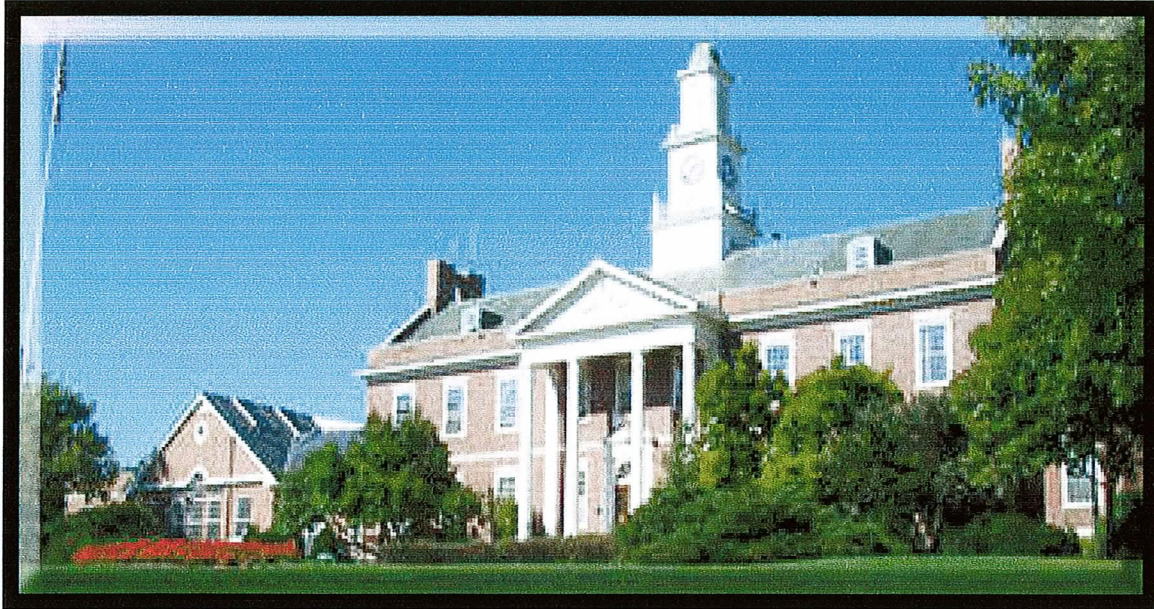


VILLAGE OF HINSDALE



A STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES _____, 2005



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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Hinsdale Today

The Village of Hinsdale is predominantly a residential community located 16 miles west of Chicago. It has long been regarded as one of the nation’s finest residential suburbs. It is a community comprised principally of well-maintained single family neighborhoods and small business areas oriented to serve the day-to-day needs of area residents. People choose to live in Hinsdale because of the high quality of its homes, its excellent schools, its location in the metropolitan area, its safe environment, its unique downtown and the breadth of its community activities. There is a strong desire on the part of its citizens to preserve its historic buildings and to preserve and enhance its “small town” character with buildings of limited height, the ability to walk easily around the village, and with a neighborly atmosphere.

B. Historical Background

The original town of Hinsdale was first recorded by William Robbins in 1866, following the decision of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad to lay a new track from Aurora to Chicago. The railroad company chose to lay the track one mile south of Fullersburg, a small community that was located at what is now York and Ogden Avenue. Mr. Robbins laid out the original streets by planting hundreds of saplings on either side of the right-of-way thus starting the precedent of tree-lined streets. Subsequent builders – Stough, Ayres, Walker, Case and others – continued the high standard of development.

When Hinsdale was incorporated in 1873, it was a rural farming centered community amid gently rolling hills, clean air and greenery. These natural features have been a draw to the area. Ambitious public works programs starting in the late 1880’s brought the suburban amenities of water mains, sewers, pavement and sidewalks.

As Hinsdale boundaries of development expanded, public improvements followed. Land was purchased or set aside for public use. Public facilities including the municipal building, police and fire headquarters, a library, the water treatment plant and several recreational and park structures were built. The school systems were developed to strive for excellence.

From humble beginnings Hinsdale has become one of the premier suburbs of the metropolitan area. Hinsdale has been fortunate to have leaders with vision who believed in good education, good services and good public facilities.

II. PURPOSE OF THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A. History of Village Planning

On May 21, 1923, the Board of Trustees, representing the citizens of the Village, adopted an ordinance creating a Plan Commission. That ordinance established the basis for planning in the Village. It stated that such planning was intended to

154 provide for “public improvements, looking to the present and future development
155 of the Village” and to establish “the location, width, course and surfacing of public
156 streets and highways, alleys, ways for public service facilities, curbs, gutters,
157 sidewalks, street lights, parks, playgrounds, school grounds, size of lots to be used
158 for residential purposes, storm water drainage, water supply and distribution,
159 sanitary sewers and sewage collection and treatment...”

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161 Since then, the Village has been actively engaged in planning and today has many
162 specific plans in place including a Street Improvement Plan, a Sidewalk Plan, a
163 Master Plan for improving its Parks as well as a Zoning Code covering the
164 allocation of land in the Village. In addition, the Village has prepared annually a
165 Five Year Financial Plan and a one year Annual Budget. The Village has also
166 undertaken many special studies over the years to deal with such issues as storm
167 water drainage, parking and the Village’s water supply.
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169 In 1965, the Village Board adopted a “Statement of Objectives and Policies”. That
170 document was intended to provide a framework for steering public policy and for
171 guiding legislative actions. In 1980, that statement was updated and revised. In
172 1989 it was updated and revised again, and, at the same time, the Zoning Code of
173 1989 was adopted. That 1989 Zoning Code defined the elements of the Village’s
174 Comprehensive Plan to consist of:

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- 176 The Zoning Code
- 177 The Subdivision Control Ordinance
- 178 The Official Village Map, and
- 179 The Statement of Objectives and Policies
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181 This “Hinsdale 2020” document is an update and revision of the 1989 Statement of
182 Objectives and Policies.
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184 B. The Process For Developing “Hinsdale 2020”
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186 The process for developing this update and revision of The Statement of
187 Objectives and Policies was a collaborative and interactive effort that involved not
188 only the Village Board and the Plan Commission, but also all of the supporting
189 Commissions and, of course, its citizens. The Village Board of Trustees initiated
190 this “Hinsdale 2020” plan with input from the various commissions. The initial draft
191 was then forwarded to the Park & Recreation Commission, the Historic
192 Preservation Commission and the Economic Development Commission for review
193 and comment. Citizens then participated in a town forum to obtain their perspective
194 on the document. Finally, a workshop was held with the help of an outside
195 consultant for the purpose of developing a future vision of the village. The Board of
196 Trustees then incorporated all of the comments received into a final draft, which
197 was forwarded to the Plan Commission for a formal public hearing. Following that
198 hearing, the Plan Commission revised the document to incorporate additional
199 citizen comment. The document was then finalized by the Board of Trustees and
200 formally adopted.
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202 C. Purpose of “Hinsdale 2020”
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204 Periodically we all take stock of ourselves – where we’ve been, where we are, and
205 where we are going. So it is with our Village. The purpose of this document is to
206 look ahead, to establish an overall vision for Hinsdale and to establish a set of
207 advisory policies and objectives for guiding legislative actions to achieve that
208 vision. It is intended to form a framework for steering public policy so that Hinsdale
209 preserves its unique character and identity while at the same time adapts to an
210 ever-changing and dynamic world.

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212 This statement endeavors to establish broad, universal policies and objectives for
213 most of the elements covered by village governance. As such, the various policies
214 and objectives may, from time to time, be in conflict. It is the responsibility of the
215 Village Board of Trustees to establish priorities between conflicting policies and
216 objectives depending on the circumstances at the time. In resolving these conflicts,
217 the Board must balance the rights of private property owners with the desires and
218 needs of the community.

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220 III. OVERALL VISION FOR HINSDALE IN 2020
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222 The Vision, Values, and Mission Statements, below, serve as the foundation of this
223 Statement of Objectives and Policies. The Vision Statement describes what we
224 aspire to be. The Values Statement describes those things that the Village holds
225 dear and that drive our decisions. The Mission Statement is a declaration of how
226 the Village will move forward to achieve its vision within the context of its values.

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228 **VISION STATEMENT**
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230 Hinsdale – a vibrant community where the future embraces the past!

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232 **VALUE STATEMENT**
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234 The Village of Hinsdale values our sense of community exemplified by:

- 235 ➤ Its history, tradition and unique character
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- 237 ➤ Its superior array of services
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- 239 ➤ Its social and economic vitality
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- 241 ➤ Its collaboration between public, private, and social entities
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244 **MISSION STATEMENT**
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246 The Village of Hinsdale exists to preserve and promote our quality of life,
247 uniqueness, and vitality. We are committed to manage our resources to
248 provide outstanding services and to guide change by collaborating with
249 those vested in our community.

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251 IV. GUIDING POLICIES & OBJECTIVES
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253 A. Village Boundaries
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Objective:
Establish village boundaries which are regular, easily identifiable, and which conform to either natural or manmade lines.

Policies:

1. These are the desirable boundaries for the Village:
 - On the North - Generally Glendale Avenue from Illinois Route 83 to York Road, north to 35th, east to the Tollway (I-294)
 - On the East – The Tollway (I-294).
 - On the South – Generally 59th Street from the Tollway Oasis west to Madison, south to 63rd, and west to Illinois Route 83.
 - On the West – Illinois Route 83.
2. Owners of adjacent property within the desired boundaries may petition for annexation.
3. Boundary agreements with adjacent communities are encouraged.

B. Allocation of Land

Land allocation should be designed so that space is provided for the full range of community needs: places to live, places to play, places to shop and work, and places to learn and worship.

These spaces should be allocated and arranged with transition areas so as to permit the functions to occur in harmony and with minimum disruption to the environment.

Hinsdale has always been an age-diverse community, inclusive of newly married couples, adults with and without children, and senior citizens. This characteristic should be maintained. While Hinsdale should remain primarily a community consisting of single family detached homes, other types of housing in appropriate areas of the village should be encouraged so that the housing needs of a broad range of citizens can be met.

While most of Hinsdale is fully developed, existing undeveloped land should be carefully monitored for potential development. Zoning of such land should be established so as to provide for maximum control over its development. When undeveloped land becomes available, acquisition of it for additional park or open space should be considered.

Hinsdale’s commercial establishments not only provide services to its citizens, but also provide important sales and income tax revenues to the village. These revenues enable the village to keep its portion of the property tax levy on the

305 citizens of Hinsdale to a minimum. Accordingly, preservation of a thriving and
306 successful commercial area of Hinsdale is important.

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308 1. Residential

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310 Residential housing consists of several types including:

311 “Single-Family Detached Homes”

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313 “Single-Family Attached Homes”, such as townhouses, duplexes and villas

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315 “Multi-Family Housing” such as multi-level condominium units and rental
316 apartments, and

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318 “Lifestyle Housing” defined as condominium units specifically intended for
319 active adult empty nesters with the living space on one level, with ease of
320 maintenance and located within walking distance of, but not in, the downtown.

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322 Hinsdale currently has all of these types of housing units. The objectives and
323 policies regarding each of these types of housing are as follows:

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326 a) Single Family Detached Housing

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328 Objective:

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330 Continue Hinsdale as a community primarily of high quality, single family
331 detached homes.

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333 Policies:

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335 1) Zoning ordinances and land use controls should be designed to
336 preserve the predominant residential character of Hinsdale and to
337 maintain the integrity of single family neighborhoods.

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339 2) Zoning ordinances should be changed only after careful consideration
340 so that residents and present owners can feel confident in the stability
341 of their neighborhoods and are thereby encouraged to invest in their
342 respective homes.

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345 b) Other Types of Housing

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347 Objective:

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349 Continue Hinsdale as an age-diverse community, inclusive of all age groups,
350 by providing a broad range of housing,

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352 Policies:

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354 1) “Single-Family Attached Housing”, and “Multi-Family Housing” should
355 be located primarily on the perimeters of the village. However, other

356 locations may be appropriate if they do not disrupt the harmony of the
357 surrounding environment. In the downtown, “Multi-Family Housing” is
358 only appropriate above the first floor retail space.

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360 2) “Lifestyle Housing” should be located on property near downtown and
361 on property of a transitional nature between the downtown and nearby
362 single-family residential areas.

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364 2. Commercial

365 Objective:

366 Encourage and support the Hinsdale business community

367 Policies:

368 a) Re-zoning of existing non-conforming commercial areas should be
369 considered in order to preserve the sales and real estate tax revenue
370 sources currently being generated from these areas while maintaining a
371 symbiotic relationship with nearby residential areas.

372 b) Review of the present boundaries for the commercial zones should be
373 considered, but only to the extent that it provides needed services for
374 residents or additional revenue sources for the village. Areas that may be
375 considered for review should be contiguous to existing commercial zones.
376 In the event of a recommended expansion of commercial boundaries,
377 transition zones should be used to ease the transition of the commercial
378 area to the surrounding areas zoned for different land uses.

379 c) Adequate access to the business areas should be maintained and
380 adequate parking should be provided in accordance with the
381 Transportation Policy.

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389 3. Parks and Open Space

390 Objective:

391 To provide park land sufficient to accommodate the recreational needs of all
392 age groups in Hinsdale consistent with the best communities in the area, and
393 to provide an appropriate amount of open space in order to enhance the
394 beauty of the village.

395 Policies:

396 a) Consideration should be given to the acquisition of additional recreational
397 land particularly in those areas of the village where such facilities are not
398 currently within walking distance of residents.

399 b) Continue to improve the existing parks in keeping with the changing
400 recreational interests of Hinsdale’s residents as guided by the Parks and
401 Recreation Master Plan.

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c) Consideration should be given to additional acquisition of open land as it becomes available and as economically feasible.

4. Educational and Institutional

Objective:

Continue to allocate sufficient land to accommodate the educational, medical and religious needs of Hinsdale’s residents

Policies:

a) Respond in a supportive way to zoning requests from the community’s school districts, medical establishments and its churches consistent with the needs of Hinsdale’s residents.

b) Expansion of existing facilities should take into consideration the impact on the surrounding areas.

C. Village Character & Appearance

Hinsdale has long been known as an attractive, well-maintained village. Tree lined streets, high quality buildings with architectural variety and character and a compact, historically scaled retail and service core are considered Village assets.

1. Historic Preservation

Objective:

Promote historic preservation as a contributor to the quality and character of the Village by encouraging the study, inventory, preservation, and maintenance of existing houses and commercial buildings that define Village character.

Policies:

a) Incorporate voluntary historic preservation as a standard component of all elements in Village planning, including assessment of the impact of new ordinances on the maintenance and renovation of older homes and historic neighborhoods.

b) Encourage the designation of Historic Landmarks for all buildings, both public and private, that are considered eligible.

c) Support the Historic Preservation Commission’s work in public education, in research and in technical assistance to those interested in renovating older properties.

2. Architecture

Objective:

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459 Architectural review of important public and private buildings is considered
460 essential to maintaining village character and quality. This review is intended
461 to permit architectural variety while promoting compatible scale, high quality
462 construction and detailing that is in harmony with the surrounding streetscape.

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464 Policies:

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466 Architectural review of important public and private buildings should be
467 continued.

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469 a) Village ordinances should provide sufficient authority and flexibility to
470 maintain architectural harmony and scale in commercial, office and
471 institutional districts and not stifle artistic creativity.

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473 3. Public Grounds

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475 Objective:

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477 Public grounds in the village should be inviting, present a pleasing impression
478 and be easily accessible for their intended uses.

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480 Policies:

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482 a) Parks and public grounds should be maintained in a manner consistent
483 with high landscaping standards and care and environmental issues.

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485 4. Tree Preservation

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487 Objective:

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489 Maintain and enhance the Village's urban forest.

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491 Policies:

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493 a) Village trees on public property should be protected. The preservation and
494 maintenance of private trees by residents should be encouraged. Public
495 reforestation programs should include a balance of suitable varieties to
496 replace lost trees. Careful attention should be given to tree protection in
497 areas of construction activity.

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499 b) Encourage residents to share in the maintenance and protection of public
500 trees.

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502 5. Streets and Sidewalks

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504 Objective:

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506 Improve, construct, and maintain the street and sidewalk system in a sound
507 and cost-effective manner so that motorists and pedestrians can travel safely
508 and conveniently.

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Policies:

- a) Provide safe pedestrian access to schools, churches, parks, shopping, train and other pedestrian destinations.
- b) Maintain the sidewalk system to provide safe unobstructed pedestrian use.
- c) Replacement of hazardous and unusable sidewalks should be continued.
- d) New sidewalk locations should be consistent with the Village’s Master Sidewalk Plan.
- e) The payment of construction of new sidewalk should be consistent with the Village’s sidewalk policy.
- f) Sidewalks should be located on public right-of-way with adequate separation from the street for safety reasons.

6. Signs

Objective:

Provide regulations that result in attractive and effective signage consistent with the Village’s character that benefit the public and the commercial sector.

Policies:

- a) All signage on public and commercial buildings shall be subject to design review and must comply with the Village sign ordinance.
- b) Signs should be posted at Village entrances to direct people to key Village buildings as well as to the commercial districts

7. Utilities

Objective:

Work closely with private utility companies to assure stable and consistent service to residents.

Policies:

- a) Encourage relocation of exposed utility lines underground.
- b) Whenever possible, utility maintenance, replacement and upgrades should be coordinated with planned village infrastructure projects.

8. Village Facilities

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The Village physical plant includes buildings, streets, sewers, water facilities, sidewalks, and other physical resources – used by the Village in providing services and by citizens – for which the Village is responsible. Improve, construct, maintain and conserve the Village’s physical plant resources so that they are at all times sound, effective and economical.

Policies:

- a) Improvements should be required in developing areas in order to maintain a uniform level of service and quality.
- b) All new installations of public improvements should be of the highest quality.
- c) All physical facilities should be maintained to achieve maximum years of service, and should be replaced when they cannot be made to meet Village standards.

9. Village Entrances

Objective:

Enhance and maintain the main entrances to the Village.

Policies:

Village entrances at Ogden and Route 83, Ogden and I-294, Chicago Avenue and Route 83, 47th Street and I-294, 55th Street and I-294, 55th Street and Route 83, York Road north of Ogden Avenue, County Line Road and 59th Street, and Madison Street and 59th Street should provide a positive impression to the public as they enter the Village.

D. Economic Development

Objective:

The Village of Hinsdale recognizes the need for, and benefits of, thriving business areas that support the overall character and residential nature of the community. The unique central business district, two neighborhood shopping centers, an office park and the Ogden Avenue corridor provide an extensive array of convenient goods and services to Hinsdale residents. In addition to serving the convenience and needs of the community, these local business areas help support the economic health of the Village. The Village of Hinsdale has as a broad objective the continued enhancement of economic development opportunities consistent with the overall character of the Village.

Policies:

609 a) The Village of Hinsdale will continue to encourage and support
610 legislatively and financially, the Hinsdale business community consistent
611 with the overall character of the Village.

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613 An Economic Development Commission has been established to:

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- 615 1) Provide advice and assistance to the Village President and Board of
616 Trustees on economic development issues.
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 - 618 2) Encourage the establishment and maintenance of a wide variety of
619 businesses, balanced to serve the needs of the community.
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 - 621 3) Recommend plans and actions to expand the Village's sales tax base.
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 - 623 4) Recommend plans and actions to promote and maintain the Village's
624 unique characteristics.
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 - 626 5) Recommend plans and actions to enhance the quality of life within
627 Hinsdale.
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 - 629 6) Recommend long-term strategies to optimize economic development
630 consistent with the Village's unique residential character.
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 - 632 7) The Village, in cooperation with the Economic Development
633 Commission and Chamber of Commerce, will use its best efforts to
634 commit necessary resources in support of these policies and engage
635 in coordinated activities to assist area businesses individually and in
636 the aggregate to optimize economic development opportunities.
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 - 638 8) The Board of Trustees of the Village of Hinsdale, when appropriate,
639 will consider the Economic Development implications of its actions
640 with regard to land use, zoning, historic preservation, annexation and
641 similar activities.

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643 E. Local Government Services

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645 Good public services are vital. People should feel safe in their homes and on the
646 streets. Help should be readily available in time of need. Rendering good public
647 service requires a skillful blending of physical facilities and equipment and the
648 application of these resources by competent and dedicated personnel. The Village
649 should render well those services which local government is legally and best
650 qualified to perform.

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652 1. Police and Fire Protection

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654 Objectives:

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656 A high standard of Public Safety services should be provided to all members of
657 the community.

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- a) Police officers that maintain the highest ethical and professional standards should provide impartial law enforcement, community-oriented services, and police protection while remaining sensitive to human needs and treating each person with respect, compassion and dignity.
- b) Firefighters/Paramedics, committed to the values of honesty, integrity and public service, well trained and educated, should provide professional and efficient emergency medical and fire services, fire prevention, code enforcement, fire safety education and other emergency and non-emergency services.

2. Water Supply

Objective:

Use and control the total water resources of the Village wisely, economically and conservatively.

Policies:

- a) Water for domestic purposes should continue to be secured through Lake Michigan from the DuPage Water Commission.
- b) Sufficient ground water sources shall be maintained to provide water on an emergency basis, if needed.
- c) Programs of conservation should be encouraged. It may be necessary occasionally to further limit the use of water for landscaping purposes (sprinkling restrictions) to conserve the supply.
- d) Monitor capacity of the water supply system to insure that the system is able to meet demands for domestic, business, firefighting and recreational purposes. There should be adequate storage of potable water.

3. Storm Water

Objective:

Provide a comprehensive storm water management system consisting of appropriately sized pipes for conveyance, retention/detention areas for the temporary storage of water, and appropriate grading to direct storm flows and minimize damage.

Policies:

- a) All development shall provide adequate measures to deal with storm drainage that are compliant with the DuPage County Storm Water Management regulations, compatible with existing drainage paths and which take into consideration the interests of adjacent properties.

- 711 b) When possible, the existing topography should be maintained to minimize
712 storm water issues.
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- 714 c) Changes in existing topography should only be considered when it is clear
715 that such change will improve drainage characteristics along existing
716 drainage paths.
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- 718 d) In appraising internal storm water control programs, considerations should
719 be given to the acquisition of low properties subject to inundation, and
720 creating retention and detention areas. This may be more economical than
721 relief through construction of storm drains, and as direct corollary benefits,
722 provide public open space and water recreation.
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- 724 e) Where solutions of storm water problems mentioned above are found to be
725 impractical, the Village should continue its program of storm sewer
726 improvement consistent with other Village physical plant needs.
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- 728 f) Storm water drainage ways should be preserved through easements, or
729 other means, to minimize the need for storm sewers. The layout of new
730 streets should preserve natural drainage ways.
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732 4. Transportation, Streets & Parking

733 Objective:

734 Provide a transportation and parking system that adequately meets the varying
735 needs of residents, businesses, shoppers and commuters.

736 Policies:

- 737 a) The interior street system should be designed to provide maximum safety,
738 access, and convenience to local traffic.
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- 740 b) Hinsdale is served by rights-of-way owned and maintained by other
741 jurisdictions which connect the village to outside communities and which
742 serve intercommunity traffic through Hinsdale. These rights-of-way include
743 Ogden Avenue, York Road north of Ogden Ave., Route 83, the Tollway,
744 55th Street, and both Madison Street and County Line Road south of 55th
745 Street. The interior system should discourage through routes or alternate
746 routes for traffic that originates and terminates outside of Hinsdale.
747 Residential streets should be protected from through traffic.
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- 749 c) Local intersections with high volume traffic roads, i.e., 55th Street, and
750 Ogden Avenue should be limited to points where the intersection may be
751 regulated by traffic control devices.
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- 753 d) Parking, both on and off street should be considered as a necessary part of
754 the whole transportation system.
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- 756 e) Alternatives to on-street parking should be encouraged for commuter and
757 merchant employee parking.
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- f) Prohibit overnight on-street parking.
- g) Provide adequate short-term parking in the Central Business District.

5. Health Care

Hinsdale medical resources are among the best – the result of the competence and dedication of its health care practitioners, excellent medical facilities, and strong community support.

Objective:

Encourage the continuation and improvement of the present high standard of medical services in Hinsdale.

Policies:

- a) The physical plants and environs of all medical facilities should reflect the character of the Village in terms of architectural quality, open space and lack of congestion.
- b) In recognition of the special needs of hospitals, larger bulk regulations should be considered in hospital zones than in other zoning districts.
- c) Proposed increases in bulk regulations or bed expansion should be approached with caution in view of its close proximity to residential areas.

6. Recreational Activities

Objective:

Continue to expand and improve the Village’s recreation programming to meet the needs and interests of all age groups.

Policies:

- a) Athletic activities, such as tennis, soccer, football, baseball, paddle tennis, basketball, ice skating, skateboarding and swimming should be continued and coordinated with the appropriate athletic group.
- b) Non-athletic recreation programming should appeal to a broad age range.
- c) Special events, such as the Fall Family Festival, Winter Carnival, and Independence Day Parade are enjoyable intergenerational family activities that should be continued.
- d) When feasible and appropriate, and as fiscal resources allow, the Village should examine partnering opportunities with local non-profit recreational groups.

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7. Support For Cultural & Other Community Activities

Objective:

Support local groups that provide cultural benefits to the community.

Policies:

- a) Assist and encourage cultural, neighborhood, and community groups in their efforts to preserve and improve the general welfare of the community.
- b) Encourage development and continuation of community service organizations and cultural institutions.

F. Village Administration

The Village has been the beneficiary of sound stewardship and leadership from Village Boards that have left the Village in a better condition than when they arrived. This dedication to public service is evident in every component of village government.

The Village Board, as the corporate authority and policymaking body has retained full-time staff to manage the daily operations of the Village in a professional, prudent and objective manner.

1. Fiscal Administration

Objective:

Manage the Village’s financial resources in a prudent and conservative manner that is fiscally sound and keeps the Village in a strong financial condition.

Policies:

- a) Broaden and expand the existing revenue base through appropriate economic development.
- b) Expenditures should always correspond with available revenues.
- c) Maintain fund balances at prudent and appropriate levels consistent with adopted Village Board policy
- d) General Village services such as police, fire, public works, recreation, and administration should be supported by general revenues, i.e., property taxes, sales taxes, etc., as the service needs require.
- e) Specific services such as water, sewer, garbage, and parking, should be supported by user charges, reviewed annually, according to the benefit received.

- 863 f) Major improvements or acquisitions of public property which benefit the
864 community as a whole and which cannot be paid for from current revenues
865 and fund balances, should be financed with revenue or general obligation
866 bonds. The Village should systematically appraise its capital needs,
867 determine the financial requirements and, when appropriate, submit the
868 issue to the electorate for decision.
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- 870 g) Improvements of special and direct benefit to particular properties should
871 be financed with special assessments, special taxing districts, or other
872 equitable financing methods, wherein property owners contribute to the
873 support of specific improvements according to the benefits derived
874 therefrom.
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- 876 h) Transfers of money from one fund to another for reimbursement of
877 administrative services should be continued. Other transfers may be
878 considered with full awareness of future consequences.
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880 2. Personnel Administration

881 Objective:

882 Provide an environment that makes Hinsdale an attractive career choice for
883 those interested in public service.
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885 Policies:

- 886 a) Personnel policies and pay scales and benefit packages should be
887 designed to attract and retain at each level highly qualified persons.
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- 889 b) Training and education that is relevant to the job should be available so
890 that employees can stay current and continue to improve.
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892 3. Administration of Codes & Ordinances

893 Objective:

894 Provide ordinances and codes that benefit the general good, are pertinent, help
895 improve safety, are fair, and easily understood.
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897 Policies:

- 898 a) Codes, ordinances and policies should be periodically reviewed and
899 updated to insure their pertinence, consistency, legality and good order.
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- 901 b) Enforce all ordinances fairly and consistently.
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903 G. Relationship Between Citizens and Village Government

904 People decide to live in Hinsdale because of the kind of place it is, and
905 demonstrate their support of the community by their active participation as
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913 informed citizens. The Village Government, in turn, recognizes its responsibilities
914 to the citizenry.

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916 Objective:

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918 Welcome and encourage citizen initiative and participation in the policymaking
919 process.

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921 Policies:

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- 923 a) Assist and encourage neighborhood and community groups in their efforts
924 to preserve and improve the general welfare of the community.
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- 926 b) Provide complete and pertinent information on community issues and
927 problems in advance of policy decisions, through the press, newsletters,
928 and meetings with civic groups and citizens.
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- 930 c) Encourage the study of community issues by both individual citizens and
931 community clubs and organizations, provide ready access to Village
932 resources, and welcome recommendations and proposals.
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- 934 d) Recognize and publicize examples of positive contributions to the Village,
935 which may serve to inspire others. These include remodeling of older
936 homes, handsome architecture, landscaping, gifts to the community for
937 public purposes, outstanding examples of good citizenship and others.
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939 V. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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941 The Village of Hinsdale is part of a metropolitan area that contains different types of
942 governments that include counties, townships, school districts, special purpose
943 districts and other municipalities. Actions by these governments can affect Hinsdale.
944 It is important to be aware of the events occurring around us so that the Village can act
945 in an informed and effective manner. The Village Board and Village Staff should meet
946 periodically with these other governmental units in order to coordinate policies and
947 activities.

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949 Objective:

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951 Maintain good working relationships with other governments to better serve the needs
952 of Hinsdale residents and to better address issues of common interest.

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954 Policies:

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- 956 1. The Village should support the school systems in their efforts to provide quality
957 education. In addition, a close relationship between the Village and the
958 schools should be maintained for the benefit of the entire community.
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- 960 2. Maintain a good working relationship with the sanitary district to improve
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3. Maintain open communications with neighboring communities, as appropriate and necessary, to address issues of common interest and concern.
 4. Maintain relationships with fire and safety providers in other communities in order to maximize the protection of the Village while at the same time eliminating duplicate and overlapping services.
 5. Maintain memberships in relevant intergovernmental organizations to better address issues of regional concern that could impact Hinsdale and its residents.

VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
VISIONING SURVEY
SUMMARY RESULTS

1. Why did you move to Hinsdale?

Respondents were asked to name 3 reasons; however not every respondent named 3. The number of responses were as follows: Reason 1 = 1251; Reason 2 = 1165; Reason 3 = 1093. Adding all three reasons together, the total number of responses equaled 3509 and were broken down as follows:

	Number	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Community Atmosphere	919	26.2%	26.2%
Schools	807	23.0%	49.2%
Transportation	445	12.7%	61.9%
Location	329	9.4%	71.2%
Family/friends	220	6.3%	77.5%
Property/single family	200	5.7%	83.2%
Resale value	182	5.2%	88.4%
All others (none of which exceeded 5%)	<u>407</u>	<u>11.6%</u>	100.0%
Total	3,509	100.0%	

2. Are the Reasons still valid today?

	Number	Percent
Yes	758	70.0%
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Losing Quaintness	245	22.6%
Cost of Living	47	4.4%
Disappointment With Schools	<u>33</u>	<u>3.0%</u>
Total	1083	100.0%

3. What services do you value?

Respondents were asked to name 3 services; however not every respondent named 3. The number of responses were as follows: Service 1 = 1494; Service 2 = 1248; Service 3 = 1003. Adding all three services together, the total number of responses equaled 3745 and were broken down as follows:

	Number	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Fire and Medical	922	24.6%	24.6%
Police/Security	431	11.5%	36.1%
Library	411	11.0%	47.1%
Schools	299	8.0%	55.1%
Parks/school fields open to public/community house	297	7.9%	63.0%
Shopping	230	6.1%	69.2%
Restaurants	217	5.8%	75.0%

Public Works(streets, sidewalks, leaves, snow)	180	4.8%	79.8%
Specific Businesses	176	4.7%	84.5%
Train	169	4.5%	89.0%
All others (none of which exceeded 4%)	<u>413</u>	<u>11.1%</u>	100.0%
Total	3,745	100.0%	

4. What changes do you desire for Hinsdale in the next 10 years?

(Respondents were asked to name 2 or 3 changes with no ranking. A total of 2454 changes were cited as follows:

	Number	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Better Parking Plan/commuter parking	357	14.5%	14.5%
More restaurants	265	10.8%	25.3%
Minimize teardowns/ overdevelopment	260	10.6%	35.9%
More respect for village character/charm	139	5.7%	41.6%
Affordable housing,lower taxes	104	4.2%	45.8%
More business, modest cost	100	4.1%	49.9%
Streets improved/lights	90	3.7%	53.6%
Limit Structure Height	88	3.6%	57.2%
Less Taxes	87	3.5%	60.7%
More Open Space/Parks	74	3.0%	63.7%
All Others (none of which exceeded 3%)	<u>890</u>	<u>36.3%</u>	100.0%
Total	2,454	100.0%	

5. How would you want Hinsdale to differentiate from surrounding villages and towns?

The total number of responses was 1121 as follows:

	Number	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Quaint, unique, historic downtown village Center	488	43.5%	43.5%
Friendly, inviting sense of community	201	17.9%	61.5%
No McMansions	97	8.7%	70.1%
Adequate parking	61	5.4%	75.6%
Parkland/play area for children	54	4.8%	80.4%
Property value/upscale reputation	50	4.5%	84.8%
All Others (none of which exceeded 5%)	<u>170</u>	<u>15.2%</u>	100.0%
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<i>Vision</i>	<i>Values</i>	<i>Mission</i>
<i>Hinsdale - a vibrant community where the future embraces the past!</i>	<i>The Village of Hinsdale values our sense of community exemplified by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Its charming uniqueness</i> ➤ <i>Its history, tradition and character</i> ➤ <i>Its superior array of services</i> ➤ <i>Its social and economic vitality</i> ➤ <i>Its collaboration between public, private, and social entities</i> 	<i>We effectively manage our resources to provide outstanding services and guide change by working collaboratively with, and balance the needs of those vested in our community. Our goal is to preserve and promote the quality of life, uniqueness and vitality of our community.</i>
<i>Small Group Drafts</i>		
We will be a vibrant community of homeowners valuing tradition and high quality services while embracing progress.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High quality public services - Preservation of historical/traditional character - Vibrant downtown district - Our sense of community - Maintain beauty of community 	We are committed to efficiently providing a superior environment to support the needs and desires of those vested in the community.
Continue to provide a high quality of life in a unique and vital community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High quality education - Unique community character (visual) (residential/retail) - Community of homeowners - Sense of community (emotional) - Quality community services (health and safety) - Sense of history/tradition 	The Village provides quality services that further economic and social vitality while managing change in a way that balances the diverse interests of the community.
Using our present actions, tie the needs of the future to the traditions of our past.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sense of community - Sense of uniqueness - Economic vitality - Integrity: Efficiency of governance - Collaboration with community partners 	To provide a high quality of life to those who live and work in Hinsdale through efficient and responsive municipal services.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Municipal safety and service - Cooperative behavior and developing interactive relationships with village entities and public and private organizations - High standards of excellence in all aspects of village services and life 	To preserve and promote the uniqueness and vitality of our community by effectively directing our resources, governing with integrity and working collaboratively with our community partners.

Recommended Revisions

As Written at Visioning Session	Recommended Changes
<p><u>VISION STATEMENT</u> <i>Hinsdale - a vibrant community where the future embraces the past!</i></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><u>VALUE STATEMENT</u> <i>The Village of Hinsdale values our sense of community exemplified by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Its charming uniqueness</i> ➤ <i>Its history, tradition and character</i> ➤ <i>Its superior array of services</i> ➤ <i>Its social and economic vitality</i> ➤ <i>Its collaboration between public, private, and social entities</i> 	<p>Participants recommended combining first and second statements to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Its history, tradition and unique character
<p><u>MISSION STATEMENT</u> <i>We effectively manage our resources to provide outstanding services and guide change by working collaboratively with, and balance the needs of those vested in our community. Our goal is to preserve and promote the quality of life, uniqueness and vitality of our community.</i></p>	<p>The Village of Hinsdale exists to preserve and promote our quality of life, uniqueness and vitality. We are committed to manage our resources to provide outstanding services and to guide change by collaborating with those vested in our community.</p>