CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The Comprehensive Plan represents the overall vision of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Orland Park. The Comprehensive Plan is an advisory set of policies regarding the future physical development of the community. These policies are also shown as maps that will guide the future development of the Village.

THE PLAN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Within the structure of municipal government the Orland Park Comprehensive Plan is essentially the Plan of the elected Board of Trustees. The Comprehensive Plan is their statement of willful intention regarding the future physical development of the community. The Plan also represents the advice of the Plan Commission, appointed by the Trustees to review and recommend all physical subdivision development and land use proposals to the Board of Trustees.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

PURPOSES:

- 1. Improve the physical environment of the community as a setting for human activities to make it more functional, beautiful, decent, healthful, interesting and efficient.
- 2. Promote the public interest and the interest of the community at large.
- 3. Assist in the democratic determination and implementation of community policies on physical development.
- 4. Achieve political and technical coordination in community development.
- 5. Inject long-range considerations into the determination of short-range actions.
- 6. Bring professional and technical knowledge to bear on the making of political decisions concerning the physical development of the community.

THE LEGISLATIVE USES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- 1. The Comprehensive Plan is an instrument by which the Board of Trustees considers, debates, and finally agrees upon a coherent, unified set of general, long-range policies for the physical development of the community.
- 2. The Comprehensive Plan enables the Board of Trustees to make decisions on the basis of a clearly stated, unified set of long-range policies concerned with physical development of the community.

Types of decisions include:

A. Measures designed to carry out the plan and give it legislative effect

Land Development Code
Capital Improvements Program
Community Development Block Grant Program
Area Plans/Redevelopment Plans
Village-wide Facility Plans

B. All actions which routinely require Village Board approval should be viewed in the context of the Comprehensive Plan. These include, but are not limited to:

Development Agreements Capital Facility Decisions Subdivision Plans Park Development Plans Street Closings
Rezoning Cases
Variance Appeals
Transit Route Proposals
Facility Plans for Schools, Library, Fire Stations

3. The Comprehensive Plan presents a clear picture of the Board of Trustees' general long-range policies to all other persons concerned with development.

Plan Commission and staff Village Manager Assistant Village Manager Village Departments Other Governmental Agencies Private Developers Civic Organization General Public Courts

- 4. The Comprehensive Plan is the major instrument by which the professional planners and the citizen plan commissioners call attention to development problems facing the Village and propose solutions to those problems.
- 5. The Comprehensive Plan helps to educate everyone who reads it as to the problems and opportunities of the Village.