block Party at a Time

The Village made a big push in 2014 to promote neighborhood block parties to help build a sense of community in Niles.

The Village website now includes a Block Party page with a Block Party “How-to” Guide that gives step-by-step instructions on what to do if a resident would like to plan their own block party.

The Village also provides a list of organizations to contact if you would like them to participate in the block party and/or provide extra fun, which includes things like a grill, Tiki torches, folding tables, children's craft projects, and more!



HOW-TO GUIDE

Niles

B L O C K P A R T Y



## Tax Increment Finance Districts

The Village of Niles currently has 1 Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District—located along Milwaukee Avenue. In 2014, an eligibility study conducted by Kane McKenna determined that a second TIF District could be created along the Touhy Avenue Corridor, and on November 18th of 2014 the Village Board approved a ‘Resolution of Support’ for a new TIF District. The next steps are to create a TIF Project Plan and a potential TIF Budget, both of which are tentatively scheduled to be completed by mid-2015. Following the completion of these two items, a presentation regarding the creation of a new Touhy Corridor TIF District will be made to the Village Board for a final decision.

## Vision Nine—Economic Development

(19 objectives/14 ranked 9 or 10)

**Goal 1**—Provide adequate guidance, regulations and incentives to maintain and enhance economic development in the Village.

There are *nine Economic Development Objectives* in the Implementation Matrix for Goal 1. Seven of these Economic Development—Goal 1 Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these seven priority Objectives is provided below:

Economic Development Goal 1—Priority Objective 1 of 7: (Objective 27:2)

- Promote the use of tax credit incentives and other grant programs to fund renovation and expansion for desirable land uses

Status:

- ◇ The Village’s Economic Development Coordinator has successfully used sales tax rebates and other assistance programs to assist local business such as Costco, Fresh Farms and Woodward in expanding their operations in Niles

Economic Development Goal 1—Priority Objective 2 of 7: (Objective 27:3)

- Identify additional small business assistance programs to stabilize and improve conditions for existing businesses and consider the creation of a Small Business Resource Center

Status:

- ◇ The Village’s Economic Development Coordinator works with a variety of local, county, and state resources to assist local businesses

Economic Development Goal 1—Priority Objective 3 of 7: (Objective 27:5)

- Promote the renovation or redevelopment of aging shopping centers and commercial areas in order to maximize their contribution to the Village’s tax base

Status:

- ◇ The Village’s Economic Development Coordinator is in regular communication with the new owners of the Golf Mill Mall regarding this Objective
- ◇ Aldi relocated an older store and experienced best opening in Aldi history
- ◇ Through the efforts of the Village, Costco and Aldi very successfully redeveloped a vacant dealership space





## Spotlight— Collaboration for Economic Development

The relationship between the Village and the local Chamber of Commerce continues to grow strong. The Village’s Assistant Village Manager and Economic Development Coordinator are both members on the Chamber’s Program Committee and so help plan community events such as last year’s public art project (...See ‘Roses’ on Page 33...) and the annual Night of the Roses. This relationship has aided Village-sponsored events such as the Holly Jolly Market, in which the Chamber was a vital partner in securing vendors and activities. The Chamber also participated in the Fourth of July parade and Community Health and Resource Fair.

## Vision Nine—Economic Development

(19 objectives/14 ranked 9 or 10)

### Goal 1—Continued from Previous Page

#### Economic Development Goal 1—Priority Objective 4 of 7: (Objective 27:6)

- Enhance the appearance of commercial districts to attract businesses and customers, particularly Milwaukee Avenue

##### Status:

- ◇ The Village’s Economic Development Coordinator oversees the Village’s Façade Improvement Grant to accomplish this Priority Objective

#### Economic Development Goal 1—Priority Objective 5 of 7: (Objective 27:7)

- Improve commercial building design and development controls by developing and utilizing Design and Development Guidelines and other tools

##### Status:

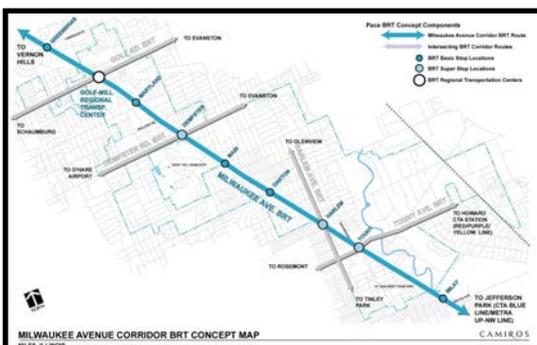
- ◇ The Village will be adopting a new Milwaukee Avenue Plan in 2015 which will provide detailed design and development guidelines for projects along Milwaukee Avenue. Additionally, the new zoning and subdivision ordinances will provide new design and development guidelines for the remaining areas of the Village

#### Economic Development Goal 1—Priority Objective 6 of 7: (Objective 27:8)

- Coordinate with the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Korean American Chamber of Commerce and like-minded organizations on economic development efforts

##### Status:

- ◇ The Village’s Economic Development Coordinator works regularly with the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry and similar organizations on a wide variety of economic development efforts, including the Night of Roses, the Holly-Jolly Festival, the Bike Niles event, and others



*Milwaukee Avenue Plan was approved January 2006 and proposes strategies to improve transit facilities and service along Milwaukee Avenue, within the context of an overall effort to improve the function and aesthetics of the Village’s main commercial corridor.*





## Vision Nine—Economic Development

(19 objectives/14 ranked 9 or 10)

### Goal 1—Continued from Previous Page

#### Economic Development Goal 1—Priority Objective 7 of 7: (Objective 27:9)

- Ensure that Village permitting processes are easy to understand and expedient

##### Status:

- ◊ The Community Development Department regularly reviews the permitting process and makes adjustments and improvements as necessary

## Vision Nine—Economic Development

(19 objectives/14 ranked 9 or 10)

### Goal 2—Maintain and strengthen the Village’s diverse tax base through the attraction, retention and expansion of businesses in the Village.

There are **ten Economic Development Objectives** in the Implementation Matrix for Goal 2. Six of these Economic Development—Goal 2 Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these six priority Objectives is provided below:

#### Economic Development Goal 2—Priority Objective 1 of 6: (Objective 27:1)

- Support the Niles Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry in their efforts to attract, market and promote local businesses

##### Status:

- ◊ The Village’s Economic Development Coordinator regularly works in collaboration with the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry to attract, market and promote local businesses
- ◊ Village collaborates with the Niles Area Chamber of Commerce on the placement of seasonal banners
- ◊ Village collaborated with the Niles Area Chamber of Commerce on the promotion and distribution of the “Dine-In-Niles” program

#### Economic Development Goal 2—Priority Objective 2 of 6: (Objective 27:2)

- Actively promote Niles as a community of diverse businesses whose presence enhances the community’s reputation as a great place to do business

##### Status:

- ◊ The Village actively promotes the community’s benefits and advantages through newsletters, community events, and other activities
- ◊ Following the branding process, a marketing campaign budgeted FY2016 will be implemented

## Banner Program

In partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, the Village maintains 71 decorative and informative banners on light-poles along Milwaukee Avenue and Waukegan Road through the Village. The Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry secures the sponsorship of local businesses for 30 of these banners. On a schedule that was approved by the Village Board, all banners are rotated 3 times a year to provide different themes and designs that reflect changing seasons, as follows:

- February to June  
“Discover Niles”
- June to November  
“Celebrate Niles”
- November to February  
“Holiday Banners”

There are also 47 other poles which currently display the “Shop Niles” logo. These banners are changed once a year.





## Vision Nine—Economic Development

(19 objectives/14 ranked 9 or 10)

### Goal 2—Continued from Previous Page

#### Economic Development [Goal 2](#)—Priority Objective 3 of 6: (Objective 27:3)

- Promote the Village’s commercial corridors through joint marketing efforts, community events, and district identification signage

##### Status:

- ◇ The Village updates seasonal banners that are hung on street light-poles along Milwaukee Avenue in 2014
- ◇ Community events (Village, Park District, Library, etc.) are publicized on banners hung on pedestrian poles along the Milwaukee Avenue corridor
- ◇ Following the branding process, way finding signage design and a marketing campaign budgeted FY2016 will be implemented

#### Economic Development [Goal 2](#)—Priority Objective 4 of 6: (Objective 27:4)

- Develop and implement a strategic marketing and recruitment plan for targeted businesses and store types

##### Status:

- ◇ The Village’s Economic Development Coordinator regularly recruits businesses who are interested in moving to or expanding within the Village
- ◇ Following the branding process, a marketing campaign budgeted FY2016 will be implemented

#### Economic Development [Goal 2](#)—Priority Objective 5 of 6: (Objective 27:5)

- Coordinate planning and economic development activities in a manner which provides regular opportunities for contact between business and development interests within the Village

##### Status:

- ◇ The Village’s Economic Development Coordinator organizes and hosts regular ‘Breakfast Meetings’ with local businesses and developers to accomplish this Priority Objective. In 2014, the Village hosted two such breakfasts

#### Economic Development [Goal 2](#)—Priority Objective 6 of 6: (Objective 27:9)

- Seek opportunities for new employment growth through the retention and expansion of existing employers

##### Status:

- ◇ The Village had great success with this Priority Objective in 2014. Examples include the retention and expansion of both Costco, Aldi, and Woodward, as well as FedEx beginning a new facility in the Village

## Spotlight —

### Commission on Economic Development and Neighborhood Renewal

As the name suggests, Mayor Przybylo created this new commission in 2014 to promote economic development and neighborhood renewal. The Commission reviewed draft plans for redevelopment policies along Milwaukee Avenue and also reviewed façade program grant applications. Additionally, the Commission oversaw programs to promote the community, such as the Niles Dine In program.

Looking to 2015, the Commission will focus on identifying neighborhoods in Niles and discussing how the Village can assist in creating a better ‘sense of community’ throughout the Village. The Commission will also work on marketing, branding, and logo-creation efforts.



# Vision Ten—Sustainability

(6 objectives/3 ranked 9 or 10)

Goal—Promote the importance of environmental issues and sustainable practices to residents, businesses, and developers through leadership, education, and partnerships.

There are *six Sustainability Objectives* in the Implementation Matrix. Three of these Sustainability Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these three priority Objectives is provided below:

## Sustainability Priority Objective 1 of 3: (Objective 28:3)

- Expand Village-supported environmental programs for residents and businesses including recycling, water conservation, the use of renewable resources, energy efficiency, and the use of public transit

### Status:

- ◇ The Village Free Bus Modernization Project study completed in 2014 will incorporate significant promotion/marketing when implemented in 2015
- ◇ Village businesses receive free basic weekly recycling service (95 gallon cart) as part of the commercial refuse program
- ◇ Water conservation continues to be promoted by the Environmental Practices Committee on the website and in the newsletter
- ◇ The Village now provides recycling carts to all single family residents. Condo Associations receive recycling services by request and multi-family now has access to a central recycling drop off center that is currently well utilized
- ◇ Village Hall offices outfitted with light sensors and parking garage outfitted with LED lighting in 2014 utilizing the DCEO Energy Efficiency grants
- ◇ Renewable energy option provided through municipal aggregation
- ◇ Village aggressively implementing leak detection services on an annual basis
- ◇ Rainwater reuse (Rain Barrels) promoted by the Environmental Practices Committee at 4th of July Parade/Activities and Resource Fair
- ◇ Village implementing pilot composting program with St. John Brebeuf School

## Sustainability Priority Objective 2 of 3: (Objective 28:4)

- Create a Village of Niles “Green Awards” program to recognize innovative green building projects and sustainability efforts

### Status:

- ◇ The Environmental Practices Committee finalized a Green Business Award program in 2014. The first year yielded no applications, so the EPC reorganized the program in 2015

## Sustainability Priority Objective 3 of 3: (Objective 28:6)

- Consider the creation of a “Village of Niles Community Sustainability Strategic Plan”

### Status:

- ◇ The Village of Niles Environmental Action Plan was completed and approved in January of 2013 through a CMAP Technical grant. CMAP and staff review progress on the plan twice annually while the Environmental Practices Committee follows through on recommendations



## Recycling Metrics

Through a contract with Groot Recycling, the Village of Niles and the citizens of Niles divert a large quantity of waste materials away from landfills and into recycling. Figures for 2014 reveal the following pounds of materials diverted:

- January—433,020
- February—315,400
- March—328,040
- April—371,200
- May—518,260
- June—376,020
- July—417,200
- August—423,060
- September—430,200
- October—508,040
- November—458,900
- December—507,800

# Vision Eleven—Arts & Culture

(8 objectives/4 ranked 9 or 10)

Goal—Promote arts and culture through the support of facilities and programs that reflect the diversity of the community, enhance the Village’s reputation and create a unique experience for residents, businesses and visitors.

There are **eight Arts and Culture Objectives** in the Implementation Matrix. Four of these Arts and Culture Objectives were ranked as 9 or 10 by the Village. Progress on these four priority Objectives is provided below:

## Arts and Culture Priority Objective 1 of 4: (Objective 28:3)

- As redevelopment occurs, encourage developers to include public art and plazas in projects wherever feasible

### Status:

- ◇ Specific language to accomplish this Priority Objective will be included in both the Milwaukee Avenue Redevelopment Plan and the Village’s new subdivision and zoning ordinances
- ◇ An Appearance and Arts Fee was established in 2014
- ◇ A Touhy Avenue Arts and Culture Corridor TIF District is planned for designation in 2015

## Arts and Culture Priority Objective 2 of 4: (Objective 28:5)

- Create a Village-wide “Cultural Calendar” to track and promote arts and cultural events within the Village

### Status:

- ◇ The Village’s Communications Coordinator works to schedule, track, and promote a variety of arts and cultural events, including Night of Roses, the Holly Jolly Market and Tree Lighting, and the Fourth of July celebration
- ◇ The new community calendars in the newsletter and website promote cultural Village-wide events organized by all different organizations throughout the village including the Niles Park District, the Niles Library, the Chamber, Golf Mill Shopping Center and local schools, churches and organizations
- ◇ The Arts and Culture Advisory Council will have an impact on future “Cultural Calendars”

## Arts and Culture Priority Objective 3 of 4: (Objective 28:7)

- Maintain existing and promote new arts and cultural events in the Village, whether sponsored by the Village or partner organizations

### Status:

- ◇ On December 9, 2014 Ordinance 2014-70 created the Public Arts and Culture Advisory Council with local artists and key “stake holders” from community organizations such as the Library, Historical Society, Sister Cities, etc.
- ◇ The Village has successfully promoted events including the Night of Roses, the Holly Jolly Festival, the Fourth of July celebration, and other events through a partnership with other public agencies and organizations



## Roses

In 2014, the Village of Niles sponsored a public art program entitled ‘The Roses’. Through the program, 29 local artists decorated 34 large fiberglass roses, which were then placed with 40 businesses throughout the community. Over 5,000 map brochures publicized the rose locations and encouraged visitors to see them all. Over 200 people participated in voting for their favorite rose. The program promoted both local artists and local businesses.



*Arts and Culture Display Case  
At Village Hall*

*The display case will be used annually to showcase arts and culture. Currently, the case is being used to display the Sister Cities Program and the Sister City Partnerships of Pisa, Italy; Nafplion, Greece; Leixlip, Ireland; and Limanowa, Poland. Hanging above the display case is a framed architectural rendering of the Village of Niles municipal building.*

# Vision Eleven—Arts & Culture

(8 objectives/4 ranked 9 or 10)

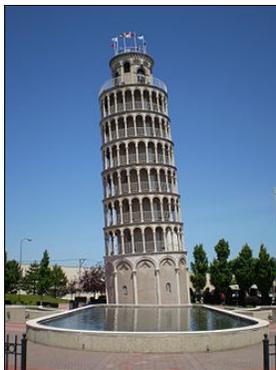
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## Arts and Culture Priority Objective 4 of 4: (Objective 28:8)

- Explore the demand for seasonal events, in particular a farmers’ market, and identify potential locations

### Status:

- ◇ The number of seasonal events has grown from simply the summer Fourth of July festivities to include the Bike Niles event in the spring, the Community Health and Resource Fair in the fall and the Holly Jolly event in the winter. These events were held in gathering spaces by Culver School, Niles Senior Center, Niles Fitness Center and the Niles Park District
- ◇ The conceptual Touhy Arts and Culture Corridor TIF has a location for civic gathering in a redeveloped Leaning Tower site area
- ◇ Village is working with a well known Italian organization for relocating their annual Labor Day weekend festival event in Niles
- ◇ Arts and Culture Council will have an objective to act as a “cog” for community wide events and provide a synergy that brings already ongoing annual events (from churches, community organizations, schools, etc.) to the masses
- ◇ The Niles Post Office site is under consideration as a potential civic gathering space sometime in the distant future



*Leaning Tower of Niles*



*Niles Historical Society and Museum*



*Lincoln Couch Sculpture  
By Artist Jeff P. Garland*



*Niles Public Library District  
Veterans History Project*



## Public Arts and Culture Advisory Council

In 2014, the Village of Niles approved Ordinance 2014-70 establishing the Public Arts and Culture Advisory Council to assist, inform and advise the Village Board of Trustees on matters pertaining to the arts, culture, and special events in the Village of Niles. This was established to assist the Village in furthering the arts, culture and special events and the annual allocation of budgeted funds, to include those funds generated by the Public Arts and Culture Program Appearance and Arts Fee.

The Council shall consist of twelve members with at least six who are experts in the various facets of the Council by virtue of their training or employment. There will also be representatives from the following “stakeholder” community organizations: Niles Library District, Niles Park District, Niles Historical Society, Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Niles Sister Cities, School District 71/63 and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

# Part Two—Moving Forward

## 2014 Annual Implementation Report—

A summary of progress made to date implementing the 2030 Plan



### 2030 Comprehensive Plan— Items Yet To Be Completed.

As outlined in the previous section, the Village of Niles has made substantial progress on many of the Goals and Objectives for the **11 Vision Elements**: Residential Areas, Commercial Areas, Industrial Areas, Infrastructure and Development, Transportation and Circulation, Community Facilities and Village Services, Parks, Open Space and Environmental Features, Image and Identity, Economic Development, Sustainability, and Arts and Culture.

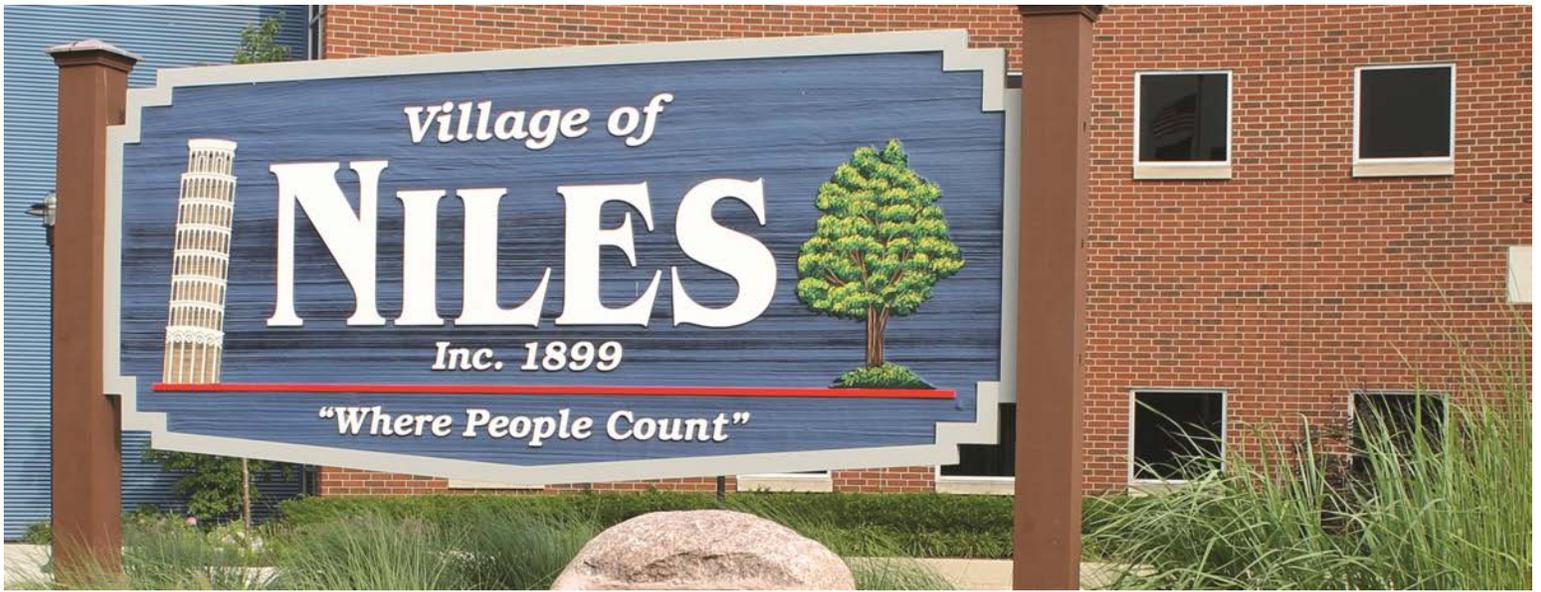
The following Part Two of this report presents those Objectives for each of the **11 Vision Elements** from the 2030 Comprehensive Plan that are rated '9' or '10' and have not yet been realized but which remain high priorities for the Village. *In addition, activity on the Objectives rated '8' or '7' to be completed between calendar years of 2015 and 2016 are identified.*

### **How Many Objectives are not rated “active” in calendar year 2013 or 2014?**

Of the **83** Priority Objectives that were ranked as either a '9' or a '10' and which were identified for completion in either calendar year of 2013 or 2014, only **23** are not rated as “active.”

These **23** Priority Objectives are detailed in the following pages.

In addition, of the 79 Priority Objectives rated as an '8' or a '7' to be completed between calendar years of 2015 and 2016, 44 are not rated as “active.”



## Vision One—Residential Areas

The Village has made good progress with the two High Priority ‘Residential Areas’ Objectives rated ‘9’ (none rated ‘10’) from the Implementation Management Document (IMD). Both Objectives are rated “active.”

Five of the eight Objectives rated ‘8’ (none rated ‘7’) are rated “active,” while two could be considered for an upgraded rating with the completion of the zoning ordinance rewrite and the implementation of FY2016 marketing efforts. One item is rated “open” with no movement.

- The Community Development Department should begin discussion of the creation of a residential appearance awards program.

## Vision Two—Commercial Areas

The Village has made good progress with the eleven High Priority ‘Commercial Areas’ Objectives rated ‘10 and ‘9’ from the Implementation Management Document (IMD). Of the eleven High Priority Objectives, seven are rated “active.” The four remaining High Priority Objectives could be considered for a rating upgrade with the completion of the Camiros Redevelopment Plans and Guidelines, the Milwaukee Avenue Streetscape improvement, gateway signage design and the Touhy Avenue Arts and Cultural Corridor TIF designation.

One of the nine Objectives rated ‘8’ and ‘7’ is rated “active” while six are rated “formation” and one is rated “discussion.” Six could be considered for an upgraded rating with the completion of the zoning ordinance rewrite. One item is rated “open” with no movement.

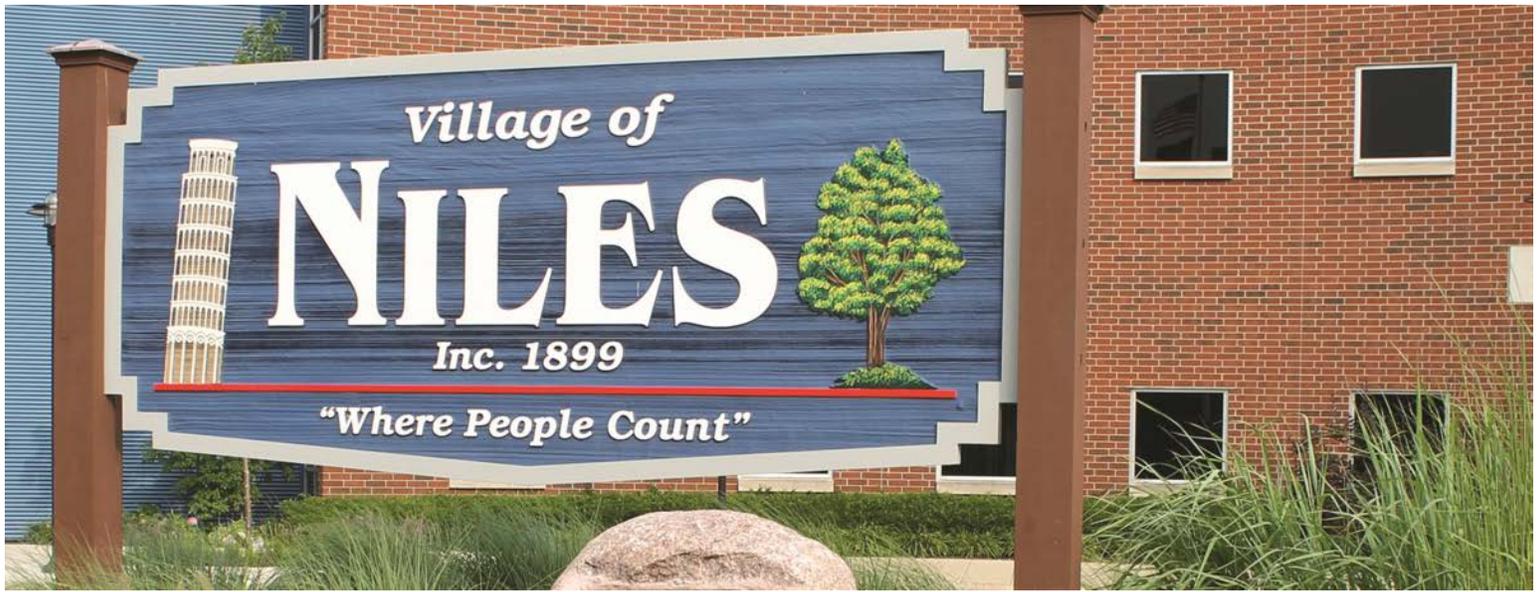
- The Community Development Department should begin discussion of the creation of a commercial appearance awards program.

## Vision Three—Industrial Areas

The Village has made good progress with the three High Priority ‘Industrial Areas’ Objectives rated ‘9’ (none rated ‘10’) from the Implementation Management Document (IMD). All three are rated “active.”

Three of the five Objectives rated ‘8’ and ‘7’ are rated “active” while one is rated “formation” and one is rated “open.” One could be considered for a rating upgrade with the completion of the way finding signage design and study budgeted for FY2016. One item is rated “open” with no movement.

- The Community Development Department should begin discussion of how to best determine the technological needs of industrial properties.



## Vision Four—Infrastructure & Development

The Village has made good progress with the six High Priority 'Infrastructure & Development' Objectives rated '9' and '10' from the Implementation Management Document (IMD). All Objectives are rated "active."

All four Objectives rated '8' and '7' are rated "active."

## Vision Five—Transportation & Circulation

The Village has made good progress with the four High Priority 'Transportation & Circulation' Objectives rated '9' (none rated '10') from the Implementation Management Document (IMD). Of the four High Priority Objectives, three are rated "active." The one remaining High Priority Objective could be considered for a rating upgrade with the completion of the way finding signage design and study budgeted for FY2016.

Three of the fifteen Objectives rated '8' and '7' are rated "active" while eleven are rated "formation" and one is rated "discussion." A number of these Objectives could be considered for a rating upgrade with continued funding and implementation of the Multi-Modal Plan, the implementation of the Free Bus Modernization Plan in 2015, and the implementation of the Pace "Pulse" Arterial Rapid Transit project planned for 2016.

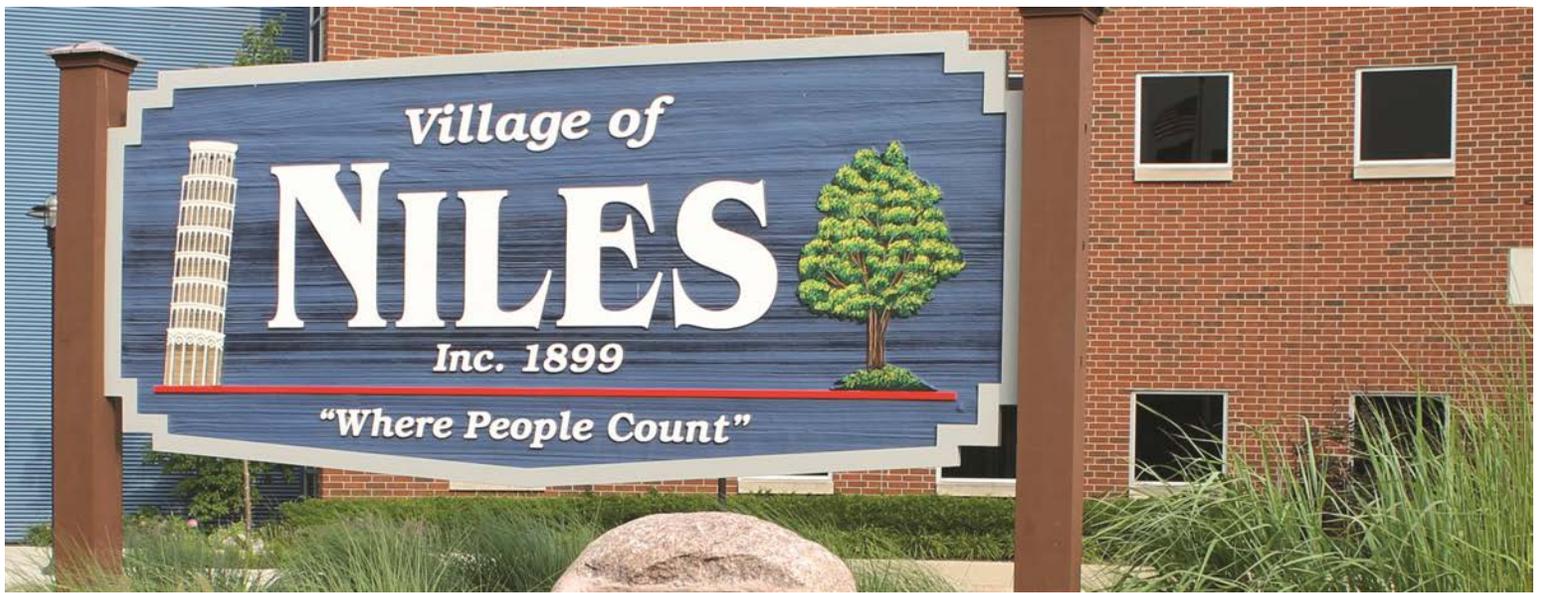
- The departments of Community Development and Public Services must work together on the creation of a "Complete Streets" policy and/or ordinance.

## Vision Six—Community Facilities & Village Services

The Village has made good progress with the thirteen High Priority 'Community Facilities & Village Services' Objectives rated '9' and '10' from the Implementation Management Document (IMD). Of the thirteen High Priority Objectives, eleven are rated "active." The two remaining High Priority Objective could be considered for a rating upgrade with the completion of the zoning ordinance rewrite and the completion of the way finding signage design and study budgeted for FY2016.

Thirteen of the fourteen Objectives rated '8' and '7' are rated "active" while two are rated "formation."

- Annexation of Maryhill Cemetery is on hold.
- Boundary discussions will depend on Cook County efforts to conduct a comprehensive study of unincorporated Cook County properties and infrastructure.



## Vision Seven—Parks, Open Space & Environmental Features

The Village has made good progress with the seven High Priority 'Parks, Open Space & Environmental Features' Objectives rated '9' and '10' from the Implementation Management Document (IMD). Of the seven High Priority Objectives, six are rated "active" and one is rated "formation." The item not rated "active" could be considered for a rating upgrade with the implementation of the zoning ordinance rewrite.

Three of the seven Objectives rated '8' and '7' are rated "active" while one is rated "formation," one is rated "discussion," and two are rated "open." A number of these Objectives could be considered for a rating upgrade with the implementation of the improved Forest Preserve Bike Path at Caldwell and Howard planned for FY2016, or consideration of a Park District comprehensive plan study.

## Vision Eight—Image & Identity

The Village has made good progress with the seventeen High Priority 'Image & Identity' Objectives rated '9' and '10' from the Implementation Management Document (IMD). Of the seventeen High Priority Objectives, eleven are rated "active," four are rated "formation," and two are rated "discussion." The multiple items not rated "active" could be considered for a rating upgrade with the completion of the zoning ordinance rewrite, the completion of the branding/logo process, the implementation of the way finding signage design and study and/or the marketing campaign.

One of the three Objectives rated '8' (none rated '7') are rated "active" while two are rated "open."

- A Farmers Market requires initiation by a non-village group or organization to create, organize, and fund this activity. Discussions may continue among the Arts and Culture Advisory Council.
- Creation of an Appearance Commission to review proposed buildings, aesthetic changes to existing buildings, and landscaping plans in the Village should be discussed and considered at the Building and Zoning Committee level.

## Vision Nine—Economic Development

The Village has made good progress with the thirteen High Priority 'Economic Development' Objectives rated '9' and '10' from the Implementation Management Document (IMD). Of the thirteen High Priority Objectives, eight are rated "active," four are rated "formation," and one is rated "discussion." The five not rated "active" could be considered for a rating upgrade with the completion of the Camiros study, branding/logo process, the implementation of the way finding signage design and study and/or the marketing campaign.

One of the six Objectives rated '8' and '7' are rated "active" while one is rated "discussion," one is rated "formation," and three are rated "open."

- An appropriate mix of commercial retail, service, office and industrial throughout the Village needs to be determined.
- The maximization of retail sales tax by concentrating retailers in commercial corridors will be enhanced through a proposed Touhy Avenue Arts & Culture Corridor and the Milwaukee Avenue Camiros plan.
- Discussion is necessary to determine if new development pays a fair share of public facilities and service costs.



## Vision Ten—Sustainability

The Village has made good progress with the three High Priority ‘Sustainability’ Objectives rated ‘9’ and ‘10’ from the Implementation Management Document (IMD). Of the three High Priority Objectives, two are rated “active,” one is rated “formation.” Successful reintroduction of the “Green Awards” campaign will increase the number of Objectives rated “active” from two to three.

One of the three Objectives rated ‘8’ (none rated ‘7’) is rated “active” while one is rated “discussion,” and one is rated “open.”

- Although the zoning ordinance rewrite will address existing obstacles to best management practices in green building technologies in the current zoning ordinance, there is no plan to promote it at this time.

## Vision Eleven—Arts & Culture

The Village has made good progress with the four High Priority ‘Arts & Culture’ Objectives rated ‘9’ (none rated ‘10’) from the Implementation Management Document (IMD). Of the four High Priority Objectives, one is rated “active,” two are rated “formation,” and one is rated “discussion.” The three items not rated “active” could be considered for a rating upgrade once the recently approved Arts and Culture Advisory Council is active.

None of the five Objectives rated ‘8’ and ‘7’ are rated “active” while two are rated “formation,” one is rated “discussion,” one is rated “formation,” and one is rated “open.” These Objectives could be considered for a rating upgrade with the activation of the Arts and Culture Advisory Council.

- Arts and Culture Advisory Council should discuss consideration of incentives for artists and art-related businesses as a business attraction strategy.

# **SUMMARY OF IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF 2030 PLAN OBJECTIVES AS OF MARCH 31, 2015**

The following appendix in matrix form is a summarized version of the more extensive Implementation Management Document (IMD) set up in mid-2012 by the 2030 Plan Implementation Committee for use by the Village Manager and his staff along with the elected Village leadership to track the implementation of each of the 2030 Plan's 183 Objectives over 11 separate Vision from Residential to Arts & Culture.

The Implementation status is defined by one of four phases – Active, Formation, Discussion, and Open. The definition of each is included below and on each page for quick reference.

The Objective #'s shown in the far left column are cross-referenced with the Objective #'s appearing in the body of the Annual Report.

## **Implementation Status Definitions/Stages**

Active—Formal Structure, Defined Objective, and Specific Assignments/Dates

Formation—Preliminary Assignment, Initial Exploration Activity

Discussion—Some Leadership/Staff Discussions Have Taken Place

Open—Little or No Activity

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## RESIDENTIAL AREAS

<u>2030 Plan</u> <u>Page/</u> <u>Objective #</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE/ACTION ITEM</u> <i>(Abbreviated)</i>	<u>PRIORITY</u> <u>IMPLEMENTATION</u> <u>RANKING</u>	<u>LEAD</u> <u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>IMPLEMENTATION</u> <u>STATUS</u>
<b>Goal</b>	<b>Maintain the Village's image and desirability as a great place to live by preserving and enhancing the quality, character, safety, and appeal of residential neighborhoods, developments and subdivisions, and providing diversity in its housing stock and unit types.</b>			
20:1	Promote residential development and redevelopment	9	CD	ACTIVE
20:2	Accommodate residential renovation and redevelopment.	8	CD	ACTIVE
20:3	Preserve sound existing housing	8	CD	ACTIVE
20:4	Consistently administer and enforce residential development regulations.	8	CD	ACTIVE
20:5	Explore the creation of a property maintenance program to assist residents	5	CD	ACTIVE
20:6	Consider the creation of a residential appearance awards program.	8	CD	OPEN
20:7	Encourage building techniques that improve energy efficiency and reduce negative environmental impacts.	6	CD	FORMATION
20:8	Explore the creation of a vacant building registration and inspection program.	8	CD	ACTIVE
20:9	Prevent the encroachment of incompatible development on residential areas.	8	CD	ACTIVE
20:10	Provide areas of transitioning density and intensity of use.	8	CD	FORMATION
20:11	Strictly enforce buffering, landscaping, screening and lighting requirements of adjacent commercial areas.	9	CD	ACTIVE
20:12	Discourage "cut through" commercial traffic in residential areas.	5	CD	OPEN
20:13	Explore options to address on-street parking demand in residential neighborhoods.	6	CD	FORMATION
20:14	Promote the economic importance, and support the provision of a variety of housing types and choices.	8	CD	DISCUSSION

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## COMMERCIAL AREAS

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<b>Goal #1</b>	<b>Support well-functioning retail and commercial shopping areas that are market supportable, maintain a diversified tax base, and serve the needs of the Village's residents and visitors</b>			
21:1	Maintain a range of retail and service commercial activities throughout the Village along key corridors.	7	CD	ACTIVE
21:2	Define and designate more specific functional roles for the various commercial areas.	7	CD	FORMATION
21:3	Explore and support the potential for the creation of mixed-use, walkable districts.	8	CD	FORMATION
21:4	Ensure that all retail, office and service commercial activities are organized by use.	6	CD	DISCUSSION
21:5	Continue to utilize and consider additional incentives to initiate redevelopment of key opportunity sites as identified in the plan.	9	CD	ACTIVE
21:6	Identify underperforming and underutilized parcels and sites and work with property owners.	9	CD	ACTIVE
21:7	Promote the modernization and/or redevelopment of outdated shopping centers and strip malls.	10	CD	FORMATION
21:8	Promote coordinated shared vehicle access to commercial properties along commercial corridors.	8	CD	FORMATION
21:9	Encourage shared parking programs and policies in commercial areas wherever possible.	8	CD	FORMATION
21:10	Establish policies to eliminate the use of public right-of-way for commercial parking.	7	CD	DISCUSSION
21:11	Identify commercial properties that may be potential brownfield sites.		CD	OPEN
21:12	Promote the installation of routes and facilities to encourage walking and biking.	9	CD	ACTIVE
<b>Goal #2</b>	<b>Improve the appearance, character and sense of place of the Village's commercial areas as a means to create distinctive destinations which attract new businesses and additional customers.</b>			
21:1	Ensure new commercial development - redevelopment is designed in scale with existing adjacent development.	8	CD	FORMATION
21:2	Ensure new, improved, existing commercial development is effectively screened buffered from adjacent residential.	9	CD	ACTIVE
21:3	Where applicable, require the design of new or redeveloped commercial developments to incorporate public amenities.	7	CD	FORMATION

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21:4	Identify funds and establish a program to assist businesses and property owners with improvements.	10	CD	ACTIVE
21:5	Initiate programs to encourage the improvement and rehabilitation of older commercial buildings.	10	CD	ACTIVE
21:6	Implement a more systematic proactive property maintenance code enforcement process in commercial areas.	9	CD	ACTIVE
21:7	Establish design and development standards and guidelines for commercial areas.	9	CD	FORMATION
21:8	Consider the creation of a commercial appearance awards program to recognize improvement.	8	CD	OPEN
21:9	Implement and expand the streetscape program to create a unified theme of commercial areas and corridors.	9	CD	FORMATION
21:10	Work cooperatively with IDOT to facilitate desired improvements within their right-of-way.	9	Public Services	FORMATION

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### INDUSTRIAL AREAS

<u>2030 Plan Page/ Objective #</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE/ACTION ITEM</u>	<u>PRIORITY IMPLEMENTATION RANKING</u>	<u>LEAD DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>IMPLEMENTATION STATUS</u>
<b>Goal</b>	<b>Continue to support a light industrial/business park/commercial service sector to maintain a diversified tax base and employment opportunities within the Village.</b>			
22:1	Establish and maintain regular lines of communication with industrial property owners.	9	CD	ACTIVE
22:2	Promote and encourage the improvement and rehabilitation of older industrial buildings and areas which are becoming functionally obsolete.	7	CD	ACTIVE
22:3	Encourage the use of green technology and best management practices in the development and redevelopment of industrial uses.	6	CD	OPEN
22:4	Reclassify and rezone manufacturing areas which are functionally obsolete.	9	CD	ACTIVE
22:5	Identify industrial properties that may be potential brownfield sites.		CD	OPEN
22:6	Require all industrial development to meet specific applicable performance standards for noise, air, odor and other forms of environmental pollution.	7	CD	ACTIVE
22:7	Prevent the encroachment of incompatible development into industrial areas utilizing setbacks, screening, buffering and site design.	8	CD	ACTIVE
22:8	Reserve designated industrial areas exclusively for light industrial, research, development and business park uses.	6	CD	ACTIVE
22:9	Ensure that all uses are effectively screened from adjacent properties and public rights of way.	9	CD	ACTIVE
22:10	Install directory signage at entrances to industrial areas to direct truck traffic and visitors.	8	CD	FORMATION
22:11	Improve the Village's broadband infrastructure to accommodate the state-of-the-art needs.	8	CD	OPEN

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## INFRASTRUCTURE

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<b>Goal</b>	<b>Maintain high-quality, "green" and efficient infrastructure systems and networks through regular investment and maintenance to meet the changing needs of the Village today and in the future.</b>			
22:1	Continue to budget for and implement the improvement and maintenance of the community's infrastructure.	10	Public Services	ACTIVE
22:2	Conduct a Village-wide pavement study and sidewalk condition analysis.	8	Public Services	ACTIVE
22:3	Promote the coordination of infrastructure and utility projects.	8	Public Services	ACTIVE
22:4	Fund, implement and monitor the Stormwater Master Plan to address flooding issues.	10	Public Services	ACTIVE
22:5	Amend the zoning ordinance and zoning map to restrict development in areas prone to flooding.	9	Public Services	ACTIVE
22:6	Ensure that new development and redevelopment does not negatively impact neighboring properties.	9	Public Services	ACTIVE
22:7	Promote the use of sustainable design and development practices for new development.	6	Village Manager's Office	FORMATION
22:8	Promote the adaptation of sustainable technologies and application of sustainable management practices to existing development.	6	Village Manager's Office	DISCUSSION
22:9	Encourage new development to utilize "green technology" such as green rooftops, solar energy, and green paver parking lots to reduce stormwater runoff.	7	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
22:10	Continue to seek grants, loans, and other sources of intergovernmental funding to assist with capital improvements and projects to minimize the financial impact on the Village.	9	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
22:11	Plan and budget for beautification elements to be incorporated into planned infrastructure improvements.	9	CD	ACTIVE
22:12	Consider incorporating the use of solar powered street lights and other green technologies.	5	Public Services	FORMATION
22:13	Consider the use of previous paving materials in public parking lots.	6	Village Manager	FORMATION
22:14	Pursue alternative sources of funding such as grants to facilitate 'green' improvements to public areas.	7	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE

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## TRANSPORTATION

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<b>Goal #1</b>	<b>Improve the safety, function and efficiency of vehicular movement and parking facilities within the Village.</b>			
23:1	Install and maintain "intelligent" traffic signals and systems along key corridors and routes.	9	Public Services	ACTIVE
23:2	Protect and improve the function of the street network through controlled access, land-use decisions, and street/intersection design improvements.	8	CD	FORMATION
23:3	Ensure adequate resources are made available for the maintenance of Village streets and public rights-of-way.	8	Public Services	ACTIVE
23:4	Eliminate unnecessary, redundant, and dangerous curb cuts throughout all commercial areas.	8	Public Services	FORMATION
23:5	Work closely with existing business owners to consolidate curb cuts by providing cross access between and shared access into business.	8	CD	FORMATION
23:6	Provide priority parking spaces for no and low-emissions vehicles in all public parking facilities.	5	Village Manager's Office	OPEN
23:7	Establish a wayfinding signage system that directs motorists to key retail, office, industrial and community facility destinations.	9	CD	FORMATION
<b>Goal #2</b>	<b>Provide a coordinated transportation network for pedestrians and bicyclists in order to connect them to employment, shopping and recreational areas.</b>			
23:1	Adopt a "Complete Streets" policy to adequately address pedestrian and bicycle safety and circulation.	8	Public Services	FORMATION
23:2	Improve pedestrian and bicycle circulation and safety throughout the Village.	8	Public Services/CD	FORMATION
23:3	Encourage new/redevelopment including connections and amenities for pedestrians, bicyclists commuters.	8	CD	FORMATION
23:4	Expand the Village's network of trails/sidewalks to provide better connections between residential / commercial areas.	8	Public Services/CD	FORMATION
23:5	Identify key pedestrian routes and budget for streetlight replacement - identify areas needing enhanced lighting for pedestrian safety.	8	Public Services/CD	FORMATION
23:6	Budget for on-going maintenance and repair of sidewalks and consider cost-sharing program.	9	Public Services/CD	ACTIVE
23:7	Maintain and expand the sidewalk network <i>throughout</i> the Village of Niles.	9	Public Services/CD	ACTIVE

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23:8	Create a bicycle plan to expand the Village's bike path system and work towards a trail system.	8	CD	ACTIVE
23:9	Work with the Police Department and school districts to promote bicycle education and safety.	6	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
<b>Goal #3</b>	<b>Ensure that high –quality public transit remains a vital part of Niles' transportation network.</b>			
23:1	Maintain and enhance service levels of the Niles Free Bus to ensure residents are connected to key destinations.		Public Services	FORMATION
23:2	Ensure that levels of public transit service are maintained and enhanced.	8	Public Services	FORMATION
23:3	Continue to support /work with other relevant agencies to ensure implementation of the Arterial Rapid Transit (ART).	8	Village Manager's Office	FORMATION
23:4	Work with area employers /businesses to promote /implement traffic demand management and reduction techniques.	8	Village Manager's Office	DISCUSSION
23:5	Inventory and assess the condition and location of all bus shelters in the Village.	8	Village Manager's Office	FORMATION
23:6	Work with transit providers to improve service routes and encourage increased use of transit throughout the Village.	7	Public Services	ACTIVE

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## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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<b>Goal #1</b>	<b>Ensure the provision of high-quality public facilities, including municipal and educational facilities, for all residents of the Village of Niles</b>			
24:1	Continue to support the operation of important community service providers including Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, the U.S. Post Office and others.	8	Family Services Sr Center	ACTIVE
24:2	Consider expanding programming at the Senior Center to serve the broader population.	8	Senior Services	ACTIVE
24:3	Improve access to Village-owned and other public facilities for patrons who walk, bicycle and those with physical disabilities.	7	CD	FORMATION
24:4	Continue to implement the Village Beautification Plan to enhance the aesthetics of public facilities.	9	Public Services	ACTIVE
24:5	Continue to conduct a comprehensive life cycle assessment for Village buildings, equipment, vehicles, facilities, and properties and development	8	Public Services	ACTIVE
24:6	Consider pursuing LEED, or similar, certification for new or renovated Village facilities	5	Public Services/ Village Manager's Office	DISCUSSION
24:7	Increase the efforts to identify alternative sources of funds such as grants to fund a wide range of public projects	8	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
24:8	Using various design and signage elements, reinforce community landmarks.	10	CD	FORMATION
<b>Goal #2</b>	<b>Continue to provide high-quality and efficient Village services to provide for the day to day needs of residents and businesses and create a safe and well-organized support system allowing both neighborhoods and businesses to thrive.</b>			
24:1	Provide reliable infrastructure to the residents and businesses within the community.	10	Public Services	ACTIVE
24:2	Ensure the Village continues to benefit from an adequate level of fire and police protection throughout the Village.	10	Police & Fire	ACTIVE
24:3	Review Village service levels to determine appropriate staffing levels and/or consultant/contractor support for all departments.	9	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
24:4	Ensure that Village services accommodate the community's changing demographics by providing responsive programming and services	8	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE

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24:5	Where practicable, promote shared programming to provide efficient service and avoid redundancies.	8	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
24:6	Maintain a consistent, yet flexible, budgeting process that can adapt to changing economic conditions.	9	Village Manager's Office/Fin	ACTIVE
24:7	Make available existing and/or new financial resources to implement the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan.	8	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
24:8	Establish a process for the regular review.	10	CD	FORMATION
24:9	Monitor fees charged for Village Services.	9	Village Manager's Office/Fin	ACTIVE
24:10	Continue to implement the Village's Stormwater Plan to adequately address stormwater and flooding concerns.	10	Public Services	ACTIVE
24:11	Coordinate the review and input of new development proposals.	8	CD	ACTIVE
24:12	Formalize boundary agreements with neighboring municipalities.	7	CD	FORMATION
<b>Goal #3</b>	<b>Lead the way on intergovernmental cooperation and outreach to residents to residents to ensure open channels of communication and efficiency in service delivery.</b>			
24:1	Using the Stormwater Plan process as a model, expand community outreach efforts for large capital projects.	7	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
24:2	Continue to regularly update and publish information through the many news platforms available to the Village.	10	Village Manager's Office/CD	ACTIVE
24:3	Improve customer service levels at all points of contact with residents and provide regular training to ensure that a consistent message is delivered.	9	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
24:4	Maintain transparency related to Village operations, including public finances and large Village expenditures.	9	Village Manager's Office/Fin	ACTIVE
24:5	Attend annual Homeowners Association meetings to update residents on Village projects and gather input.	8	Village Manager's Office/CD/Pol	ACTIVE
24:6	Actively encourage resident participation in notifying the Village of potential code violations.	8	Village Manager's Office/CD	ACTIVE

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24:7	Partner with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)/Cook County/neighboring municipalities to assist in realizing mutual objectives and addressing issues.	8	Village Manager's Office/ CD/Public Services	ACTIVE
24:8	Maintain a positive channel of communication with agencies.	9	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE

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## **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE**

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<b>Goal #1</b>	<b>Work with the Niles Park District and the Cook County Forest Preserve District to continue to provide opportunities for passive and active recreation through high-quality facilities and programming.</b>			
25:1	Work cooperatively with the Park District and other interested agencies and stakeholders to create Bicycle Master Plan.	9	Public Services/CD	ACTIVE
25:2	Assist the Park District in identifying grants and securing alternative funding for parks.	9	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
25:3	Work with the Park District to identify potential park site locations.	7	Public Services	DISCUSSION
25:4	Work with the Park District to identify any duplication in service and consider coordinating on future facility and program decision-making.	8	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
25:5	Work with the Cook County Forest Preserve District on decision-making and improvements.	8	Village Manager's Office	FORMATION
25:6	Ensure that recreational opportunities reflect the demographics, existing or desired, of the Village.	8	Village Manager's Office	OPEN
25:7	Explore opportunities to work with the Park District to address the Village's stormwater issues.	9	Public Services	ACTIVE
25:8	Explore potential locations for a civic gathering space in the Village where special events can be held.	10	CD	ACTIVE
<b>Goal #2</b>	<b>Protect and promote the Village's unique environmental assets and encourage opportunities for residents and visitors to connect to them in a responsible and sustainable manner.</b>			
25:1	Provide opportunities for increase public participation in environmental advocacy.	8	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
25:2	Ensure adequate resources for the maintenance of Village-owned or maintained environmentally-sensitive lands.	8	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
25:3	Work with the Park District to install environmental education and interpretive signage throughout the community.	8	Village Manager's Office	OPEN
25:4	Promote access to, use of and amenities along the North Branch of the Chicago River.	6	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
25:5	Support efforts to maintain the water quality and stabilize the banks of North Branch of the Chicago River.	6	Village Manager's Office	FORMATION
25:6	Ensure zoning regulations protect -support floodplains, wetlands/ other sensitive environmental features.	9	CD/Public Services	FORMATION

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25:7	Establish local ordinances and regulations to preserve and protect trees and other environmental features throughout the Village and its neighborhoods.	9	Village Manager's Office/Enviro nmental Practices Committee	ACTIVE
25:8	Conduct an inventory of the Village's trees and consider pursuing "Tree City USA" recognition.	9	Village Manager's Office/Public Services	ACTIVE

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## IMAGE AND IDENTITY

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<b>Goal</b>	<b>Maintain a positive image and identity for the Village that is distinct and reflective of its unique character and assets to distinguish Niles from other nearby communities.</b>			
26:1	Encourage compatible and high-quality design and construction for all development/redevelopment.	9	CD	FORMATION
26:2	Provide for consistent and high-quality maintenance of all local streets, parkways, sidewalks, water towers.	9	Public Services	ACTIVE
26:3	Expand the Village's streetscaping program and install elements that strengthen the unified theme of the community.	9	CD	ACTIVE
26:4	Create gateway features consisting of signage, walls, sculptures, pylons, fountains, lighting, monuments and/or landscaping.	9	CD	DISCUSSION
26:5	Encourage subdivision and business park monument signs to include the Village of Niles name and/or logo.	9	CD	DISCUSSION
26:6	Review and update the Village's landscape ordinance to ensure new development.	9	CD	FORMATION
26:7	Develop and implement landscaping and tree planting and maintenance programs.	9	Public Services	ACTIVE
26:8	Consider the creation of an Appearance Commission to review proposed buildings.	8	CD	OPEN
26:9	Develop a program to bury and/or relocate overhead utility lines along key commercial areas.	6	Public Services	DISCUSSION
26:10	Create a façade program to encourage private property owners to implement landscaping.	9	CD	ACTIVE
26:11	Implement a program to screen fixed utility locations.	9	Public Services	ACTIVE
26:12	Strictly enforce landscaping, screening and signage requirements.	9	CD	ACTIVE
26:13	Review development controls to ensure that they require appropriate screening of public utilities.	9	CD	ACTIVE
26:14	Develop a marketing campaign to promote the advantages and benefits of living, working, visiting, or doing business in the Village.	9	CD	FORMATION
26:15	Improve communication with residents in an effort to increase awareness of, and participation in, programs, services and events within the Village	9	Village Manager's Office/Comm. Coordinator	ACTIVE
26:16	Support efforts to increase the number of annual special events in the Village.	10	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE

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26:17	Explore the creation of, and identify a location for, a farmers market in the Village.	8	Economic Development	OPEN
26:18	Encourage block parties and similar events to improve image and identity.	8	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
26:19	Update the Village's website as a way to externally promote the Village's image and identity.	10	CD	ACTIVE
26:20	Consider updating the Village's logo and motto to reflect Niles' designation as a "best place to raise a family".	9	Comm. Coordinator/ Econ Development	FORMATION
26:21	Encourage diversity, reflective of the Village's demographics, in Village leadership.		Village Manager's Office	FORMATION
26:22	Improve and maintain relationships, with the press and other media.	10	Comm. Coordinator	ACTIVE

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<b>Goal #1</b>	<b>Provide adequate guidance, regulations and incentives to maintain and enhance economic development in the Village.</b>			
27:1	Continue to use TIF as a means of fostering site-specific redevelopment in targeted areas of the Village.	8	CD/Economic Development	ACTIVE
27:2	Promote the use of tax credit incentives and other grant programs to fund renovation and expansion for desirable land uses.	9	CD/Economic Development	ACTIVE
27:3	Identify additional small business assistance programs to stabilize and improve conditions for existing businesses.	9	CD/Economic Development	ACTIVE
27:4	Support or create a “shop local” campaign to encourage residents to patronize Village businesses.	8	CD/Economic Development	FORMATION
27:5	Promote the renovation or redevelopment of aging shopping centers and commercial areas.	10	CD/Economic Development	ACTIVE
27:6	Enhance the appearance of commercial districts to attract businesses and customers.	10	CD	ACTIVE
27:7	Improve commercial building design and development controls by developing and utilizing Design and Development Guidelines and other tools.	9	CD/Economic Development/ Planner	FORMATION
27:8	Coordinate with the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Korean American Chamber of Commerce and other like-minded organizations on economic development efforts.	9	CD/Economic Development	ACTIVE
27:9	Ensure that Village permitting processes are easy to understand and expedient.	10	CD	ACTIVE
<b>Goal #2</b>	<b>Maintain and strengthen the Village’s diverse tax base through the attraction, retention and expansion of businesses in the Village.</b>			
27:1	Support the Niles Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry in their efforts to attract, market, and promote local businesses.	10	CD/Economic Development	ACTIVE
27:2	Actively promote Niles as a community of diverse businesses whose presence enhances the community.	10	CD/Economic Development	FORMATION
27:3	Promote the Village’s commercial corridors through joint marketing efforts, community events, and district identification signage.	10	CD/Economic Development	FORMATION
27:4	Develop and implement a strategic marketing and recruitment plan for targeted businesses and store types.	9	CD/Economic Development	DISCUSSION

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27:5	Coordinate planning and economic development activities.	9	CD/Economic Development	FORMATION
27:6	Seek an appropriate mix of commercial retail, commercial service, office and industrial uses.	8	CD/Economic Development	OPEN
27:7	Maximize retail sales tax-generating uses where appropriate, by concentrating retailers in the Village's commercial corridors.	7	CD/Economic Development	OPEN
27:8	Protect and maintain the Village's industrial areas as an important employer and tax base.	8	CD/Economic Development	DISCUSSION
27:9	Seek opportunities for new employment growth through the retention and expansion of existing employers.	9	CD/Economic Development	ACTIVE
27:10	Ensure that new development pays its fair share of public facilities and service costs.	7	Public Services/CD	OPEN

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<b>Goal</b>	<b>Promote the importance of environmental issues and sustainable practices to residents, businesses, and developers through leadership, education and partnerships.</b>			
28:1	Promote the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) and green building techniques for new development and redevelopment sites.	8	Village Manager's Office	OPEN
28:2	Encourage private development and redevelopment efforts pursue and obtain LEED or similar certification.	8	Village Manager's Office	DISCUSSION
28:3	Expand Village-supported environmental programs for residents and businesses.	9	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
28:4	Create a Village of Niles "Green Awards: program.	9	Village Manager's Office	FORMATION
28:5	Work with partner agencies such as the park district and school districts to promote sustainability in programing and education efforts.	8	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
28:6	Consider the creation of a "Village of Niles Community Sustainability Strategic Plan."	10	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE

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## ARTS AND CULTURE

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<b>Goal</b>	<b>Promote arts and culture through the support of facilities and programs that reflect the diversity of the community, enhance the Village's reputation and create a unique experience for residents, business and visitors.</b>			
28:1	Support organizations and groups to ensure a robust array of events, programs and facilities.	8	Village Manager's Office	FORMATION
28:2	Identify opportunities to promote the diversity of the Village through events, programs, partnerships and publications.	8	Village Manager's Office	FORMATION
28:3	As redevelopment occurs, encourage developers to include public art and plazas in projects wherever feasible.	9	Village Manager's Office	DISCUSSION
28:4	Explore the use of incentives for artists and art-related businesses as a business attraction strategy.	7	Village Manager's Office	OPEN
28:5	Create a Village-wide "Cultural Calendar" to tract and promote arts and cultural events within the Village.	9	Village Manager's Office	ACTIVE
28:6	Prioritize arts and culture as a type of destination that can be included in proposals for development or redevelopment.	8	Village Manager's Office	FORMATION
28:7	Maintain existing and promote new arts and cultural events in the Village, whether sponsored by the Village or partner organizations.	9	Village Manager's Office	FORMATION
28:8	Explore the demand for seasonal events, in particular a farmers' market, and identify potential locations.	9	Village Manager's Office	FORMATION
28:9	Consider the creation of, and potential locations for, a sculpture park within the Village.	8	Village Manager's Office	DISCUSSION