

CHAPTER VII

VILLAGE CENTER ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Village Center element of the Comprehensive Plan refers to both the Village Center Plan (a companion supplement of physical design standards and maps) and the goals and objectives stated below.

The Village Center Plan guides development along a portion of Ravinia Avenue and 149th Street, and is designed to serve as the symbolic center of the Village. The Village Center is a mixed-use site which includes government and recreation facilities, as well as office and commercial uses on a traditional village scale which reflects a small, compact development pattern.

GOAL FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE VILLAGE CENTER:

To recover financial investment incurred in acquiring and improving the land by developing lots in a planned, mixed-use business park compatible with adjacent land uses.

OBJECTIVES:

Ensure that all development is compatible with the distinct character and identity established by the Village Center municipal complex to ensure that the Village will enhance its community image and continue to attract business investment.

Create policies that provide for functional integration and visual connections which unify the entire Village Center.

Establish a framework of vehicular streets and pedestrian ways that will provide safe and attractive movement throughout the Village Center.

Ensure that new development employs creative building designs which reinforce community objectives for public spaces yet set parameters which protect existing investment.

Provide flexible policies capable of responding to short-term market demands and long-term economic changes.

Ensure that new development complements existing parking requirements of the municipal uses by providing for shared parking arrangements within the Village Center.

Ensure that new development incorporates positive design principles to foster sense of place, community identity, community character, and contribute to the general welfare of Orland Park.

GOAL FOR ORLAND PARK MUNICIPAL COMPLEX:

To construct, operate, and maintain the municipal complex in a manner that symbolizes the leading role of Orland Park. The complex should be managed in a manner that achieves highest quality in the design of buildings, parking areas, and landscape treatments; demonstrate service to the community; and protects the heritage of our natural environment.

OBJECTIVES:

Manage and maintain the buildings of the municipal complex in a manner that conserves and protects the investment of public resources.

Maintain the architectural integrity of the municipal complex by coordinating all remodeling, alteration, new construction, and maintenance activities.

Consult with experts in the design professions to ensure compatibility of building and landscape improvements.

Ensure consistency of parking, landscape and streetscape improvements with the Village Center Plan.

Emphasize native landscaping indigenous to Illinois throughout the municipal complex grounds.