

**VILLAGE BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**DECEMBER 19, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - A. FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 AUDIT PRESENTATION  
(FINANCIAL/ADMINISTRATION)(SNIEGOWSKI/REAVES)(WEHMEIER/SCHAFFER/FRIEDLEY)**
  - B. STREET SIGN PRESENTATION  
(PUBLIC WORKS)(BLATZER)(PUKULA)**
  - C. DISCUSSION ON WATER BILLING CONCERNS  
(PUBLIC WORKS)(BLATZER)(PUKULA)**
  - D. DISCUSSION ON DOWNTOWN FIRE SPRINKLERS  
(BUILDING DEPT.)(STAPLETON)(BUETTNER)**
  - E. DISCUSSION ON EMERALD ASH BORE  
(PUBLIC WORKS)(BLATZER)(PUKULA)**
  - F. COMPLIANCE PLAN UPDATE  
(PLANNING & ED)(STAPLETON)(BROWN)**
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
- VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
- VII. ADJOURN**



*Village of Faith*

## Lemont Public Works Department

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**Mayor**

Brian K. Reaves

Mayor and Village Board:

**Village Clerk**

Charlene M. Smollen

Hickory Street is one of the steepest and narrowest streets in Lemont. At 23 feet in width and parking on both sides it is nearly impassable with a Village snowplow or emergency vehicle. Attached are pictures of Hickory Street during the day when the street is mostly devoid of vehicles. In the evening the street is full of vehicles on both sides. As we know, inclement weather or emergency's are not limited to daytime hours. In 2010 a Village snowplow struck a resident's vehicle causing severe damage that ultimately cost the Village money. This has been an ongoing issue for many years, but the number of cars has increased and cooperation from residents has declined. The current conditions are not only unsafe for public works operations and emergency response teams but also to the Village residents.

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**Public Works  
Department**

Ralph W. Pukula  
*Director*

Chief Shaughnessy, Chief Churulo and I are recommending the parking on Hickory Street be limited to one side only. The water main and hydrants are on the east side of the street making it logical to have the parking on the west side. Parking on Short Street which is perpendicular to Hickory Street has parking on one side as well. This was done many years ago for the same reasons and has worked out well.

Randy Earnest  
*Street Superintendent*

Ralph Pukula

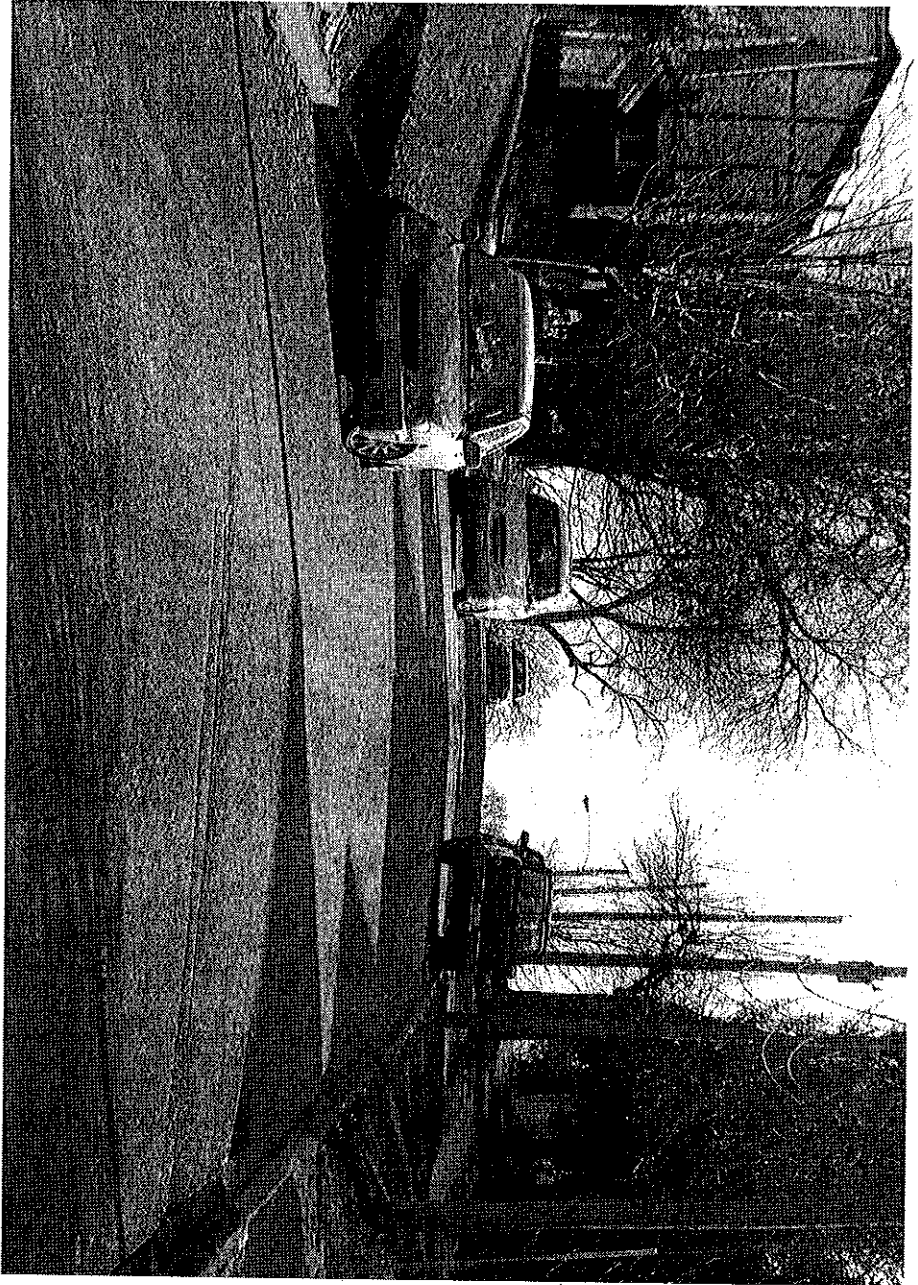
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Village of Lemont; Ralph Pukula**  
**FROM: Mark Cinnamon, Scott Schirmer; Illinois Department of Agriculture**  
**DATE: November 3, 2011**  
**SUBJECT: Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Confirmed in Your Community**

This memo serves as official notice that on November 2, 2011 the presence of EAB was confirmed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA) and documented within your community. Emerald Ash Borer was verified during our statewide EAB trap survey or through outreach activities performed by IDA EAB staff. We will soon list your community by name on our list of confirmed communities. The IDA will also recognize your community with one red star on our statewide EAB map using the location coordinates and the date of the field confirmation. We can work with you to help explain and outreach this news to staff or citizens.

The extent and the severity of any EAB infestation are very difficult to quantify. A confirmed presence of EAB anywhere in town indicates a larger, more widespread EAB population is likely nearby. Due to our experience of observed patterns of local and regional spread, and the biology of this insect, the entire ash population within your community is at risk or is likely already infested with EAB. Newly affected trees may show few, if any symptoms and may appear healthy and green for up to a few years. Officials and residents should plan accordingly by assuming their ash trees are now infested.

All or parts of 23 northeast Illinois counties are quarantined by the Illinois Department of Agriculture at this time. Please go to the following link to find the most recent amended IDA EAB Quarantine:

<http://www.agr.state.il.us/eab/index.php>

The Illinois EAB program is counting on municipal compliance of all regulations within the Illinois EAB Quarantine and the prudent management or destruction of EAB infested ash wood. Please become familiar with the quarantine map and the Illinois EAB Compliance Agreement which lists existing rules and regulations concerning ash and the EAB in Illinois. That agreement was revised with new regulations effective November 23, 2009. The compliance agreement lists the enforceable EAB rules of the state and our department regardless of the signing an EAB Compliance Agreement and can be found on our website at <http://www.illinoiseab.com>.

Aggressively destroying declining ash trees, or in some cases aggressive insecticidal treatments, may slow the rate of tree mortality locally and remains the best practice. Treatment with systemic insecticides on individual trees which are not yet severely infested is an option for individual landowners and village managers to consider on a tree-by-tree basis to try to protect a single tree. Such treatment has a risk of failure if trees are already infested and is not guaranteed to be ultimately successful on any specific tree. Educating residents to the fact that this pest is confirmed in your area, that all ash trees are at risk and will become infested, and that quarantine rules exist is all very important.

For general EAB questions please call the IDA DeKalb office at 815-787-5476.

For community outreach, educational help, and informational packets please contact: IDA EAB Outreach and Education Coordinator Juliann Heminghaus at 217- 785 -5575 or [juliann.heminghaus@illinois.gov](mailto:juliann.heminghaus@illinois.gov)



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## Urban Forest Management, Inc.

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December 11, 2011

Mr. Ralph Pukula, Director  
Department of Public Works  
16680 New Avenue  
Lemont, Illinois 60439

RE: Emerald Ash Borer  
Village Action Plan

Dear Ralph:

As we discussed with the recent confirmation of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) by the Illinois Department of Agriculture in the Village, it is important to have an Action Plan in place for dealing with EAB on public Property as well as on private property. The first step by some communities has been to consider the pre-emptive removal of public ash tree. This would have a very significant impact on Village resources and budgets. It would also create an instant demand for a tree replacement program. We have not recommended this approach to any of the several communities that we work with in the Chicago metropolitan area.

It is more prudent to manage the problem by spreading the losses as much as possible over time. Since the first confirmation of EAB in the Village was on private property the Village could provide some assistance to the residents by helping them to identify and assess ash trees on property or on public property near their property.

The Village has a relatively recent inventory of public ash trees in the Village. The Village workers and tree contractors should be aware of these ash trees and the potential problem with EAB. During their normal daily work routine they should report any public trees that they see significantly declining or that they suspect may have EAB, particularly in the area of the 500 block of 6<sup>th</sup> Street. When ash trees have significant decline in the crown (about 50%) then they will become hazardous to the public way whether they have EAB or not. These trees should be removed and inspected during the removal process for the presence of EAB. Ash trees that are removed need to be handled as specified in the Compliance Agreement with the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Ralph Pukula  
Director  
Department of Public Works  
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Some residents may inquire about treatments for EAB. We do not recommend treatments for public trees as a cost effective way to manage EAB. Private property owners can make the decision to treat their trees or not as they see fit. They may get information from their private tree care company if they have one or they get current information at [www.illinoisEAB.com](http://www.illinoisEAB.com).

Please call if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,  
URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT, INC.



Charles A. Stewart  
Vice President



On November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 the Illinois Dept of Agriculture identified 20+ ash trees at 524 and 525 6<sup>th</sup> st. to be infested with the Emerald ash borer (EAB). The presence of the EAB has been in the surrounding area for several years. This is the Village of Lemont's first confirmation of the EAB. The infested trees are on private property but are still a major concern for the Village and its Ash tree population.

The Emerald ash borer is a small metallic green non native invasive pest whose larva feeds under the bark of ash trees cutting off nutrient flow essential for a healthy tree. The tree will eventually decline in health and ultimately die. Ash trees can be infested for several years before signs of the EAB surface. Signs of EAB infestation include thinning of the crown (die back), small D-shaped holes in the bark, shoots growing from the trunk of the tree. Excessive woodpecker activity, S- shaped galleries underneath the bark.

At this time the Village is not proposing any pre-emptive ash tree removals. Public Works director Ralph Pukula along with Charles Stewart of Urban forest management is recommending a "wait and see" approach to the EAB. Therefore, leaving the ash trees until they show a sign of decline. This approach will allow for removal and replacement of Village owned trees based on the progression of EAB through the Village of Lemont.

The Village of Lemont has approximately 2400 Ash trees on Village property, and most likely more on private property. The Village's EAB action plan is to remove the Ash tree after EAB has been confirmed and the health of the tree has declined to 50%, or deemed hazardous. The Village will seek funding in the form of grants to restore Lemont's forestry infrastructure.

Homeowners can contact the Public works department for help with identification and assessment of ash trees on private or public property. There are several treatment options available to help protect the ash trees. However, the treatments will not guarantee the survival of the trees.

If you suspect the EAB on your property or elsewhere in the Village of Lemont please contact the Public works department at 630-257-2532.

# Draft



Village of Lemont  
*Community Development Department*

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TO: Committee of the Whole #136-11

FROM: James A. Brown, Planning & Economic Development Director  
Charity Jones, Village Planner

THRU:

SUBJECT: **Comprehensive Plan Progress**

DATE: 13 December 2011

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#### **SUMMARY**

- A questionnaire was offered to gauge the public's evaluation of and aspirations for the community; the survey received a great response from a representative sample of Lemont residents.
- "Small town feel" or similar sentiments were expressed as the most desirable characteristic of the community.
- "Schools" are viewed as both the most negative aspect of the community and as presenting the biggest challenge to the community in the next five years.
- Economic vitality and the downtown are important to residents.
- Business attraction/retention, improving the downtown, and appropriate planning are seen as ways to achieve the vision for Lemont.
- A public workshop was poorly attended, but input has been sufficient to develop vision statements that will guide the drafting of the comprehensive plan.
- Staff now begins drafting the new comprehensive plan; additional public engagement will be sought, culminating in a public hearing on the entire draft of the plan.

## THE QUESTIONNAIRE

When updating or writing a comprehensive plan, early involvement of the public in the process is crucial. A planning process that provides ample opportunity for public engagement is more likely to reflect citizen desires and aspirations for their community, and it is ultimately more likely to be accepted and implemented. Early public involvement can confirm staff and officials' hunches, generate new ideas, and help develop or evaluate alternatives.

To date, the Planning & Economic Development Department has offered the residents several alternatives to voice their concerns over the future of the community. First, residents had the opportunity to respond to a questionnaire. This questionnaire contained approximately 30 questions and was made available on the Village's website and in print form. The response to the questionnaire far exceeded our expectations. Not only was the number of responses impressive—416 people took the time to fill out the survey—the responders solicitously and thoughtfully completed the survey.

Part of the questionnaire collected basic demographic data. We wanted to see to what extent the respondents were representative of the Village's population, i.e. how they matched the Village's distribution for sex, age, employment, and household characteristics.

The bulk of questions dealt with residents' assessment of the community today and their aspirations for the future of the community. We wanted a format that allowed the broadest range of responses, and therefore chose to avoid using multiple-choice questions. Instead, most questions were open-ended, requiring the respondent to fill in blanks with short answers, or—if they wished—lengthier and more detailed responses. We also asked "closed response" questions, where the respondent was required to check a box that indicated a certain frequency range. For example, to answer some questions regarding shopping in Lemont the respondent could select a range of answers from "never" to "always". In some instances the questions were somewhat duplicative, i.e. we asked basically the same thing in more than one way. People often respond to a question with the first thing that pops into their head, and by inserting multiple questions that covered the same issues, we hoped to generate more complete and thorough input.

The questionnaire was available from the end of September through the third week of October. Once the deadline passed, we tabulated the responses. Since many of the questions were open-ended, it was necessary to group similar phrases and words together. For example, references to vibrant downtown," "stable downtown," and "more robust downtown area" were all grouped together in what we referred to as a "thriving downtown." Full results of the questionnaire can be found at: <http://www.lemont.il.us/index.aspx?nid=441> .

## **PUBLIC INPUT ON THE STATE AND FUTURE OF LEMONT**

Several themes emerged from the survey: the attractiveness of Lemont because of its small-town charm and sense of community, concerns over schools, and the lack of retail vitality and variety. The downtown also received much attention.

### **The small-town feel**

One group of questions was related to what people liked about Lemont:

- *What do you consider the most positive aspect of living (or owning a business) in Lemont?*
- *Where would you take someone to show them what is unique and special about Lemont?*
- *What do you think should not change in Lemont?*
- *What do you value most about Lemont?*

Answers relating to “small town feel” or “sense of community” were overwhelmingly the most common. Lemont’s location (within the metropolitan area) was also frequently given as the most positive aspect of living in Lemont. Moreover, “small town feel” was the most frequent response as the one thing in Lemont that should not change. Answers were slightly different for the question “What do you value most about Lemont?” Here, over 100 people gave answers such as “the people” or “sense of community,” while about 50 people expressed “small town feel.”

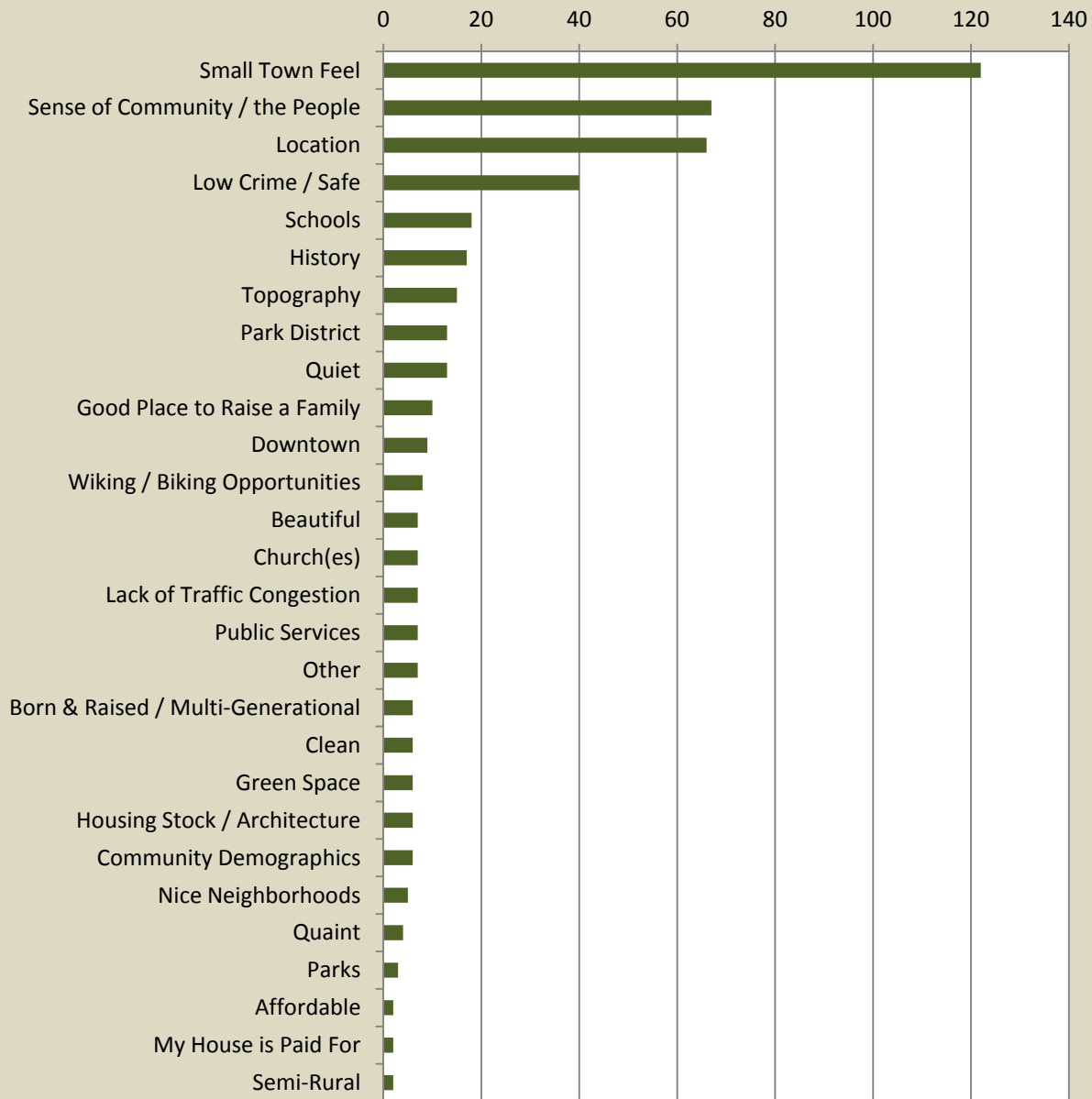
### **Schools**

Another group of questions probed what people think is the most troubling aspect of the community:

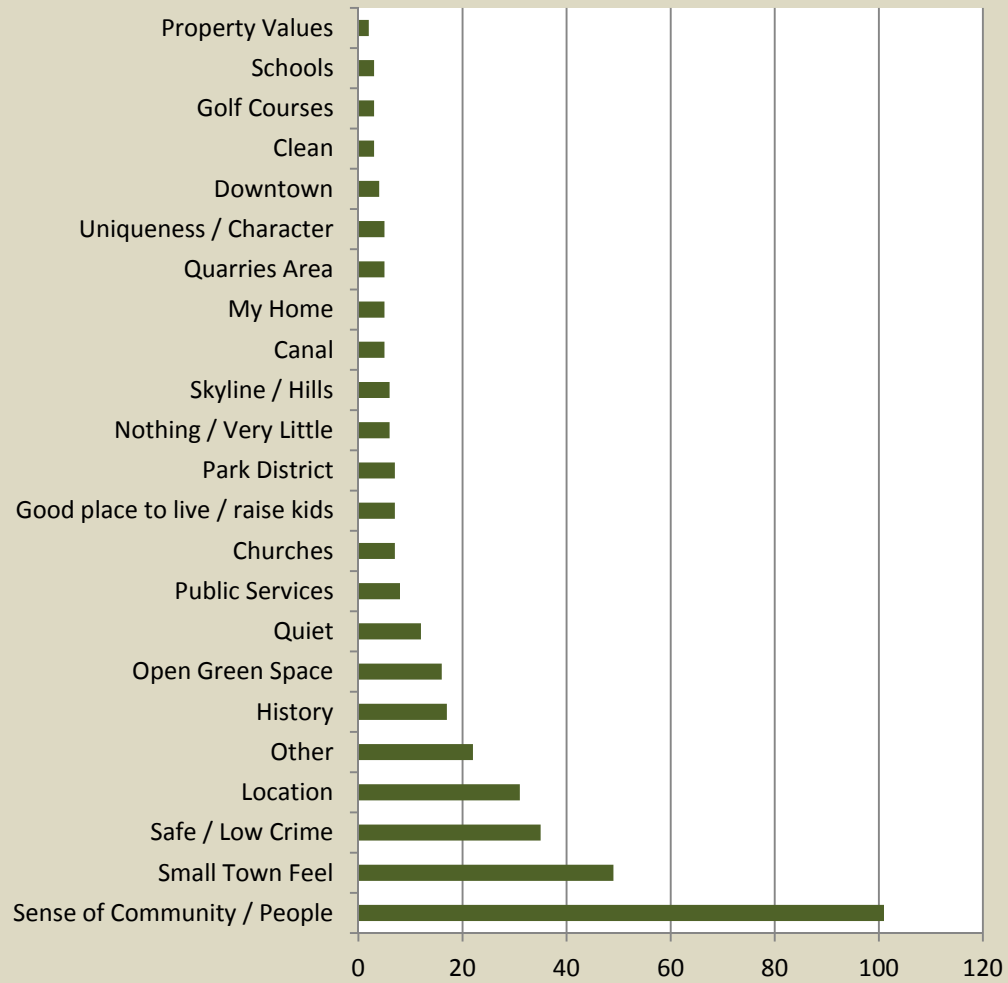
- *What do you consider the most negative aspect of living (or owning a business) in Lemont?*
- *What do you see as the biggest challenge facing Lemont in the next five years?*
- *What changes would you like to see in Lemont today?*

Overwhelmingly, “schools” topped the list of answers for both the biggest challenge facing Lemont and the most negative aspect of living in Lemont. About 20 percent of the 416 respondents named schools as the most negative aspect, and over 25 percent viewed schools as the most challenging issue for the near future. (Again, bear in mind, these were not multiple-choice questions, which makes frequency of “schools” as responses more striking. However, the percentage of those answering schools may have been high because of the timing of the survey at the start of a new school year and following a year of financial bad news, contentious board meetings, and a hard-fought school board election.)

## What do you consider to be the most positive aspect of living in Lemont?

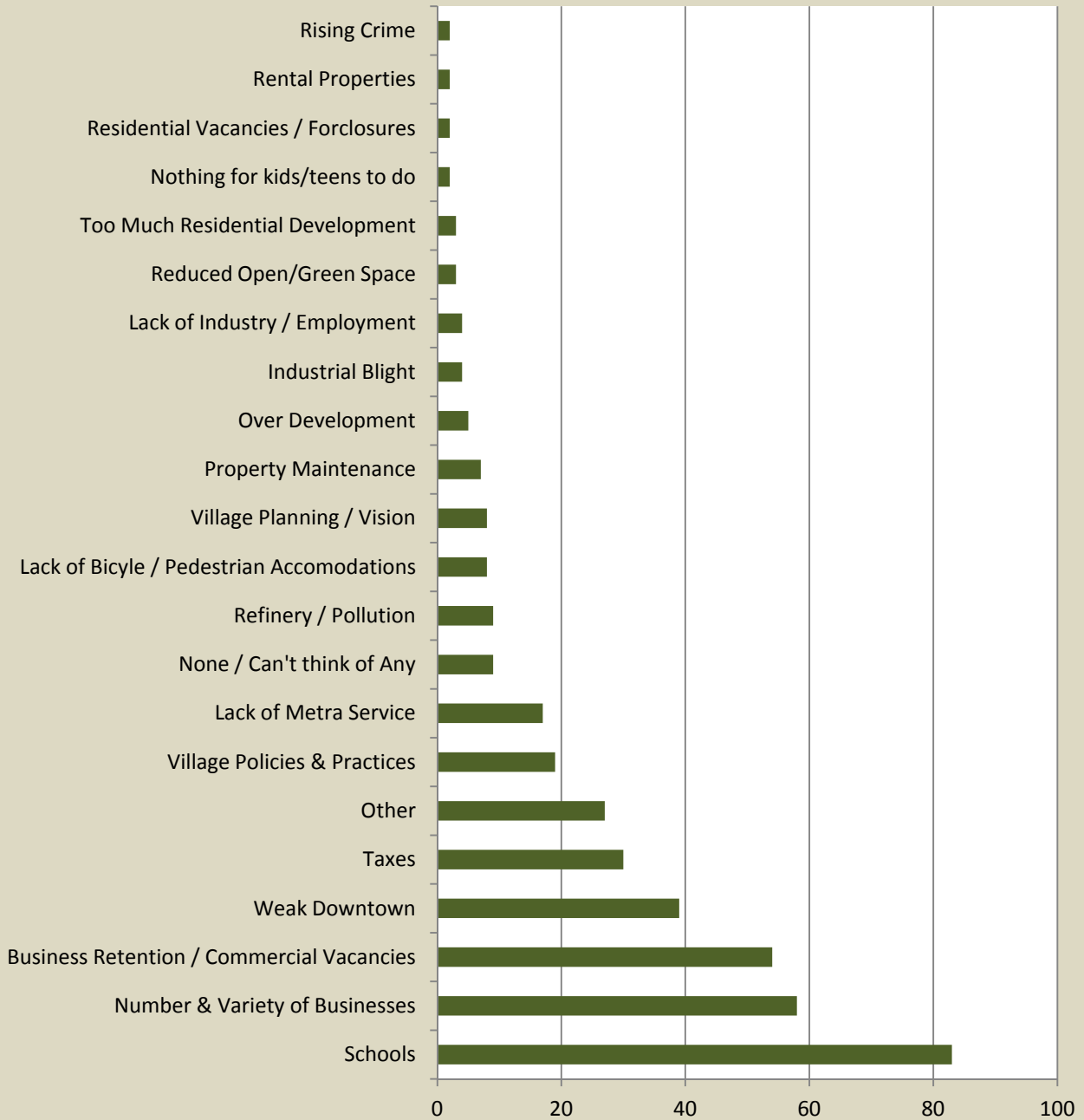


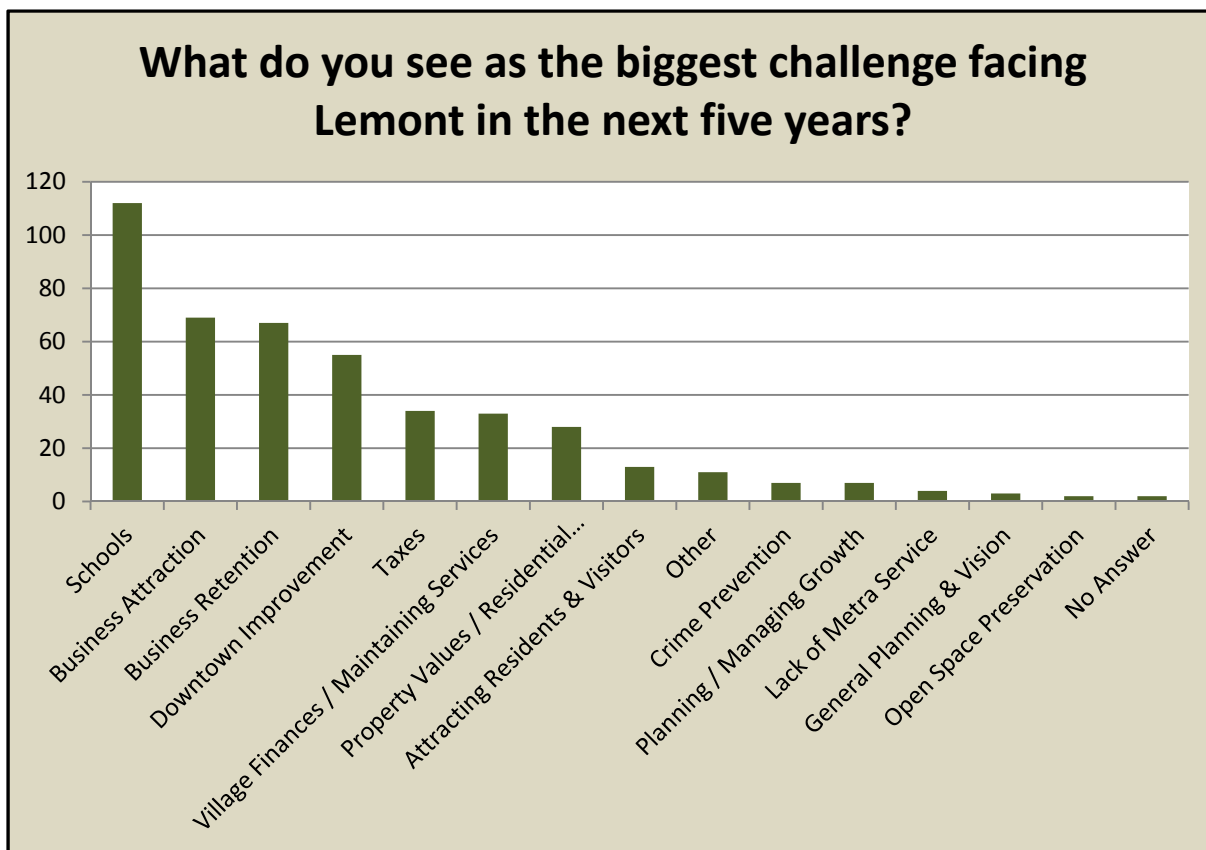
## What do you value most about Lemont?





## What do you consider to be the most negative aspect of living in Lemont?





### Economic vitality

Answers related to economic vitality surfaced frequently on several questions. Business attraction and business retention were viewed among the biggest challenges facing the Village. Among the frequent responses to the question about the most negative aspect of living in Lemont were answers such as (lack of) variety of businesses, business retention, or vacancies. No one mentioned shopping, or range of retail or variety of restaurants as the most positive aspect of living in Lemont.

### Downtown

“Downtown” or a related phrase or issue was provided as a frequent answer to a variety of questions.

- “A weak downtown” was considered the most negative aspect of living in Lemont by almost 40 of the 416 respondents.
- “Downtown improvement” was viewed as the biggest challenge facing Lemont by over 50 people.
- “Historic preservation” was the second most frequent response to the question “What do think should not change in Lemont?” Such a response

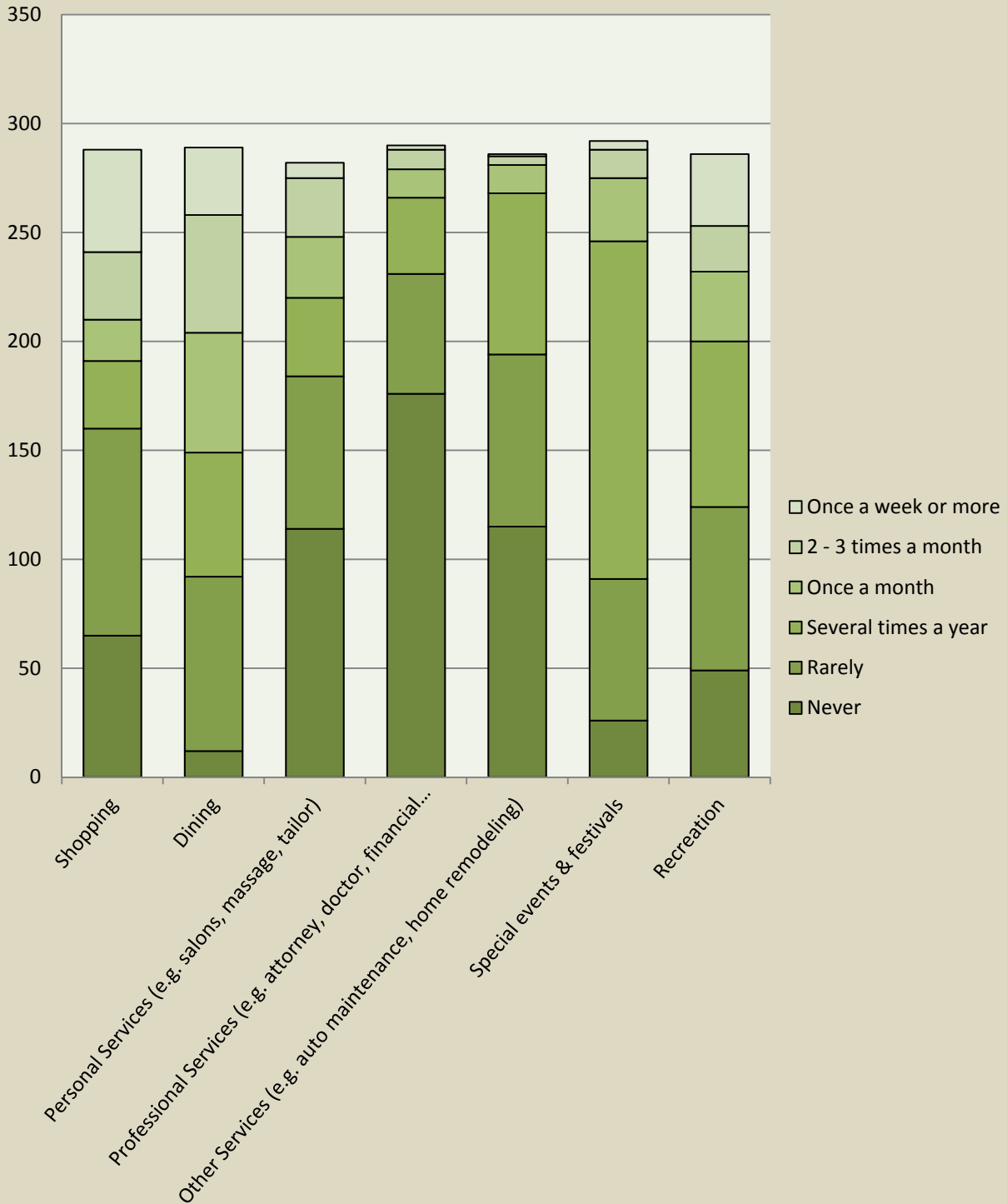
could be a reference to the downtown, the neighborhoods that surround the downtown, or both.

- “The Downtown” was overwhelmingly the answer to the question “Where would you take someone to show them what is unique and special about Lemont?” Specific downtown venues or attractions made the list too.
- “A thriving downtown” or a similar phrase was by far the most frequent answer given in response to the questions “In 2030, what do you think Lemont should be like? What is your vision for Lemont?”

I find these responses pleasantly surprising. Downtown revitalization has long been a focus of the Village, and this input validates the Village’s efforts as being important to the people of Lemont. It also suggests that the Village should continue such efforts.



## How often do you visit downtown Lemont for the following purposes?



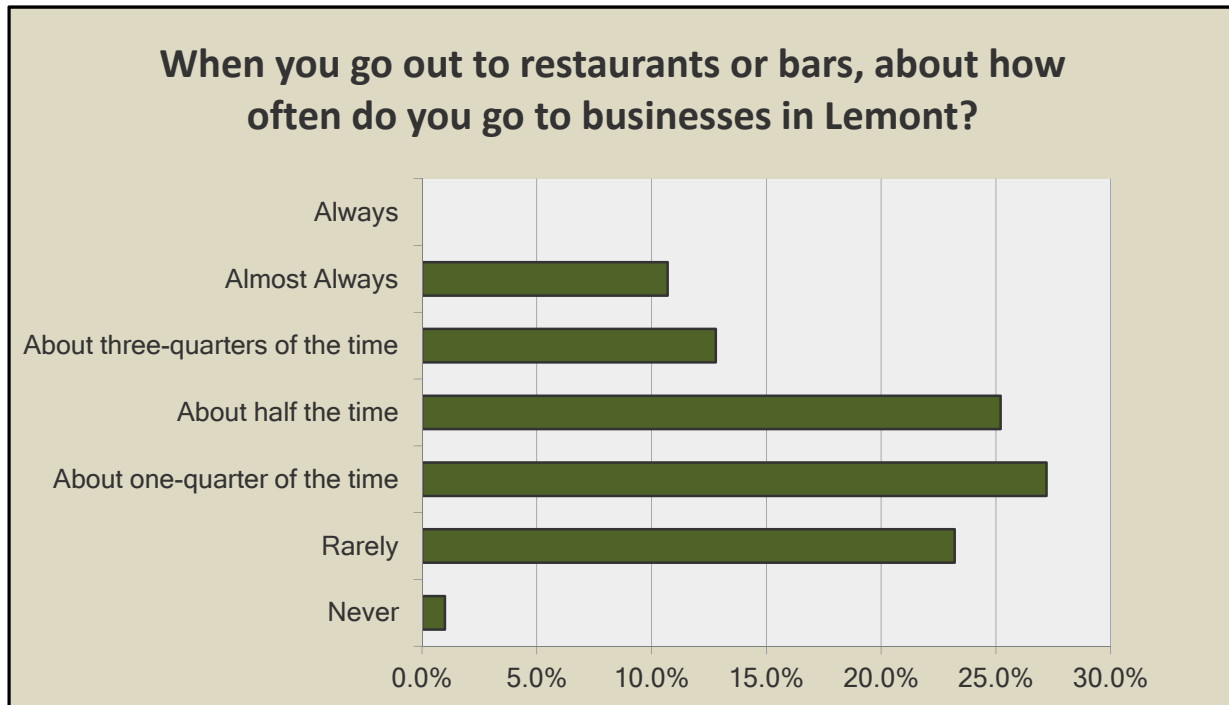
People claim to frequent the downtown mostly for dining, shopping, recreation and special events. Patronage of professional services, personal services, or other services appears to be less frequent.

### Spending time (and money) in Lemont

A couple of questions dealt with recreational activities, dining and shopping. About a third of the respondents claimed they engaged in hiking, walking, or jogging more than 12 times a year. Most of these and other recreational activities such as biking were done in or near Lemont.

People shop and dine in Lemont with a certain amount of frequency, but it appears much improvement can be made in keeping spending money in the community. Over 15 percent said they rarely or never shop in Lemont, and nearly 25 percent said they never go out to restaurants or bars in Lemont.





### Long-term vision for Lemont

We asked a couple of questions about the long-term vision for Lemont:

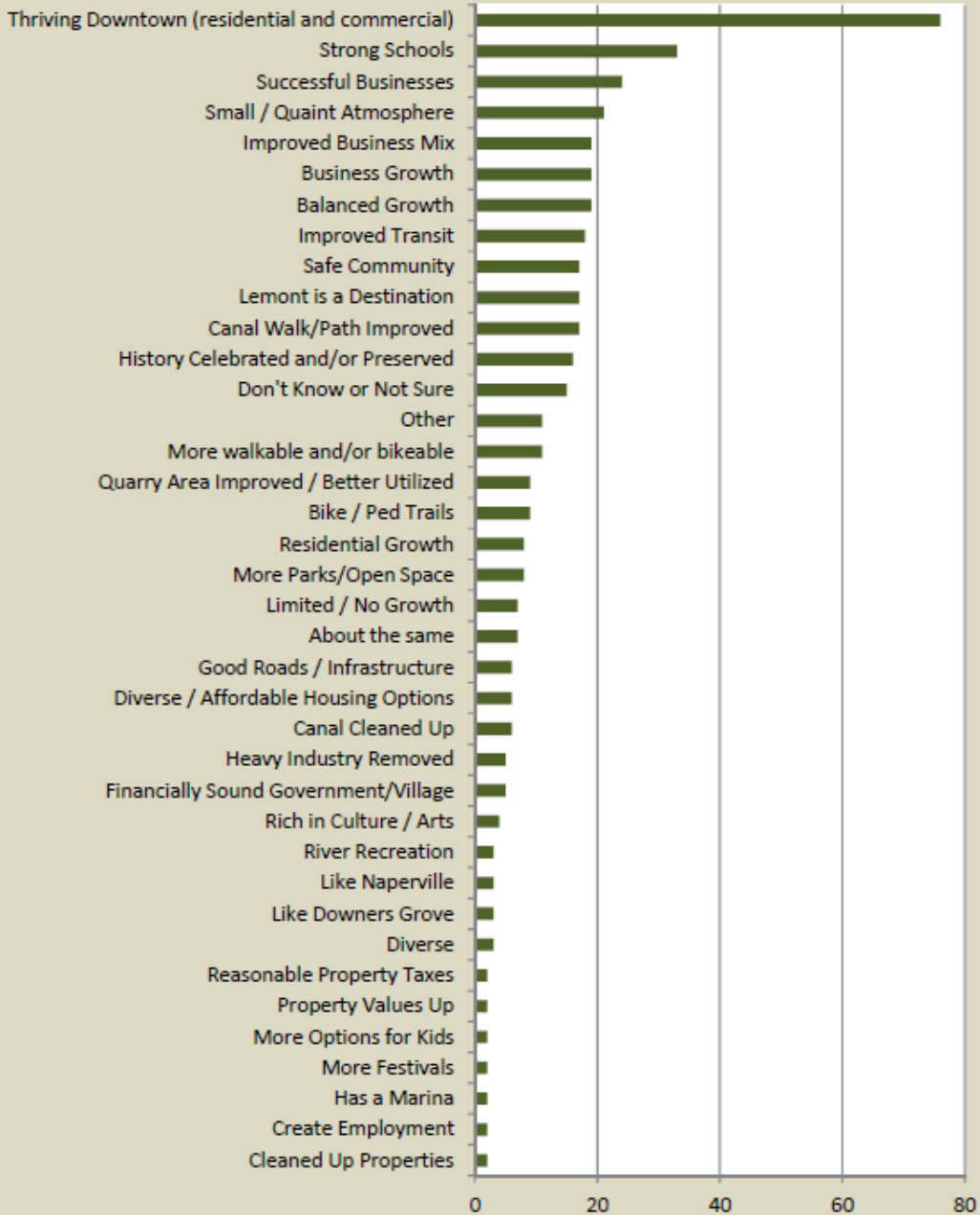
- *In 2030, what do you think Lemont should be like? What is your vision for Lemont?*
- *How can we achieve this vision?*
- *What places have you visited or you know about that reflect your vision for Lemont?*

As mentioned above, “a thriving downtown” or similar responses were by far the most frequent answer to the questions regarding a long-term vision for Lemont. Several other answers were related to economic vitality or the downtown: successful businesses, improved business mix, Lemont is a destination, Canal walk/path improved, history celebrated and/or preserved. Successful schools, balanced growth, and answers relating to small-town atmosphere were also common. Although Naperville topped the list of other places that could serve as a model for Lemont, many also indicated that Lemont already has the right stuff to make the vision a reality.

And how should the Village proceed in achieving the vision of Lemont as a place that retains its small-town atmosphere, has varied and thriving businesses, a charming downtown and successful schools? According to the questionnaire the Village and community should be investing in business attraction and retention, downtown improvement, appropriate planning, and improving the schools.



## In 2030, what do you think Lemont should be like? What is your vision for Lemont?





## THE WORKSHOP AND VISION STATEMENTS

We took the questionnaire results and developed vision statements that matched the broad themes expressed in the responses. The next step in eliciting public comment was to present these vision statements to the public at a workshop held on the evening of 16 November. Despite the good weather, turnout was rather low. Nevertheless, we feel the high response to the questionnaire, the participation of the Planning & Zoning Commission at the workshop, and the thoughtful comment received from the limited number of attendees at the workshop were sufficient to

establish and refine appropriate vision statements. These vision statements will guide our drafting of the new comprehensive plan. We intend to use a chapter outline similar to the way we have divided the vision statements (attached).

I urge the elected officials to review the statements—we are seeking additional comment before we proceed with the drafting of the plan.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Based on comment taken at the Committee of the Whole, we will revise the vision statements as necessary. Drafting of the updated comprehensive plan will begin in earnest; indeed we have already started on certain introductory sections. Additional public engagement will be sought, culminating in a public hearing on the entire draft of the plan. We intend to follow the procedure we used for the initial public input: elicit comment on line, then hold the public hearing. Along the way we will meet with stakeholders, most likely in some type of workshop format along with the Planning & Zoning Commission. (See attached public engagement strategy.)

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Vision statements
2. Public engagement strategy

# DRAFT Lemont2030 Vision Statements

## **General Vision**

In 2030 Lemont will be a community where people want to live or visit. It will be known for its thriving downtown, excellent schools, successful businesses, and strong sense of community. Although new residents and businesses will grow the community, Lemont's quaint character will remain. Families who have lived in Lemont for the past 200 years will continue to choose Lemont as their hometown for future generations.

**Plan Focus Areas:** Built Environment;  
Housing;  
Mobility;  
Economic Prosperity;  
Civic Involvement;  
Schools;  
Efficient Governance; and  
Natural Resources.

# DRAFT Lemont2030 Vision Statements

## Built Environment

In 2030, Lemont's buildings, structures, and patterns of development will reinforce our community's unique character. Although larger in **area and population**, Lemont will retain its small-town charm and sense of community.

### *Historic Preservation*

1. Architecturally and historically significant buildings will be preserved.
2. New development in historic areas will be compatible with the existing structures.
3. As our community's key historic asset, the I&M Canal and its towpaths will be improved to more closely resemble their original condition.
4. Lemont's history will continue to be celebrated through public art; the downtown murals will be maintained.

### *Community Character*

1. Residential, commercial and industrial properties will be well maintained; deteriorating properties will not be permitted to become a deleterious influence on surrounding properties.
2. New development will respect Lemont's unique community character in its architecture and design.
3. The Village's high standards of **architectural design and landscaping** will continue to be maintained for new commercial, **industrial** and residential development.
4. New development will respect Lemont's unique topography and minimize disturbances to the maximum extent possible.
5. Lemont's skyline, as viewed from the Des Plaines River valley, will be preserved; new development shall not infringe on this important vista.
6. The physical environment of key gateways into Lemont will be improved to provide a welcoming experience for visitors.
7. Lemont will encourage design features that foster community interaction, such as front porches, walking trails, open spaces, **gathering areas**, etc.
8. **Buildings in the downtown that are neither architecturally nor historically significant yet contribute to the overall historic character and charm of the downtown will be preserved.**

## Housing

In 2030, Lemont will have diverse housing options that are financially attainable for residents in all stages of life **so multiple generations of families can call Lemont home.**

1. **The Village will permit a variety of housing types at diverse price points ensure housing choices for all residents.**

## DRAFT Lemont2030 Vision Statements

2. Downtown Lemont's population will be increased through continued residential development.
3. Providing housing that is designed and priced for people in their twenties and early thirties will be a priority.

### **Mobility**

In 2030, Lemont will be well connected to the rest of the Chicago region and have excellent connections within the community. Adequate connections will exist for all modes of travel (vehicle, bicycle/pedestrian, and transit).

1. Lemont will have a safe and convenient bicycle and pedestrian network that links homes, schools, recreational facilities, and businesses.
2. Walking and biking will be a viable mode of transportation for people of all ages.
3. Lemont will have safe connections to the Centennial Trail, the Veterans Memorial Trail, and the Cal-Sag Trail.
4. Lemont's street network will be well maintained and safe for all users.
5. Lemont's street network will be highly connected; points of disconnection will be minimized or eliminated.
6. Lemont will have increased Metra service.
7. While anticipating increased Metra service, the Village will pursue PACE bus service as an alternative option to improve transit connectivity to Chicago and other suburban communities.

### **Economic Prosperity**

In 2030, Lemont will have a thriving business community with few vacant commercial buildings. Downtown Lemont will be characterized by round the clock activity. Lemont will be a desired destination for visitors from outside the community.

1. Lemont residents will have adequate choices within the community to meet most of their retail shopping needs.
2. The Village will be known for being business friendly. Village codes and permitting processes will strike an appropriate balance between facilitating development and protecting public health and safety.
3. "Shop Lemont First" will be the ethic of government agencies, local businesses and residents.
4. The Village will have an aggressive approach to business attraction and retention.
5. The ratio of local employment to population will be increased.



## DRAFT Lemont2030 Vision Statements

6. The Village will continue to make enhancements to the downtown, the I&M Canal, and the Heritage Quarries Recreation Area to make these areas attractive destinations for residents and visitors.
7. The Village, along with other partners like the Chamber of Commerce, will actively promote Lemont as a destination for visitors.
8. The Village will have more businesses that provide goods or services for teenagers in the community.
9. The Village will have annexed areas of strategic importance to the Village's current or future economy.

### Civic Involvement / Human Capital

In 2030, Lemont residents will be actively involved in their community, with a strong sense of civic pride rooted in Lemont's unique community identity.

1. Volunteers will supplement public efforts to achieve the vision of this plan.
2. Residents will have ample opportunities to be engaged with other residents at the community-wide and neighborhood level.
3. Institutions that foster a sense of community, like houses of worship and civic organizations, will be encouraged to flourish and be provided places to grow.
4. All residents will have convenient opportunities to participate in Village planning efforts, regardless of age, disability status, race, income, or ethnicity.
5. Free community events will take place throughout the year, providing opportunities for families and neighbors to spend time together.

### Schools

In 2030, Lemont will be known for quality public education. Schools will be adequately funded and prudently managed.

### Efficient Governance

In 2030, Lemont's Village government will be characterized by professional public service provided in a friendly, consistent, and fiscally responsible manner.

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1. The Village will improve transparency, providing information to residents in an increasingly timely manner and through a growing number of channels.
2. The Village will ensure high quality police services so that Lemont remains as safe a community in 2030 as it is today.
3. The Village will make decisions concerning physical infrastructure that consider long-term sustainability in terms of both operational and capital expenses.
4. The Village will increase efficiency in Village processes, while maintaining quality customer service.
5. The Village will work with other **government bodies to address common issues** and to achieve the vision of this plan.

### Natural Resources and the Environment

In 2030, Lemont will be known as a community with exceptional opportunities for outdoor recreation. The Village will implement measures to protect the environment, including air quality, water quality and supply, and the overall ecological health and diversity of the area.

#### *Resource Protection*

1. Lemont will have clean, safe drinking water. Our water supply will be managed to ensure availability beyond 2030.
2. The Village will work with nearby industry to minimize or eliminate pollutants in the community.

#### *Recreation*

1. Lemont will maintain its current levels of open space and park access.
2. New developments will either have or be within easy access of recreational amenities and facilities.
3. The local I&M Canal Trail will be maintained and improved; it will be connected to other nearby regional trails.
4. The Heritage Quarries Recreation Area will be enhanced **with a range of recreational amenities for the enjoyment of an expanding number of visitors/users**.
5. Private recreational facilities will be encouraged.
6. Water based recreational opportunities will be provided in or near Lemont.

# Comprehensive Plan Public Engagement Strategy

## GOAL

To ensure all stakeholders:

- are informed about the process and content of the plan throughout the update effort;
- have multiple opportunities to help shape the content of the plan; and
- have multiple formats through which to provide their input.

Phase	Activity	Format	Potential Tools / Resources Needed	Examples
<i>Theme Generation</i>	We seek public input on those things people want to preserve, enhance or change about Lemont. This input will be the basis on which we create our major plan themes (recommendation chapters)	In-person workshop?? (could also serve as a general introductory mtg.)		
		Online photo submissions	Flickr	
		Online survey	Survey Monkey, Village website	
<i>Theme Refinement</i>	Using the input received from the Theme Generation phase, we generate a list of major themes (including goals). We seek input for revisions to the themes (e.g. additions, revisions, deletions, mergers) and ranking of themes by priority.	Online voting??	UserVoice (\$10 to \$125/mo)	
		In-person workshop (small groups format preferable)	Additional facilitators	<a href="#">CMAP</a>
<i>Strategy Analysis</i>	We finalize the plan themes based on input received in the theme refinement phase. We research different possible strategies to accomplish theme goals. We prepare issue guides for the next phase of public involvement.	No public input sought during this phase.		
<i>Strategy Selection</i>	Using the Community Conversation format and/or build-out scenario format we seek public input to discuss and rank potential key strategies/approaches to reach theme goals.	In-person meetings (not sure how to best integrate PZC and general public involvement at this stage)	Community Conversation guides; CommunityViz (\$850)	<a href="#">Public Agenda</a> , <a href="#">NIFI</a> , <a href="#">CommunityViz</a>
<i>Draft Plan Review</i>	Based on the input gathered in previous phases, we present draft elements of the new Comprehensive Plan for review.	In-person meetings (PZC, steering committee?)		
		Online commenting	Village website	