

2021 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE SUMMARY

One of the most important tasks in municipal planning is to create a vision of the community for the future. It is the quintessential small-town charm and character of the Village which attracts people to Barrington and which the community wishes to preserve and enhance. The character of Barrington results from efforts to minimize density, maintain the historic appearance of the Village Center and surrounding areas and the establishment and implementation of good planning and zoning policies.

The 2021 Comprehensive Plan is an update of the two previous Plans, adopted in 2000 and 2010. This Plan addresses many of the same issues but has been updated to reflect current data, trends and community feedback obtained through a robust public engagement process completed over a two year period. The Plan includes specified goals and objectives relating to a variety of topics that are important to the community including housing, transportation, environmental sustainability and economic development. The following is a summary of the notable changes from 2010 to 2021:

CHAPTER 1: COMMUNITY PROFILE & GENERAL OBJECTIVES

This chapter combines the prior Chapter 1 “Mission Statement” and Chapter 2 “Introduction” into one chapter titled “Community Profile & General Objectives.” This consolidated chapter includes a new mission statement, an expanded community profile, the general objectives of the Plan and a new implementation statement. The mission statement is now closely aligned with the primary goals of the Village’s Strategic Plan and focuses on the preservation and enhancement of community character. This Chapter also identifies several key studies to be completed during the course of this Plan including a bike & pedestrian connectivity study and assessment, parking and transportation study, economic development and housing study and utility capacity studies as identified in the Village Capital Improvement Plan.

CHAPTER 2: MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES

The Village annexation policy as it relates to individual residential annexations has been revised to indicate that the Village is not favorable to annexation of individual or small groups of residential lots due to the costs associated with utility extensions and additional roadway ownership and maintenance. However, the Village may still consider certain individual lot annexations on a case-by-case basis.

CHAPTER 3: INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

This chapter was updated to address interagency topics that relate specifically to comprehensive planning. Basic information regarding Village police, fire and public works services was relocated to **Chapter 1: Community Profile & General Objectives**.

CHAPTER 4: LAND USE

The land use designations remain largely unchanged except for the combination of the two single-family classifications into one category because the classification for single-family residential over 1 acre comprised only 0.9% of the land use designation in the Village. Additionally, acknowledgment of the ever-changing small cell site policy at the Federal level was acknowledged and as such the Village will conduct an ongoing review of local policies relating to small cell sites to ensure the safety and aesthetics of the community is maintained and enhanced whenever possible.

CHAPTER 5: VILLAGE CENTER

The general Village Center goals and objectives have been updated to reflect a new approach to Village streetscape improvements which stress beautification and consistency and provide flexibility as the Village works to evaluate how best to address maintenance and further improvements to the Village streetscape in the future. Additionally, this Chapter has been updated to reflect the upcoming end of the TIF District in 2023. Although the Village does not currently have plans to implement a new TIF District at this time, the Plan does not rule out TIF as a general economic development tool. This chapter also recommends future consideration of Village Center zoning uses in response to the changing face of retail/services

business such as the increase in delivery based businesses, changes to brick and mortar business models, and the general need for businesses to be multifaceted which sometimes no longer conform to traditional zoning uses.

CHAPTER 6: COMMUNITY CHARACTER & DESIGN

This Chapter has been updated to reflect the amendments made to the Historic Overlay District in 2019 which shifted the District from a preservation based to appearance based district. The goals of this Chapter are now aligned with Strategic Plan Goal #1 which is the commitment to preserving and promoting the character and small-town feel of the Village including a focus on Northwest Highway beautification.

CHAPTER 7: HOUSING

This Chapter was updated with a reformatted “Goals and Objectives” including a focus on exploring and encouraging opportunities for diverse housing products in the Village. In addition, this Chapter was updated to include a more robust community profile and information on affordable housing in the Village.

CHAPTER 8: TRANSPORTATION

This Chapter was updated with a reformatted “Goals and Objectives” section with a strong focus on connectivity, multimodal transportation and the maintenance and enhancement of the existing Village infrastructure. These goals and objectives were developed largely based on community feedback and in conjunction with the Village Strategic Plan and the Capital Improvement Plan. Updates on major transportation projects including the North Commuter Entrance Drive and Route 14 Underpass were incorporated. This Chapter also recommends beginning the initial assessment of a pedestrian crossing at the CN tracks on Main Street as a primary objective in working to mitigate the impacts on the CN freight lines in the Village. Lastly, this Chapter recommends completion of the recommended bike and pedestrian connectivity study and assessment in preparation for the creation and adoption of a new multimodal transportation plan for the Village. Staff worked with the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to review community feedback to develop many of the goals and objectives relating to enhancing and expanding the multimodal transportation network throughout the Village with a focus on safety, connectivity and accessibility.

CHAPTER 9: ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The existing sections on ecology and open space from the 2010 Plan were relocated from Chapter 4: Land Use to this Chapter and updated accordingly. This Chapter also received a reformatted and significantly expanded “Goals and Objectives” section which includes seven (7) goals and corresponding objectives addressing a wide variety of important topics such as tree planting and preservation, renewable energy, storm water management, water quality and community education on environmental sustainability. Staff worked with the Environmental Advisory Committee to review community feedback and develop many of the goals and objectives in this Chapter.

CHAPTER 10: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chapter 10: Economic Development is a new addition to the 2021 Comprehensive Plan. This chapter provides important statistical information and a “Goals and Objectives” section focusing on business retention, reinvestment and new business attraction. Staff anticipates that this Chapter will be updated in several years following the completion of the recommended economic development study. This Chapter also includes a policy recommendation to consider the establishment of a new façade improvement grant program for exterior façade improvements to encourage commercial property owners to maintain and enhance community character and to encourage new economic development Village-wide.

CHAPTER 11: NEIGHBORHOODS

The title of this Chapter was changed from “Neighborhood Developments” to “Neighborhoods”. All of the maps in the Chapter have been updated to show more clearly defined neighborhood boundaries. The recommendations for each Neighborhood have been updated based primarily on the community feedback for the specific Neighborhood with a focus on infrastructure maintenance and enhancements including safety, connectivity and accessibility. The new Roslyn Meadows

townhouse subdivision which is located on the east border of Neighborhood 15 has been reassigned to Neighborhood 10 which comprises the Roslyn Road area residential neighborhood and adjacent unincorporated residential neighborhood.

CHAPTER 12: SPECIAL PLANNING AREAS

The 2000 Comprehensive Plan designated 29 Special Planning Areas (SPAs). This was significantly reduced to 9 as part of the 2010 Plan due to the majority of the SPA sites having been redeveloped or reused in some capacity. The remaining 9 SPAs from the 2010 Plan have been developed or have no significant land use or development recommendations other than “consistency with underlying zoning”. Therefore all remaining SPAs have been eliminated and there is no longer a need for this Chapter.

BIKEWAYS ADDENDUM

The Bikeways Addendum has been eliminated due to the adoption of the 2012 Bicycle and Transportation Plan.

APPENDICES

Appendices have been added to include the public participation results including the results of the 2018 Historic District Survey, 2019 Resident Survey and summaries from each of the comprehensive planning neighborhood meetings held in 2019-2020.