



**VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**
Monday, February 23, 2026
Lower Level of Village Hall
7:00 PM

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 9, 2026 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 9, 2026 CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

PUBLIC COMMENT: - emailed public comment can be sent to the deputy village clerk at mroach@forestpark.net prior to 6:30 p.m. the day of the meeting

COMMUNICATIONS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Public Works - 2025 Annual Report
2. Public Health and Safety - 2025 Annual Report
3. Community Center Report - February 2026

BILLS BY RESOLUTION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Burke Engineering- 2026 Infrastructure Project Presentation
2. Forest Park Ordinance Appointing a Village Clerk for the Village of Forest Park - Carla Taylor
3. Forest Park Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Ryan LLC regarding the Evaluation of Certain Areas located at or near the intersection of Brown Avenue and Franklin Street in regard to a Potential Tax Increment Financing District
4. Approval: Howard Mohr Community Center Senior Trip – Timberlake Playhouse Les Miserable

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

Village of Forest Park
Village Council Meeting February 9, 2026
Meeting minutes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hoskins led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 p.m

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Maxham, Commissioner Nero, Commissioner Melin-Rogovin, Commissioner Voogd, Mayor Hoskins

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 26, 2026 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Motion to approve the minutes from January 26, 2026, regular meeting was made by Commissioner Maxham, seconded by Commissioner Nero, and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

COMMUNICATIONS

No formal communications were before the Council.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department Annual Report - 2025

Commissioner Maxham thanked Chief Hankus for the comprehensive annual report. She highlighted several key points from the report, including:

- A record-breaking year with 4,742 calls for service, approximately 250 more calls than the previous year
- Ongoing staffing challenges, noting the difficulty in recruitment compared to past decades
- The importance of continued training
- Facility needs requiring ongoing attention
- Fleet issues, including an engine that needed a full motor replacement and another taken out of service

Commissioner Voogd added that the department is the second busiest single-house department in the State of Illinois, emphasizing the dedication of the personnel and his commitment to continue advocating for the fire department's needs with his colleagues.

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin expressed appreciation for all village departments that provide regular reports, noting how they provide valuable information for both council members and the community.

Fire Department – January 2026

No specific discussion

Community Center – January 2026

No specific discussion

BILLS BY RESOLUTION

Deputy Clerk Roach read the bills by resolution for the various departments, with a total amount of \$927,493.74.

Motion to adopt the resolution on the bills was made by Commissioner Maxham, seconded by Commissioner Nero, and approved unanimously. This was recorded as **Resolution 11-26**.

NEW BUSINESS

1 Presentation: Lauterbach and Amen, LLC

Mr. Joe Laudont from Lauterbach and Amen presented the 2025 annual financial report to the Council. He provided three required pieces of communication:

- SaaS 114 Letter - Confirmed there were no disagreements with management during the audit process
- Annual Financial Report - Highlighted key sections including:
- Unmodified opinion (cleanest form of assurance)
- Management's discussion and analysis starting on page 5
- General fund showing a decrease in fund balance of approximately \$1,300,000, with ending balance of \$252,000
- Water fund showing an increase of approximately \$7,700,000, ending with \$39,000,000
- Management Letter - Listed best practice recommendations and upcoming GASB standards

Commissioner Maxham raised concerns about the village's credit rating changing from stable to no outlook and questioned what a BA1 rating meant, noting her research indicated it suggested "substantial credit risk." She also discussed the net position analysis, highlighting that while it showed improvement, Director Olmsted had clarified this did not indicate improved financial stability for several reasons:

- The unrestricted net position still has a \$115 million deficit
- Revenue was flat or from one-time sources
- Expenditures are budgeted to increase by 11.5% in 2026
- The village is not meeting actuarially determined pension contributions
- Significant new long-term debt is expected

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin requested additional context on how the long-term financial picture relates to the operating funds, and Mr. Laudont explained that governmental activities include both operating fund balances and long-term liabilities like pensions.

2 Presentation: Board of Health

Board of Health Chairperson Mishawn Purnell-O'Neal and board members Susan Buss and Lindsey Baish-Flynn presented findings from their community assessment on mental health services in Forest Park. The assessment included:

- A community survey with 158 household responses (2.2% of households)
- 80% felt Forest Park was a safe and healthy place to live
- 83% felt it was inclusive and welcoming
- 69% reported experiencing anxiety in the past year (3x the national average)
- 56% reported experiencing depression (7x the national average)
- Roundtable discussions with 7 community providers including police, fire, library, community center, ProCare Center, and District 91

Based on their findings, the Board made five recommendations:

- Create a comprehensive, clear, and regularly updated directory of mental health resources
- Hire a licensed clinical social worker to facilitate mental health resourcing
- Form strategic partnerships with neighboring communities
- Conduct the mental health survey and roundtables every two years
- Provide more training and support services for frontline civic employees

Commissioners expressed appreciation for the Board's thorough work and expressed interest in further discussions to implement recommendations where feasible.

3 Ordinance authorizing a loan from Forest Park National Bank

Motion to approve the ordinance authorizing a loan from Forest Park National Bank was made by Commissioner Maxham, seconded by Commissioner Nero, and approved unanimously **Ordinance 05-26**.

4 Ordinance waiving the bidding process and authorizing the purchase of one Pierce Enforcer Pierce Ultimate Configuration (PUC) 100' Ascendant Tower Ladder Truck by the Village

Commissioner Maxham emphasized the critical need for this purchase, reading from Chief Hankus' letter that described a recent structure fire where firefighters had to rescue a resident from a third-story window using a ground ladder that was too short and had to be operated at an unsafe angle due to the lack of a tower ladder truck.

Motion to approve the ordinance waiving the bidding process and authorizing the purchase of one Pierce Enforcer Pierce Ultimate Configuration (PUC) 100' Ascendant Tower Ladder Truck was made by Commissioner Maxham, seconded by Commissioner Nero, and approved unanimously **Ordinance 06-26**.

5 Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the IGA between the Village and the County of Cook, acting through its Bureau of Asset Management, for the design, construction, installation, operation and maintenance of two (2) electric vehicle charging stations

Commissioner Maxham asked if this would involve additional expense to the village. Administrator Entler clarified that there would be no immediate cost, as this amendment would simply allow the county to consider Forest Park for a second charger using ARPA funds. Any future expenses would come before the Council for approval first.

Motion to approve the resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the IGA between the Village and the County of Cook was made by Commissioner Voogd, seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin, and approved unanimously **Resolution 12-26**.

6 Resolution authorizing the approval of Pay Request #11 for the AMI Water Meters Replacement Project to Veregy Central, LLC

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the approval of Pay Request #11 for the AMI Water Meters Replacement Project to Veregy Central, LLC was made by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin, seconded by Commissioner Voogd, and approved unanimously **Resolution 13-26**.

7 Approval: Motion to Direct the Board of Fire and Police to offer employment to the next two (2) eligible Probationary Firefighters

Motion to direct the Board of Fire and Police to offer employment to the next two (2) eligible Probationary Firefighters was made by Commissioner Maxham, seconded by Commissioner Nero, and approved unanimously.

8 Approval: Application for Use of Public Way – Food Aid 2026: Robert's Westside

Motion to approve the application for Use of Public Way for Food Aid 2026 by Robert's Westside was made by Commissioner Voogd, seconded by Commissioner Melin-Rogovin, and approved unanimously.

9 Approval: Community Center Senior Trip Agreement – The Barrel Run

Motion to approve the Community Center Senior Trip Agreement for The Barrel Run was made by Commissioner Maxham, seconded by Commissioner Nero, and approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Entler reported on several items:

- She acknowledged Forest Park Bank for quickly processing the loan for the fire truck, noting the value of working with a local community bank.
- She shared that WESCOM, the village's dispatch center, had been chosen as part of the first cohort to participate in the Community Emergency Services and Supports Act. This will allow emergency operators to refer calls seeking mental health support to a service that can dispatch mental health professionals instead of police.
- She noted that a new style of minutes was being tested using software that helps compile meeting information through video.
- She announced that vehicle stickers are now on sale and residents can come to Village Hall to purchase them.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Maxham discussed the village's financial challenges, noting that at the previous budget meeting, she had requested support for a new places of eating tax, which was not supported. She explained that the alternative revenue sources identified (off-street parking and amnesty/booting program) would likely not generate significant revenue.

She emphasized that property taxes, while a major source of revenue, see 80% directed to pension obligations, and according to the audit report, the levy is below the actuarially determined contribution for both police and fire pension funds. She urged her fellow commissioners to consider the places of eating tax or suggest other viable revenue sources before the upcoming budget meetings.

Commissioner Nero - No report

Commissioner Melin-Rogovin shared positive feedback from a resident about the Public Works Department's quick response to a water main break. She announced an upcoming Traffic and Safety Town Hall on February 18th at 7 PM and promoted an Earth Day recycled material art exhibition being organized in partnership with the Arts Alliance, Environmental Commission, and Chicago Conservation Corps. She also mentioned her attendance at the WCMC legislative breakfast.

Commissioner Voogd expressed support for exploring revenue sources that don't place the entire burden on residents, such as the places of eating tax, which would also capture revenue from visitors. He also suggested that additional charging stations could help bring visitors to shop and dine in Forest Park.

Mayor Hoskins reported on his attendance at a community dinner celebrating Proviso East High School's elevation to "commendable status." He noted that Superintendent Mohip was invited to join the village at the West Central Conference legislative breakfast, along with President Preckwinkle's legislative director. The mayor also discussed ongoing work to implement provisions in the Northern Illinois Transit Authority legislation that would allow Forest Park to seek reimbursement for first responder costs related to transit, potentially worth close to \$1 million annually.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) – COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS

Motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) regarding collective negotiation was made by Commissioner Nero, seconded by Commissioner Maxham, and approved unanimously at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Deputy Village Clerk Megan Roach



2025 FOREST PARK PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNUAL OPERATIONS REPORT

Reporting Year: 2025

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Works Department remains committed to its mission of delivering safe, reliable, and efficient infrastructure and essential services that support the community's daily life and long-term sustainability. The department's core responsibilities include maintaining road infrastructure, managing our sewer & water system, maintaining our tree canopy, supporting municipal facilities, and maintaining the Village's vehicle and equipment fleet. Through these services, Public Works plays a vital role in protecting public health, ensuring mobility, and preserving the community's built environment.

Over the past year, the department has achieved several key accomplishments across all divisions. Street maintenance teams improved roadway quality through targeted pavement repairs, enhanced snow and ice operations, and upgraded traffic signs and pavement markings. Water Department staff ensured continued delivery of safe drinking water by completing scheduled infrastructure maintenance, responding quickly to main breaks, and upholding all regulatory standards. Fleet and Facilities Departments completed critical preventative maintenance, replaced aging fleet, improved equipment uptime, and advanced energy-saving measures across municipal buildings.

The department also faced several significant challenges, including aging infrastructure, staffing constraints, supply chain delays, rising operational costs, and increasingly severe weather events. One other challenge was the ongoing collection of shopping carts throughout the village & the constant need to attend to litter, in order to maintain a clean & attractive Village. These challenges were addressed through targeted resource allocation, expanded use of preventative maintenance programs, cross-training of staff, strategic scheduling adjustments, and close coordination with contractors and suppliers.

Despite external pressures, the department successfully maintained core service levels while strengthening resilience across operational areas.

Performance metrics for the year highlight the department's continued effectiveness. Response times for high-priority work orders remained strong, pavement conditions were maintained or improved, water system reliability stayed high with minimal service disruptions, catch basins and sanitary sewer main lines were cleaned & jetted. Fleet reliability has begun to show strong signs due to proactive maintenance planning.

Financially, the department operated within its approved budget, balancing operational needs with responsible fiscal management. Operating funds were used efficiently to support essential services, while capital dollars were strategically invested in long-term infrastructure improvements. Grant funding and alternative revenue sources were leveraged where it is possible to offset costs and extend the value of local tax and utility ratepayer contributions.

Through the dedication of its staff, strategic planning, and a continued focus on service excellence, the Public Works Department delivered reliable, high-quality services while advancing the community's infrastructure needs. The department remains committed to improving operations, investing wisely in public assets, and preparing for the challenges and opportunities of the year ahead.

2. DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Public Works Department is responsible for planning, constructing, operating, and maintaining the community's essential infrastructure and municipal services. As one of the Village's core service providers, the department supports public safety, mobility, environmental stewardship, and overall quality of life. Public Works oversees a wide range of critical functions—including streets and transportation systems, alleys, streetlights/traffic lights, Municipal lots, tree maintenance, sewer & water utilities, fleet and facilities maintenance, and support for capital infrastructure improvements. The Public Works Department is also responsible for all setup, maintenance & take down of all Village community events.

2.1 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Public Works Director

- └─ **Street Division**
 - └─ Street Sweeper Operator
 - └─ Road Maintenance Crew Member (2)
 - └─ Traffic Crew Member (2)

- └─ **Water Division**
 - └─ Water Operator (2)

- └─ **Sewer Division**
 - └─ Sewer Crew Member (2)

- └─ **Forestry Division**
 - └─ Boom Truck Operator
 - └─ Forestry Crew Member (2)

- └─ **Grounds Division**
 - └─ Grounds Crew Member (2)

- └─ **Fleet Management Division**
 - └─ Fleet Manager

2.2 CORE SERVICE AREAS

- Streets maintenance, street/traffic lights maintenance, traffic markings & sign maintenance
- Sewer & Water Utilities
- Facilities Maintenance
- Forestry Maintenance
- Fleet Management
- Municipal Lots, Parks and Grounds Maintenance

Street Division

The Street Division ensures the city's roadway network remains clean, safe, and well-maintained. Core services include:

- **Street Sweeping:** A dedicated Street Sweeper Operator performs routine sweeping to remove debris, seasonal sweeping during leaf removal, enhance roadway safety, and support environmental compliance.
- **Road Maintenance Crew (2):** Performs pavement repairs, pothole patching, and water main/sewer main repair restoration.
- **Traffic Crew (2):** Installs, repairs, and maintains traffic signs, pavement markings, curb painting and temporary traffic-control devices essential for safe transportation flow. Maintains all Village streetlights and select traffic lights (Contracted).

These services collectively support efficient mobility and roadway safety throughout the community.

Water Division

The Water Division oversees the safe operation of the municipal drinking water system. Two certified Class C water operators are responsible for:

- Maintaining water distribution infrastructure including mains, hydrants, valves, and meters
- Conducting regulatory sampling and water quality monitoring
- Responding to leaks, main breaks, and customer service issues
- Supporting/overseeing planned utility upgrades and preventive maintenance
- Responding to JULIE locate requests
- GIS water infrastructure maintenance

This division ensures residents and businesses receive clean, safe, and reliable drinking water every day.

Sewer Division

The Sewer Division maintains the community's combined (Sanitary/Storm) collection system to protect public health and prevent environmental contamination. Responsibilities include:

- Routine cleaning, jetting, and CCTV inspection of sewer lines & catch basins
- Maintaining manholes, service laterals, and other collection system infrastructure
- Quick response to blockages, backups, or emergency repairs
- GIS sewer infrastructure maintenance

A two-person sewer crew performs both preventive and corrective maintenance to ensure reliable system performance.

Forestry Division

The Forestry Division manages public trees and vegetation in rights-of-way and city-owned properties. Staff include a boom-truck operator and a two-person forestry crew, responsible for:

- Tree trimming and hazard-tree removal
- Brush and storm debris clearing/Christmas tree pick-up
- Tree planting, health monitoring, and stump removal
- Parkway restoration
- GIS tree canopy inventory maintenance

These services promote public safety, support storm readiness, and contribute to a healthy urban forest.

Grounds Division

The Grounds Division supports the maintenance and appearance of public spaces, Village owned parks, and municipal property. A two-person grounds crew provides:

- Mowing and trimming
- Litter pickup and beautification work
- Seasonal tasks including leaf removal, landscaping, and ornamental planting
- Maintenance of city gateways, medians, recreational areas, Municipal parking lots and facility grounds

This division ensures community spaces remain welcoming, safe, and attractive.

Fleet Management Division

The Fleet Management Division maintains the vehicles, equipment, and machinery necessary to support all Village Services. Responsibilities include:

- Preventive maintenance, repairs, and diagnostics for trucks, loaders, sweepers, utility vehicles, specialty equipment, Police vehicles, Fire Vehicles & Community Center vehicles
- Ensuring regulatory compliance for vehicle inspections and safety requirements
- Managing fuel usage, parts inventory, and maintenance records
- Supporting equipment replacement planning and long-term lifecycle management

Fleet Management plays a vital role in minimizing downtime, extending equipment life, and ensuring all Village departments have the resources needed to perform their duties efficiently.

3.1 STREETS & TRANSPORTATION

- Street and alley miles maintained: 30 street miles and 16 alley miles. 2.4 square miles total

- Pavement repairs: Daily (Weather permitting)

- 45.14 tons of HMA: **\$2,889.00**
- 15 tons of cold patch: **\$2,400**

- Snow and ice operations

- Salt: 1,244 tons - **\$79,231**
- Overtime
 - Public Property: 269hrs x 1.5 - **\$14,163**, 116hrs x 2 - **\$8,143**
 - Streets: 192hrs x 1.5 - **\$10,109**, 121hrs x 2 - **\$8,494**
 - Water: 155hrs x 1.5 - **\$9,318**, 48hrs x 2 - **\$3,816**
 - Fleet: 113hrs x 1.5 - **\$6,670**, 32hrs x 2 - **\$2,518**

- Street signage and markings installed/repaired: **\$11,346**

- Streetlight maintenance: 410 lights maintained - **\$176,143**

- Traffic light maintenance: 5 intersections maintained - **\$31,938**

3.2 WATER UTILITY OPERATIONS

- Water production and distribution
- 33 miles of water main maintained
 - Purchased water: **433,183,538 gallons - \$2,141,068**
- Water main breaks and repairs: **8 -\$54,809**
- Hydrant maintenance: **\$1,963**
- Water quality testing: Monthly Bac-T, HAA5, THM, Lead & Copper, Stage 5 - **\$16,029**
- Overtime
 - Community Events: 29hrs x 1.5 - **\$1,766**
 - Water/sewer repair and miscellaneous: 130hrs x 1.5 - **\$7,917**, 12hrs x 2 - **\$974**

3.3 WASTEWATER /STORM SEWER OPERATIONS

- Sewer line jetting and catch basin cleaning
- 70 miles of sewer mains maintained
- Sewer repairs: **8 - \$56,482**
- Leaf removal: **233 tons - \$15,846**
 - Overtime
 - Public Property: 133hrs - **\$7,003**, Night Premium – 45 Days - **\$1,451**
 - Streets: 116hrs - **\$6,107**
 - Water: 30hrs - **\$1,705**
 - Fleet: 97hrs - **\$5,725**

3.4 FLEET SERVICES

- Number of vehicles maintained: **84**, not including equipment, trailers and hand tools
- Preventative maintenance records: All Data & CFA: **\$6,000**
- Fleet replacement schedule progress
 - Police Cruisers - **~75K each** (Outfitted)
 - Fire ladder truck - **\$2.1M**
 - Public Works: Chipper truck - **\$95K**, Bobcat - **\$40K x 2**
- Fuel usage summary
 - Unleaded: **40,813 gallons - \$137,440**
 - Diesel: **3,699 gallons - \$14,153**
- Overtime: 39hrs - **\$2,066**

3.5 FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

- Buildings maintained: **9**
- Energy efficiency upgrades: All municipal buildings outfitted with LED
- HVAC maintenance & repair
- Roof repairs & inspection
- Electrical repairs & inspections

3.6 FORESTRY

- Average work order completion time: 3-5 business days
- Trees Pruned in house: **75+**
- Trees removed in house: **30**
- 2025 Tree Pruning Program (Contracted): **884 - \$37,435**
- Trees removed (Contracted): **17 - \$43,625**
- Trees Pruned (Contracted): **12 - \$4,685**
- Trees Planted: **60 - \$16,105**
- Tree stump grinding: **\$5,700**

3.7 OVERTIME

- Public Property
 - Community Events: 68hrs x 1.5 - **\$3,580**, 16hrs x 2 - **\$1,123**
 - Trees & Miscellaneous: 533hrs x 1.5 - **\$28,080**, 12hrs x 2 - **\$842**
- Streets
 - Community Events: 63hrs x 1.5 - **\$3,317**
 - Trees and Miscellaneous: 90hrs x 1.5 - **4,739**, 16hrs x 2 - **\$1,123**

4. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)

4.1 COMPLETED PROJECTS

- 400 and 500 Ferdinand Ave. water main & road resurface
 - Bolder Construction: 1,123 ft of water main & 40 water services - **\$1,442,367.10**

- 800 Thomas/Hannah Green Alley

- Narduli Construction: **\$632,079.50**

- Balance of Stage 1 & majority of Stage 2 lead service line replacement

- Joel Kennedy Construction: 275+ water services - **\$2,035,840**

- 2025 sidewalk replacement

- Robert Andreas Concrete: 28 locations - **\$41,537.50**

4.2 PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

- Balance of Stage 2 lead service line replacement

- 5 Star Construction: 275+ water services - **\$2,821,326**

- Village wide water meter replacement

- Veregy Consultants: 3329 Sensus water meters & smart points/1 antenna/VX Smart Portal/Sensus Analytics/Training - **\$3,689,577**

4.3 UPCOMING PLANNED PROJECTS

- Stage 3 lead service line replacement

- Jackson Blvd. water main & road resurface

- 600 Thomas/Hannah Green Alley

- 2026 Sidewalk replacement/grinding

5. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

- Public Works continues to purchase electric/battery powered tools/equipment

- LED lighting in all municipal buildings

- In-house ice & water machine

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

- Yearly Bulk Pick-Up & Electronics Recycling Week

- Arbor Day Celebration

- Tree Planting Grant Ceremony

- Recreation Board Clean Up Events (Spring & Fall)

- Recreation Board Pumpkin Smash

- 2025 Public Works Open House

- Yearly Casket Races participants
- Weekly Newsletter information. Newsletter/Social Media alerts for snow
- Welcome field trips from local schools and organizations
- Striving for a dedicated Public Works Social Media page

6.1. COMMUNITY EVENTS REQUIRING PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES

- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Arbor Day
- Community Clean Up (Spring/Fall)
- Juneteenth Celebration
- Pride Celebration
- Hispanic Heritage Celebration
- Park District 4th of July Celebration
- German Fest (Cancelled)
- Summer Fest/Music Fest (Cancelled)
- Groovin' In The Grove
- Garage Galleries
- Rib Fest (Cancelled)
- Living Word 5K
- Casket Races
- Pumpkin Smash
- Holiday Walk
- Menorah Lighting

7. CHALLENGES & RISKS

- Public Works departments are experiencing significant cost pressures driven largely by rising prices for key construction materials, including steel, aluminum, concrete, and lumber, many of which saw sharp increases through 2025 and into 2026. Industry data show average year-over-year material cost increases of around **5%**, with major commodities such as steel and aluminum rising **20–30%**, largely due to tariffs and supply chain volatility.

Supply constraints are compounded by labor shortages, especially in skilled trades, which delay projects and increase labor-related costs for municipalities. Persistent workforce gaps and weakened labor supply have been cited as long-term structural issues that continue to elevate wages and extend delivery timelines.

Meanwhile, Public Works infrastructure projects remain vulnerable to uncertainty related to federal funding cycles, tariffs, and shifting policy priorities. Reports highlight that 2026 may bring further cost escalation as trade-policy-related increases become more pronounced, placing additional financial strain on Public Works departments managing road, utility, building, and fleet maintenance programs.

Overall, Public Works departments face a tightening environment of higher material prices, longer lead times, strained budgets, and persistent labor shortages, all of which complicate planning, procurement, and execution of essential infrastructure projects.

8. GOALS & PRIORITIES

- **1. Maintain Safe and Reliable Infrastructure**

Ensuring roads, bridges, sidewalks, traffic systems, water systems, and public facilities remain safe, functional, and compliant with current standards.

2. Deliver Efficient Public Services

Providing core services such as snow removal, tree maintenance, road maintenance, street sweeping, fleet maintenance and sewer/water operations in a timely and cost-effective manner.

3. Financial Responsibly

Managing budgets, equipment, materials, and staffing efficiently.

4. Support Long-Term Asset Management

Planning maintenance schedules, capital improvements, and lifecycle replacements to extend the useful life of infrastructure and reduce long-term costs.

5. Improve Community Safety and Quality of Life

Responding quickly to hazards, maintaining clean public spaces, and supporting safe transportation networks for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists.

6. Strengthen Emergency Preparedness

Ensuring the department can respond to severe weather, infrastructure failures, and other emergencies through coordinated planning and readiness.

7. Transparency and Community Engagement

Communicating clearly with residents about projects, service interruptions, and long-term plans while incorporating public input where appropriate.

8. Streamlined Water Meter System

The ability to monitor the Village's entire water system. Conserving water and reducing the risk of elevated water bills, through staff and a customer portal.

9. APPENDICES

- A. Equipment Inventory

Unit #	Truck Description	Year	Tasks/Division
49	Caterpillar IT24F Loader	1999	Leaves/Salt/Various tasks w/ forks
30	Case 621F Loader	2016	Leaves/Salt/Various other tasks
55	International	1999	Forestry - Brush Chipper Truck
66	Ford F250 Pick-Up	2024	Garbage/Grass/Various tasks/Plowing
54	International HV Dump	2024	Leaves/Plowing
42	International HV Dump	2024	Leaves/Plowing
46	International Vac/Jet Truck	2023	Sewer Division
60	Ford F550 Bucket Truck	2024	Forestry/Banners
58	Jeep Wrangler	2022	Parking meters/Paint/Lot Plowing
B2	Bobcat Skidsteer	2002	Break outs/Trees/Sidewalk Plowing
B3	Bobcat Skidsteer	2002	Break outs/Trees/Sidewalk Plowing
B4	Bobcat Skidsteer	2002	Break outs/Trees/Sidewalk Plowing
36	Ford F350 Utility Truck	2024	Street Signs/Painting/Plowing
56	Ford F350 Dump Truck	2006	Garbage/Various tasks
50	Ford F350 Pick-Up	2006	Fleet Manager
39	Ford F450 Dump Truck	2007	Garbage/Various tasks/Plowing
44	Elgin Street Sweeper	2023	Street Sweeping
41	Ford F250 Pick-Up	2011	Water Tank/Hot Patcher
48	International Large Dump	2011	Leaves/Plowing
V2	Vermeer Brush Chipper	2015	Forestry
H60R	Hustler Riding Mower	2007	Grass
R2	Asphalt Roller	2016	Street repairs
T1	Enclosed Green Trailer	2025	Grass/Trees/Bobcat transport
T2	Hot Patch Trailer	2012	Street Repair
T3	Roller Trailer	2016	Street Repair/Bobcat Transport
L1	Line Lazer Striper	2018	Curb Painting
61	Ford Explorer AWD SUV	2022	Director
62	Ford 250 Super Duty Pick-Up	2021	Grass/Various Tasks/Plowing
47	International HV Dump	2022	Leaves/Plowing
H60Z	Hustler Riding Mower	2022	Grass
32	Ford F450 w/ Utility Build	2013	Water

- B. Pictures



Forest Park Community Clean-Up

NOW SCHEDULED FOR:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
 9am to Noon

ROOS RECREATION CENTER
 Pavilion @ 7329 Harrison St

50 T-Shirts will be distributed to volunteers on the 27th while supplies last!
 Thank you to our generous sponsor

AGES 18+ UNDER 18 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN A WAIVER!



Park District of Forest Park
Stay. Play. Get Fit.

OFFICE OF
FOREST PARK
ALL CITY SERVICES QUALITY LIFE DIVISION

COMMISSIONER JESSICA VOOGD
 RECREATION BOARD & PUBLIC WORKS

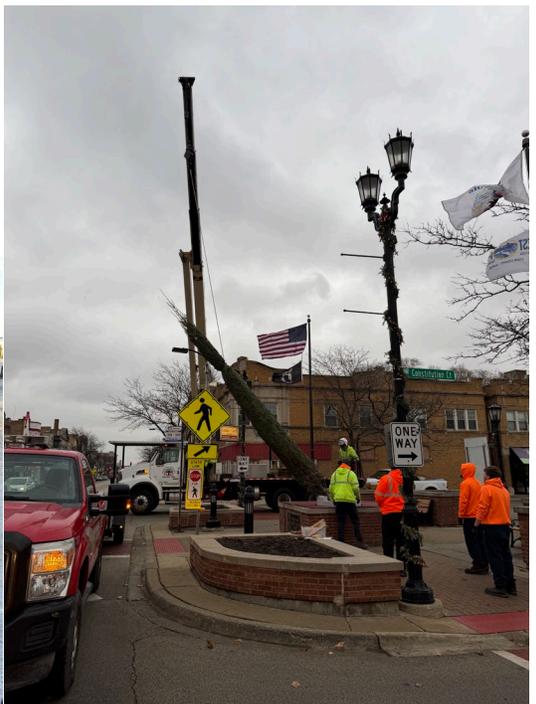


SCAN ME









2025 Annual Report of Activities – Department of Public Health and Safety

Permits Issued 721

Inspections per permit (range) 2-9 depending on scope, type of project. Average 5 per permit.

Total permit inspections (est) 3605

Trade	Inspections Required
Electric **	Minimum 2
Plumbing **	Minimum 2
HVAC **	1
Building Inspections by type	
Concrete	1-3 depending on type
Framing	1
Firestopping	1
Insulation	1
Drywall	1
Final Building	1
Ice and Water Shield (roof)	1
Utility	2
Post hold (fence/deck)	1-3

Property Sales – All properties are inspected by DPHS at least once. Code violations require additional permitting and inspections to ensure remedy.

Condo	101
Townhome	22
SFD	100
Multi-family	52
Commercial	13
Total	<u>288</u>

*note this is total first inspections only. Most involve 1 or more re-inspections depending on the scope and type of required remedy.

Conditional Certificates Issued in 2025 was 90. Prior to closing, the buyer and seller determine who will be responsible for code violation remedy. If the buyer is taking responsibility for compliance a CC is required to ensure compliance. In terms of violations found, more than 50% are minor and corrective action is taken by the seller prior to closing

*note all property and land transactions also require the handling and routing of closing docs by DPHS prior to transfer stamp issuance.

Contractors Licensing and Registration – 495 contractors registered in 2025.

Property Maintenance Citations – 332 citations were issued in 2025

Rodent Abatement was conducted bi-monthly by 3rd party Smithereen Pest Control and daily by DPHS personnel. This process also includes replacement of rodent damaged trash containers. Hundreds of such requests were processed by DPHS field and office staff.

Zoning activity. Zoning inquiries are made daily to the DPHS office. Inquiries include but not limited to requests for classification, use confirmation (prohibited, permitted or special) and verification of eligibility for re-build. Only one case was brought before the Planning and Zoning Commission in 2025. This was unprecedented from year over year totals.

Development activity

There were limited development opportunities in calendar 2025. This was due a difficult construction environment, limited open space and skyrocketing tax-per-door on new construction. 2026 looks promising with 7459 Franklin recently coming on the market. This 107,000 sf (2.5 acre) property is prime for re—development. Proximity to the City of Chicago, mass transit and the limited access divided highway. It also offers the value add of taking an industrial use and its truck and train activity off FP streets. This location is the last active Union Pacific rail spur in Forest Park with weekly deliveries of lumber by rail car. This location is the last of two north side locations hosting industrial uses. Re-development from Industrial to residential is likely.



Existing Conditions

The Altenheim remains in limbo but if future use is determined staff believes the same high quality developers expressing interest in Suburban Lumber are likely to also be interested in his location.

Economic Development and Business Licensing

In years past, revenue producing new businesses were scarce and frequently lost to local communities offering incentive dollars. 2026 will be the year of institutional changes with several long time restaurant owners hanging up their apron. DPHS fully expects backfill of these locations will be relatively seamless offering new menu's and types of cuisines. The former archery spot on Madison will be open in the coming months as a restaurant. Original Steaks and Hoagies had a creative and successful grand opening. Pending projects on Roosevelt Rd. are still in negotiations or due diligence. The restoration of the National Guard facility will be delayed indefinitely due to the previous occupant (DoD) leaving the space without winterizing resulting in boiler compromise, broken water pipes and the roof needs to be replaced in total. Two cannabis dispensaries opened in 20025. Parkway on Madison closed their doors in November without notice to the Village or IDFPR Adult Use Cannabis Program. DPHS has been told a new company will be taking over the site but no timeline has been established.

New business license inspection, buildout with or without additional permitting is tracked by DPHS depending on current use or anticipated future use. DPHS processed and approved 35 business licenses in 2025.

****Sanitation Inspections**

Cook County Public Health performs field inspections 2x annually. Deficiencies reported to DPHS trigger a follow inspection by DPHS staff. Likewise plan reviews for new construction or renovations are performed by DPHS staff. Total inspections 165 in 2025.

****Elevator Inspections**

Performed 2x annually by Elevator Inspection Services. 168 inspections were completed in 2025

Utility permitting

DPHS reviews all utility permits from subgrade to overhead to wireless. CBBEL reviews and comments on each. ComEd and Nicor alone submit permit plans on a weekly basis from April thru November.

Reviews specifically call out subgrade utility conflicts (sewer, water mains/services, low and high voltage cable). Telecomms wishing to upgrade or remove equipment must submit engineering for removal and provide evidence of restoration. Ground leases are executed for ground equipment with legal review by SRD.

*utility permit pass thru fees are not re-billed for utilities engaged in a franchise agreement with the Village.

Complaint investigation and unscheduled requests for field visits. Field visits requested by phone, email or the Village complaint portal average 3-5 per day annually with spikes during warm weather. Examples include but are not limited to rodent investigations, overflowing garbage, neighbor disputes and requests for professional assistance by our plumbing and electrical inspectors.

Notable projects completed in 2025

- 801 Harlem – U-Haul 6 story self storage
- 7547 Washington – townhome
- 949 Beloit – townhome
- 500 Circle – deconversion and rehab to single family dwelling
- U3 Coffee
- Espresso Café
- Parkway Cannabis (closed temporarily but scheduled to re-open)
- Re-design of the entire campus located at Circle and Harlem Ave. Including landscape improvements, welcome to FP monument, two exterior renovations (Dunkin and Pep Boys) and buildouts of three new tenant spaces (all currently lease and occupied) at the former CVS.

**denotes services provided that are re-billed to the business, permit holder or property owner

DPHS full time staff:

Steve Glinke – Director

Sandy Nutley – Office manager

DPHS part time staff 19 or less per week. They are paid hourly with no benefits:

Scott Popelka – Property sales and code enforcement

Michelle Roque – Office staff

**DPHS Paid by inspection staff who are compensated by flat fee for inspections and reviews:

Mike Stisevic – Electrical inspector

Ray Traynor – Plumbing inspector

**Contracted staff:

Planning and Zoning – currently vacant

Lakeside Consultants – plan review, HVAC and new construction inspection and tracking

B and F Technical – plan review for medium to large development inspection and tracking

Christopher Burke Engineering

Monthly Report: February 2026

Howard Mohr Community Center

All data for dates 2/2/2026-2/20/26

BUSING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Busing is Monday – Friday from 8:15am to 3:00pm -Provided 50 kids per day rides to school: before (am) and after (pm) -Provided 331 trips for senior citizens to and from doctor appointment/shopping -Weekly 47 standing appointments-141 monthly
CLUBHOUSE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Currently there are 69 kids enrolled in the before and after care program. -Take state funded students: currently 23 students on Daycare Action -Clubhouse 6:30am to 8:00am and 2:45pm to 6:00pm
SENIOR ACTIVITIES/TRIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Senior Day trips to 1. Valentine Mystery trip – 26 people attended, Fannie Mae, Buck Russells to make valentine cakes 2. Paramount Theater in Aurora – 32 people attended, Lunch at Giordinos Trattoria -Senior Movies: 2nd Thursday of month, 4 people attended -Senior Bingo: 4th Thursday of the month, scheduled for Feb 26th
CLUBS/RENTALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Senior Club meets on Tuesday Mornings: have 37 total members and enrollment for 2026 just began -Kiwanis Club meets evening the 3rd Monday: 8 people attended -Boy Scouts meets evening two Thursdays: about 50 people attended- Pine Wood Derby scheduled March 1st -Pinochle group meets daytime on first and third Thursday, 12 people attend -Disable Veterans (DAV) meets evening second Thursday, 60 people attend -Airplane/Checkerboard Club meets evening 3rd Thursday, 25 people attend -Craft Club meets evening 3rd Wednesday, 12 people attend
OTHER/FUTURE PLANNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Food Pantry, assisted 29 residents with food -Completed Clubhouse Summer registration packets – in preparations for open enrollment starting March 2nd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - booked 6 field trips - contracted with District 91 to host summer program at Field Stevenson -Girls Night 2026-18 girls attended -Provided court ordered community service hours -15 hours -AARP Tax Aide- Tax appoints began 2/9 hosted 71 appointments -Senior Chair exercise, 7 people attended meets Tuesdays 1:00pm - Fit4Life Line dance class, 21 people attended weekly on Wednesdays at 11:30am -Develop new program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Seniors “Lunch Club” will meet first Thursday at local restaurant- March 5th 16 people signed up - “Parent’s Night Out” starting March 27th Rentals – Every weekend til May is filled, New Wednesday night contract signed for 12 consecutive weeks at \$250.00 per week

RESOLUTION No.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois, that we dispense with the reading of the individual bills inasmuch as each department head has approved and signed bills in the following aggregate amount for their respective departments.

Refunds and Allocations	188,726.51
Public Affairs	11,167.80
Police Department	6,742.09
Community Center	288.16
Accounts & Finance (Clerks Office)	40,878.22
Accounts & Finance (Fire Department)	937.58
Department of Health & Safety	3,940.00
Streets and Public Improvements	31,985.05
Public Property	13,458.86
Seizure	535.00
Federal Customs	3,411.00
TIF	10,725.86
VIP	6,155.60
Water Department	314,519.41
TOTAL	\$ 633,471.14

ADOPTED BY THE Council of the Village of Forest Park this 23rd Day of February 2026

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent:

Rory Hoskins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Megan Roach, Deputy Clerk



Account Number	Vendor	Invoice Date	Amount
100-00-000-1201-001	Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust	02/17/2026	122,709.63
100-00-000-1201-001	Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust	02/17/2026	65,905.88
100-00-000-4450-121	Passport Labs Inc	01/31/2026	111.00
		Refunds and Allocations	188,726.51



Account Number	Vendor	Invoice Date	Amount
100-10-101-6100-100	Storino Ramello & Durkin	01/31/2026	5,965.51
100-10-101-6100-100	Storino Ramello & Durkin	01/31/2026	3,679.20
100-10-101-6100-100	Storino Ramello & Durkin	01/31/2026	121.80
100-10-101-6100-100	Storino Ramello & Durkin	01/31/2026	835.80
100-10-101-6120-160	Zoom Video Communications Inc	02/04/2026	94.99
100-10-101-6120-305	Corey Thomas	02/10/2026	425.00
100-10-101-6120-305	Forest Park Chamber of Commerce	02/11/2026	25.00
100-11-111-6110-105	Springbrook Holding Company LLC	01/31/2026	20.50
		Public Affairs	11,167.80



Account Number	Vendor	Invoice Date	Amount
100-12-121-6120-305	Tom McNamara	02/07/2026	112.00
100-12-121-6150-114	West Suburban Chiefs of Police	02/04/2026	40.00
100-12-121-6160-100	Woodlake Occupational Health	02/02/2026	62.00
100-12-123-6145-200	SCHAUERS HARDWARE	01/31/2026	35.99
100-12-123-6145-202	McDonalds	02/02/2026	204.44
100-12-124-6150-114	Thomson Reuters-West	02/01/2026	578.41
100-12-125-6145-204	DACRA Adjudication System	01/31/2026	5,530.00
100-12-126-6140-112	Forest Printing Company	01/29/2026	179.25
		Police Department	6,742.09



Account Number	Vendor	Invoice Date	Amount
100-15-151-6120-305	Amazon.com	02/12/2026	77.96
100-15-152-6170-200	Amazon.com	02/05/2026	210.20
		Community Center	288.16



Account Number	Vendor	Invoice Date	Amount
100-21-211-5000-012	MGT Impact Solutions LLC	02/03/2026	4,089.00
100-21-211-6100-202	Municipal Collection Services	01/31/2026	28.59
100-21-211-6110-110	Gordon Flesch Co Inc	02/05/2026	33.82
100-21-211-6120-300	Resource Associates Inc	02/13/2026	55.00
100-21-211-6140-104	Quill	01/23/2026	89.44
100-21-211-6140-140	Megan Roach	02/10/2026	28.87
100-21-211-6140-140	Quill	01/29/2026	99.80
100-21-211-6140-140	Quill	02/04/2026	159.27
100-21-211-6140-140	Quill	02/05/2026	87.08
100-21-211-6150-150	AT&T	02/07/2026	117.93
100-21-211-6150-150	AT&T	02/07/2026	1,911.96
100-21-211-6160-001	Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust	02/17/2022	(4,294.58)
100-21-211-6160-001	Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust	12/11/2023	118.00
100-21-211-6160-001	Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust	12/11/2023	507.94
100-21-211-6160-001	Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust	06/08/2024	4,667.97
100-21-211-6160-001	Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust	02/05/2025	5,000.00
100-21-211-6160-001	Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust	07/24/2025	4,167.20
100-21-211-6160-001	Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust	08/31/2025	3,352.00
100-21-211-6160-001	Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust	10/20/2025	658.93
100-22-221-6310-410	Forest Park Chamber of Commerce	02/11/2026	20,000.00
	Accounts and Finance (Clerks Office)		40,878.22



Account Number	Vendor	Invoice Date	Amount
100-30-301-6140-200	SCHAUERS HARDWARE	01/31/2026	4.48
100-30-301-7000-040	SCHAUERS HARDWARE	01/31/2026	31.46
100-30-301-7000-040	Zeigler Ford North Riverside	02/02/2026	120.00
100-30-302-6145-100	Pro Fire Sales	02/02/2026	40.00
100-30-303-6145-300	D & K Truck Safety Lanes	01/31/2026	45.00
100-30-303-6145-300	Henry Schein	01/29/2026	38.30
100-30-303-6145-300	Henry Schein	02/02/2026	220.24
100-30-303-6145-300	Vitality Medical Inc	02/13/2026	342.85
100-30-303-6145-300	Zoll Medical Corp	01/28/2026	95.25
	Accounts and Finance (Fire Department)		937.58



Account Number	Vendor	Invoice Date	Amount
100-40-401-5000-017	Raymond Traynor	02/09/2026	585.00
100-40-402-6100-115	Courtney Kashima	01/31/2026	1,125.00
100-40-402-6141-003	Christopher Burke Engineering LTD	02/04/2026	187.50
100-40-402-6141-003	Christopher Burke Engineering LTD	02/04/2026	662.50
100-40-402-6141-003	Christopher Burke Engineering LTD	02/04/2026	890.00
100-40-402-6141-003	Christopher Burke Engineering LTD	02/04/2026	250.00
100-40-403-6150-230	Elevator Inspection Services	01/28/2026	80.00
100-40-403-6150-230	Elevator Inspection Services	02/02/2026	160.00
	Department of Health and Safety		3,940.00



Account Number	Vendor	Invoice Date	Amount
100-50-502-6140-202	SCHAUERS HARDWARE	01/31/2026	26.76
100-50-502-6185-106	Morton Salt Inc (MSI)	02/06/2026	3,002.04
100-50-502-6185-106	Morton Salt Inc (MSI)	02/11/2026	1,683.56
100-50-502-6185-106	RUSSO POWER EQUIPMENT	02/06/2026	1,086.25
100-50-502-6185-106	SNI Solutions	01/30/2029	6,480.00
100-50-502-6185-110	Traffic Control & Protection	02/09/2026	262.00
100-50-502-6185-110	Traffic Control & Protection	02/09/2026	50.00
100-50-502-6185-505	West Cook County Solid Waste	01/31/2026	19,394.44
	Streets and Public Improvements		31,985.05



Account Number	Vendor	Invoice Date	Amount
100-55-552-6180-101	SCHAUERS HARDWARE	01/31/2026	77.38
100-55-553-6180-152	Lyons Pinner Electric Co	02/05/2026	1,365.00
100-55-553-6180-160	Com Ed	01/30/2026	323.67
100-55-553-6180-160	Com Ed	01/31/2026	804.06
100-55-553-6180-160	Com Ed	02/02/2026	42.66
100-55-553-6180-160	Com Ed	02/02/2026	187.84
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100-55-553-6180-160	Com Ed	02/02/2026	42.66
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100-55-553-6180-160	Com Ed	02/02/2026	48.06
100-55-553-6180-160	Com Ed	02/03/2026	55.77
100-55-570-6155-106	Central Parts Warehouse	02/06/2026	1,680.70
100-55-570-6155-106	Interstate Billing Services Inc	02/10/2026	440.00
100-55-570-6155-106	Currie Motors Chevrolet	02/04/2026	71.88
100-55-570-6155-106	Currie Motors Chevrolet	02/11/2026	3.32
100-55-570-6155-106	Factory Motor Parts Co	01/28/2026	7.11
100-55-570-6155-106	Factory Motor Parts Co	01/30/2026	153.44
100-55-570-6155-106	Factory Motor Parts Co	02/02/2026	165.76
100-55-570-6155-106	Factory Motor Parts Co	02/03/2026	306.88
100-55-570-6155-106	Factory Motor Parts Co	02/05/2026	182.21
100-55-570-6155-106	Winter Equipment Co. Inc.	01/30/2026	1,155.00
100-55-570-6155-112	BC Body Craft Inc	10/15/2025	2,238.00
100-55-570-6155-112	Commercial Tire Service	01/29/2026	3,472.34
		Public Property	13,458.86



Account Number	Vendor	Invoice Date	Amount
230-00-000-6900-230	LB Lock & Key LLC	01/14/2025	535.00
		Seizure	535.00



Account Number	Vendor	Invoice Date	Amount
232-00-000-6900-231	Motorola Solutions StarCom21Network	02/01/2026	120.00
232-00-000-6900-231	Orbis Solutions Inc	01/30/2026	2,740.00
232-00-000-6900-231	Secretary of State	02/06/2026	151.00
232-00-000-6900-231	XTreme Graphics Lettering	01/30/2026	100.00
232-00-000-6900-231	XTreme Graphics Lettering	02/04/2026	100.00
232-00-000-6900-231	XTreme Graphics Lettering	02/04/2026	100.00
232-00-000-6900-231	XTreme Graphics Lettering	02/06/2026	100.00
	Federal Customs		3,411.00



Account Number	Vendor	Invoice Date	Amount
304-00-000-6100-100	Storino Ramello & Durkin	01/31/2026	1,680.00
306-00-000-6100-100	Storino Ramello & Durkin	01/31/2026	8,363.36
306-00-000-6100-100	Storino Ramello & Durkin	01/31/2026	420.00
309-00-000-6100-100	Storino Ramello & Durkin	01/31/2026	262.50
		TIF	10,725.86



Account Number	Vendor	Invoice Date	Amount
312-00-000-6100-100	Storino Ramello & Durkin	01/31/2026	262.50
312-00-000-6100-105	Christopher Burke Engineering LTD	02/04/2026	495.00
312-00-000-6180-114	SCHAUERS HARDWARE	01/31/2026	21.58
312-00-000-6180-200	Quill	01/23/2026	247.26
312-00-000-6180-200	Quill	01/29/2026	287.11
312-00-000-6180-200	Quill	02/04/2026	485.34
312-00-000-6180-200	Westchester Lock & Key Service Inc	02/03/2026	165.00
312-00-000-6180-210	Comcast	02/02/2026	40.68
312-00-000-6180-230	Comcast	02/01/2026	272.08
312-00-000-6180-240	SCHAUERS HARDWARE	01/31/2026	5.84
312-00-000-6180-240	Comcast	01/28/2026	2.31
312-00-000-6180-240	Case Lots Inc	01/30/2026	808.40
312-00-000-7000-130	Christopher Burke Engineering LTD	02/04/2026	2,902.50
312-00-000-7000-312	K-Five Hodgkins LLC	02/05/2026	160.00
		VIP	6,155.60



Account Number	Vendor	Invoice Date	Amount
501-80-800-6100-100	Storino Ramello & Durkin	01/31/2026	4,173.75
501-80-800-6110-105	Springbrook Holding Company LLC	01/31/2026	119.00
501-80-800-6150-152	Christopher Burke Engineering LTD	02/04/2026	3,581.25
501-80-800-6150-154	Com Ed	02/02/2026	164.70
501-80-800-6150-154	Com Ed	02/02/2026	44.39
501-80-800-6150-154	Com Ed	02/03/2026	355.72
501-80-800-6150-154	Constellation Energy Services Inc	02/02/2026	3,687.33
501-80-800-6150-156	NICOR	02/04/2026	393.17
501-80-800-6150-156	NICOR	02/04/2026	937.65
501-80-800-6800-100	City of Chicago	02/06/2026	257,322.48
501-80-800-6800-150	SCHAUERS HARDWARE	01/31/2026	110.66
501-80-800-6800-151	Core & Main LP	02/10/2026	493.15
501-80-800-6800-151	Infrasearch Inc	02/03/2026	950.00
501-80-800-6800-153	SCHAUERS HARDWARE	01/31/2026	144.37
501-80-800-6800-153	CDC ENTERPRISES INC	02/10/2026	1,000.00
501-80-800-7000-003	Christopher Burke Engineering LTD	02/04/2026	4,970.00
501-80-800-7000-006	Christopher Burke Engineering LTD	02/04/2026	2,071.79
501-80-800-7000-006	Christopher Burke Engineering LTD	02/04/2026	12,487.50
501-80-800-7000-006	Christopher Burke Engineering LTD	02/04/2026	21,512.50
	Water Department		314,519.41



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Memorandum

Date: February 23, 2026

To: Mayor Hoskins
Commissioner Maxham
Commissioner Nero
Commissioner Melin-Rogovin
Commissioner Voogd

From: Rachell Entler, Village Administrator

Re: 02/23/2026 Village Council Meeting Agenda

Dear Council Members,

Please find below a summary of the New Business items scheduled for consideration at the upcoming Village Council meeting. Each item is referenced by its corresponding agenda number for your convenience.

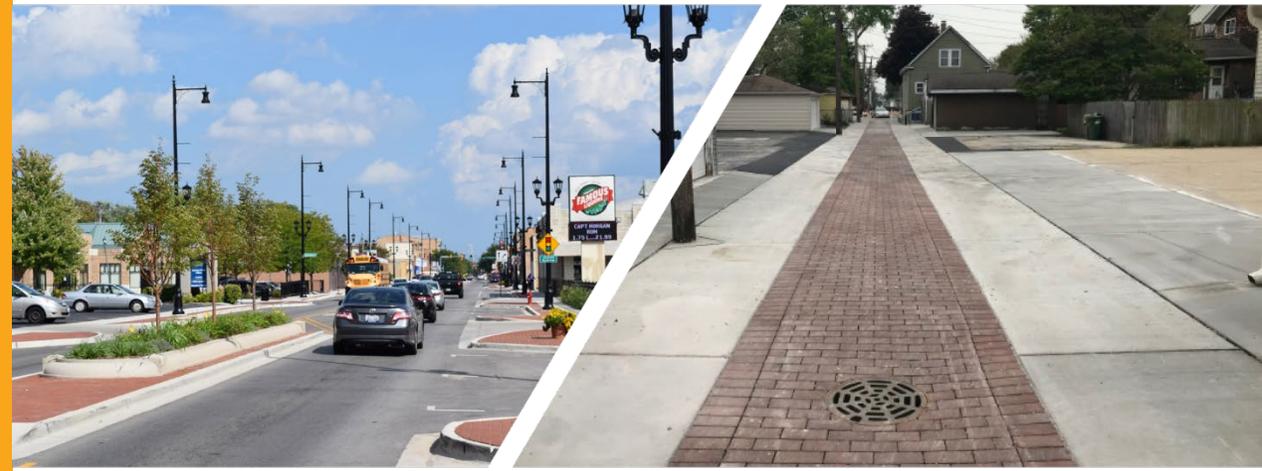
New Business Items-

- Burke Engineering- 2026 Infrastructure Project Presentation:** Burke Engineering will deliver a presentation outlining the proposed 2026 Infrastructure Project, including the status of ongoing work within the Village's three-year plan and the recommended next steps for the upcoming construction season.
- Forest Park Ordinance Appointing a Village Clerk for the Village of Forest Park - Carla Taylor:** I am recommending that Carla Taylor be appointed as Village Clerk for a term extending through May 1, 2027, and until a successor is appointed and qualified. Ms. Taylor would supervise the Clerk's Office staff and handle all duties assigned to the Village Clerk. As previously discussed, the Clerk's Office has been restructured to fall under the Finance Department. As Village Clerk, Ms. Taylor will report directly to Finance Director Olmsted. Approval of this appointment is requested so the Clerk's office may continue operating with full administrative capacity.
- Forest Park Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Ryan LLC regarding the Evaluation of Certain Areas located at or near the intersection of Brown Avenue and Franklin Street in regard to a Potential Tax Increment Financing District:** Staff is requesting approval of an agreement with Ryan LLC, which will allow the Village to conduct a professional study of areas located near Brown Avenue and Franklin Street to evaluate their eligibility for a potential Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. This agreement will support informed decision-making regarding future economic development opportunities.
- Approval: Howard Mohr Community Center Senior Trip – Timberlake Playhouse Les Miserable:** Community Center staff is requesting approval for a senior trip hosted by the Howard Mohr Community Center to the Timber Lake Playhouse for a performance of *Les Misérables*.

Should you need further information or have any questions regarding these agenda items, please do not hesitate to ask.

February 23, 2026

THREE-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN 2024-2026



Presentation Overview

- **Background and Current 3-Year Infrastructure Plan**
- **Roadway Assessment**
- **Alley Assessment**
- **Proposed 2026 Infrastructure Plan**

Background

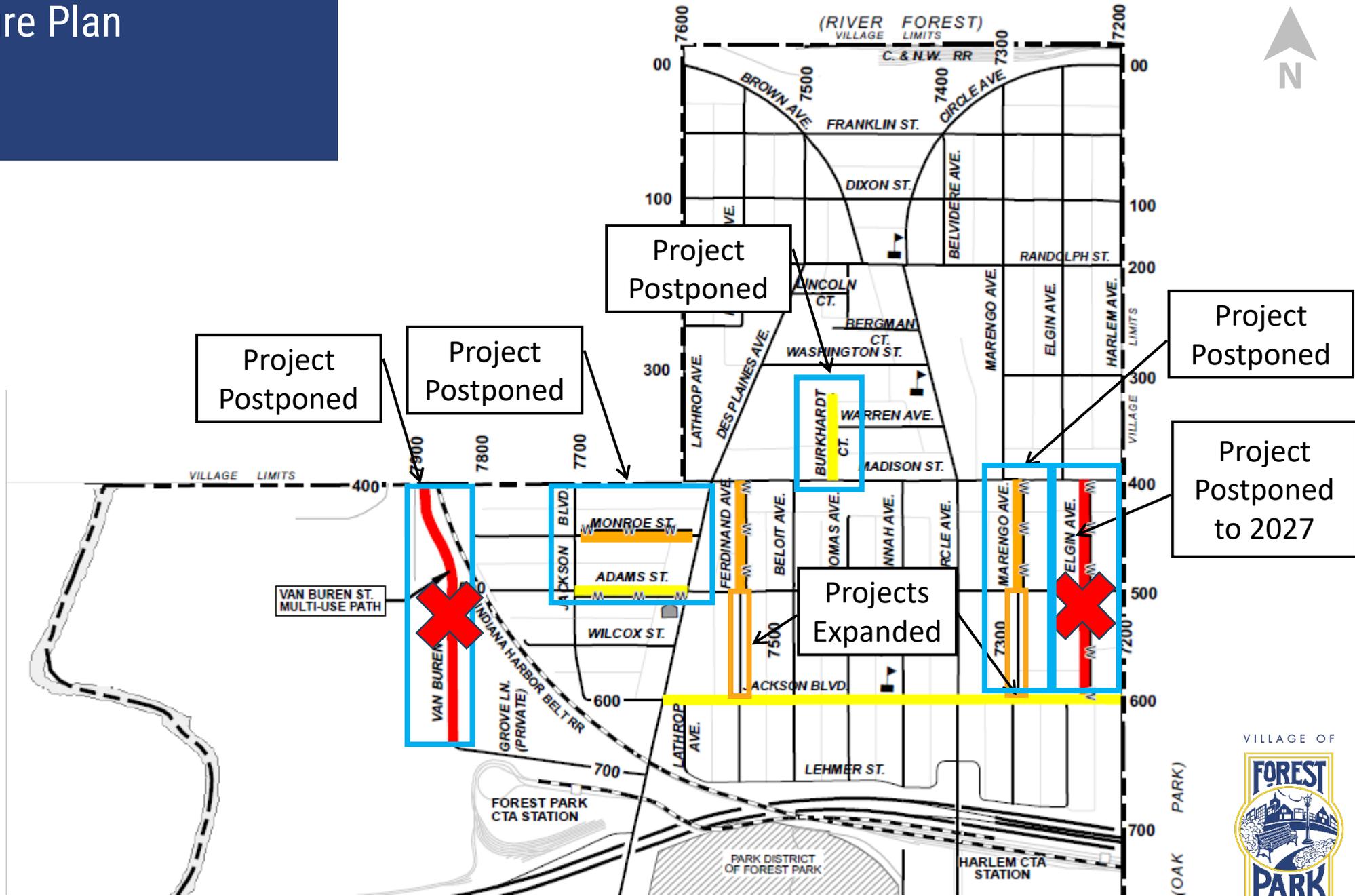
- In 2023 the Village Engineer, alongside the Public Works Director, Village Administrator and Commissioner, developed and approved a 3-year plan for the calendar years 2024-2026.
- The plan consisted of alley, roadway, water main improvements based on recent assessments.
- Years 1 & 2 (2024 & 2025) of the plan has since been carried out and modified, with multiple projects being completed while others have been pulled, rescheduled, or added.

3-Year Infrastructure Plan 2024-2026 NORTH SIDE

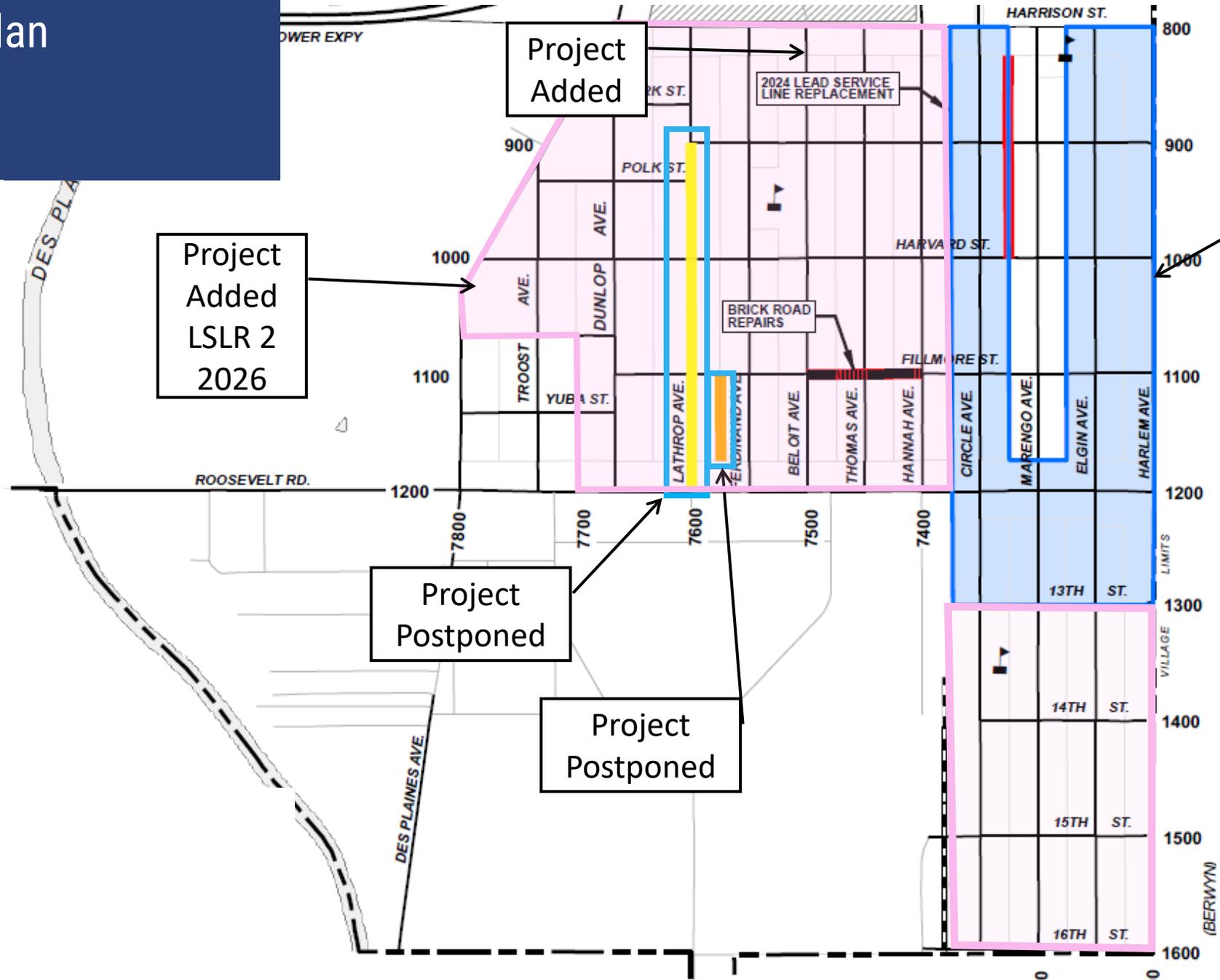
Legend

IMPROVEMENT YEAR

- █ 2024
- █ 2025
- █ 2026



3-Year Infrastructure Plan 2024-2026 SOUTH SIDE



Project Added
LSLR 1
2025

Project Added
LSLR 2
2026

Project Postponed

Project Postponed

Legend

IMPROVEMENT YEAR

- 2024
- 2025
- 2026



Roadway Assessment



Roadway Assessment NORTH SIDE

Legend

- PROPOSED STORM SEWER
- PROPOSED WATERMAIN

PAVEMENT CONDITION

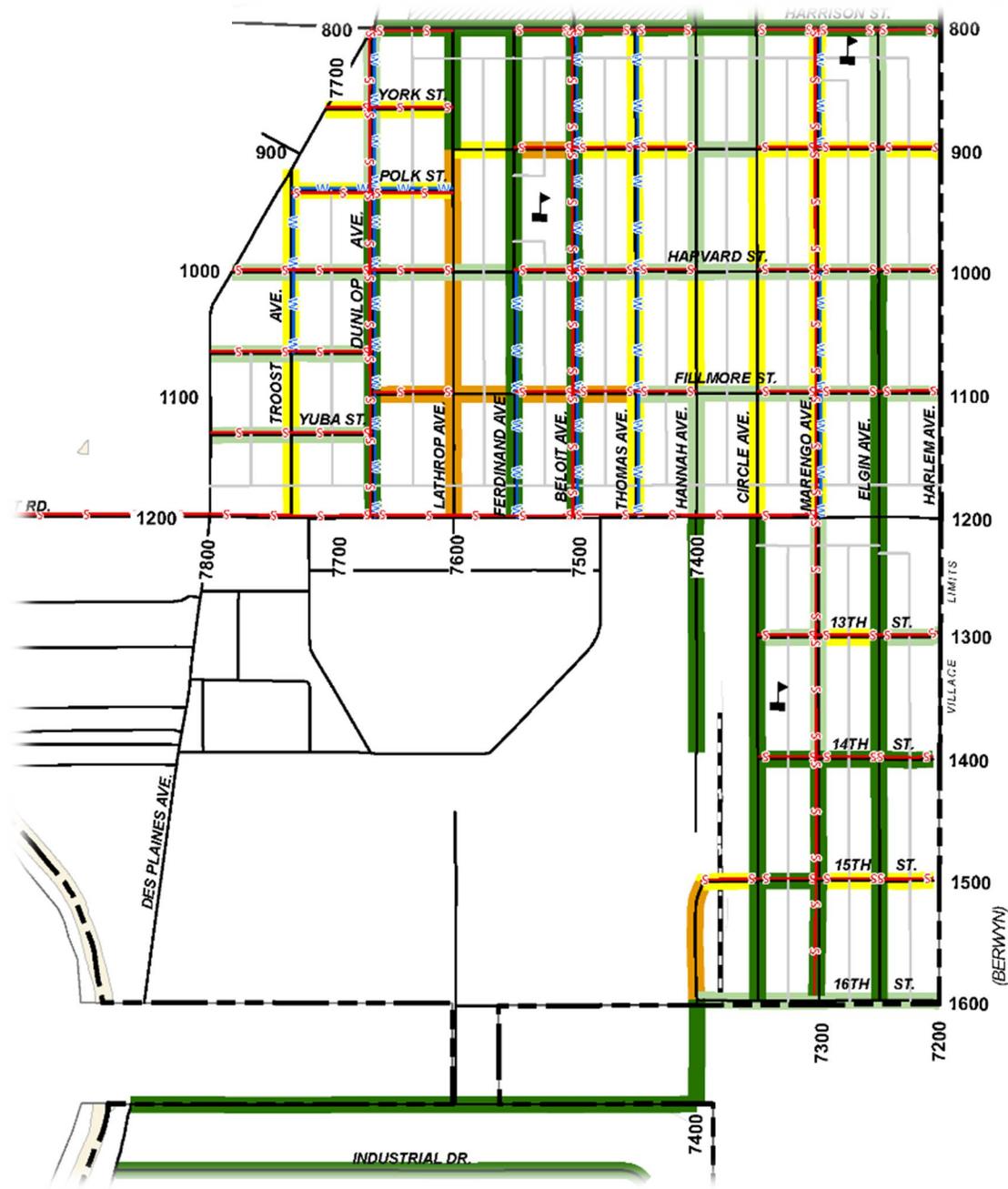
- GOOD
- AVERAGE
- FAIR
- POOR
- Under Construction



Roadway Assessment SOUTH SIDE

Legend

-  PROPOSED STORM SEWER
-  PROPOSED WATERMAIN
- PAVEMENT CONDITION**
-  GOOD
-  AVERAGE
-  FAIR
-  POOR
-  Under Construction



ALLEY ASSESSMENT



Alley Assessment NORTH SIDE

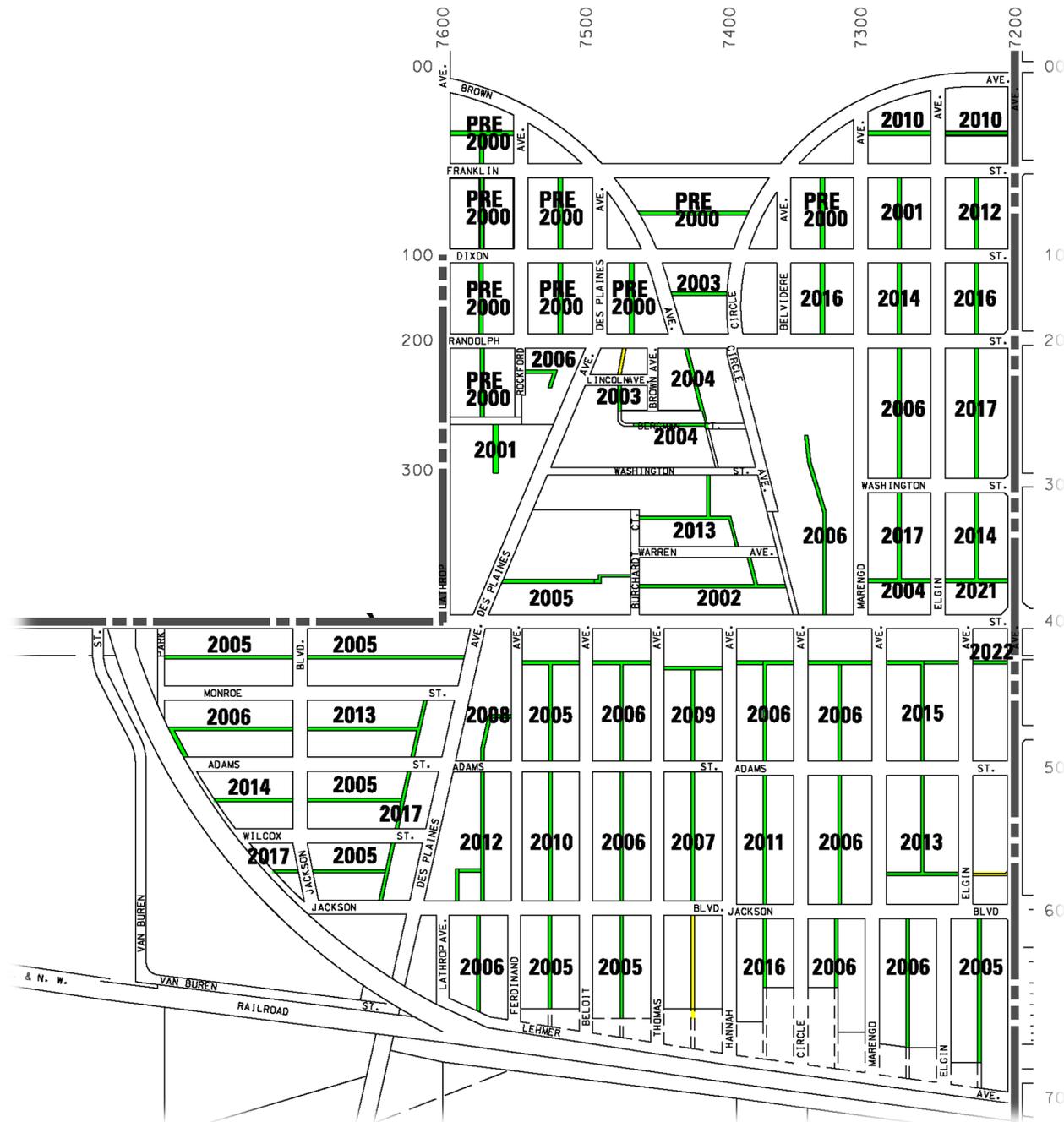
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ALLEY CONDITION

- RECONSTRUCTED WITH INVERTED CROWN
- AVERAGE (10–20 YEARS)
- POOR (8–10 YEARS)
- UNSERVICEABLE (< 8 YEARS)
- UNDER CONSTRUCTION

ALLEY INVENTORY

- 103 ALLEYS WITH INVERTED CROWN OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION
- 15 ALLEYS NOT RECONSTRUCTED
2 NORTH SIDE, 13 SOUTH SIDE
- * PARTIAL ALLEYS WERE COUNTED AS HALF RECONSTRUCTED, HALF NOT RECONSTRUCTED.
- CDBG ELIGIBLE AREA



Alley Assessment SOUTH SIDE

LEGEND

ALLEY CONDITION

- RECONSTRUCTED WITH INVERTED CROWN
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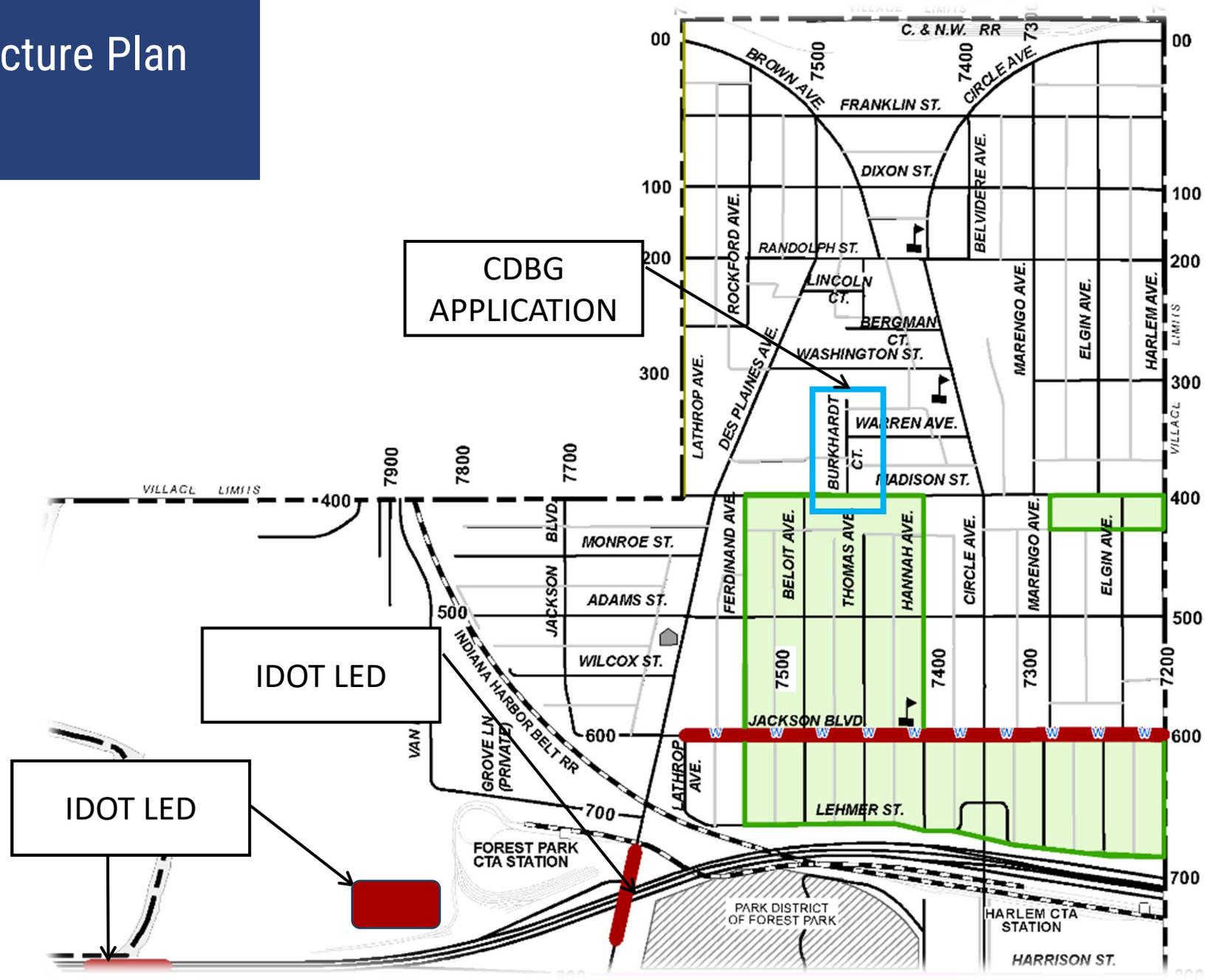
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INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN



Proposed 2026 Infrastructure Plan NORTH SIDE

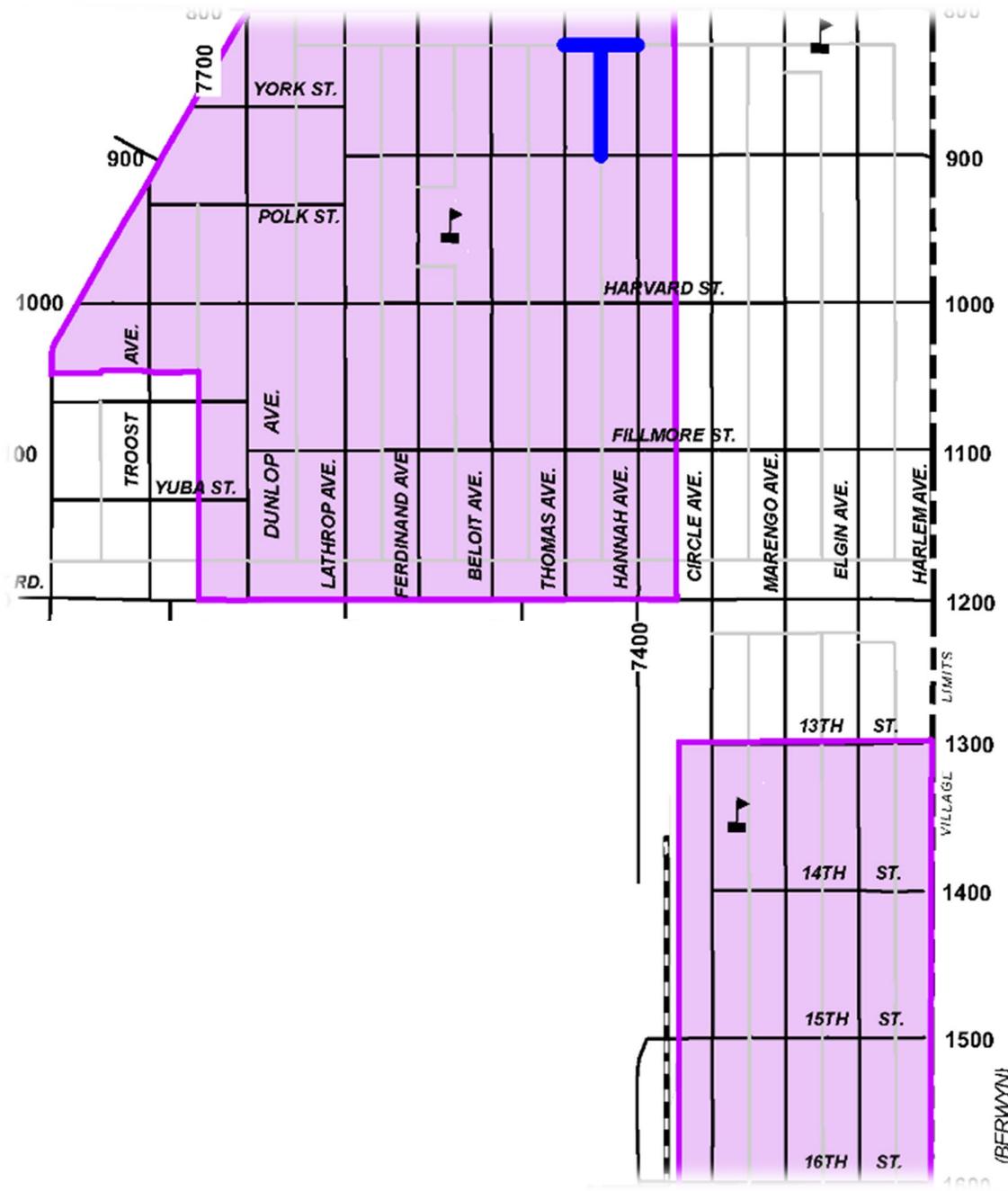


Legend

- PROPOSED WATERMAIN
- PROPOSED SEWER
- ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING
- ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION
- LSLR STAGE 2
- LSLR STAGE 3



Proposed 2026 Infrastructure Plan SOUTH SIDE



Legend

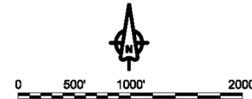
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VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK

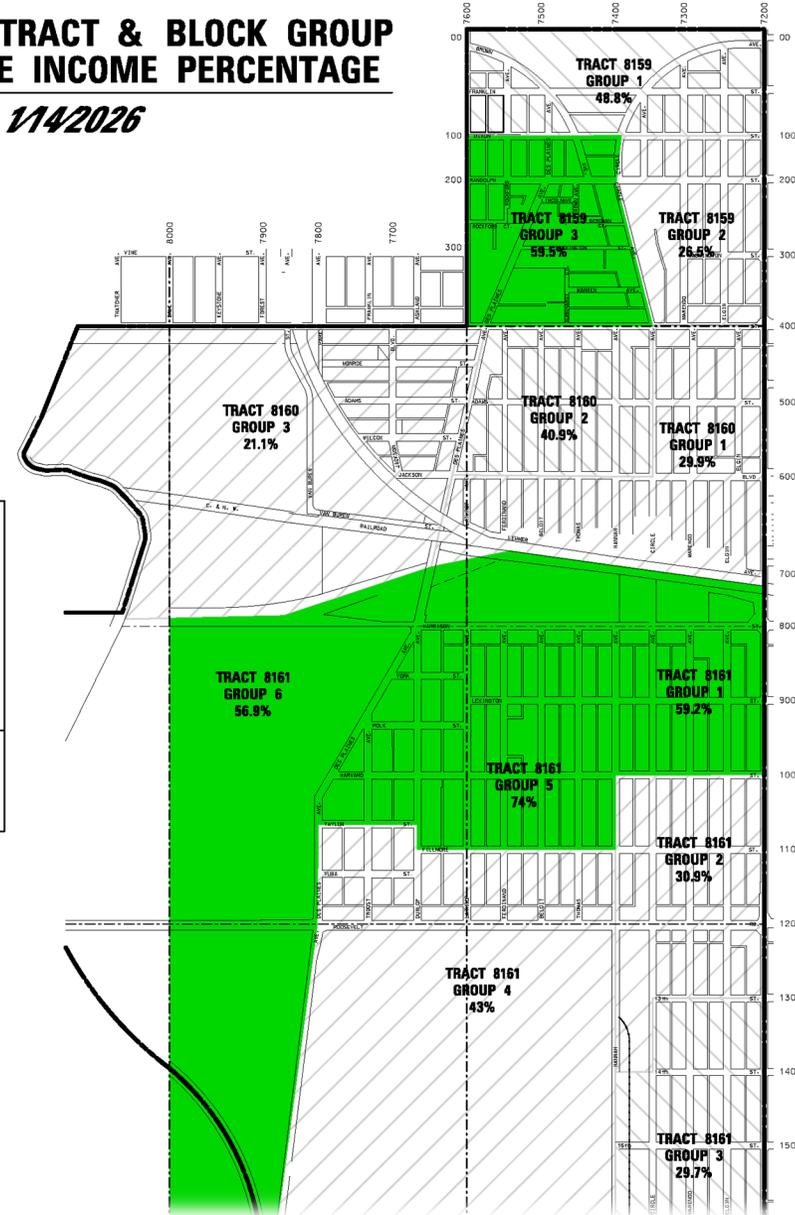
CDBG CENSUS TRACT & BLOCK GROUP LOW/MODERATE INCOME PERCENTAGE

1/14/2026



LEGEND

- CDBG ELIGIBLE AREA (EXCEEDS 51.0%)
- INELIGIBLE AREA
- RECOMMENDED PROJECT**
- TBD



Infrastructure Plan 2026 Project List

PROJECT NAME	ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST	VIP FUND	MFT FUNDS	WATER FUND	TIF FUND	GRANT FUNDS	GRANT TYPE
2026 TOTAL	\$10,862,370	\$2,206,220	\$0	\$2,477,450	\$0	\$6,178,700	
IEPA LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY	\$40,000					\$40,000	IEPA PWSLP
IEPA LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENT - STAGE 2	\$2,465,000					\$2,465,000	IEPA PWSLP
IEPA LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENT - STAGE 3	\$2,465,000					\$2,465,000	IEPA PWSLP
IEPA LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENT - STAGE 4	\$90,000					\$90,000	IEPA PWSLP
GREEN ALLEY - 800 BLOCK THOMAS HANNAH	\$789,940	\$463,240				\$326,700	MWRD GI
JACKSON WATER RESERVOIR REPAIRS - FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$227,450			\$227,450			
JACKSON WATER RESERVOIR REPAIRS - DETAILED DESIGN	\$750,000			\$750,000			
400-500 HARLEM & ELGIN WATER MAIN - DESIGN	\$200,000			\$200,000			EPA STAG
JACKSON RESURFACING & WM(DES PLAINES - HARLEM)	\$3,774,980	\$1,682,980		\$1,300,000		\$792,000	STP
2026 SIDEWALK PROGRAM	\$60,000	\$60,000					
BNRWC CONNECTION							



Next Steps

- Seek direction from board to proceed with 2026 Infrastructure Plan

VILLAGE OF



BIG CITY ACCESS

SMALL TOWN CHARM

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Rachell Entler
VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Vanessa Belmonte
VILLAGE CLERK

To: Mayor and Commissioners of the Village Council of Forest Park

From: Village Administrator Rachell Entler

Date: February 20, 2026

Subject: Appointment of Carla Taylor as Village Clerk

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

I am recommending the appointment of Carla Taylor to serve as the Village Clerk for the Village of Forest Park.

Ms. Taylor brings strong executive assistant experience that will be a significant asset to the Clerk's Office. She is friendly, professional, and highly engaging, which contributes to excellent customer service. In addition, she has prior supervisory experience—an important qualification, as she will directly supervise the Accounts Payable, Business Licensing, and Water Utility Billing clerks.

As a reminder, the Village Clerk's Office was recently restructured to report to the Finance Director. In this role, Ms. Taylor will report directly to Director Olmsted. Beyond her statutory responsibilities as Village Clerk, she will also provide support to the Clerk's Office staff and the Finance Department.

I respectfully submit her name to the Council for approval as the next Village Clerk for Forest Park.

Sincerely,

Rachell Entler

Village Administrator

**AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING CARLA TAYLOR AS VILLAGE CLERK
FOR THE VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, 65 ILCS 5/4-5-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code and Section 1-5 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Forest Park (“Village”) provide for the appointment by the Village Council of the office of Village Clerk, with the requisite duties necessary to carry into effect the powers conferred upon that office on behalf of the Village;

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village finds the office of Village Clerk vacant and recommends Carla Taylor to serve in the office of Village Clerk; and

WHEREAS, 65 ILCS 5/4-4-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code and Section 1-5B-2 of the Municipal Code require that before entering upon the duties of Village Clerk, the Village Clerk shall take an oath and shall execute a bond with security, to be approved by the corporate authorities of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. The facts and statements contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. The Council hereby consents to and approves the nomination of Carla Taylor to serve in the office of Village Clerk, upon passage of this Ordinance, for a term of office expiring May 1, 2027, and until a successor is appointed and qualified.

SECTION 3. The Village Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file with the Office of the Village Clerk the Certificate of Appointment of Carla Taylor, a copy of which is attached hereto marked as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4. The penal sum of the bond of the Village Clerk shall be in an amount of money that is not less than Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars.

SECTION 5. The corporate authorities of the Village hereby approve Three Thousand (\$3000.00) as surety on the bond to be provided by the Village Clerk and hereby approve the bond of the Village Clerk in the penal sums hereby established and substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

SECTION 6. The Village shall pay out of its funds the cost of the official bond furnished by the Village Clerk.

SECTION 7. Upon issuance and execution of the official bond by the Village Clerk and by the surety, respectively, the bond of the Village Clerk shall be filed in the office of the Village Treasurer.

SECTION 8. Upon Carla Taylor taking the Oath of Office attached hereto marked as Exhibit C, upon the issuance and execution of the official bond by the Village Clerk and by the surety, respectively, and the filing of the bond of the Village Clerk in the office of the Village Treasurer and the Village Clerk satisfying all other qualifications of office, the Village Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file with the Office of the Village Clerk the Warrant of Commission of Carla Taylor, a copy of which is attached hereto marked as Exhibit D and made a part hereof.

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Section 9: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval in accordance with law.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois, this 23rd day of February, 2026.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED:

Rory E. Hoskins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Megan Roach, Deputy Village Clerk

EXHIBIT A

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF COOK) SS
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK)

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

TO: Megan Roach, Deputy Village Clerk

I, Rory E. Hoskins, Mayor of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois, do hereby certify that Carla Taylor has been duly appointed by me with the advice and consent of the Village Council on the 23rd day of February, 2026 to the office of Village Clerk of the Village of Forest Park, Illinois, effective the 23rd day of February, 2026, for a term expiring May 1, 2027 and until her successor shall have been duly appointed and qualified.

Given under my hand and the Corporate Seal of Forest Park, Illinois this 23rd day of February, 2026.

Rory E. Hoskins
Mayor of the Village of Forest Park, Illinois

EXHIBIT B

**OFFICIAL BOND
VILLAGE CLERK OF
THE VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS**

EXHIBIT C

**VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS
OATH OF OFFICE - VILLAGE CLERK**

I, Carla Taylor, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Village Clerk of the Village of Forest Park, Illinois according to the best of my ability.

Carla Taylor

Administered by Rory E. Hoskins, Mayor of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois and sworn at the Village of Forest Park, Illinois, this 23rd day of February, 2026.

Filed in my office this 23rd day of February, 2026.

Megan Roach, Deputy Village Clerk
of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois

EXHIBIT D

**WARRANT OF COMMISSION
FOR THE OFFICE OF VILLAGE CLERK
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS**

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF COOK) SS
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK)

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, Rory E. Hoskins, Mayor of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois, a municipal corporation, hereby certify that Carla Taylor, having been duly appointed by me with the advice and consent of the Village Council on the 23rd day of February, 2026, is hereby commissioned by this warrant to assume the duties of Village Clerk, on behalf of the Village of Forest Park, Illinois, effective the 23rd day of February, 2026, for a term expiring May 1, 2027 and until her successor shall have been duly appointed and qualified and is hereby fully authorized and empowered to assume and perform all the duties of said office according to law and the ordinances of this Village.

Given under my hand and the Corporate Seal of Forest Park, Illinois this 23rd day of February, 2026.

Rory E. Hoskins
Mayor of the Village of Forest Park, Illinois

[Seal]

Megan Roach, Deputy Village Clerk of the
Village of Forest Park, Illinois

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF A CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH ADDENDUM
BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK AND RYAN, LLC
(f/k/a KANE, MCKENNA AND ASSOCIATES, INC.) REGARDING THE
STUDY AND EVALUATION OF CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE
VILLAGE LOCATED AT OR NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF
BROWN AVENUE AND FRANKLIN STREET
IN REGARD TO A POTENTIAL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Village of Forest Park (the "Village") is considering the study and evaluation of certain areas within the Village located at or near the intersection of Brown Avenue and Franklin Street in regard to the establishment of a potential tax increment financing district (the "TIF District"); and

WHEREAS, the Village has previously utilized the consulting services of Ryan, LLC (f/k/a Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc.) ("Ryan") and has a satisfactory relationship with the firm; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Village to enter into a consulting agreement with addendum with Ryan (the "Agreement") for the purpose of assisting the Village with the study, evaluation and potential establishment of the TIF District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois:

Section 1. It is hereby determined that the Village has a satisfactory relationship with Ryan, and it is advisable, necessary, and in the public interest that the Village enter into the Agreement between the Village and Ryan for the furnishing of professional consulting services for the TIF District.

Section 2. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute and the Agreement by and between the Village of Forest Park and Ryan, LLC, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof, with such changes therein as shall be authorized by the officials executing the same, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of such changes.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage in the manner provided by law.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois this 23rd day of February, 2026.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED by me this 23rd day of February, 2026.

Rory E. Hoskins, Mayor

ATTESTED and filed in my office,
And published in pamphlet form
This _____ day of February, 2026.

Carla Taylor, Village Clerk

EXHIBIT A
AGREEMENT



JCREDITS AND INCENTIVES SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Credits and Incentives Services Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into as of the Effective Date indicated below by and between Ryan and Client as defined below.

PARTIES			
Ryan	Ryan, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and its affiliates	Client	Village of Forest Park, Illinois
Address	227 West Monroe Street Suite 4200 Chicago, Illinois 60606	Address	517 Desplaines Avenue Forest Park, Illinois 60130
Ryan Principal	Sharon Roberts	Client Contact	Rachell Entler
Email	Sharon.Roberts@ryan.com	Email	rentler@forestpark.net
Telephone	972.934.0022	Telephone	708.615.6201
ENGAGEMENT SCOPE			
Effective Date	2/5/2026	Term Date	36-months
Tax Periods	Not Applicable	No Auto-Renewal	No
Billing Cycle	Monthly	Payment Term	Net 60 days
Annual Increase	4% (Hourly and Fixed Fee only)	Entities	Listed in Exhibit A to this Agreement
CONSULTING SERVICES			
Yes	Economic Development and Tax Increment Financing	Hourly	\$330 (Blended)

Definitions: “Ryan” and “Client” (or “Village”) mean the entities and their affiliates that are set forth on page 1. “Parties” means collectively Ryan and Client, and “Party” means singularly Ryan or Client. “Services” means the Services listed with a “Yes” in the Engaged column on page 1.

1. Fees.

- a. “Hourly Fee” will be calculated by multiplying the number of hours required to perform the applicable Services by the applicable Fee Rate.
- b. Client shall pay all invoices in full by the Payment Term or interest will accrue at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month on past due fees. Ryan will accept electronic funds transfers from the automated clearing house (“ACH”) or paper checks. ACH instructions will be printed on the Client’s invoice. Any other payment method selected by Client will require Ryan’s prior approval and reimbursement of any third-party payment transmission or processing fees incurred by Ryan. Client shall reimburse Ryan for any collection costs incurred by Ryan in connection with invoices more than sixty (60) days past due.
- c. The rate(s) used to calculate Ryan’s Fixed Fees and Hourly Fees will automatically increase by the “Annual Increase” percentage indicated on page 1 effective each January 1. In addition, if applicable, the rate(s) in Schedule 2 herein may be increased from time to time by email notification, but no more frequently than once every twelve (12) months.

2. Expenses.

- a. Where Ryan is performing Services for an Hourly Fee or Fixed Fee, Client shall reimburse Ryan for all expenses. Client shall be directly responsible for paying all third-party professional fees, including lawyers’ fees. Expenses that are reimbursable to Ryan shall be limited to reasonable out-of-pocket costs that are actually incurred by Ryan and approved in advance by Client.

3. Term.

- a. This Agreement is effective from the Effective Date until the Term Date as indicated on page 1 of this Agreement but shall be extended to cover appeals filed by Ryan that remain open on the Term Date. Notwithstanding, and upon written pre-authorization and approval by Client, Ryan may begin its Services to Client while Client seeks requisite approval from any applicable municipality leadership, governing body, or the like. Compensation for such Services shall be due and payable to Ryan, per the payment terms described above, regardless of such requisite approval being in place at the time such Services were performed. Where “Auto-Renewal” is agreed to as “Yes” on page 1, this Agreement will automatically renew for additional one-year periods on each anniversary of the Term Date (the “Renewal Date”). Notwithstanding any automatic renewal, either Party may elect not to renew this Agreement by giving the other Party written notice of such election at least thirty (30) days prior to the next Renewal Date.



b. Any termination or expiration of this Agreement or any other language herein will not reduce, affect, or limit Ryan's assigned interests or right to receive compensation under this Agreement for deliverables provided or Services performed up to and including the effective date of termination or expiration, and Client shall be responsible for compensating Ryan as provided in this Agreement for (i) fixed fees incurred by Ryan up to and including the effective date of termination or expiration; and (ii) Performance Based Fees for all credits, reduction or savings identified by Ryan up to and including the effective date of termination or expiration for which Client, or any successor to Client, receives, realizes, or recognizes any Recovery or Reduction, even if Client does not allow Ryan to participate in the pursuit of such Recoveries or Reductions.

4. Confidentiality. All non-public information received by Ryan from Client shall be considered confidential information that Ryan will disclose only to the extent necessary to provide the Services. Ryan's confidential information will include Ryan products, and content, its proprietary technology or software in all versions, forms and specifications. Neither Party shall disclose, publish, or transmit the confidential information of the other Party to any nonparty without obtaining the other Party's prior written approval. This non-disclosure provision does not apply to: (i) Ryan fulfilling its Services under the Engagement Scope; (ii) either Party sharing data as necessary with its wholly-owned affiliates, subcontractors, or agents; (iii) either Party utilizing the services of a commercially reasonable nonparty data hosting provider; (iv) an official order of any court of competent jurisdiction; (v) information independently developed by the receiving Party; (vi) information previously known to the receiving Party without any obligation of confidentiality; or (vii) information rightfully received by the receiving Party from a nonparty without any obligation of confidentiality. At the end of this engagement, Ryan shall return or confirm the destruction of all Client data in Ryan's possession; provided, however, Ryan may retain Client data contained in Ryan's professional work papers and secure, archival computer backup files maintained in the ordinary course of business and in derivative works where identification of the source has been removed. Ryan will implement and maintain reasonable administrative, organizational, and technical safeguards designed for the protection, confidentiality, and integrity of Client data and will adhere to any applicable regulations governing the handling of personal identification information, including the California Consumer Protection Act and the European General Data Protection Regulations.

5. Limitation of Liability. Ryan's liability for all claims, liability, damages, or expenses under any theory arising under or relating to Ryan's performance of Services shall not exceed \$1,000,000. In addition to the foregoing, neither Party shall be liable under this Agreement for any claim involving indirect, exemplary, incidental, special, or consequential damages or costs, lost or damaged data, or loss of profit or goodwill, whether foreseeable or not, even if such Party has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

6. No Representation Before the IRS. Neither Ryan nor any of its employees will provide any legal or accounting services to Client in connection with this Agreement. Neither Ryan nor any employee of Ryan will serve in a representative capacity for the Village before the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), nor will Ryan or any employee of Ryan obtain a power of attorney (on IRS Form 2848 or otherwise) authorizing Ryan or such employee to represent Client before the IRS. If it becomes necessary for Client to have a representative before the IRS or if it becomes necessary for Ryan to engage a party to provide professional services in support of Ryan's obligations under this Agreement, Ryan may, at its option, engage a representative or such third party on behalf of Client to represent Client before the IRS or provide such professional services, as the case may be. Such engagement shall (i) be at Ryan's expense, provided that in the case of an Adjudication, Ryan's fee shall be adjusted as set forth above; and (ii) be subject to Client's approval, provided that Client agrees not to unreasonably withhold or condition such approval. Ryan will provide assistance to such representative, but such assistance shall be limited to providing the factual basis for the filing of claims for refund and other tax returns filed by Client pursuant to this Agreement and the information supplied on such returns.

7. General. This Agreement, along with Exhibit A, Schedules 1 and 2, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all other oral and written proposals, representations, agreements, and other communications between the Parties with respect to the subject matter. Any change, waiver, modification, or other amendment of any provision of this Agreement shall be binding and effective only with the prior written consent of both Parties. Neither Party may assign or otherwise transfer any benefit or obligation arising under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party, except to an affiliate or successor in interest to substantially all of the stock or assets of the Party. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, with exclusive venue residing in a court of competent jurisdiction in DuPage County, Illinois. In the event of any legal action brought to enforce this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable lawyers' fees and costs. Each Party warrants the act of placing an electronic signature on this document, including a digital image or encrypted data, shall have the same effect of a manual signing, was done with the authority to legally bind the Party, and no claim will be brought by the Party alleging that



this document was not properly signed. Notices shall be emailed and mailed certified mail to the Parties at the Addresses listed on page 1 above along with copies to: chairman@ryan.com and legal.notices@ryan.com.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date set forth below.

Ryan, LLC:

Village of Forest Park, Illinois:

By: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

- Attachments:**
- Exhibit A – Client Entities**
- Schedule 1 – Description of Services**
- Schedule 2 – Fee Rate(s)**
- Exhibit B – Insurance Requirements**
- Exhibit C – Contractor’s Certification**

ATTEST:



EXHIBIT A – CLIENT ENTITIES

Village of Forest Park, Illinois



SCHEDULE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

I. CONSULTING SERVICES

A. Economic Development and Tax Increment Financing (“TIF”)

Phase 1: Prepare Proposed TIF Eligibility Report

- 1) Ryan will assist the Village to determine and confirm likely boundaries of the proposed redevelopment area, as directed by the Village, and generally located at the northeast intersection of Franklin Street and Brown Avenue. Ryan will assist with this determination based upon site visits, historic assessed value analysis, and results of any analysis presently or previously undertaken by the Village. Village staff and the Village engineer may provide assistance relating to GIS maps, land use surveys, and sources of information relating to term of vacancy, utility service, etc.
- 2) Highlight and investigate preliminary “priority areas” as identified by the Village within the potential redevelopment designation based upon the above analyses. Identify opportunities currently evident and ways to create opportunities where none may be apparent.
- 3) Review with the Village the potential pros and cons, costs and benefits, and advantages and disadvantages of other possible viable funding options available, including, but not limited to, programs described below.

B. Recommendation of Financing Options for TIF

- 1) Provide advice and consultation related to appropriate incentive mechanisms or public financing techniques which could be applied to specific project areas within the proposed TIF. Review “priority areas” identified based upon discussions with Village officials where the proposed TIF is concerned, and how to address deficiencies existing within these locations.
- 2) Determine which tool or combination of tools would be best suited to specific “priority” or other important areas, and how the forms of assistance can work with or against the other, for the TIF or other programs.
- 3) In the event that certain local financing programs or economic development alternatives for redevelopment areas such as Business Districts (BD) special service areas (SSA), special assessment districts (SAD) or “hybrids” of such alternatives may be applicable, RYAN would identify the benefits and costs of programs and their condition for use (including State statutes which must be met) by the Village.

C. Review and Documentation of TIF Qualification Factors

- 1) Review with the Village the preliminary boundaries for the area, as well as initial redevelopment goals and objectives specific to the redevelopment area. Boundary review would include “doughnut holes” of certain properties, multiple TIF, or other options relating to Village goals.
- 2) Review the characteristics of the proposed TIF site(s) and adjacent properties in order to recommend precise proposed boundaries for a TIF, and to assess the potential qualification factors (strengths and weaknesses) of any identified area in accordance with the provisions of Illinois law. Review would



include site surveys, review of past plans and policy materials, discussions with Village officials and staff, site tours/examination, and County data pertaining to equalized assessed valuation, tax rate, and tax collection trends.

- 3) Prepare Preliminary TIF or other program Qualification Report for the site(s) based upon the presence of eligibility factors required under Illinois law. RYAN will be available to discuss the findings with the Village prior to completing the report. Also provide advice with respect to potential changes in the Village's comprehensive plan and zoning map to ensure consistencies with land uses proposed for the redevelopment districts.
- 4) Determine whether proposed costs and revenues to be incurred and/or generated from any proposed redevelopment project area(s) are reasonable, feasible and acceptable assumptions for the intended area to be developed.
- 5) Identify for the Village principal strategies for incentives and potential funding mechanisms based upon each potential redevelopment projects' ability to generate property, and/or other incremental taxes to cover anticipated costs and/or debt service requirements.

Phase: Prepare TIF Redevelopment Plan

A. Prepare Resolutions of Intent and Interested Parties Registries

- 1) Assist the Village attorney to prepare resolution of intent for the proposed TIF.
- 2) Attend Village Board meeting to review the purpose of the resolution of intent and respond to questions of officials and/or public.
- 3) Distribute resolutions to affected taxing districts per the requirements of the TIF Act.
- 4) Prepare for Village Council review and adoption documents and systems required to establish Interested Parties Registries for the TIF District.
- 5) Include Housing Impact Study, **if needed**, pursuant to the requirements of the TIF Act. (See PHASE 2B below.)

B. Preparation of TIF Redevelopment Plan

- 1) Review with the Village the preliminary boundaries for the plan as well as redevelopment goals and objectives.
- 2) Prepare a draft TIF Redevelopment Plan for the area based upon the presence of qualification factors required under Illinois law. The Consultant will be available to discuss the findings with the Village in meetings prior to completing the report.
- 3) Assist Village to prepare, refine and document the required redevelopment plan and project for the area that satisfy TIF eligibility criteria pursuant to Illinois law.
- 4) In the event that other local financing programs or economic development alternatives may be



applicable, RYAN would identify these programs and their conditions for use by the Village.

C. Finalize Redevelopment Plan and Project

- 1) In conjunction with Village staff, finalize TIF and boundaries and assist in the process of preparation of legal descriptions which identify the boundaries for each of the redevelopment areas.
- 2) Subsequent to the review of the draft redevelopment plan by the Village Council, Village staff, and other taxing districts (if applicable), revise the redevelopment plan sections in order to add relevant comments and/or corrections.

D. Prepare Public Hearing (and Meeting) Notices

- 1) Assist Village staff to prepare the public hearing resolution and the TIF public notices.
- 2) Prepare mailings for affected taxing districts and distribute notices to the taxing districts and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.
- 3) Prepare mailings as required for any public meetings related to housing impact studies (if needed).

E. Coordinate Joint Review Board (JRB) Process

- 1) Provide agenda items, draft TIF ordinances, and other materials as required by the TIF Act.
- 2) Attend JRB meetings as necessary and appropriate.
- 3) Assist Village staff to respond to JRB requests.
- 4) Assist Village Council to prepare JRB resolutions relating to findings.

F. Preparation of Notices

- 1) Identify taxpayers located within the TIF district and obtain mailing information from the County.
- 2) Assist Village staff in preparing mailings for taxpayers including review of delinquent taxpayers.
- 3) Identify residential units and taxpayers of record for TIF mailings related to 750 feet notice provisions.
- 4) Assist Village staff in coordinating publication of legal notices in local newspapers.

G. Attend Public Hearings and Required Meetings



- 1) Assist the Village by participating in the required public hearing, and meetings with all interested and affected parties, including property owners.
- 2) Work with the Village staff to meet all the requirements of Illinois law.

PHASE 3: Financial Analysis (OPTIONAL AS AND IF REQUESTED)

- 1) Assist Village staff in evaluating and preparing financial projections that relate to the proposed redevelopment area. Evaluation will be conducted on the feasibility of such proposals given factors such as physical improvement requirements, proposed user mix, phased developments, project costs and timetable for implementation.
- 2) Provide recommendations to the Village for the funding strategies to be evaluated with regards to their likelihood to succeed and to meet Village's economic development goals. Meet with Village to discuss the Report and to obtain Village input prior to formal submission. Make an oral presentation to the Village as deemed appropriate by the Village.
- 3) Assist the Village in finalization of strategies and priorities, and provide professional opinions on alternatives available to the Village in determining the best alternatives available to fund the redevelopment projects to be implemented.
- 4) Advise the Village regarding provisions required that might impact either the proposed financial structure and the Village's ability to deliver economic development funding assistance in a timely manner. Provide the Village with an analysis of proposed tax increment and any other revenue/cost projections and summarize the potential funding advantages/disadvantages of various funding strategies.
- 5) Make a thorough review of the proposed development strategies to advise the Village of any problems or concerns regarding provisions and/or conditions that might adversely impact any of the proposed financial structures.

B. Out-of-Scope Consulting (As Requested). "Out-of-Scope Consulting" means any other services that are not specifically described under another service description (e.g., economic impact study or labor analytics study). An exchange of emails by employees of the Parties who have the title of Manager or above will be sufficient to confirm the engagement of Ryan to perform Out-of-Scope Consulting.



SCHEDULE 2 - FEE RATE(S)

Client agrees to pay Ryan an hourly rate of \$330 for the Services based on the time that Ryan's professionals spend performing them. Ryan's hourly rate(s) are chargeable in one-fourth (1/4th) hour increments and are billed monthly. The hourly rate(s) will increase annually in accordance with Section 1c of the Agreement.

Ryan estimates that the costs for Services to be \$13,500 for Phase 1 and \$23,500 for Phase 2 for this scope of services as requested by the Client on the above Schedule 1 under Section 1 (A). Should Client authorize any additional services pursuant to Phase 3 services from Ryan pursuant to this Agreement, such Services will be billed on an hourly rate as described above.



EXHIBIT B - Insurance Requirements

Ryan, LLC. ("Ryan") shall procure and maintain for the duration of the Contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Services by Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

A. MINIMUM SCOPE OF INSURANCE.

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. Commercial General Liability with the Village stated and named as an additional insured.
2. Automobile Liability, "any auto" and shall include hired and non-owned auto liability; and
3. Workers' Compensation as required by the Labor Code of the State of Illinois and Employers' Liability Insurance.
4. Umbrella Liability shall at least follow form of the primary General Liability, Auto Liability, and Worker's Compensation policies.

B. MINIMUM LIMITS OF INSURANCE.

Ryan shall maintain limits no less than:

1. Commercial General Liability:
\$2,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage. The general aggregate shall be twice the required occurrence limit. Minimum General Aggregate shall be no less than \$2,000,000;
2. Excess Liability Insurance (Umbrella Liability):
\$1,000,000.00 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. Minimum Aggregate shall be no less than \$1,000,000.00 per person, per aggregate.
3. Commercial Automobile Liability:
\$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage; and



4. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability:

Workers' Compensation limits as required by the Labor Code of the State of Illinois and Employers' Liability Limits of \$1,000,000.00 per accident.

5. Professional Liability:

\$2,000,000 single limit for errors and omissions, professional/malpractice liability.

Contractor's insurance policies shall contain a provision that the coverage shall not be canceled by the insurance carrier until at least ten (10) days' written notice thereof shall have been given to the Village by mailing such notice to the Village Clerk.

C. DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS.

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the Village. At the option of the Village, the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductions or self-insured retentions.

D. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS.

The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain the following provisions:

1. Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages:

- a. The Village, its officials, agents, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds as respects: liability arising out of work performed by or on behalf of Contractor, including products used by Contractor, as well as equipment procured, owned, leased, hired or borrowed by Contractor, and automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of the protection afforded to the Village, its officials, agents, employees, or volunteers;
- b. Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the Village, its officials, agent, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Village, its officials, agents, employees or volunteers shall be excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it;



- c. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the Village, its officials, agents, employees or volunteers; and
- d. Each insurance policy shall state that Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom a claim or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits or the insurer's liability.

2. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Coverages:

The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the Village, its officials, agents, employees, and volunteers for losses arising from the Services performed by Ryan for the Village.

3. All Coverages:

Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that the coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, reduced in coverage or in limits, except after thirty (30) days prior written notice, by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the Village.

E. ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS.

1. The insurance carrier used by Ryan shall have a minimum insurance rating of A VII, according to the most recent publication of Best's Policy Holder Guide and be licensed to do business in the State of Illinois.
2. Ryan shall furnish the Village with certificates of insurance naming the Village, its officials, agents, employees, and volunteers as additional insureds, and with the original endorsements affecting coverage required by this clause prior to performing the Services. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificates and endorsements may be on forms provided by the Village and are to be received and approved by the Village before any work commences. The Village reserves the right to request full certified copies of the insurance policies.



**EXHIBIT C
CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION**

The assurances hereinafter made by the Contractor are each a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed by the Village of Forest Park in entering into the contract with the Contractor. The Village of Forest Park may terminate the contract if it is later determined that the Contractor rendered a false or erroneous assurance, and the surety providing the performance bond shall be responsible for the completion of the contract.

I, Sharon Roberts, hereby certify that I am the Credits & Incentives Practice Leader, Principal of Ryan, LLC., and as such, hereby represent and warrant to the Village of Forest Park, a municipal corporation, that the Contractor and its shareholders holding more than five percent (5%) of the outstanding shares of the corporation, its officers and directors are:

- (A) not delinquent in the payment of taxes to the Illinois Department of Revenue in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/11-42.1-1;
- (B) not barred from contracting as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 (bid rigging) or 33E-4 (bid-rotating) of the Criminal Code of 1961 (720 ILCS 5/33E-3 and 5/33E-4);
- (C) not in default, as defined in 5ILCS 385/2, on an educational loan, as defined in 5ILCS 385/1;

In addition, the Contractor hereby represents and warrants to the Village of Forest Park, that:

- (A) the Contractor has and will comply with all laws relating to the payment of general prevailing wages in accordance with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/0.01 *et seq.*);
- (B) the Contractor has and will comply with all laws relating to the employment preference to veterans in accordance with the Veterans Preference Act (330 ILCS 55/0.01 *et seq.*);
- (C) the Contractor has and will comply with all laws relating to the employment of Illinois workers in accordance with the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act (30 ILCS 570/1 *et seq.*);
- (D) the Contractor is committed to maintaining a drug-free workplace and has adopted a comprehensive policy prohibiting the use and/or possession of intoxicants, drugs, and narcotics. The Contractor shall ensure that all of its employees are made aware of this policy and are required to comply with its terms as a condition of their employment.
- (E) the Contractor has not excluded and will not exclude from participation in, denied the benefits of, subjected to discrimination under, or denied employment to any person in connection with any activity funded under the contract on the basis of race, color, age, religion, national origin, disability, or sex;
- (F) no Village officer, spouse or dependent child of a Village officer, agent on behalf of any Village officer or trust in which a Village officer, the spouse or dependent child of a Village officer or a beneficiary is a holder of any interest in the Contractor; or, if the Contractor's stock is traded on a nationally recognized securities market, that no Village officer, spouse



or dependent child of a Village officer, agent on behalf of any Village officer or trust in which a Village officer, the spouse or dependent child of a Village officer or a beneficiary is a holder of more than one percent (1%) of the Contractor, but if any Village officer, spouse or dependent child of a Village officer, agent on behalf of any Village officer or trust in which a Village officer, the spouse or dependent child of a Village officer or a beneficiary is a holder of less than one percent (1%) of such Contractor, the Contractor has disclosed to the Village in writing the name(s) of the holder of such interest.

- (G) no officer or employee of the Village has solicited any gratuity, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance, or other tangible or intangible item having monetary value including, but not limited to, cash, food and drink, and honoraria for speaking engagements related to or attributable to the government employment or the official position of the employee or officer from the Contractor in violation of the Forest Park Municipal Code; and
- (H) the Contractor has not given to any officer or employee of the Village any gratuity, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance, or other tangible or intangible item having monetary value including, but not limited to, cash, food and drink, and honoraria for speaking engagements related to or attributable to the government employment or the official position of the employee or officer in violation of the Forest Park Municipal Code.
- (I) neither it nor any of its principals, shareholders, members, partners, or affiliates, as applicable, is a person or entity named as a Specially Designated National and Blocked Person (as defined in Presidential Executive Order 13224) and that it is not acting, directly or indirectly, for or on behalf of a Specially Designated National and Blocked Person and that the Contractor and its principals, shareholders, members, partners, or affiliates, as applicable, are not, directly or indirectly, engaged in, and are not facilitating, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement on behalf of any person or entity named as a Specially Designated National and Blocked Person.
- (J) the Contractor acknowledges that, pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*), documents or records specifically and exclusively prepared for Village or used in relation to work performed under this Agreement (“Work Product”) are considered a public record of the Village; and therefore, within thirty (30) days of completion of the work required of the Contractor under this agreement, the Contractor shall produce to the Village, in electronic format, all Work Product that directly relates to the governmental function performed by the Contractor under this Agreement at no additional cost to the Village; and furthermore, the Contractor shall review its records and promptly produce to the Village any additional Work Product in the Contractor’s possession which the Village requires in order to properly respond to a request made pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*), and the Contractor shall produce to the Village such records within five (5) business days of a request for such records from the Village at no additional cost to the Village. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in no event shall “Work Product” be deemed to include (i) any of Ryan’s pre-existing intellectual property or any materials or information that are not specifically developed by Ryan exclusively for delivery to Village pursuant to this Agreement, or (ii) any of Ryan’s confidential information, trade secrets, or other intellectual property, including but not limited to,



2/9/2026

Howard Mohr Community Center
Brenda Powers
7640 Jackson Blvd
Forest Park, IL 60130

Dear Brenda,

This is to confirm your reservation for the Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 2:00 PM, performance of ***Les Misérables***. The reservation is for a total of 30 tickets with 1 complimentary tickets at the rate of \$32.00 per ticket (\$928.00). A 25% (**\$232.00**) deposit is required within 30 days of this letter.

Please confirm the exact number of tickets and pay the remaining balance (**\$696.00**) at least 2 weeks (**June 3rd**) before the show.

Payments can also be made in total, at any time before the two weeks.

We are delighted to have your group join us at Timber Lake Playhouse. If you need help making local arrangements or should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, at (815) 244-2045.

Signed _____ Date _____

Sincerely,

TLP Staff
Timber Lake Playhouse