

VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS, OHIO
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 11, 2024
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting of the Village of Highland Hills, Ohio was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Cassandra Pride in Room No. 14 of Village Hall. It was also broadcast via Zoom Video Communications.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, which was recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Present were Council President Cassandra Pride and Councilpersons Geavona Greene, David Mills, James McManus and Robert Wright II. Also present: Mayor Michael L. Booker (arrived later in the meeting), Law Director Thomas P. O'Donnell, Economic Development Director Larry Finch, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission Manager James Sonnhalter and Planner Laura Mendez Ortiz.

DISCUSSION BY PUBLIC: None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine. Each item will be read individually into the record and the Consent Agenda will then be enacted as a whole by one motion and one roll call. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion by Council is desired on any item on the Consent Agenda, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council motion and considered in its normal sequence under the Regular Order of Business.

a. Approval of minutes: *November 13, 2024 Council Meeting

Moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman Wright to accept the Consent Agenda. All voted aye and the Consent Agenda was **approved.**

COMMUNICATIONS: President Pride introduced Laura Mendez Ortiz, Planner, and James Sonnhalter, Planning Manager, Design and Implementation from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. Ms. Mendez Ortiz then made a Power Point Presentation to Council and members of the Village Planning Commission of the Comprehensive Plan for Highland Hills (attached).

Economic Development Director Larry Finch thanked the County for all their work on behalf of the Village. He stressed this is the beginning, not the end. We have a lot of work to do, including developing regulations and getting together with the City of Cleveland to make them aware of the plan and obtain their feedback relative to the development agreement. Mr. Finch said there are a lot of good ideas in the plan.

Councilwoman Geavona Greene commented that she likes the way they gave examples and compared other areas.

Mr. Sonnhalter and Ms. Mendez Ortiz reminded Council that they work with communities all across the County and have a lot of information to share.

President Pride agreed that the Village is intertwined with other entities and this is a good start. She thanked the Planning Commission for all their hard work.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR: Mayor Michael Booker reminded that the Village Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Camp George Forbes Recreation Hall and he hopes to see everyone there. On a sad note, Jean Smith's sister, Mildred Crump, a long time Councilwoman in Newark, New Jersey, passed away.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Larry Finch, Economic Development Director, reported that he has been working with the Fire Department on a couple of issues and obtaining grant money. Thanks to the grants, the department is able to buy equipment for all of the firefighters; as we have fewer firefighters now, they are determining how to spend the additional money available. They also received a great deal on the oxygen bottles and got them for half price, saving about \$50,000. They can continue to spend the \$50,000 but will have to submit a revision application for approval by FEMA. Once approved, the funds will probably be used to purchase hoses and fittings.

Turning to the current grant, the purchase of equipment is a possibility, but the Fire Chief will be discussing with the Mayor before moving forward.

Councilwoman Greene asked if that is the legislation on the evening's Council agenda, and Mr. Finch answered yes.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: President Cassandra Pride said she has nothing to report at this time.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Finance	Cassandra Pride – met and a report is on file
Properties/Buildings	James McManus – met and a report is on file
Public Works	Robert Wright – met and a report is on file
Rules	David Mills – met and a report is on file
Safety	Geavona Greene – met and a report is on file
Committee of Whole	Cassandra Pride – did not meet

REPORT FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO REGULATORY OR OTHER BOARDS:

Audit	David Mills – met and a report is on file
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Board of Control	Cassandra Pride – met and approved the fire and safety equipment
Board of Zoning Appeals	James McManus – did not meet
Fair Housing Commission	Robert Wright – did not meet
Human Resources Committee	Geavona Greene – did not meet
Planning Commission	David Mills – met and a report is on file
Senior Advisory Board	Cassandra Pride – did not meet in December
Tax Incentive Review Council	Geavona Greene – did not meet

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **THIRD READING CONSIDERATION: None.**
- b. **SECOND READING CONSIDERATION: None.**
- c. **FIRST READING CONSIDERATION:**

Ordinance No. 2024-68: An Ordinance Making Temporary Appropriations for the First Quarter of Calendar Year 2025 for the Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Highland Hills, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman McManus to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Mills to approve Ordinance No. 2024-68. All voted aye and the ordinance was **adopted 5 – 0.**

Ordinance No. 2024-69: An Ordinance to Approve a Wage Increase to the Base Salary or Hourly Wages for All Employees of the Village, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilwoman Greene to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman Wright to approve Ordinance No. 2024-69. All voted aye and the ordinance was **adopted 5 – 0.**

Ordinance No. 2024-70: An Ordinance Providing Authority for the Purchase of Medical, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance Coverages for Eligible Full Time Employees of the Village for Calendar Year 2025, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman Wright to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman McManus to approve Ordinance No. 2024-70. All voted aye and the ordinance **was adopted 5 – 0.**

Ordinance No. 2024-71: An Ordinance Authorizing a Contract with Maverick Office Solutions, Inc. to Provide IT Systems and Services, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Mills to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman McManus to approve Ordinance No. 2024-71. All voted aye and the ordinance **was adopted 5- 0.**

Resolution No. 2024-72: A Resolution Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Marcellis O'Neal to Serve as Finance Director for the Village of Highland Hills, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman Mills to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman Wright to approve Resolution No. 2024-72. All voted aye and the resolution **was adopted 5- 0.**

Ordinance No. 2024-73: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter and Execute a Contract with Fire Safety Systems under the 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the Amount not to Exceed \$127,606.00 for the Purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, and declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman McManus to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman Wright to approve Ordinance No. 2024-73. All voted aye and the ordinance was **adopted 5 – 0.**

Ordinance No. 2024-74: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter and Execute a Contract with Fire Safety Systems under the 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the Amount of \$100,682.00 for the Purchase of Firefighter Turnout Gear, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman McManus to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman McManus to approve Ordinance No. 2024-74. All voted aye and the ordinance was **adopted 5 – 0.**

Ordinance No. 2024-75: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Police Chief to House Village Prisoners with the City of Bedford Heights Jail, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman Mills to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman McManus to approve Ordinance No. 2024-75. All voted aye and the ordinance was **adopted 5 – 0.**

Ordinance No. 2024-76: An Ordinance Providing Authority for the Purchase of Comprehensive Liability, Property and Auto Coverage throughout the Public Entities Pool of Ohio for the Village of Highland Hills, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman Wright to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilwoman Greene to approve Ordinance No. 2024-76. All voted aye and the ordinance was **adopted 5 – 0.**

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENT: Council President Cassandra Pride commented that Council meetings go smoothly when there are proper committee meetings and everything is discussed. She thanked the Law Director for endeavoring to get everything to Council in a timely manner. Mr. O'Donnell related that he literally received the PEP ordinance last night, so it was later getting in. President Pride said she understands some things get backed up this time of year.

Mayor Michael Booker advised legislation to approve the Comprehensive Plan will be on Council's organizational meeting agenda in January.

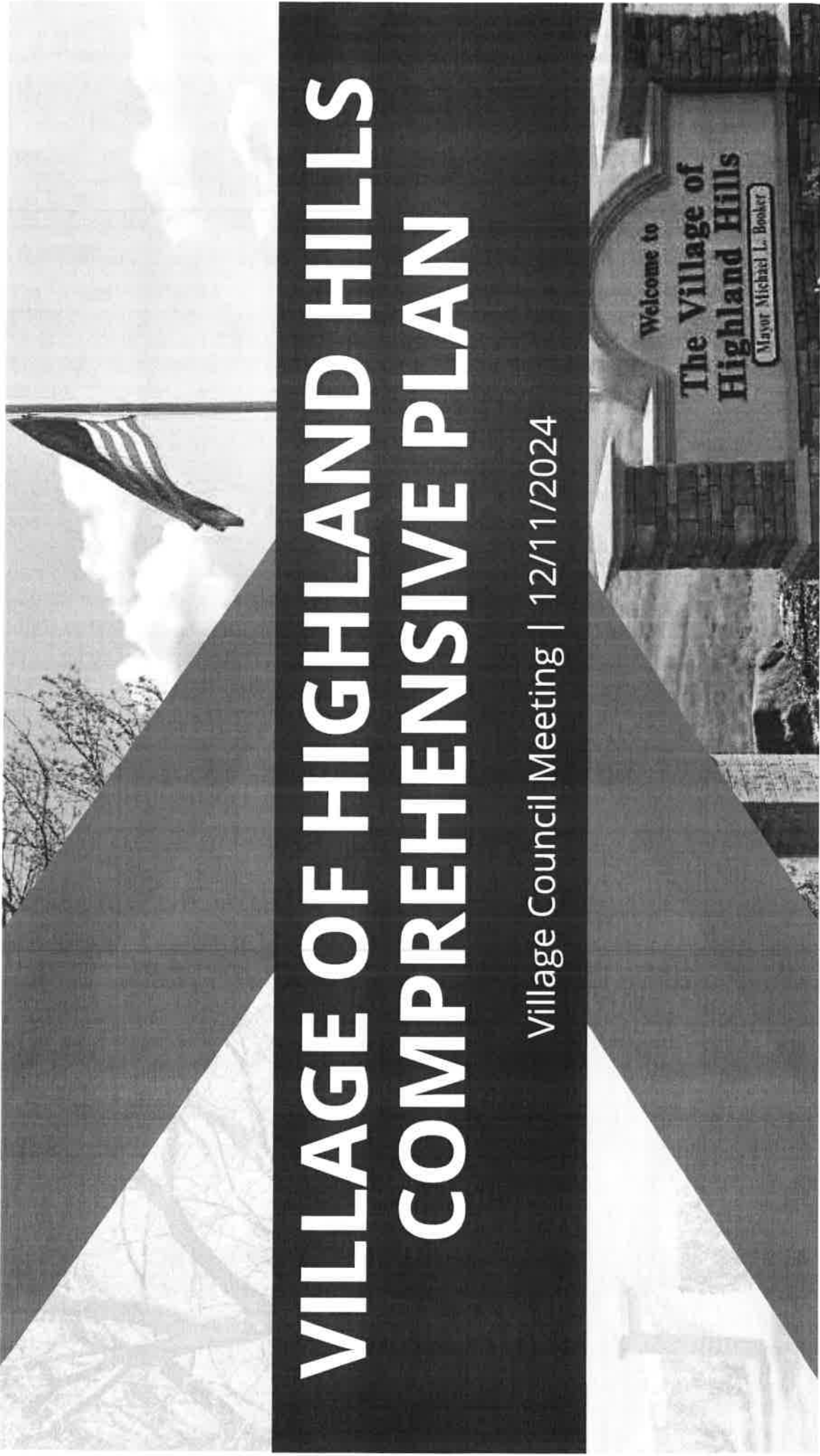
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, it was moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman Mills to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye and the meeting concluded at 6:57 p.m.


Cassandra Pride, President of Council


Margaret Sikon, Clerk of Council

Attachment:

Village of Highland Hills Comprehensive Plan



VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Village Council Meeting | 12/11/2024

Agenda

- Plan Background
- Planning Process
- Engagement Summary
- Comprehensive Plan Overview
- Implementation in Action
- Next Steps

Our Team



- Mary Cierebiej, AICP, Executive Director
- James Sonnhalter, Planning Manager, Design & Implementation
- Laura Mendez Ortiz, AICP, Planner
- Nichole Laird, AICP, Senior Planner
- Luke Ols, Cleveland Foundation Fellow

Background | 1992 Comprehensive Plan

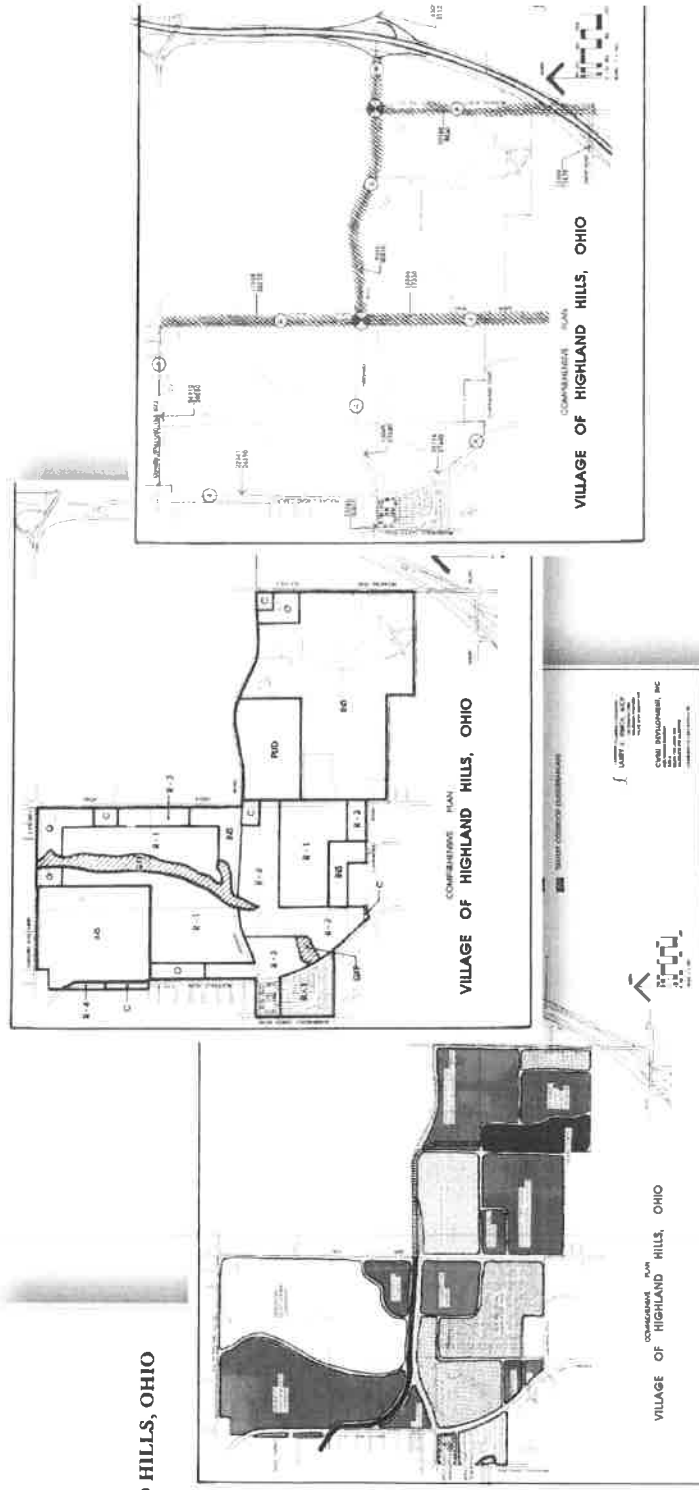
THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS, OHIO

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

March, 1992

Submitted by

Larry E. Finch, AICP
Planning and Development Consultant
with CWM Architects, Inc. - Subconsultants



Planning Purpose



A **long-term guide** for how the community wants to grow and develop in the future

Provides an opportunity for **community input**

Inventories **what exists today** and outlines the **community's vision** for the future

Describes **concrete steps** to achieve the community's vision

Gives a **competitive edge** when applying to grants

Planning Process



01

Current Conditions

Collect and analyze data to establish a snapshot of the Village



02

Community Vision

Develop a broad and aspirational statement of how the Village wants to grow and develop in the future



03

Recommendations

Outline specific action steps to achieve the desired vision



04

Implementation

Assign responsibilities, partners, and priorities

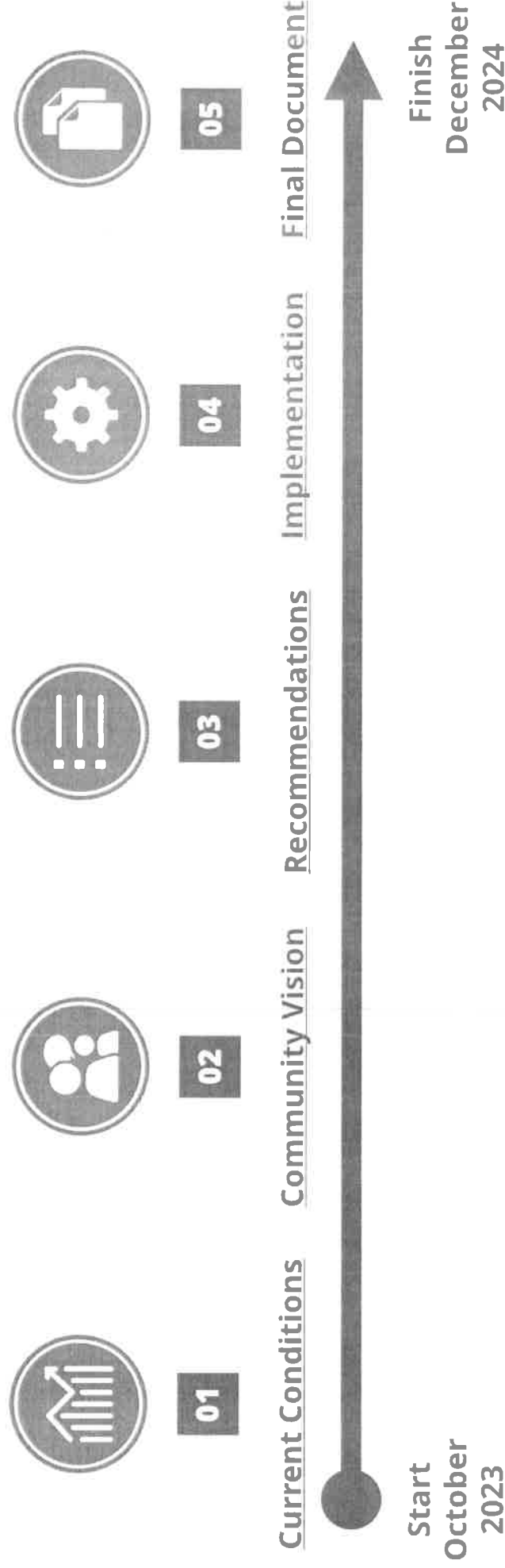


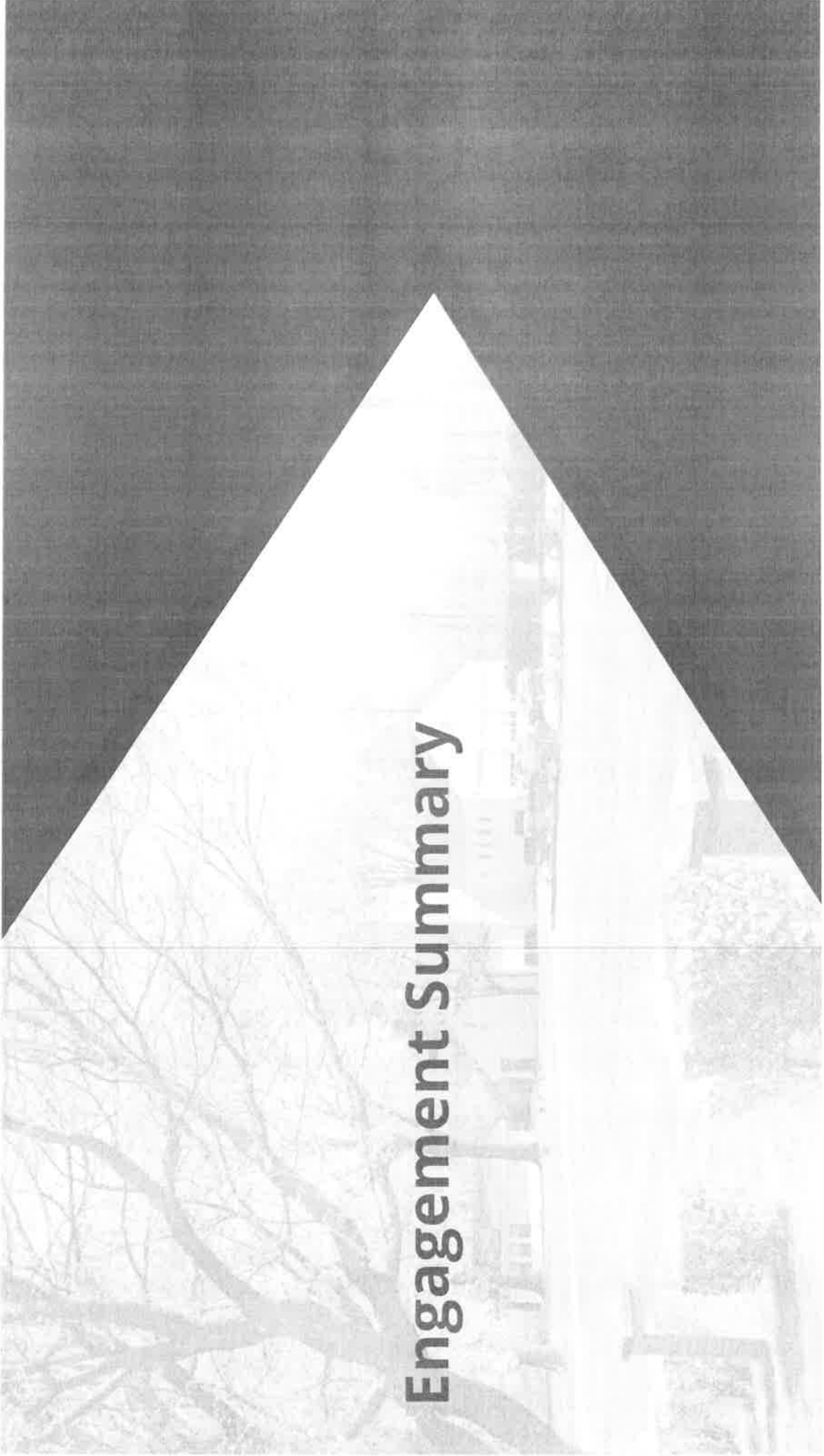
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Final Document

Finalize document and present the Plan to Village Council for adoption

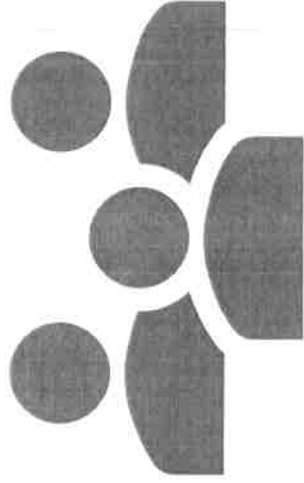
Planning Process





Engagement Summary

Involved Groups



County
Planning

Project
Team

Stakeholders

Public

Engagement Overview

5 Project Team
Meetings

19 Stakeholder
Interviews

2 Public Engagement
Rounds (Public Meeting +
Activity Boards +
Surveys)

Stakeholder Interviews



Getting the Word Out

- Mayor’s Newsletter
- State of the Village
- Food Distribution
- Ready Notify
- Posted Flyers
- Project Webpage
- Email

VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Your next opportunities to provide input on the Plan!

PUBLIC MEETING #2	MEET & GREET
July 10th, 5:30 to 6:30 pm Join us at the Shaker House Lobby, where there will be a brief presentation on the Plan's progress and activity boards set up to share your thoughts.	July 25th, 4:30 to 5:30 pm Missed the Public Meeting? Join us at the Shaker House Lobby, where you can ask questions and provide feedback to County Planning Representatives.
ACTIVITY BOARDS	ONLINE SURVEY #2
July 10th - 25th, 2024 Activity boards will continue to be set up in the Shaker House Lobby for you to provide feedback on your own time.	July 10th - 31st, 2024 Access the survey by scanning the QR Code or visiting: www.surveymonkey.com/r/Highland_Hills2



To learn more about the plan, please visit:
www.countyplanning.us/HighlandHills

Public Engagement #1

- Public Meeting, Activity Boards, Survey
- Informed Current Conditions & Community Vision
 - Asked about experiences, likes/dislikes, desires for the future



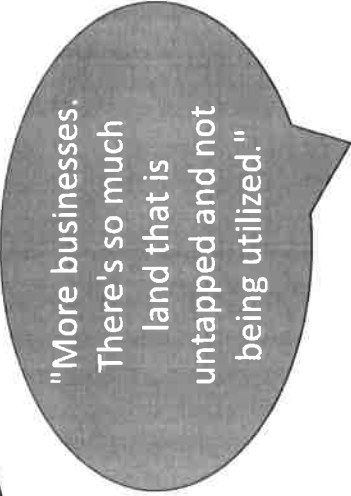
Public Engagement #1

Key Themes:

- The Community & People
- Growth & Development
- Location & Access
- Community Beautification
- Recreation Opportunities
- Great Village Services



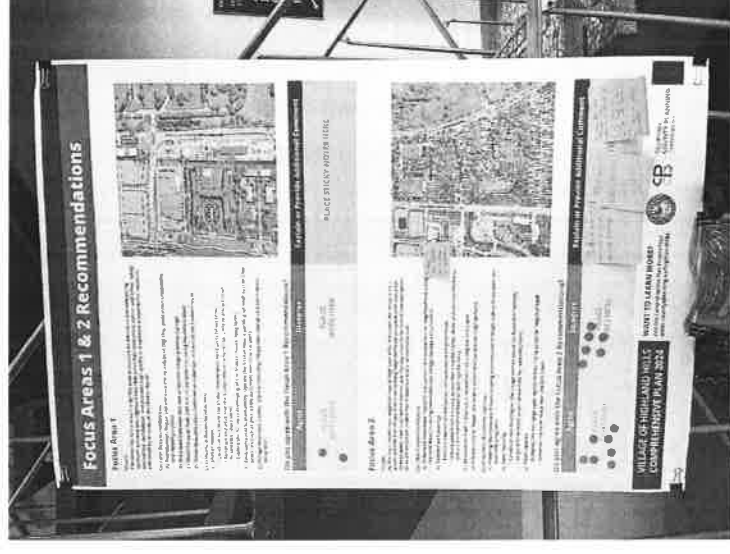
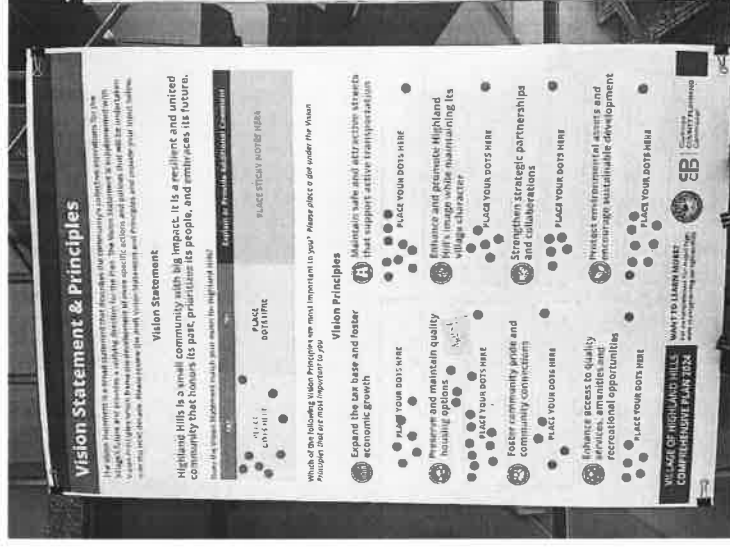
"I enjoy the community atmosphere, the history, and the green spaces available for use."



"More businesses. There's so much land that is untapped and not being utilized."

Public Engagement #2

- Public Meeting, Meet & Greet, Activity Boards, Survey
- Inform Vision & Recommendations
 - Asked about opinions on draft Community Vision and Place-Based Recommendations



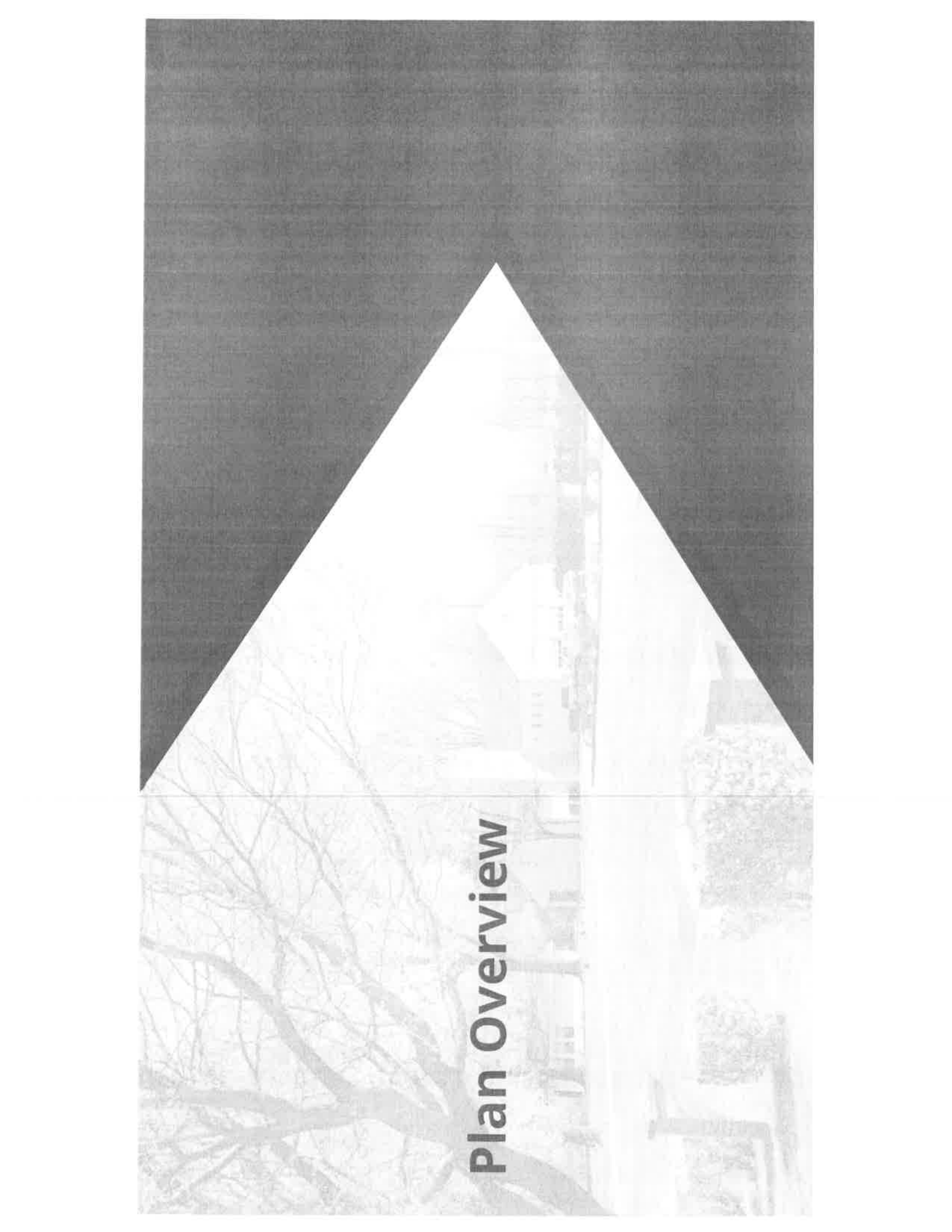
Public Engagement #2

Key takeaways

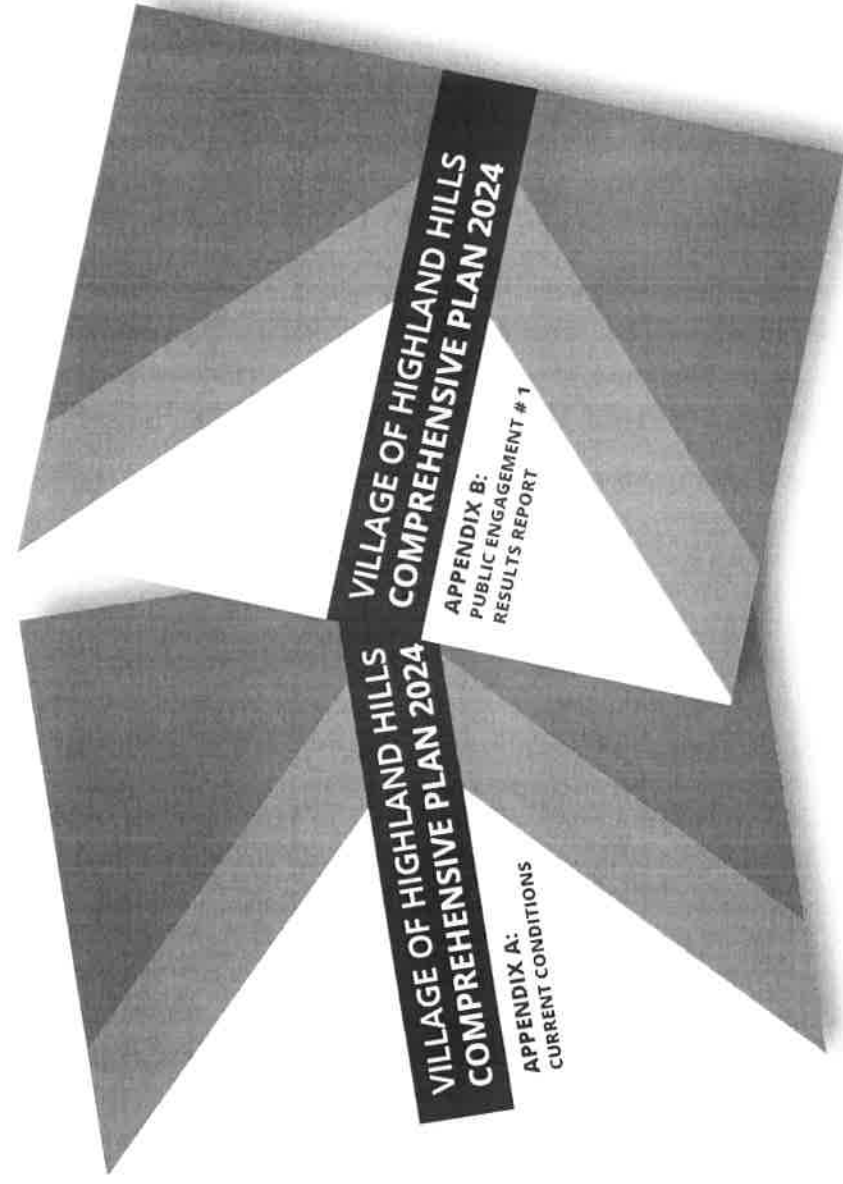
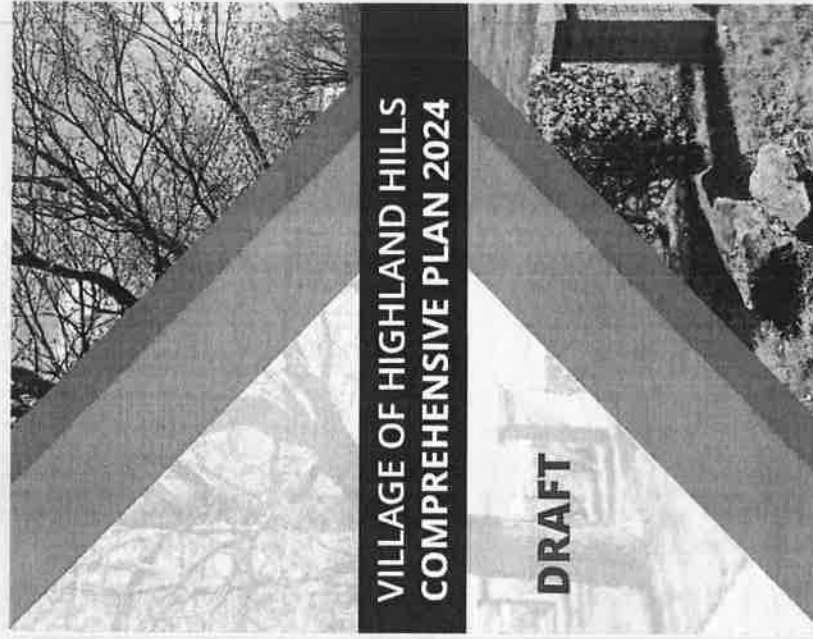
- Mostly positive feedback
 - All Vision Principles rated “Important” or “Somewhat Important”
 - Respondents selected “Strongly Agree” or “Agree” for almost all Focus Area Recommendations
- Some privacy concerns on the proposed trail within residential neighborhood

“Strongly agree with most of these suggestions but concerned that the recreation trail may be too close to people’s homes and backyards.”

“Transit stops urgently needed. Seating for all should be a right, not just standing at a tiny sign hoping to be seen.”



Plan Overview



Current Conditions



Seven Profiles:

- Demographics Profile
- Housing Profile
- Economic Profile
- Community Services & Facilities Profile
- Transportation & Infrastructure Profile
- Environmental Profile
- Land Use & Zoning Profile

Community Vision



Highland Hills is a small community with big impact. It is a resilient and united community that honors its past, prioritizes its people, and embraces its future.

Community

Foster community pride and community connections



Image & Character

Enhance and promote Highland Hill's image while maintaining its village character



Active Transportation

Maintain safe and attractive streets that support active transportation



Enhanced Access

Enhance access to quality services, amenities and recreational opportunities



Quality Housing

Preserve and maintain quality housing options



Economic Growth

Expand the tax base and foster economic growth



Partnerships & Collaborations

Strengthen strategic partnerships and collaborations

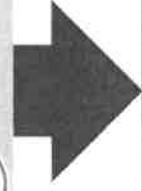


Sustainability

Protect environmental assets and encourage sustainable development



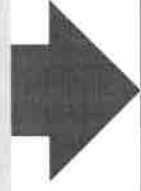
Vision Statement & Vision Principles



Recommendations

Village-Wide

Place-Based



Future Land Use Map

Village- Wide Recommendations



- Economic Development
- Housing Maintenance & Opportunities
- Community Facilities & Services
- Zoning & Development Regulations

HOUSING MAINTENANCE & OPPORTUNITIES

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KEY FACTS

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APPLICABLE VISION PRINCIPLES



HOUSING MAINTENANCE & OPPORTUNITIES RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue to encourage property owners to maintain and improve their properties.
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- Provide property owners and residents with information, resources, and incentives to maintain and improve their properties.
 - Develop a housing maintenance program that includes property maintenance code enforcement and incentives.
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- Develop new housing opportunities to attract young families, empty nesters, and professionals that want to live in the Village.
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Economic Development Recommendations

1. **Attract Businesses And Develop Vacant Land Through Regional Collaboration**

2. **Up-skill The Local Workforce To Spur Economic Growth**

3. **Strengthen And Maintain A Relationship With Existing Businesses**

4. **Enhance The Village's Brand And Sense of Place To Market Community And Attract Investments**



Housing Maintenance & Opportunities Recommendations

1. **Continue to Strengthen Property Code Enforcement and Maintenance Protocols**
2. **Provide** Property owners and renters with **information, resources, and incentives** to maintain and renovate their properties
3. **Develop new housing opportunities** to attract young families, empty nesters, and professionals that work nearby



Community Services & Facilities Recommendations

1. **Maintain** high quality **Village Services** and Communication
2. **Promote** and **develop** recreation, health, and educational **events** and **programs** that engage residents of **all ages**
3. **Evaluate the potential** for a **new Village Administration Center** that combines the Village Hall and the Police, Fire and Service Departments



Zoning & Development Regulations Recommendations

1. **Review And Update Zoning Districts** Outlined In The Planning And Zoning Code To **Reduce Complexity** And **Modernize Regulations**
2. **Enhance Supplemental Standards** Within The Planning And Zoning Code To Right-size **Parking**, Encourage **Active Transportation** And Ensure **Sustainable Development**
3. **Update And Make Available Associated Maps** And Supplemental Documents Identified In The Planning And Zoning Code
4. **Evaluate** And Adjust The **Development Review Process** To Ensure Enforcement, Coordination, And Clarity

Place-Based Recommendations

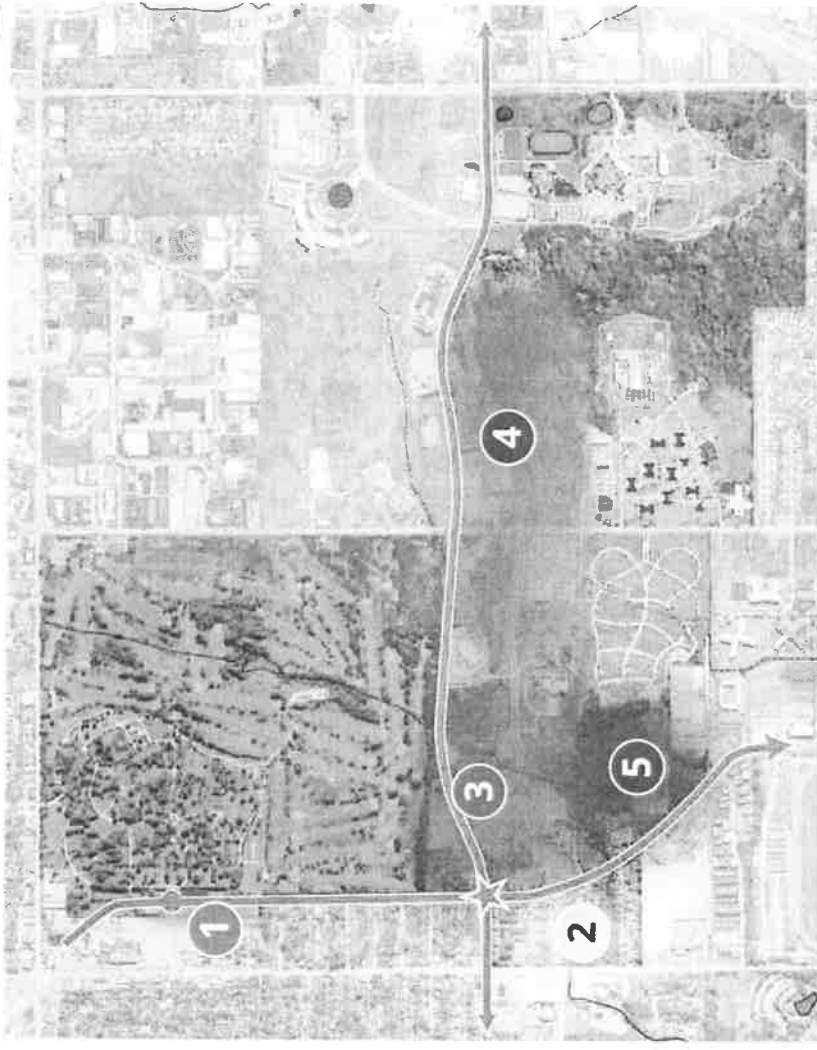


Focus Corridors

1. Northfield Road
2. Harvard Road

Focus Areas

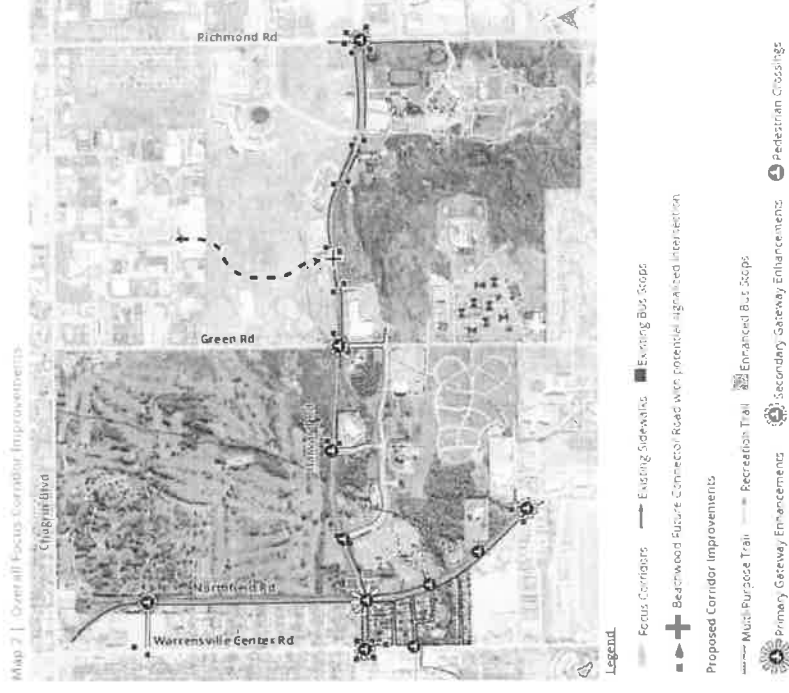
- 1 Northern Gateway
- 2 Residential Neighborhood
- 3 Village Core
- 4 Employment Hub
- 5 Southern Gateway



Focus Corridor Recommendations



- Trails
- Enhanced Gateways
- Pedestrian Crossings
- Enhanced Bus Stops



Focus Area Recommendations



Key Improvements

- Enhanced Bus Stops
- Enhanced Gateway
- Community Gazebo
- Village Town Center
- Village Administration Center

FOCUS AREA 3: VILLAGE CORE

FOCUS AREA VISION

Focus Area 3 is envisioned to become the primary gateway and anchor for the neighborhood. Village Town Center, it will serve as the central community gathering place, house the new Village Administration Center, and provide a mix of uses, including retail, office, and residential. The Village Core will be a vibrant, walkable, and transit-friendly environment that embraces its surrounding natural assets.

APPLICABLE DESIGN PRINCIPLES



RECOMMENDATIONS

- COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS**
- At Enhanced Primary Gateway:
 - Enhance the Gateway and provide a mix of uses, including retail, office, and residential.
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Focus Area Recommendations



- ## Key Improvements
- Pedestrian Bridge
 - Multi-Purpose Trail
 - Pedestrian Crossing & Pedestrian Safety

FOCUS AREA 5: SOUTHERN GATEWAY

FOCUS AREA VISION

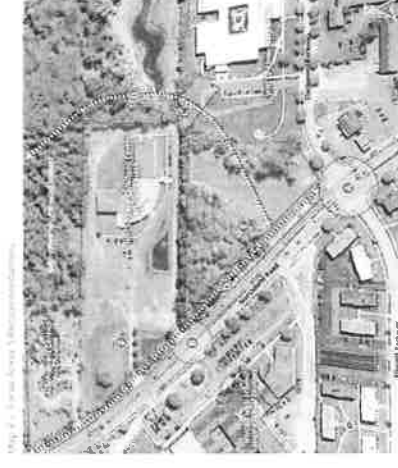
Focus Area 5 is envisioned to become a family-friendly educational corridor that provides safe, easy pedestrian connections between the different educational institutions, provides community-oriented spaces, and also serves as an active southern gateway into Highland Hills.

APPLICABLE VISION PRINCIPLES



RECOMMENDATIONS

- CORRIDOR RECOMMENDATIONS**
- A) Enhanced Gateway**
 - Add new Gateway Secondary Entryways at the intersection of Highland Road and Claywood
 - Work with Voevodsky to create City School District and the City of Highland Hills to implement Safe Routes to School improvements, including a high-visibility crosswalk and updated signage at the intersection of Highland Road and Claywood Parkway.
 - B) Pedestrian Crossing & Pedestrian Safety Measure**
 - Install a pedestrian crossing along Highland Road between the War Road and Highland Road.
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 - D) Trail**
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- ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS**
- A) Pedestrian-Friendly**
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Future Land Use Map



Purpose	Considerations
• Illustrates the desired future distribution of land uses over the next decade • A tool to <i>inform</i> future zoning changes but <i>does not change</i> existing regulations • A concept map that guides decisions regarding development and redevelopment opportunities • Ensures coordination	• Vision Principles and Community Desires • Development Pressures, Trends, and Opportunities • Existing Zoning, Land Use, Land Ownership Patterns • Joint Development Agreements • Historic Trends

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	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
	MULTI - FAMILY
	COMMERCIAL RETAIL
	OFFICES
	LIGHT INDUSTRY
	INSTITUTIONAL / SEMI - PUBLIC
	PLANNED COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
	TRANSIT CORRIDOR (SURFACE)
	TRANSIT CORRIDOR (SUBTERRANEAN)

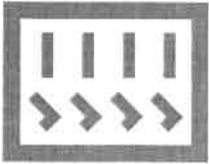
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Future Land Use Map

- Single-Family Residential
- Medium-Density Residential
- High-Density Residential
- Walkable Mixed-Use
- Office/Light Industrial
- Institutional/Mixed-use
- Institutional
- Open Space



Implementation Overview

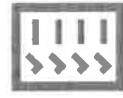


Implementation
Tables

Resources &
Tools

Key Project
Highlights

Key Actions for Implementation



Monitor

the Plan

Revise

Regulations &
Agreements

Engage

Residents &
Partners

Fund

Programs &
Projects

Implementation Tables



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS (PAGE 22-25)

1. Attract businesses and develop vacant land through regional collaboration	Actions & Programs	Priority Level		
			Years to complete	Potential Partners
A) Market available development sites and office spaces		Ongoing		CLE, CH, TNEO, JOB, CCDD
B) Build a cohesive vision for the Chagrin Highlands area		0-2		CLE, BW, WHTS, OV, CH
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COMMUNITY & PUBLIC SPACES

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNITY PLACEMENT GRANTS
PROJECT FOR PUBLIC SPACES

The U.S. based nonprofit and government agencies to address the inequality in public spaces and outdoor recreation. The program provides grants to create new ones via direct funding, technical assistance, and capacity building.

PROJECT TYPE

Community development, equity

STREET AMERICA AND SMART GROWTH AMERICA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

STREET AMERICA

Recorded as revitalizing community spaces in towns of 50,000 or less to help
revitalize urban centers and create a more vibrant, walkable community.

NO BEAUTIFUL PAINT GRANT PROGRAM

Community groups with supplies to enable them to refresh a community
painted into something beautiful through the application of Sherwin-Williams
paint along with supporting volunteers.

METOWN PROUD

Support community owned projects from community gardens and
community centers to help create a more vibrant, walkable community.
Project must be within a 50 mile radius of an authorized public dealer.

GRANT AND ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

to create new outdoor public spaces and destinations in a
used or underused sites. These can be temporary installations
or permanent ones. The program provides grants to help
develop new trails, pocket parks, playgrounds, pocket parks, pocket
trails and railroads, playgrounds, pocket parks, pocket
trails and railroads.

IC SPACES

Community based organization that offers technical assistance to towns in the public, civic
and private sectors that work to support the wellbeing of communities through public
space.

Key Project: Brownfield Redevelopment



Bellaire secures \$500,000 for cleanup, eyes bright future for historic site

By Carrie O'Neil | Mon, November 4th, 2024 at 11:37 AM

Welcome to TAB EZ

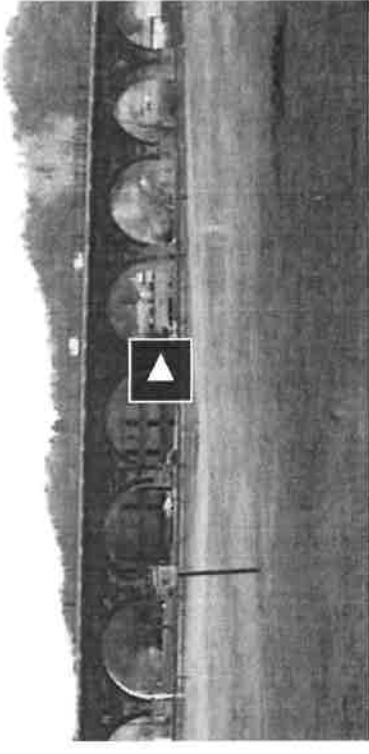
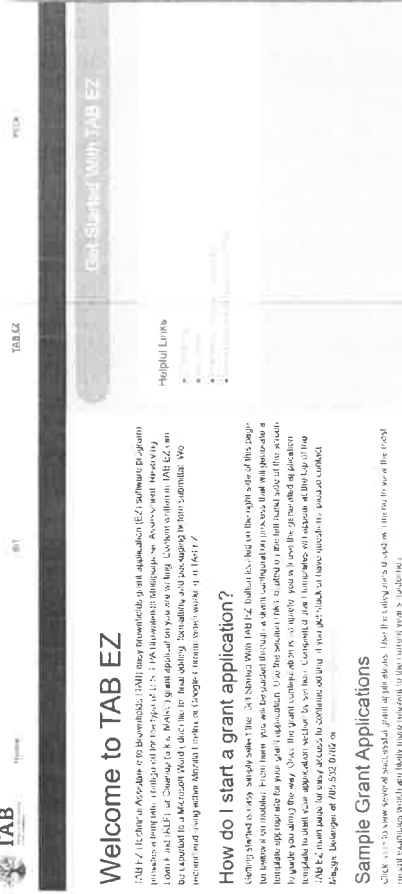
TAB EZ (Texas Automated Brownfields) is a free, web-based application (EZ) software designed to assist in the process of applying for a grant to help pay for the cleanup of brownfields. The software is designed to be user-friendly and easy to use, allowing users to quickly and easily apply for a grant. The software is designed to be user-friendly and easy to use, allowing users to quickly and easily apply for a grant.

How do I start a grant application?

Getting started is very simple when using TAB EZ. Simply log in to the right side of this page to begin a new application. From here, you will be guided through a series of steps that will generate a grant application for you. The grant application is a PDF document that you will need to submit to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for review. The grant application is a PDF document that you will need to submit to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for review.

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A historic bridge spans the water, and a large building stands on the shore. The image is a black and white photograph, and the play button icon indicates that there is a video or interactive content associated with this image.

Key Project: Transportation Infrastructure



Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI)

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2025 TLCI Implementation Program

NOACA's State Fiscal Year 2025 TLCI Implementation applications are now open! This program provides transportation infrastructure funding for projects which have been recommended through a TLCI planning study (or a locally supported TLCI-like planning study). You may complete and submit an application [here](#). Applications are due by 12:00 p.m. noon on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024.

TOP NEEDS FROM TLCI DATABASE ANALYSIS & SURVEY

Bicycle Recommendations

- Bike Lanes
- Striping (\$50,000/mile)
- Bike Signals (\$20,000/intersection)
- Bike Detention (\$2,500/each)
- Bike Parking
- Bike Rack (\$500/rack)
- Bike Locker (\$2,000/each)
- Bike Cartel (\$4,000/each)
- Signed Routes

- Sharrows (\$10,000/mile)
- Signed Route (\$3,000/mile)
- Wayfinding and Signage (\$500/sign)

Pedestrian Recommendations

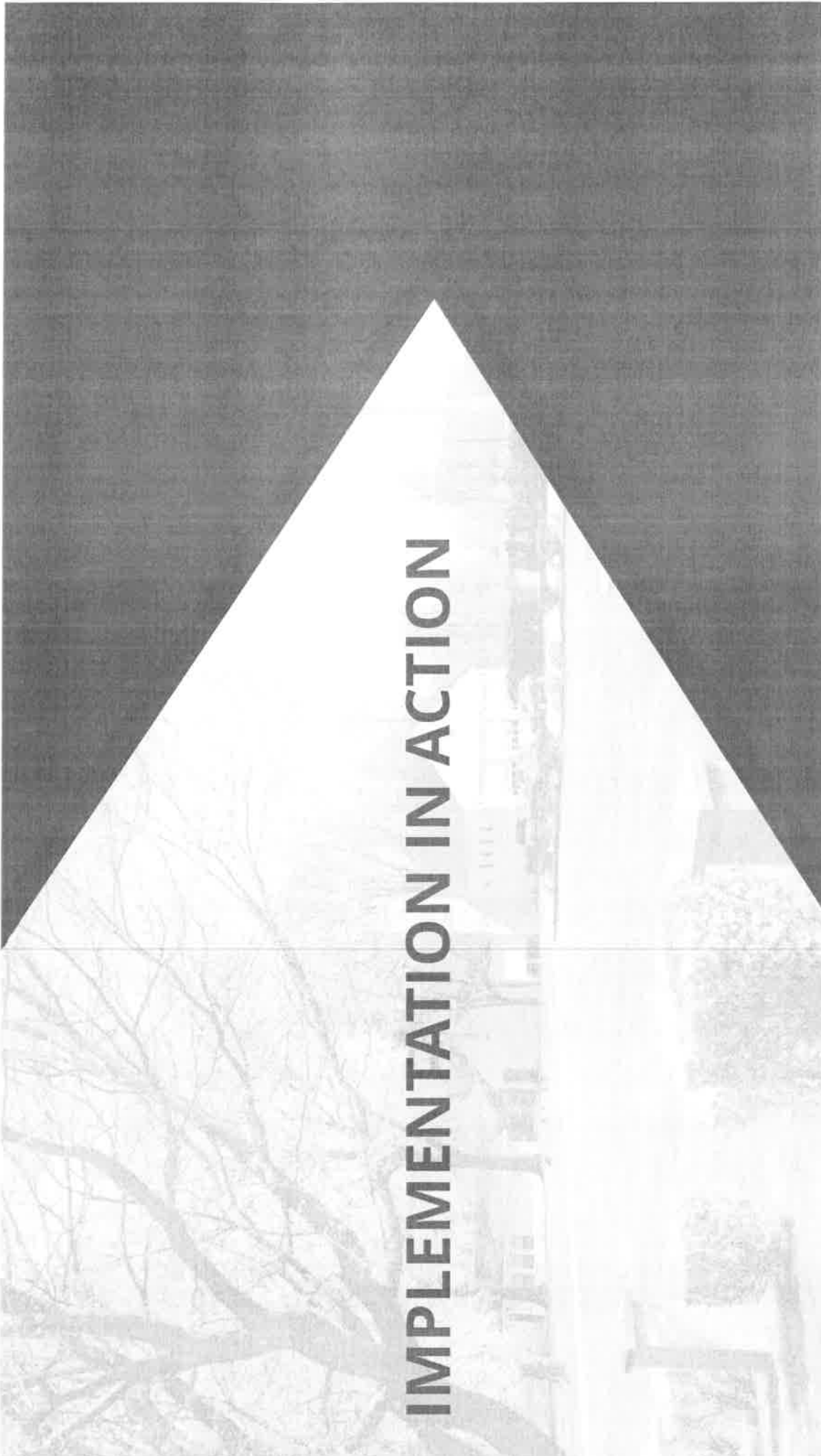
- Crosswalk Enhancements
- Landmark Crosswalk (\$6,000/pair)
- Curb Extension (\$50,000/each)
- Raised Crosswalk (\$50,000/each)
- Crossing Island (\$10,000/each)
- Curb Ramps (\$12,000/intersection)
- Pedestrian Signals (\$25,000/intersection)
- RRFB (\$20,000/intersection)
- Benches (\$1,500/each)
- Wayfinding & Signage (\$300/sign)

Transit Recommendations

- Transit Waiting Environment (\$50,000/each)
- Wayfinding & Signage (\$300/sign)

Roadway Recommendations

- Road Diet (\$50,000/mile)
- On-Street Parking (\$50,000/mile)
- Reconfigured Intersection (\$100,000/mile/section)
- Access Management (\$10,000/curb cut)

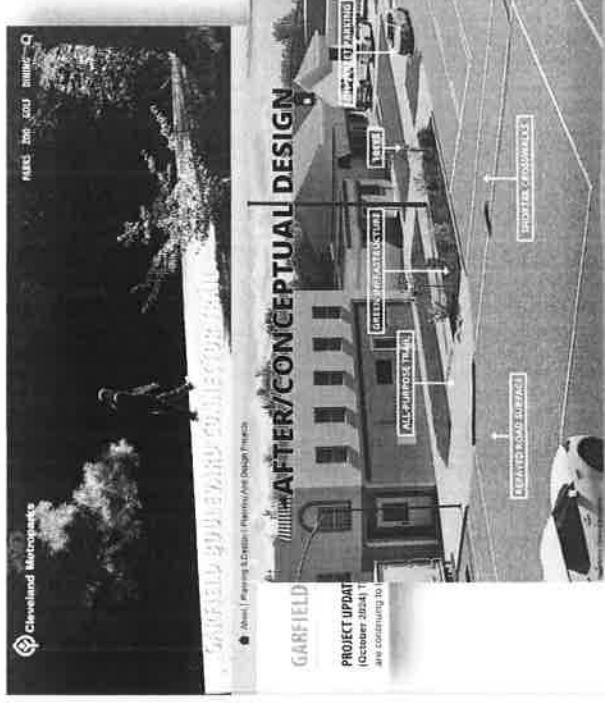
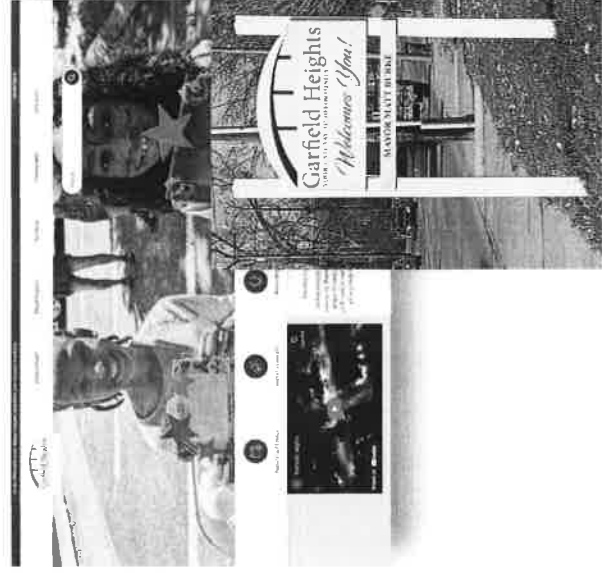


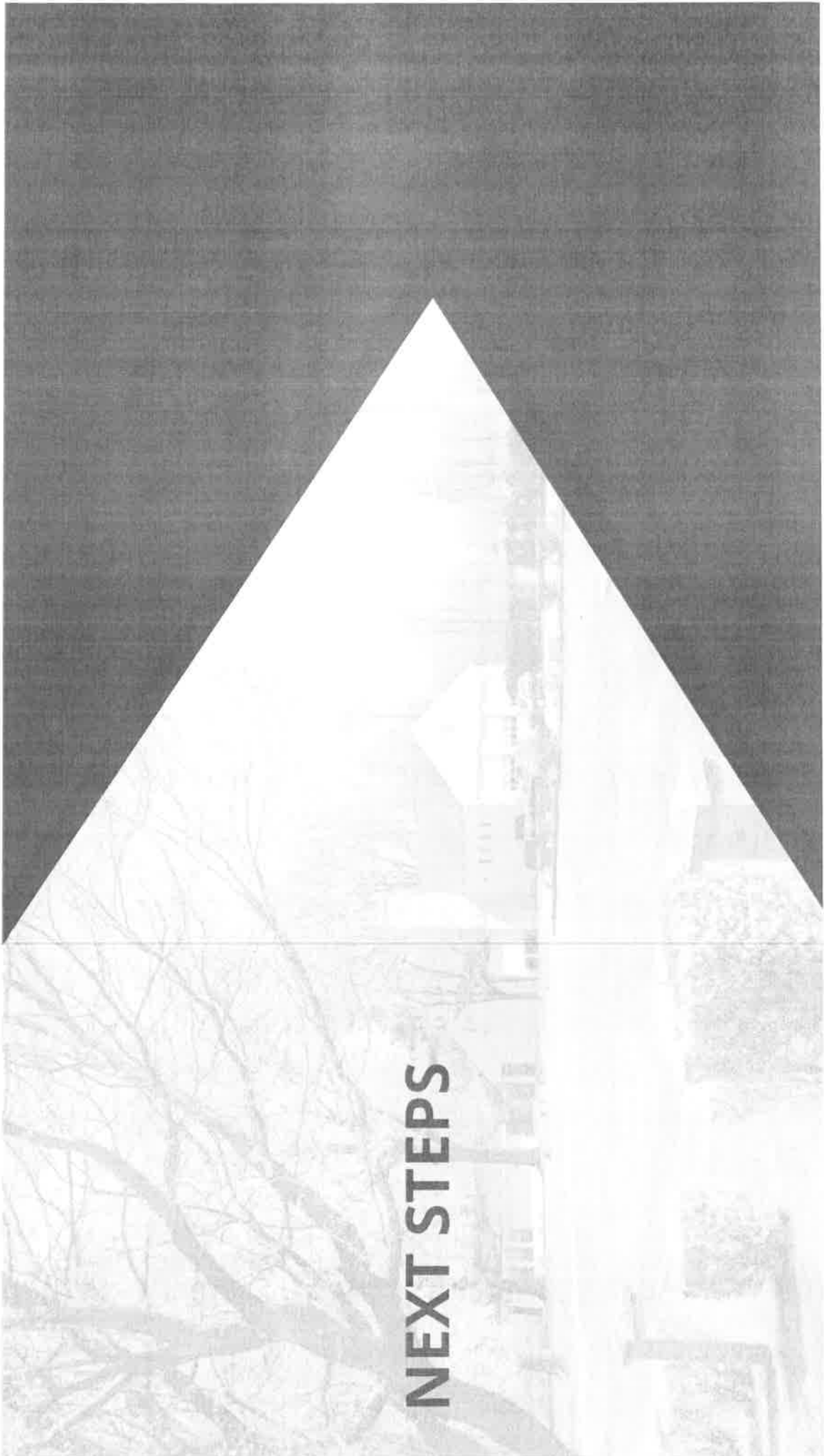
IMPLEMENTATION IN ACTION

Garfield Heights Master Plan



Garfield Heights Comprehensive Plan Implementation





NEXT STEPS

Next Steps

- Project Team review of Draft Plan
- Public posting of draft to follow
- Final draft document sent to the Village by December 31st
- Council Approval Process to follow



- Stay up-to-date:
www.countyplanning.us/highlandhills

Thank you!

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