



State of the Village

March 25, 2003

Welcome to the Village of Lemont





Mission Statement

The Village of Lemont is dedicated to promoting and preserving the character of the community and ensuring a high quality of life through professional public service provided in a friendly, consistent, and fiscally responsible manner, emphasizing the best interest of the community as a whole.

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Village Board





Cruise Nights

Governor's Home Town Award Winner

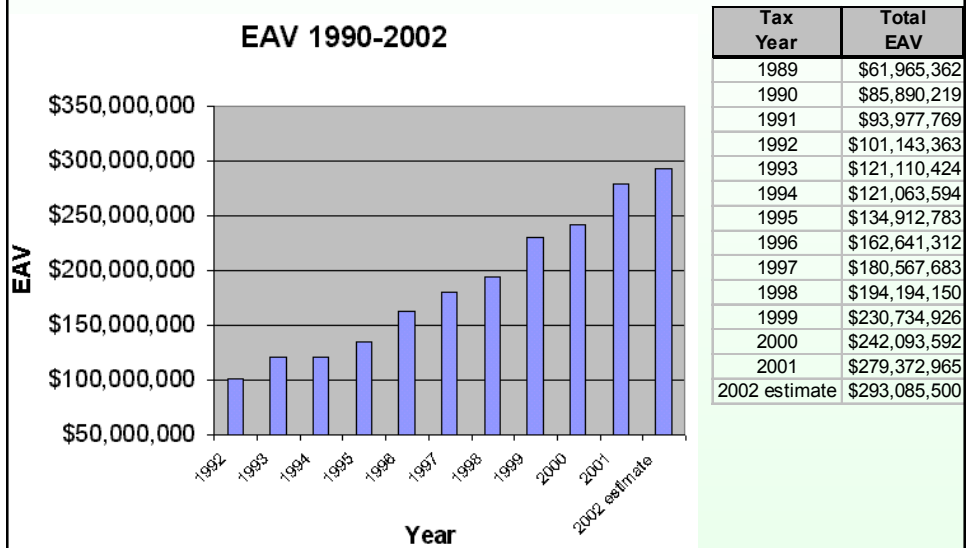


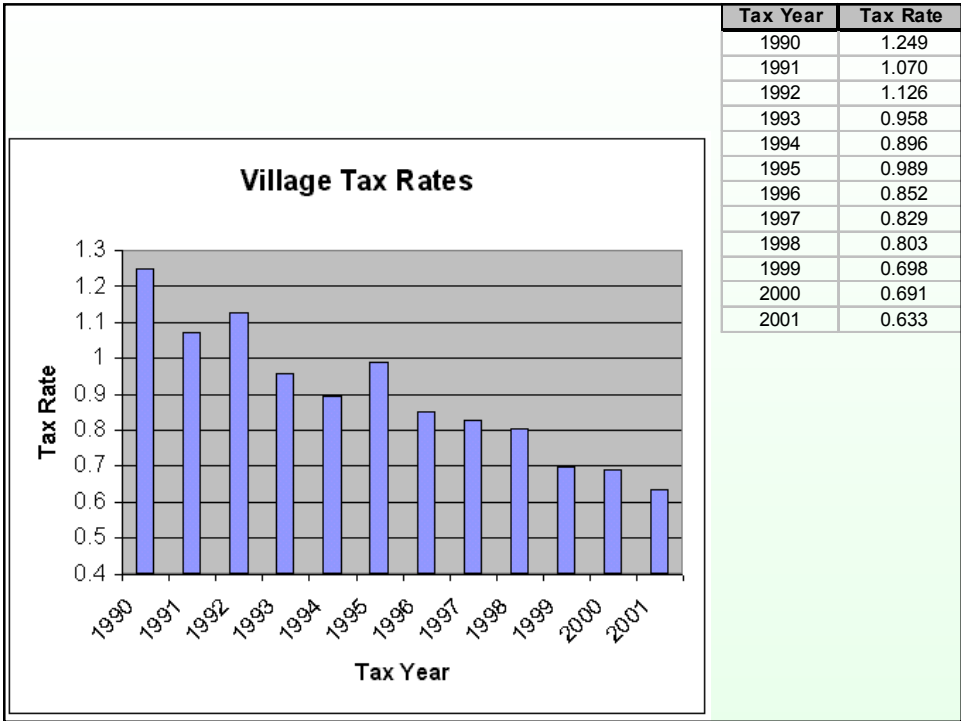
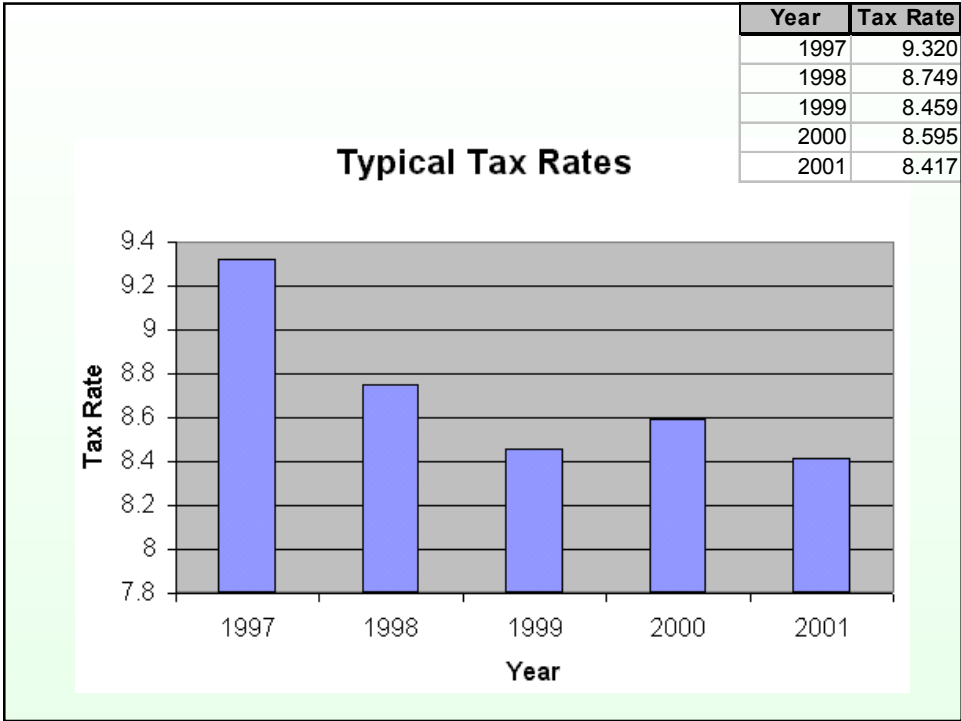


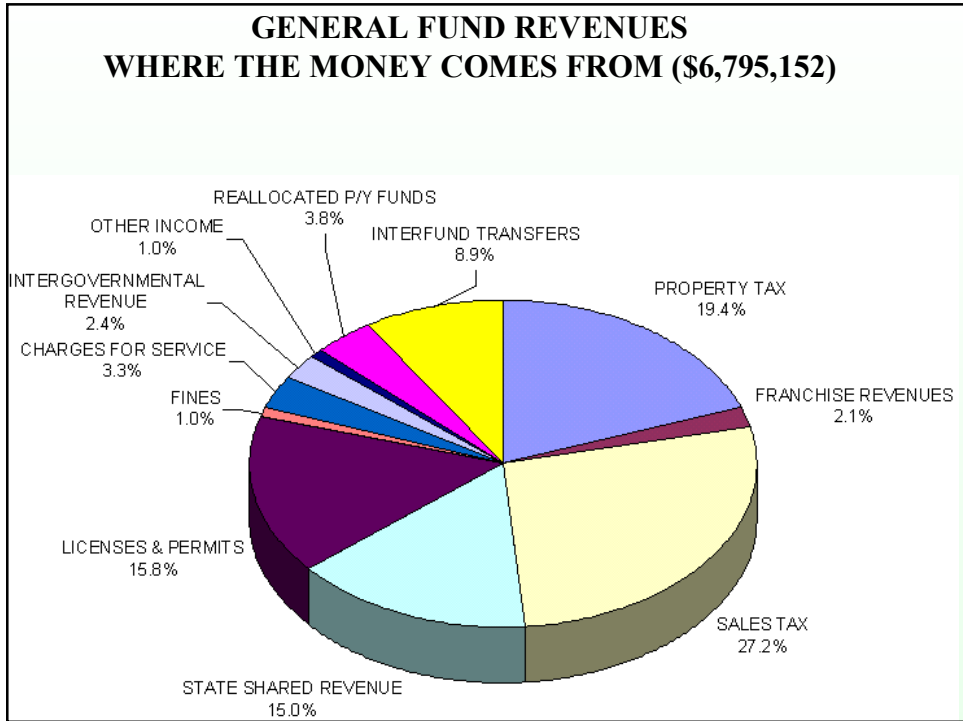
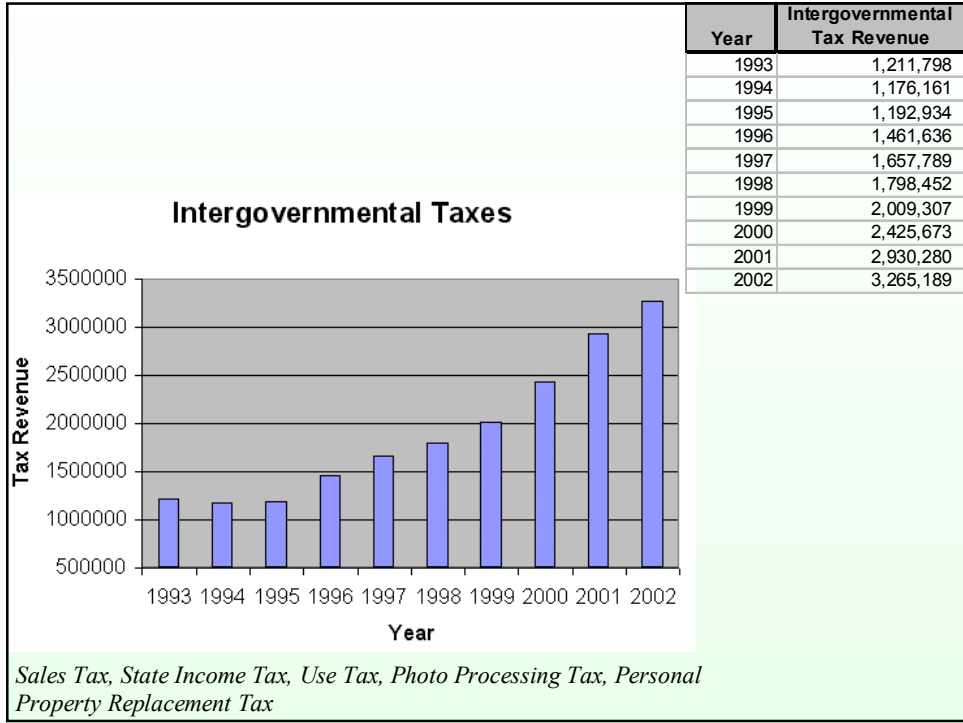
Budget

- The Village has a 5-Year Spending Plan, Multi-Year Capital Improvement Program and a 10-Year Road Improvement Plan
- Budget expenditures in FY 2003-04 increase by 14%
- Increase due to Stephen Street reconstruction and water & sewer and general capital improvement projects

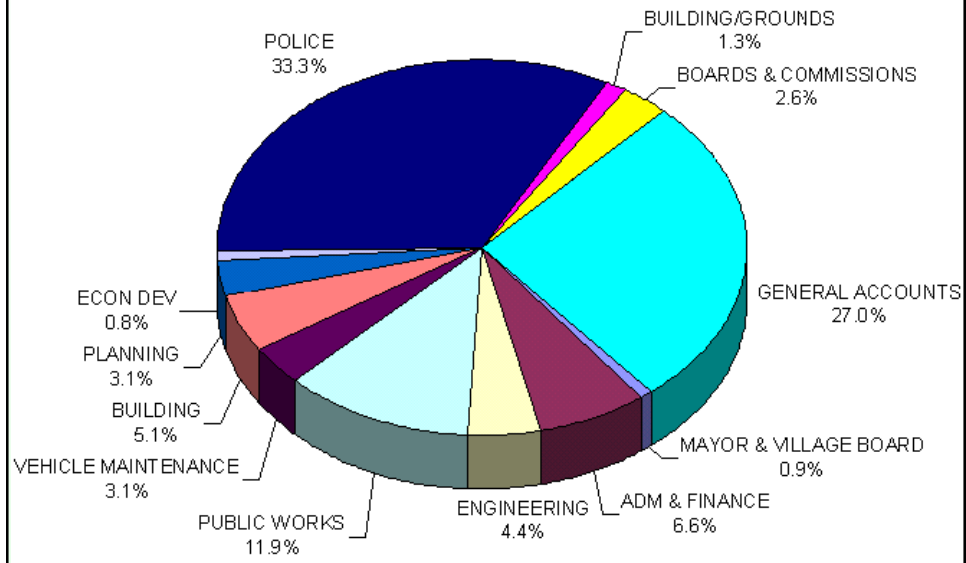
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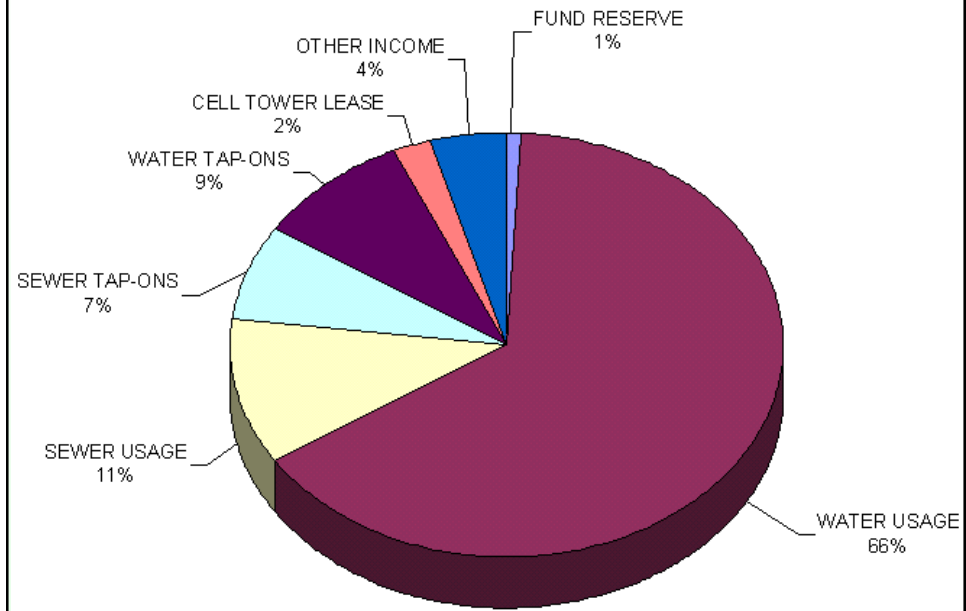




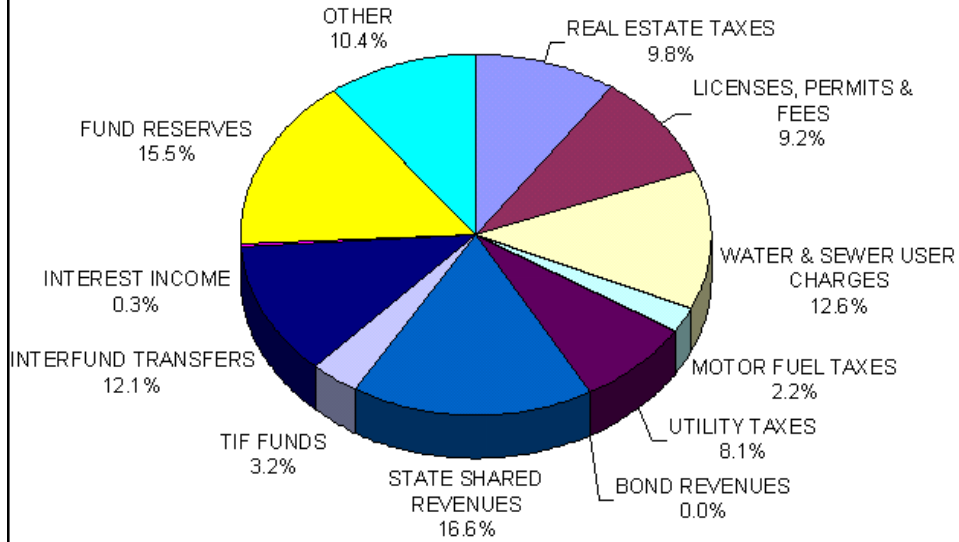
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
Where the Money Goes (\$6,795,152)



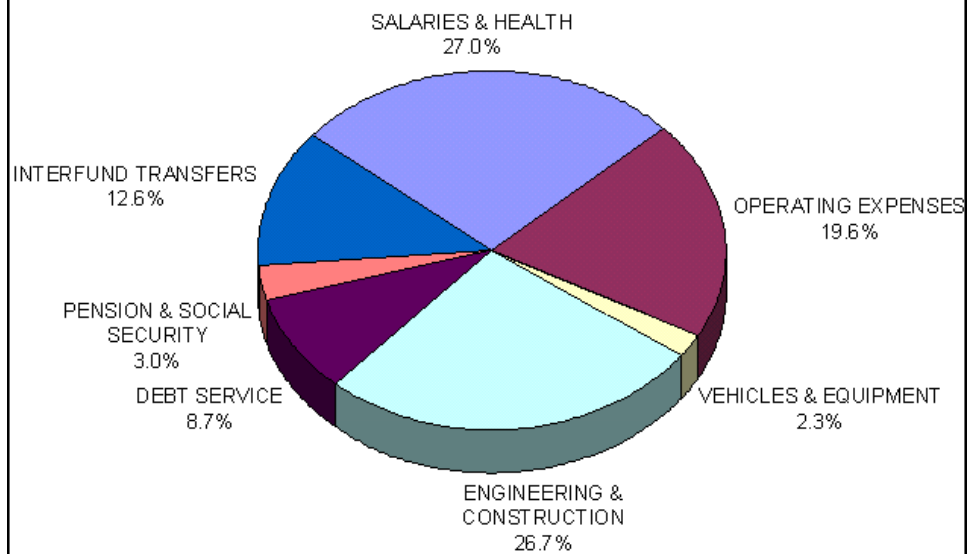
WATER FUND REVENUES
Where the Money Comes From (\$2,863,413)

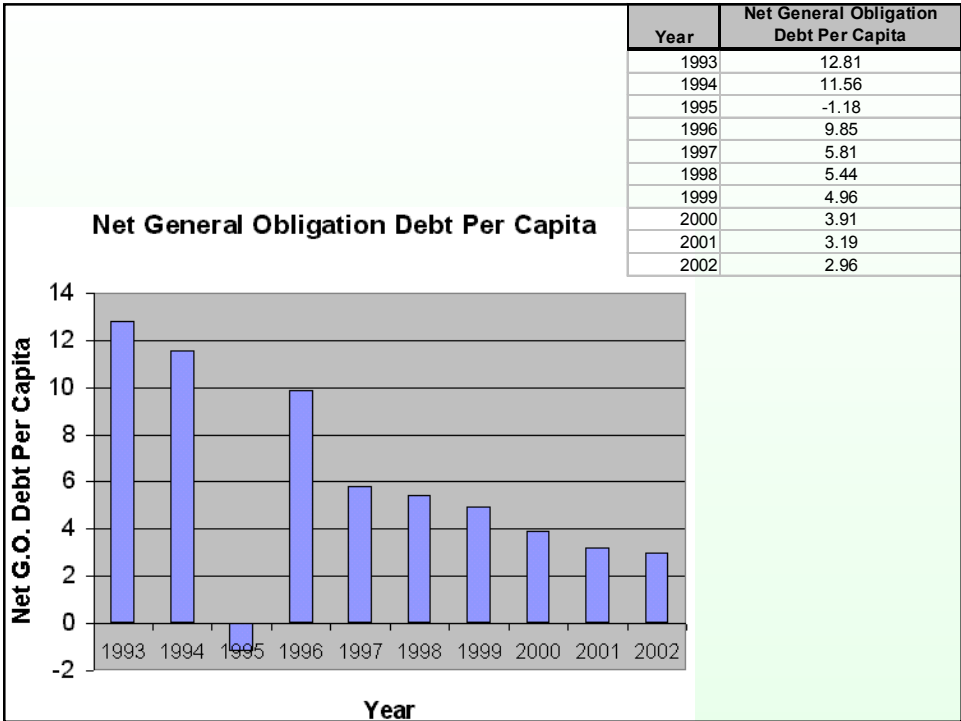
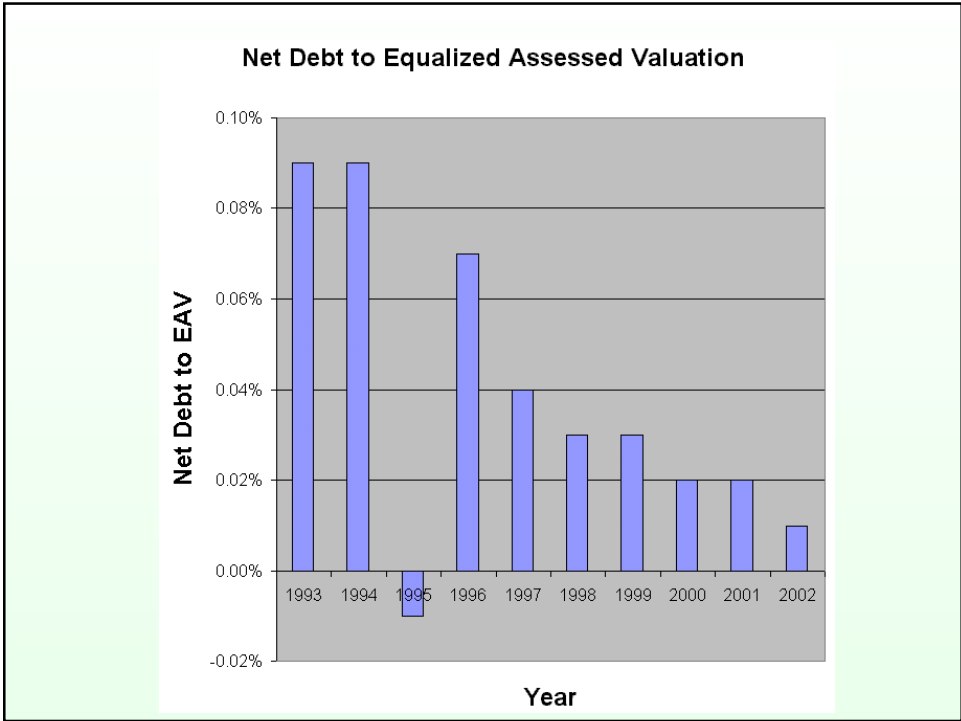


**MAJOR VILLAGE REVENUES AS
A PERCENTAGE OF ALL REVENUES (\$17,251,009)**



**MAJOR VILLAGE EXPENDITURES AS A
PERCENTAGE OF ALL EXPENSES (\$16,586,216)**





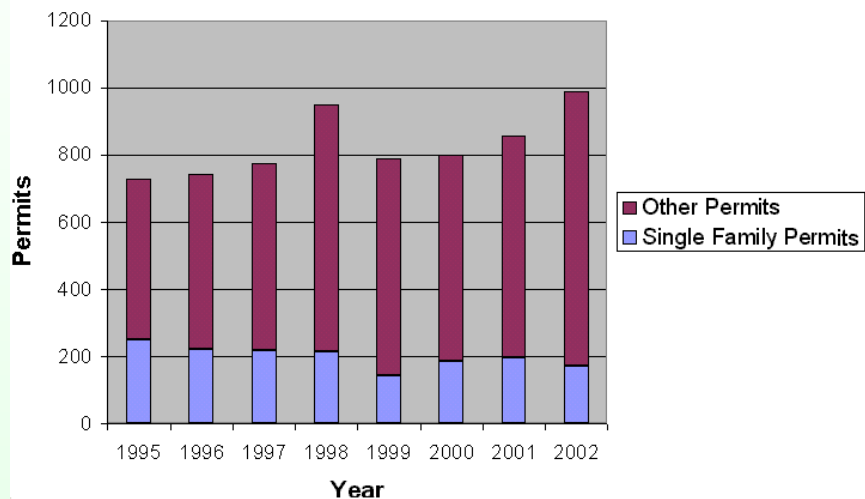
Community Development

2002 Accomplishments

- Completed 2002 Comprehensive Plan
- Began amendments to Zoning Ordinance
- Historic Preservation Commission successfully received Certified Local Government Status
- Completed preliminary Canal Corridor Redevelopment Plan
- Made successful application for Bicycle Bridge Engineering studies

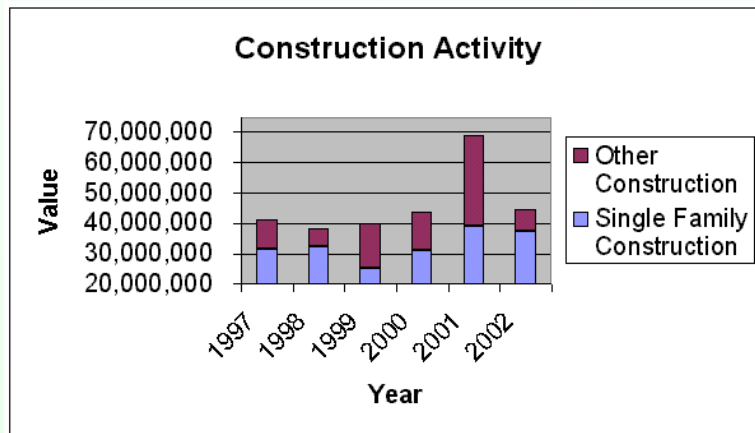
Building Permits

Building Permits 1995 to 2002

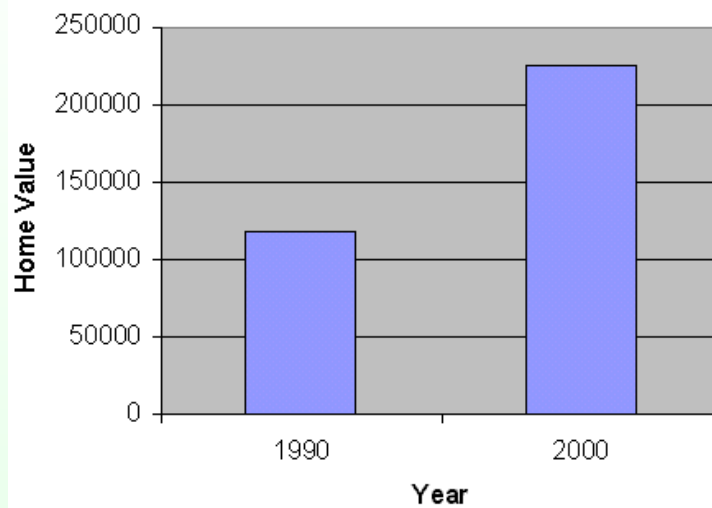


Construction Activity Value

	Single Family Construction	Other Construction	Total Construction
1997	31,512,200	9,579,485	41,091,685
1998	32,529,985	5,741,317	38,271,302
1999	25,338,600	14,789,042	40,127,642
2000	31,137,370	12,762,110	43,899,480
2001	38,983,800	30,068,980	69,052,780
2002	37,442,700	7,081,174	44,523,874

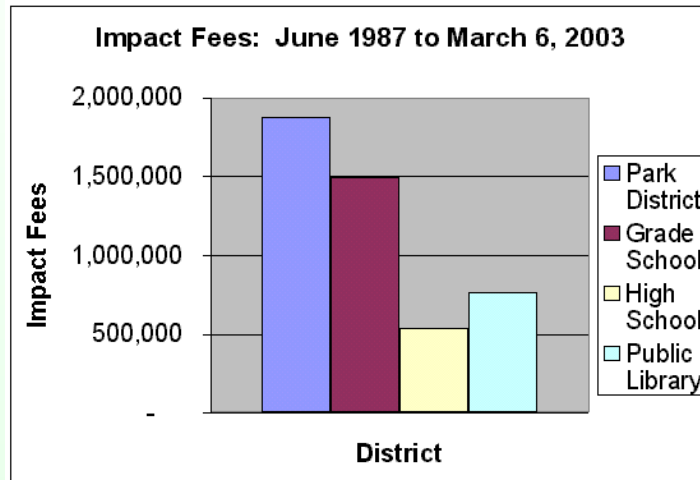


Median Home Value



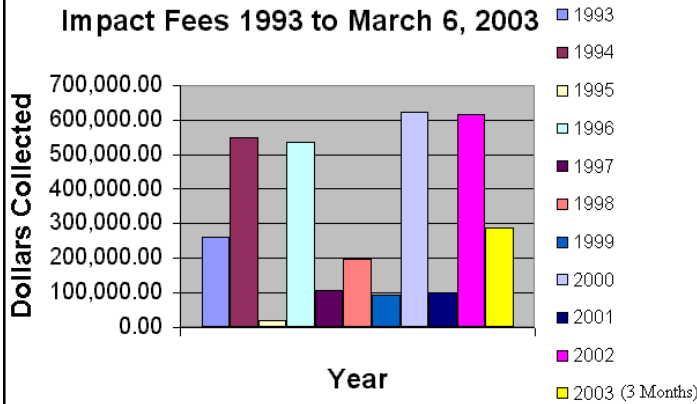
Impact Fees

<u>Park District</u>	<u>Grade School</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Public Library</u>	<u>Total Contribution</u>
1,877,136	1,497,311	538,915	766,484	4,679,846



Impact Fees

<u>Year</u>	<u>Impact Fees</u>
1993	259,147
1994	550,176
1995	18,329
1996	534,780
1997	105,176
1998	195,745
1999	93,520
2000	622,048
2001	99,854
2002	613,932
2003 (3 months)	285,644



Businesses in Lemont

- 256 Businesses in Village
- Issued 43 new Business Licenses in 2002

New Downtown Businesses

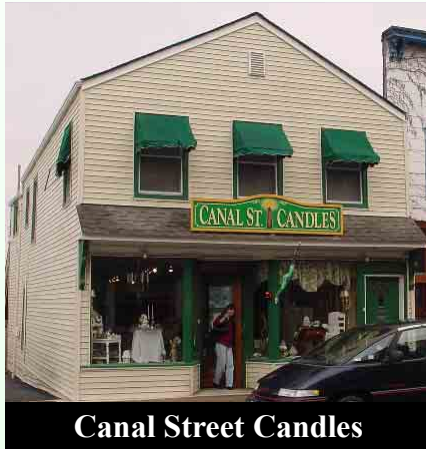


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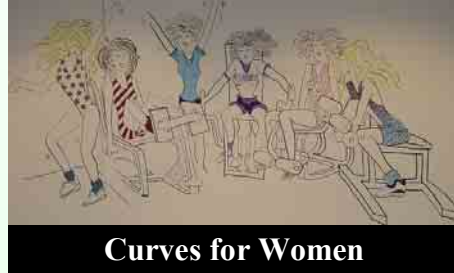


Bravo Coffee & Deli

New Downtown Businesses



Canal Street Candles



Curves for Women

New Downtown Businesses



Rosa's Ice Cream



State Senator Radogno

New Downtown Businesses



Smokey Row Antiques



Tangles

New Downtown Businesses



Venta European Grocer



Superbike Italia

New Downtown Businesses

- Stonecutters
- Watson Custom Marine
- Anna Made It

New Recreational Opportunities

- The Village currently has approximately 6 miles of bike path along the I&M Canal and the recently acquired quarry area.
- In 2002 the Village constructed 1 ½ miles of bike path
- In 2003 the goal is to construct an additional 1 ½ miles of bike path

Heritage Quarries





Trails before



Trails after



Walkable Communities





2003 Soles & Spokes Award of Excellence

Presented to:

Lemont - Illinois & Michigan Canal Trail Extension

FOR OUTSTANDING TRAILBLAZING

FEBRUARY 25, 2003

Soles & Spokes: Walking and Biking for Transportation

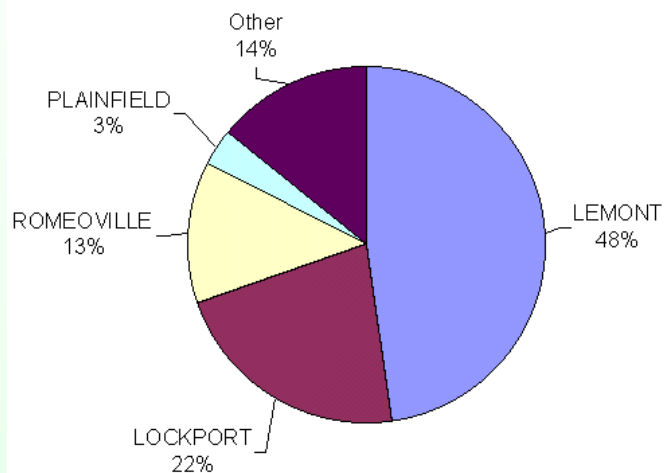


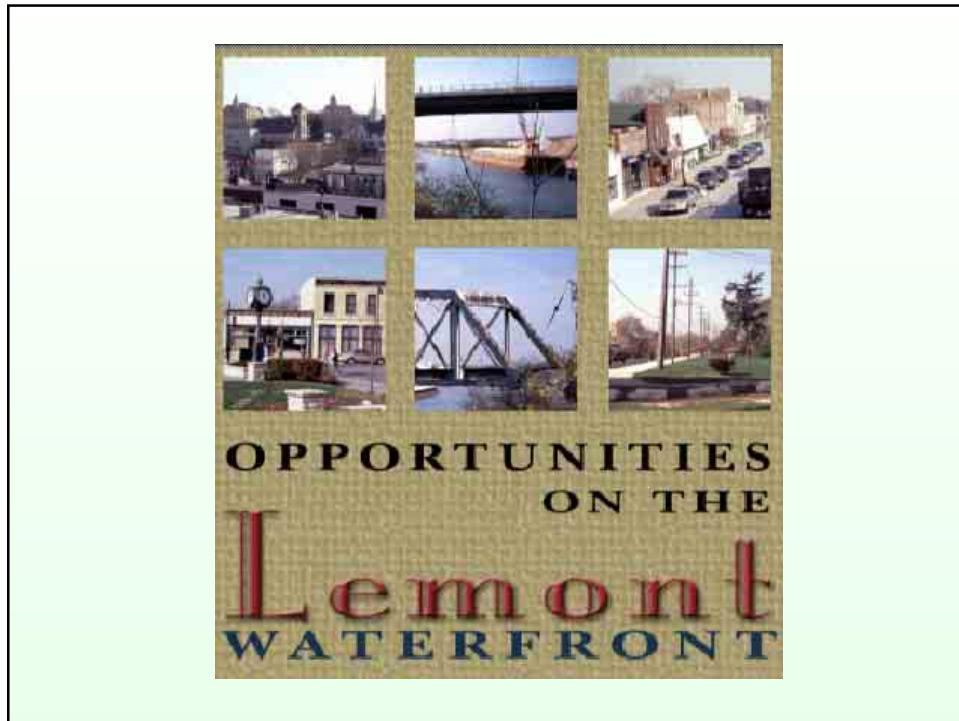
Transit Oriented Design

- Secured \$60,000 Grant from Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)
- Plan for METRA station and Downtown to stimulate investment and increase use of public transportation

Metra Station

Origins of Park-n-Ride Passengers



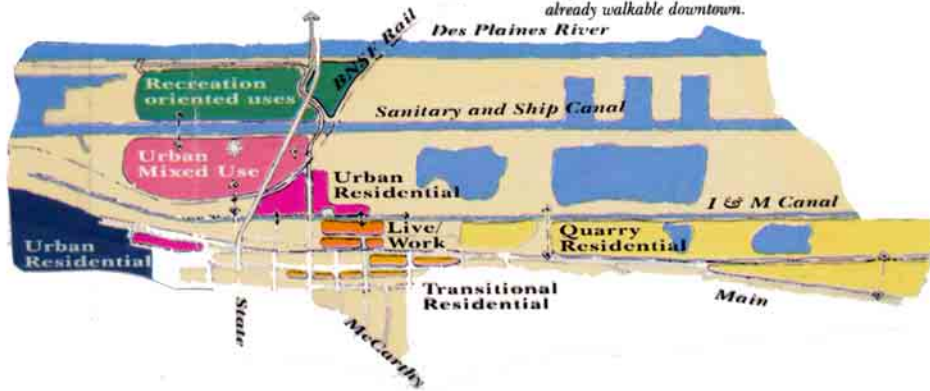


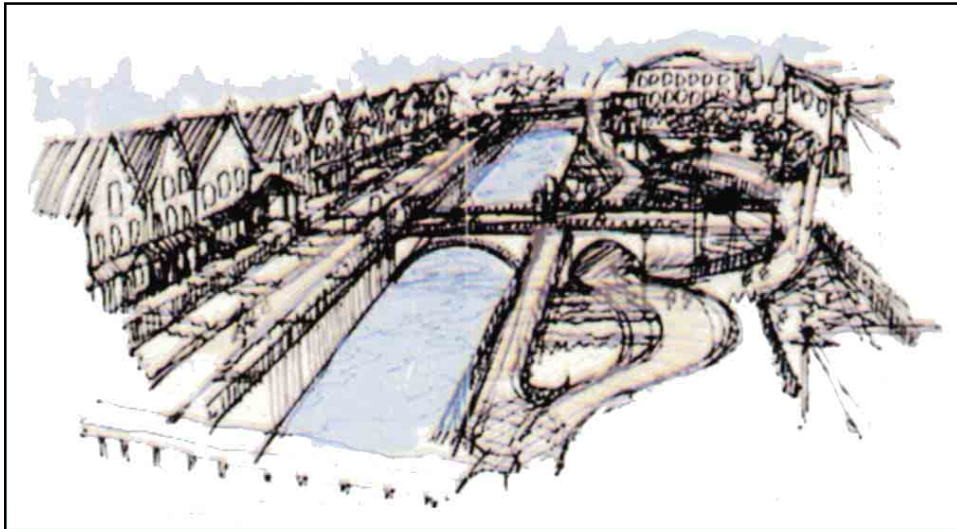
Canal Corridor Vision

- Expand the Current I & M Canal trail into a promenade encompassing the quarry area to the east and the Sanitary & Ship Canal, linking the Downtown to the developing regional trail system.
- Link the canals to the existing street network and Lemont Road.
- Increase residential, office and institutional development in the Downtown and environs to enhance the existing retail/residential mix.

Land Use & Circulation

Land Use and Circulation - The Village should work closely with MWRD to gain control of, and improve access to the large properties that define the northern gateway to the community. New mixed use and residential development can strengthen an already walkable downtown.

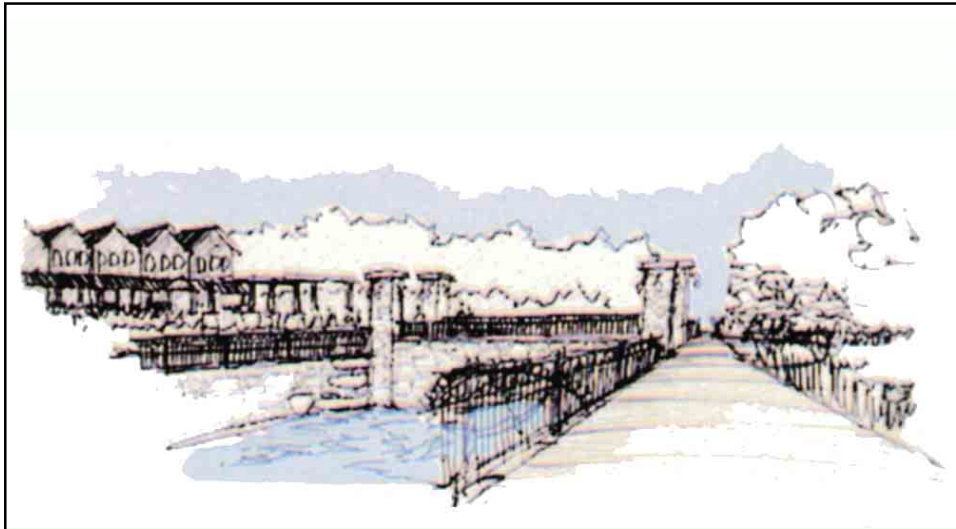




New residential and business uses line the promenade along the I&M Canal in the Downtown.



Mixed use residential, office and retail development help to populate and energize the Downtown during the day and evening.



New residential development near the quarries could be linked to the Downtown via an enhanced “canal walk.”



New residential development could link Stephen Street between the I&M Canal and the railroad. A renovated bridge could serve as a gateway between the corridor and the Downtown.



Capital Improvement Plan

- The total capital expenditures for FY 2003-2004 is \$6,272,641.
- \$1,545,210 is earmarked for Road Improvements (not including \$2.5 million Stephen Street project)
- Total capital expenditures for the next 5 years is projected at \$30,127,821.

Roadways

- The Village Roadway System currently consists of 115 lane miles of roadway and 5 ½ miles of alleyways
- 5% utility tax is major source of revenue

2002 Roadway Accomplishments

- Resurfaced 25 miles of roadway
- Reconstructed 2.4 lane miles of roadway
- Paved 2 ½ miles of alleyways
- Installed approximately 1 mile of sidewalks along McCarthy Road to provide a safe walkway to Downtown
- Fourth Street Reconstruction

Road Improvement Plan

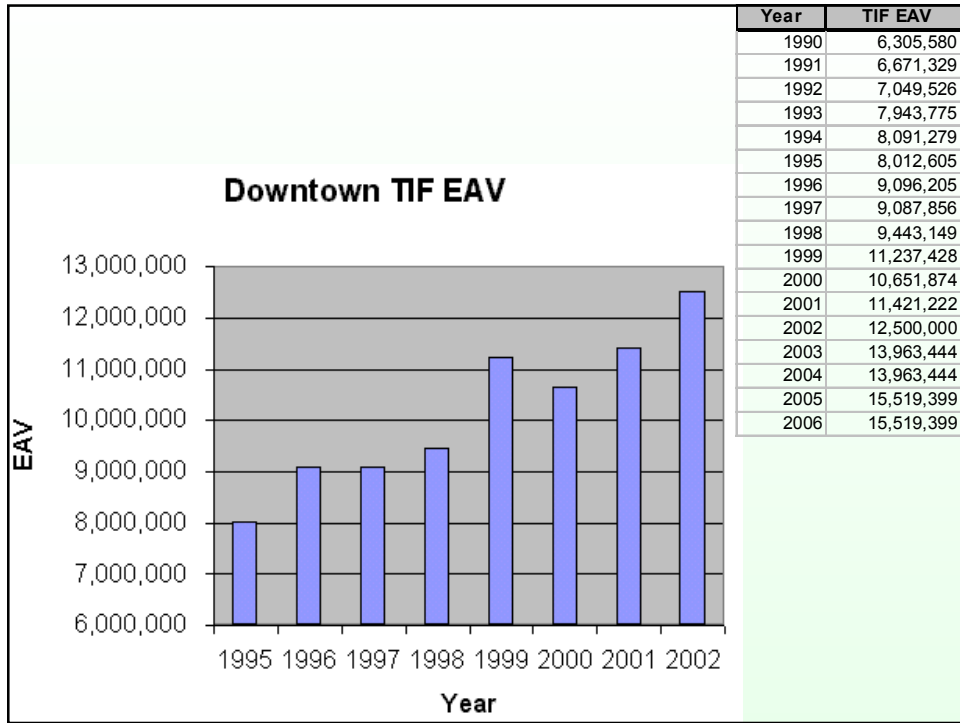
- 2003 Projects include the following
 - Country Lane/Country Court
 - Logan/Warner/Singer
 - Traffic Calming Program
 - 127th Street Improvements
 - Stephen Street Reconstruction

Road Improvement Plan

- Continue working towards reconstruction of approximately 13 lane miles identified in our Road Reconstruction Program.
- Pave the remaining 2 ½ miles of stoned alleyways

Stephen Street Improvements

- \$2,540,000 total estimated cost
- Financed primarily through \$2,250,000 General Obligation Alternative Revenue Bond
- New pavement, curb and gutter, widening, water main, sanitary sewer replacement, and streetscape improvements



Bond Rating

- Received an A-1 rating from Moody's Investors Service in regards to the Stephen Street TIF (ARS) bond.

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Water System

- The Village's Water System consists of approximately 70 miles of water main, 3 deep wells with softeners, 1 shallow well that is used as an emergency backup well and 3 storage reservoirs consisting of 1.5 million gallon of water.



An additional well softening plant and reservoir was added to the system and is located behind the Old Quarry Middle School.

This well received 2 American Public Works Association awards and 1 Illinois Engineering Excellence Award

Water Main Replacement

- In 2002 Public Works replaced 6 ½ miles of 3” and 4” water main with an 8” water main in an effort to improve water quality and enhance our fire fighting capabilities. This project was done in conjunction with our road programs.

2002 Accomplishments Sanitary Sewer System

- 2 miles were rerouted and separated from the combined system
- 1 ½ miles of roadway storm water drains were removed from the combined sewer system
- Storm water has been disconnected from the combined sewer system as part of the roadway reconstruction program

2003 Goals Sanitary Sewer System

- The Village has set aside monies for the removal of a lift station and 2 miles of separated sewer mains from the combined sewer system.

Water & Sewer Capital Improvement

- First Street Relief Sewer – Sanitary sewer extension on First Street from Schultz south to the Covington Knolls northern boundary
- Well #6 Engineering – located on McCarthy Road adjacent to Steeples subdivision
- K.A. Steel Box Culvert Engineering – flood back-up prevention on I&M Canal
- Ridge Road Storm Sewer Replacement
- NPDES Phase II

L.E.M.A.

- Secured STAR Grant funding to distribute weather radios in schools and public buildings
- Recognized as a Storm Ready Community by the National Weather Service
- Membership increased by more than 40% in 2002
- The Membership has been CPR certified

Law Enforcement Accreditation



The Police Department completed the third phase of Accreditation and successfully completed the on-site assessment. They were accredited in March 2003.



Tobacco & Alcohol Stings

- Funded by a grant from the Illinois Liquor Commission, the Police Department conducted 4 tobacco stings in 2002.

2003 Police Department Goals

- Conduct community workshops with various community organizations dealing with Drug Abuse, Senior Citizen Alerts and other community concerns.
- Continue Tobacco & Alcohol Stings
- Apply for State & Federal Grants for enhanced radios and computer equipment
- Train Officers in the use of Non-Lethal Weaponry

Public Works & Police Facility

- This capital improvement project may occur in FY 2006 at an estimated cost of \$6,000,000 for both facilities.
- Land must be acquired
- Discussions with the Lemont Fire Protection District examining feasibility for a joint station are ongoing.

Safety Village

