ORDINANCE NO. 2026-4648

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO SAFE STEP, LLC FOR THE ANNUAL INSPECTING, EVALUATION, AND PERFORMING OF SAW-CUT REPAIRS TO EXISTING VILLAGE SIDEWALKS

WHEREAS, the Village of Barrington (the "Village"), Cook and Lake Counties in Illinois, has determined that the last evaluation of the condition of Village sidewalks was performed in 2006, and that it necessary and advisable to now cause an updated survey, evaluation and provide for and approve saw-cut repairs to existing Village sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the Village's Department of Public Works has determined that there are more than forty (40) miles of existing sidewalks within the Village and has divided the territory encompassing the Village's existing sidewalks into four (4) districts as shown on the attached Village Sidewalk District Map, and it is anticipated that the project will take approximately four (4) years to complete, with one (1) of the four (4) respective Village Sidewalk Districts being inspected, evaluated, and repaired per contract year; and

WHEREAS, through The Interlocal Purchasing System of Texas ("TIPS Purchasing Cooperative"), a joint purchasing governmental cooperative of which the Village has or will become a member, the Village has received a competitively bid proposal dated March 25, 2026 from Safe Step, LLC, P. O. Box 411, 130 Industrial Park Avenue, Hortonville, Wisconsin 54944 (the "Contractor" or "Safe Step, LLC"), a regional affiliate of Precision Concrete Cutting, and a vendor authorized by the TIPS Purchasing Cooperative, for a contract term of four (4) consecutive contract years of 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, with the Village's option for a one (1) year contract extension for 2030, for Safe Step, LLC to provide to the Village inspecting, evaluating, and performing saw-cut repairs to existing sidewalks within the Village (the "Village Sidewalk Program") for the not-to-exceed annual contract price of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000.00) for each of four (4) consecutive contract years, and including, at the Village's option, an additional fifth one (1) year contract extension (the "Safe Step, LLC Proposal"), copies of which Safe Step, LLC Proposal and related contract documents, including the related Supplemental Agreement, are attached hereto as Group Exhibit A and thereby made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 fiscal year budget included $30,000.00 for the initial year of such Village Sidewalk Program, with a not-to exceed annual budget of $30,000.00 for the Village Sidewalk Program for each contract year going forward, as well as for an additional fifth one (1) year contract extension, as may be determined necessary by the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to approve the Safe Step, LLC Proposal dated March 25, 2026 and engage the services of and enter into a four (4) consecutive year contract with Safe Step, LLC for 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, including an option which the Village may exercise for a fifth contract year, for the Village Sidewalk Program for the annual budgeted scope of work at the not-to-exceed annual contract price of $30,000.00 for the initial contract year of 2026, and an annual budgeted scope of work at the not-to-exceed contract price of $30,000.00 for the following three (3) consecutive contract years and any fifth year extension thereof as determined by the Village to be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined that it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents to also approve in writing the Village's membership in The Interlocal Purchasing System of Texas ("TIPS Purchasing Cooperative"), and to authorize the execution of any documents related to such membership:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, in exercise of the authority of this Village as a Home Rule unit, as follows that:

SECTION 1: The Corporate Authorities of the Village hereby find that the facts set forth in this Ordinance are true and correct, and such recitals are incorporated herein by reference as the findings of the Corporate Authorities as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: The Corporate Authorities of the Village hereby approve the Safe Step, LLC Proposal dated March 25, 2026 (the "Safe Step Proposal") as well as the related Supplemental Agreement between the Village and Safe Step, LLC, and related contract documents, copies of which contract documents are attached hereto as Group Exhibit A and thereby made a part hereof, for the provision by Safe Step, LLC to the Village of services which include inspecting, evaluating, and performing saw-cut repairs to existing Village sidewalks (the "Village Sidewalk Program") for the annual budgeted scope of work at the annual not-to-exceed contract price of $30,000.00 per year for each of four (4) consecutive contract years of 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, with an option for the Village to extend the contract term for an additional fifth contract year of 2030, and waiving any and all other requirements for competitive bidding or for soliciting other proposals otherwise required by law, and said Safe Step, LLC proposal dated March 25, 2026 and the related Supplemental Agreement and other contract documents, which are all hereby specifically authorized, ratified and approved by the Corporate Authorities of the Village pursuant to Section 1-6A-6 of the Barrington Village Code.

SECTION 3: The Village President is hereby authorized to execute and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to the Safe Step, LLC Proposal dated March 25, 2026 and the related the Supplemental Agreement and other related Contract Documents, with Safe Step, LLC, all in substantially the forms which are attached hereto as Group Exhibit A and thereby made a part hereof (the Safe Step, LLC Proposal, the Supplemental Agreement, and the other related contract documents attached hereto and thereby made a part hereof as Group Exhibit A are collectively referred to as the "Contract Documents"), for the annual budgeted scope of work relative to the Village Sidewalk Program at a not-to-exceed annual contract price of $30,000.00 per year for each of four (4) consecutive contract years of 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, with the option for the Village to extend the subject contract for one (1) additional consecutive contract year of 2030, and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to attest thereto, and otherwise take all the necessary and appropriate actions to accomplish the work on the Village Sidewalk Program in accordance therewith.

SECTION 4: Membership by the Village in The Interlocal Purchasing System of Texas ("TIPS Purchasing Cooperative"), a joint purchasing governmental cooperative, is hereby approved and membership therein by the Village is hereby authorized, and execution by the Village President, or his designee, of the TIPS Membership Agreement and any related documents on behalf of the Village, as well as any necessary attestation by the Village Clerk is hereby

authorized, in order for the Village of Barrington to become a member of TIPS Purchasing Cooperative.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED THIS 22 DAY OF JUNE, 2026, BY ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Trustees Lohmeyer, Sholeen, Wondrasek, Duncan, Prigge, Klauer and President Moran

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

RECUSE: NONE

APPROVED THIS 22 OF JUNE, 2026

Michael D. Moran, Village President

ATTESTED AND FILED THIS
22 DAY OF JUNE, 2026

James P. Dillon JKD
James P. Dillon, Village Clerk

(SEAL)

Village of Barrington CORPORATE SEAL Cook & Lake Counties, IL

GROUP EXHIBIT A

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

(1) Contractor/Vendor Safe Step, LLC Proposal dated March 25, 2026

(2) Map of the Village Sidewalk Districts #1-#4

(3) Supplemental Agreement Between the Village of Barrington and Safe Step, LLC

(4) Safe Step, LLC Defect Identification Criteria

(5) TIPS Membership Agreement

(6) Vendor Agreement

(7) Sample Certificate of Insurance

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON AND SAFE STEP, LLC
Re: Inspection, Evaluation and Saw-Cut Repairs to Existing Village Sidewalks

This Supplemental Agreement ("Agreement", "Supplemental Agreement", or "Contract") shall constitute an integral part of the Contract between SAFE STEP, LLC, P.O. Box 411, 130 Industrial Park Avenue, Hortonville, Wisconsin 54944 ("Contractor/Vendor") and the VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON, 200 S. Hough Street, Barrington, IL 60010 ("Village") for work to be performed by the Contractor/Vendor consisting of furnishing all materials, supplies, tools, equipment, labor, personnel, supervision, to perform the inspecting, evaluation, and saw-cut repairs of existing Village sidewalks and to perform all such work and services necessary to commence and complete the Work in connection therewith over a period of four (4) consecutive contract years of 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, with the option for the Village to extend said Contract for an additional one (1) year term, all at an annual not-to-exceed contract price of $30,000.00 for the annual scope of work limit (hereinafter referred to as "Village Sidewalk Program", the "Work", or the "Services") in compliance with and as set forth in the Contract Documents which include but are not limited to this Supplemental Agreement, the Contractor/Vendor's proposal dated March 25, 2026, the map of the Village Sidewalk Districts #1-#4, Safe Step, LLC Defect Identification Criteria, the Sample Certificate of Insurance, and any other related contract documents, copies of each of which are attached hereto as Group Exhibit A and thereby made a part hereof (collectively, the "Contract Documents"). To the extent that this Agreement is inconsistent with and/or conflicts with any of the Contract Documents, the provisions of this Agreement shall supersede, prevail, and control.

WITNESSETH:

In consideration of these premises and the mutual covenants set forth herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Scope of Work: The Contractor/Vendor agrees to and shall timely perform and fully complete the "Scope of Work" as set forth in the Contract Documents attached hereto and made a part hereof as Group Exhibit A. The Contractor/Vendor will utilize the Safe Step, LLC Defect Identification Criteria in performing its inspections and evaluations of Village sidewalks.

2. Payment:

   A. Not to Exceed Payment: The Village agrees to pay the Contractor/Vendor, and the Contractor/Vendor agrees to accept as compensation for all Work required by and as set forth in the Contract Documents a total annual not-to-exceed amount of $30,000.00 per year for the annual scope of work limit for each consecutive contract year of 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, with an option for the Village to extend the term of the Contract for one (1) additional consecutive contract year of 2030 at the same annual Contract Price of $30,000.00 (the "Contract Price") as set forth in the Contract Documents. The parties acknowledge, understand, and agree that the $30,000.00 annual contract price for the annual scope of work limit is the dollar amount of funds budgeted annually by the Village for the Work and the dollar amount which may be expended each year by the Contractor/Vendor for the Work based upon each of the four (4) areas of existing Village sidewalks to be inspected, evaluated, and/or repaired, all as shown on the Map of Village Sidewalk Districts which is attached hereto and thereby made a part hereof, with at least one of each of the four (4) Districts depicted on said Map being inspected, evaluated, and repaired per contract year.

   B. Invoices for Progress Payments: The Contractor/Vendor agrees to and shall prepare and submit to the Village an invoice from time to time itemizing the progress by the Contractor/Vendor for

each area within which the annual scope of work was completed by the Contractor/Vendor, with an annual budget cap for the annual scope of work of $30,000.00 per contract year, which invoice the Village will pay upon completion and approval of the Work performed up to the date set forth on each such invoice.

C. Village's Compliance with the Illinois Local Government Prompt Payment Act (50 ILCS 505/1, et seq.) (the "Act). Notwithstanding any provisions of any of the Contract Documents to the contrary, the Contractor/Vendor and the Village understand, acknowledge and agree that the Village complies with the Act, which states that any invoice approved by the Village for payment shall be paid within thirty (30) days after date of approval of the invoice by the Corporate Authorities of the Village, and therefore, the Contractor/Vendor shall be paid by the Village for the Work pursuant to the provisions of the Act. Notwithstanding any other provisions of any Contract Document, the Village shall not, in any manner, be considered to have accepted the Work, or any part thereof, or to have waived any claim related to such Work by making a final payment or by making any progress payment of any amount, where the Village determines that such Work, or part thereof, is defective, deficient, or not in conformance with the Contract Documents.

D. Prevailing Wage Act Notice [Check box that applies]:

☐ The Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/01, et seq.) does not apply to this Contract.

☒ The Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/01, et seq.) does apply to this Contract.

This Contract calls for the construction of a "public work", within the meaning of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/.01, et seq. ("the Act"). The Act requires contractors and subcontractors to pay laborers, workers and mechanics performing services on public works projects no less than the current "prevailing rate of wages" (hourly cash wages plus amount for fringe benefits) in the county where the work is performed. The Illinois Department of Labor ("IDOL") publishes the prevailing wage rates on its website at http://labor.illinois.gov/. The IDOL may revise the prevailing wage rates from time to time and the contractor/subcontractor has an obligation to check the IDOL's website for revisions to prevailing wage rates and comply with the most current prevailing wage rates. For information regarding current prevailing wage rates, please refer to the IDOL website. All contractors and subcontractors rendering services under this contract must comply with all requirements of the Act, including but not limited to, all wage requirements and notice and record keeping duties, including but not limited to the filing of monthly certified payrolls on IDOL forms. The Contractor/Vendor shall also pay prevailing wages at rates not less than those prevailing under Davis-Bacon Wage Act Provisions as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor to all laborers, workmen and mechanics performing work under this Contract, if such Act is applicable, and, in such event, the more restrictive (i.e., higher) prevailing wage requirements shall be applicable.

3. Contract Documents: The term "Contract Documents" means and includes, but is not limited to, this Supplemental Agreement Between the Village of Barrington and Safe Step, LLC and the following, copies of which are each attached hereto and thereby made a part hereof:
   (1) Contractor/Vendor Safe Step, LLC Proposal dated March 25, 2026
   (2) Map of the Village Sidewalk Districts #1-#4
   (3) Safe Step, LLC Defect Identification Criteria
   (4) Sample Certificate of Insurance
   (5) TIPS Membership Agreement
   (6) Vendor Agreement
   (7) Any other related documents attached hereto and thereby made a part hereof.

In the event of any conflict between this Supplemental Agreement and any other Contract Documents, this Supplemental Agreement shall prevail, control, and take precedence over the terms and conditions set forth in any other Contract Documents.

4. Time is of the Essence; Dates of Commencement and Completion: Time is of the essence in this Contract. The Work to be performed under the Contract Documents shall commence no later than July 1, 2026 (hereinafter the "Commencement Date"), and shall be completed no later than December 31, 2029, or no later than December 31, 2030 if the Village elects to extend the Contract with Safe Steps, LLC for one (1) additional contract year (hereinafter the "Completion Date"), barring only Acts of God, due to which the Completion Date may be modified in writing with the prior approval the Village. If the Contractor/Vendor fails to complete the Work by the Completion Date, the Village shall thereafter have the right to have the Work completed by another independent contractor, and in such event, the Village shall have the right to deduct the cost of such completion so incurred by the Village from payments otherwise due to the Contractor/Vendor for the Work and/or the right to recover any excess cost of completion from the Contractor/Vendor to the extent that the total cost incurred by the Village for the completion of the Work which is the subject of the Contract Documents exceeds the Contract Price.

5. Venue and Choice of Law: Notwithstanding anything otherwise contained in any of the Contract Documents to the contrary, the parties herein agree that the venue for any and all disputes shall solely be in Cook County, Illinois, which is the county in which the Village's Village Hall is located. This Agreement and all other Contract Documents shall be construed, interpreted, and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.

6. Nonassignability: The Contractor/Vendor shall not assign this Contract, or any part thereof, to any other person, firm, or corporation without the prior written consent of the Village, and in no case shall such consent relieve the Contractor/Vendor or its surety from the obligations herein entered into by the same or change the terms of this Contract.

7. Notices: All notices required by the Contract Documents shall be given in writing and shall be served by one party to the other party via email (effective when transmitted), facsimile (effective when transmitted), personal delivery (effective when delivered), commercial overnight delivery (effective when delivered), or by mail (effective when mailed).

8. Control and Inspection of Work or Services: Unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents, inspection, acceptance or rejection of the Work and/or Services, including but not limited to any materials and/or equipment which are part thereof, shall be made after delivery to the Village and installation thereof by the Contractor/Vendor. Final inspection, acceptance and/or rejection of the Work and/or Services, including but not limited to any materials and/or equipment which are part thereof, shall not impose liability on the Village for Work, and/or Services not in accordance with the Contract Documents as determined solely by the Village. Payment shall not be due on rejected Work and/or Services until and unless fully corrected and/or replaced by the Contractor/Vendor as determined by the Village. All Work and/or Services performed by the Contractor/Vendor shall be done in conformance with the Contract Documents as determined solely by the Village, and this Agreement shall control.

9. Permits and Licenses: The Village shall obtain, at its own expense, all permits and licenses which may be required to complete the Project and all related Work as contemplated by the Contract Documents.

10. Timely Written Response and Written Report(s) of Resolution Relative to Certain Incident(s), Claim(s) and/or Complaint(s):

A. The Contractor/Vendor shall notify the Village, in writing, of any actual or possible claim for personal injury or property damage relating to the Work, or of any occurrence which might give rise to such claim, promptly upon obtaining first knowledge of same.

B. All alleged incident(s), claim(s), or complaint(s) related to any alleged death, injury and/or damage to persons and/or to public or private property related to the Contractor/Vendor's work or services provided pursuant to this Contract shall be reported to the Village and resolved by the Contractor/Vendor and/or its agent in a timely manner.

C. Within three (3) business days after receipt by Contractor/Vendor of an initial written or verbal notice of any such incident, claim, or complaint, the Contractor/Vendor shall also provide to the Village, and to any third-party making such claim or complaint, the name, telephone number, and cellular number of the Contractor/Vendor's officer or employee who will be responsible for managing the resolution thereof until its final resolution by the Contractor/Vendor and/or by the Contractor/Vendor's insurer or agent.

D. Within ten (10) business days after the Contractor/Vendor's receipt of the first notice of an alleged incident, claim, or complaint related to any alleged death, injury, and/or damage to persons and/or to public or private property (the "incident, claim, or complaint"), the Contractor/Vendor or its agent(s) shall provide to the Village and to any third-party person making such claim or complaint an initial written response relative to such incident, claim or complaint, and the efforts and current progress of the Contractor/Vendor and/or its agents to date toward the resolution of such incident, claim or complaint.

E. If complete resolution of the incident, claim, or complaint has not been reached within the aforesaid ten (10) business day period, the Contractor/Vendor or its agent shall continue to use all reasonable efforts to fully resolve the incident, claim, or complaint, and to that end, further updated written status reports of resolution, or progress toward resolution, as the case may be, of such incident, claim, or complaint shall be provided to the Village by the Contractor/Vendor not less than monthly until such incident, claim, or complaint is fully resolved.

F. The Contractor/Vendor or its agents will be expected to fully resolve most incident(s), claim(s), or complaint(s) involving minor damage to public or private property within said initial ten (10) business day period after the Contractor/Vendor receives its initial verbal or written notice of such incident, claim, or complaint.

11. Insurance:

A. Prior to Commencement of Work:

(i) Prior to commencement of any Work under the Contract Documents, Contractor/Vendor shall supply to the Village a modified certificate of insurance as specified below. Contractor/Vendor shall not start the Work under the related Contract until Contractor/Vendor has obtained all insurance required under this Supplemental Agreement, and all such insurance coverage and the related Certificate(s) of Insurance have been obtained and approved by the Village Manager, or his designee.

(ii) Minimum Scope of Insurance:
The coverages shall be as shown on the sample annual Certificate of Insurance ("COI") which is part of the Contract Documents listed on and attached hereto as part of Group Exhibit A, provided, however, prior to commencement of any Work, the Contractor/Vendor shall provide

to the Village the final form of annual COI which shall be revised by the issuer, Ansay & Associates, LLC, to include the following language and provision to specify the required additional insureds thereon: "The Village of Barrington and its elected and appointed officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers, all named as additional insureds on a primary and non-contributory basis."

B. Verification of Coverage: The Village reserves the right to request full certified copies of the insurance policies and endorsements.

C. Subcontractors: Contractor/Vendor shall include all subcontractors and materialmen as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.

D. Assumption of Liability: Contractor/Vendor assumes liability for all injury to or death of any person or persons including employees of the Contractor/Vendor, any subcontractor, any supplier or any other person and assumes liability for all damage to property sustained by any person or persons occasioned by or in any way arising out of any work performed pursuant to this Contract.

E. Village May Rely on Its Membership in a Self-Insured Risk Pool: Notwithstanding any other provision in any contract document, the undersigned herein agree that the Village, at its own option, may satisfy its obligation to purchase any insurance required of the Village through its membership in a self-insured risk pool. The rights of the Village as a member of a governmental self-insurance pool are intended to and shall constitute full satisfaction for any of the insurance required of Contractor/Vendor to be maintained by the Village.

F. Insurance Requirements Cannot Be Waived by Village: Under no circumstances shall the Village be deemed to have waived any of the insurance requirements of the related Contract by any act or omission, including, but not limited to: (1) allowing the Work to commence by the Contractor/Vendor or any subcontractor of any tier before receipt of Certificates of Insurance; (2) failing to review any Certificates of Insurance received; (3) failing to advise the Contractor/Vendor or any subcontractor of any tier that any Certificate of Insurance fails to contain all the required insurance provisions, or is otherwise deficient in any manner; or (4) issuing any payment without receipt of a Sworn Statement from the Contractor/Vendor and all subcontractors of any tier stating that all the required insurance is in force. The Contractor/Vendor agrees that the obligation to provide the insurance required by this Agreement or any of the contract documents is solely its responsibility and that this is a requirement which cannot be waived by any conduct, action, inaction or omission by the Village. Contractor/Vendor shall also protect the Village by specifically incorporating this Paragraph into every subcontract entered into relative to the Work contemplated herein and also requiring that every subcontractor incorporate this Paragraph into every sub-subcontract it enters into relative to the Work contemplated herein.

G. Liability of Contractor/Vendor and Subcontractor is Not Limited by Purchase of Insurance: Nothing contained in the insurance requirements of this Agreement or any Contract Documents is to be construed as limiting the liability of the Contractor/Vendor or the liability of any subcontractor of any tier, or either of their respective insurance carriers. The Village does not, in any way, represent that the coverages or limits of insurance specified is sufficient or adequate to protect the Village, the Contractor/Vendor, or any subcontractor's interest or liabilities, but are merely required minimums. The obligation of the Contractor/Vendor and every subcontractor of any tier to purchase insurance shall not, in any way, limit their obligations to the Village in the

event that the Village should suffer an injury or loss in excess of the amount recoverable through insurance, or any loss or portion of the loss which is not covered by either the insurance of the Contractor/Vendor or any subcontractor's insurance.

H. Updated Proof Required: The Contractor/Vendor agrees that at any time upon the demand of the Village, updated proof of such insurance coverage will be submitted to the Village. There shall be no additional charge to the Village for said insurance.

I. Safety/Loss Prevention Program Requirements: The Contractor/Vendor shall provide written confirmation that a safety/loss prevention program was in place at least 90 days prior to submitting the bid proposal and is continuing. Evidence of completed employee safety training shall be provided to the Village and approved by the Village Manager, or his designee.

12. Indemnity:

A. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor/Vendor hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Village, its elected and appointed officials, employees and agents against all injuries, deaths, loss, damages, claims, patent claims, suits, liabilities, judgments, costs and expenses, which may in anywise accrue against the Village, its elected and appointed officials, employees, and agents arising in whole or in part or in consequence of the performance of the Work by the Contractor/Vendor, its employees, or subcontractors, or which may in anywise result therefrom, except that arising out of the sole legal cause of the Village, its elected and appointed officials, employees or agents, the Contractor/Vendor shall, at its own expense, appear, defend and pay all charges of attorneys and all costs and other expenses arising therefrom or incurred in connection therewith, and, if any judgment shall be rendered against the Village, its elected and appointed officials, employees or agents, in any such action, the Contractor/Vendor shall, at its own expense, satisfy and discharge the same.

B. Contractor/Vendor expressly understands and agrees that any performance bond or insurance policies required by this Contract, or otherwise provided by the Contractor/Vendor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the Village, its elected and appointed officials, employees or agents as herein provided.

C. Contractor/Vendor further agrees that to the extent that money is due the Contractor/Vendor by virtue of this Contract as shall be considered necessary in the judgment of the Village, such funds may be retained by the Village to protect itself against said loss until such claims, suits, or judgments shall have been settled or discharged and/or evidence to that effect shall have been furnished to the satisfaction of the Village.

D. In the event that the Village is not immune from liability under any applicable law, and only in such event, the Village hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Contractor/Vendor, its officers, directors, employees and subcontractors (collectively, Contractor/Vendor) against all damages, liabilities or costs, including reasonable attorney's fees and defense costs, to the extent caused by the Village's negligent acts in connection with the Project and the acts of the Village, and/or any of its officers, trustees and/or employees.

E. Neither the Village nor the Contractor/Vendor shall be obligated to indemnify the other party in any manner whatsoever for the other party's own negligence, or for the acts of their respective officers, trustees, employees and/or agents.

F. The provisions of this Paragraph 12 shall survive any termination of the Contract.

13. Village Confidential Information:

A. Contractor/Vendor warrants that it shall not disclose, use, sell, rent, trade, or otherwise provide Village Confidential Information to any person, firm, or entity for any purpose outside of the specific purposes of the Contract Documents, except as necessary to comply with applicable State or Federal laws.
B. The provisions of this Paragraph 13 shall survive any termination of the Contract.

14. Compliance with Laws: Contractor/Vendor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, and any and all orders and decrees of any court, administrative body or tribunal applicable to the performance of the Contract. Contractor/Vendor shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and rules promulgated by any Federal, State, County, Municipal and/or other governmental unit or regulatory body now in effect or which may be in effect during the performance of the Work. Included within the scope of the laws, regulations, and rules referred to in this paragraph, but in no way to operate as a limitation, are: Occupational Safety & Health Act ("OSHA"); Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL"), Department of Transportation, and all forms of traffic regulations; public utility, Intrastate and Interstate Commerce Commission regulations; Workers' Compensation Laws, the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act, the Social Security Act of the Federal Government and any of its titles, the Illinois Human Rights Act, and EEOC statutory provisions and rules and regulations. Evidence of specific regulatory compliance will be provided by the Contractor/Vendor if requested by the Village.

15. Equal Employment Opportunity: The Contractor/Vendor shall be an "equal opportunity employer" as defined in United States Code Annotated. The Contractor/Vendor shall be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, and the requirements for Bidders and Contractors under this order are explained in 41 CFR 60-4. The Contractor/Vendor shall also fully comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act.

16. Certifications: By the execution of this Agreement, the Contractor/Vendor certifies that: (1) the Contractor/Vendor is not delinquent in the payment of any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue as required by 65 ILCS 5/11-42.1-1; (2) the Contractor/Vendor has a written sexual harassment policy as required by and shall otherwise comply in all respects with the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/2-105(A)(4)); (3) the Contractor/Vendor shall provide a drug-free workplace as required by and shall otherwise comply with the Illinois Drug-Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/1, et seq.); (4) the Contractor/Vendor has in place a written policy as required by and that it does and shall otherwise comply with the Illinois Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Projects Act (820 ILCS 265/1, et seq.); and (5) the Contractor/Vendor is not and/or was not barred from bidding on this contract pursuant to Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code (720 ILCS 5/33E-3 and 5/33E-4).

17. Warranty and Guarantee: In addition to any manufacturer's warranty(ies) on materials, parts and/or equipment to be supplied pursuant to the Contract Documents, the Contractor/Vendor warrants and guarantees that for a period of four (4) years from the date of completion of any portion of the Work which is part of the Village of Barrington Sidewalk Program provided pursuant to the Contract Documents by the Contractor/Vendor that such completed Work shall be free from all defects and deficiencies due to faulty equipment, materials or workmanship, and/or because they do not comply

with the Contract Documents, all as shall be determined solely by the Village, and the Contractor/Vendor shall promptly correct, repair, and/or replace any and all such equipment, materials and/or Work which has been determined by the Village to be defective, deficient, and/or not in compliance with the Contract Documents including, but not limited to, the repairs of any resulting damage to other parts of the Project. In the event that the Contractor/Vendor should fail to make such correction(s), repair(s), and/or replacement(s) ("remedial work") that the Village has determined to be necessary to remedy such defects, deficiencies, and/or non-compliance with the Contract Documents, the Village may do so, and the Contractor/Vendor shall be liable for all damages as provided by law, including but not limited to any costs incurred by the Village for any such remedial work. The Performance and Payment Bond, if one is applicable, shall remain in full force and effect through the warranty/guarantee period.

18. Project Documentation: Upon execution of this Agreement relative to the Project, notwithstanding anything contained in any other Contract Documents to the contrary, the Contractor/Vendor and its subcontractors agree to and shall release to the Village any and all right, title, and interest in and to any and all Project Documentation depicting, documenting, or recording the Project and/or Work, which is the subject of the Contract Documents, including but not limited to any and all drawings, plans, specifications, photos, reports, videos, and/or other recordings on any electronic media (sometimes collectively referred to as "Project Documentation"), and any and all of such Project Documentation shall become the sole property of the Village. The Contractor/Vendor and its subcontractors further warrant to the Village that they have the legal right to convey said Project Documentation to the Village. The Work contemplated by the Contract Documents shall not be considered complete until and unless legible and complete physical and electronic copies of all such Project Documentation have been delivered to the Village. The Village may reuse Project Documentation without the prior written authorization of the Contractor/Vendor, but the Village agrees to waive any claim against the Contractor/Vendor arising from any unauthorized reuse or modification of the Project Documentation.

19. Standard Specifications:

    A. All Work performed by Contractor/Vendor that is associated with the fulfillment of this Agreement shall conform to the terms of the latest edition of the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction where this document is otherwise silent. The applicable Standard Specifications, as herein specified, shall apply to all work and materials performed under this Contract unless revised by the Specifications, also herein included as part of the Contract Documents.
    B. Through the course of the Project, the Contractor/Vendor shall be responsible for the maintenance of traffic through and around the zone of work consistent with Section 648 of the IDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. The cost for this activity shall be considered incidental to the cost of the improvement.
    C. All traffic control measures employed during the term of this contract shall be in accordance with the applicable sections of the IDOT Standard Specifications, the Supplemental Specifications, and the "Illinois Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways".

20. Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1, et seq.): As a unit of local government, the Village is subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as amended. Therefore, after award of the Contract, responses, documents, and materials submitted to the Village by the Contractor will be made available for public inspection in accordance with the FOIA, unless otherwise determined by a Village FOIA officer after award of a contract. The Village and the Contractor and any

subcontractor(s) shall maintain their respective records relating to the performance of the Contract Documents in compliance with the requirements of the Local Records Act (50 ILCS 205/1, et seq.) until written approval for the disposal of such records is obtained from the Local Records Commission. All books and records required to be maintained by the Village and the Contractor and any subcontractor(s) shall be available for review by the other. The Contractor and its subcontractor(s) and the Village shall cooperate with each other (a) with all requests for records made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1, et seq.), (b) with any request for records made pursuant to any audit, and (c) by providing full access to and copying of all relevant books and records of Contractor within a time period which allows the Village to timely comply with the time limits imposed by the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1, et seq.). Contractor must inform the Village, in writing, of the exact materials in the Contractor's proposal which it claims are exempt from disclosure pursuant to the FOIA as proprietary or as may otherwise be protected. The obligations imposed by this section shall survive final payment and the termination of the other obligations imposed by the Contract.

21. Contractor/Vendor is an Independent Contractor: It is mutually understood and agreed that the Contractor/Vendor shall have full control of the ways and means of performing the Work referred to above and/or which is the subject of this Agreement and the related Contract and that the Contractor/Vendor or his/its employees, representatives or subcontractors are in no sense employees of the Village, it being specifically agreed that in respect to the Village, the Contractor/Vendor and any party employed by the Contractor/Vendor bears the relationship to the Village of an independent contractor.

22. Restoration of Work Site: The Contractor/Vendor shall be obligated to remove all debris from the Work site at the Contractor's/Vendor's expense. The Contractor/Vendor shall, at its sole cost and expense, as part of the Work required by this Agreement and the related Contract, replace and restore any grass, vegetation or plantings disturbed or removed by the Contractor/Vendor, to their condition before the performance of the Work, and such removal shall only occur after approval in advance in writing by the Village's designee. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Contractor/Vendor shall be obligated to: (1) re-grade and re-seed the ground surface, (2) replace any damaged vegetation, other than trees and bushes removed pursuant to the authority of the Village's designee, with new plantings of good health and quality with species consistent with the recommendation of the Village's designee, and (3) repair any damage to any paved surfaces disturbed by the Work. While the Work is in progress and until all required restoration work is completed, the Contractor/Vendor shall comply with customary and usual initial erosion practices consistent with good engineering procedures and the requirements of all applicable ordinances.

23. Right to Alter Plans and Scope Reserved: The Village reserves the right to alter the plans, extend or shorten the improvements, add to the Work as may be necessary, and increase or decrease the scope and/or quantity of the Work, including the deduction or cancellation of any one or more of the unit price items, or to cancel the Contract and the Work in its entirety for any reason.

24. Arbitration Deleted from Contract Documents; No Attorneys' Fees: Any provision in the Contract and any other Contract Documents referring to the submission of claims or disputes to arbitration shall herein be deleted. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Contract and any other Contract Documents to the contrary, it is the intent of the parties that arbitration is a remedy which shall not exist under the Contract and any other Contract Documents, and no party shall be entitled to recover attorneys' fees or court costs in any action to enforce or interpret this Agreement and the related Contract Documents.

25. Duration: This Contract shall be in effect from the date of this Contract until the completion of the Work, but the obligations of the Contractor/Vendor under the Paragraphs 11, 12, 13, and 20 hereof shall continue after such termination.

26. Advertisement: The Contractor/Vendor is specifically denied the right to use in any form or medium the name of the Village for public advertising unless express permission is granted by the Village.

27. Amendments: No agreement or understanding to modify the Contract or the related Contract Documents shall be binding upon the Village unless such amendment is in writing and signed by the Village's authorized agent. All specifications, drawings, and data submitted to the Contractor/Vendor with this Agreement or the related Contract Documents are hereby incorporated and made part thereof.

28. Termination: The following shall constitute events of default under this Agreement and the related Contract: a) any material misrepresentation made by the Contractor/Vendor to the Village, b) any failure by the Contractor/Vendor to perform any of its obligations under this Contract including, but not limited to, the following: (i) failure to commence performance of this Contract at the time specified in the Contract due to a reason or circumstance within the reasonable control of the Contractor/Vendor, (ii) failure to perform this Contract with sufficient personnel and equipment or with sufficient material to ensure the completion of this Contract within the specified time due (i.e., by the Completion Date) to a reason or circumstance within the Contractor's/Vendor's reasonable control, (iii) failure to perform this Contract in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the Village, (iv) failure to promptly re-do or re-perform within reasonable time the services that were rejected by the Village as erroneous or unsatisfactory, (v) failure to comply with a material term of this Contract, (vi) failure of the Contractor/Vendor to completely furnish the contracted goods or services to the Village within the time period specified by the Contract Documents; (vii) any breach or violation of Contractor/Vendor or its employees, or agents, of its obligations under the Village Confidential Information provisions of Paragraph 13 of this Agreement; and (viii) any other acts specifically and expressly stated in this Contract as constituting a basis for termination for cause. At least ten (10) days prior to the date that the Contractor/Vendor shall be declared in default of the Contract, the Village shall give written notice by certified mail to the Contractor/Vendor. This notice shall state the reasons that the Contractor/Vendor is being declared in default of the Contract. Failure by the Contractor/Vendor to correct the stated deficiencies within the notice period shall result in the Contractor/Vendor being declared in default of the Contract. Issuance of the notice by the Village shall be an indication of the intentions of the Village to take the work out of the hands of the Contractor/Vendor and to hire others to complete the defaulted work. Upon default, the Contractor/Vendor shall be liable for all damages sustained by the Village as provided by law as a result of such default, including but not limited to all costs incurred by the Village to fully complete all the work specified in the Contract Documents and all expense of every kind incurred by the Village in remedying any defect(s) and/or deficiency(ies), or failure by the Contractor/Vendor to conform to the Contract Documents and any such costs incurred by the Village may also be paid by the Village out of such monies as otherwise may be due or otherwise may become due to said Contractor/Vendor pursuant to the Contract Documents.

29. Supersede: The terms, conditions and specifications set forth in this Agreement shall supersede, govern, and prevail over any inconsistent terms, conditions, and/or specifications on any other Contract Documents.

30. Severability: In the event any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of this instrument or part thereof shall be deemed unlawful, invalid, unenforceable or ineffective by any

court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity, enforceability or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this instrument.

31. Facsimile or Digital Signatures: Facsimile or digital signatures shall be sufficient for purposes of executing, negotiating, and finalizing this Contract, and this Contract shall be deemed delivered as if containing original signatures if such delivery is made by emailing a PDF of a scanned copy of the original, hand-signed document, and/or by use of a qualified, established electronic security procedure mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

32. No Third Party Beneficiaries: The parties do not intend to confer any benefit hereunder on any person, firm or corporation other than the parties hereto.

33. Counterparts: This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, which counterparts when affixed together, shall constitute one and the same original document.

34. Entire Agreement: The Contract Documents (including all Exhibits attached thereto which by reference are made a part of the Contract) and all other written agreements signed by all of the parties hereto which by their express terms are a part of the Contract Documents, are the final expression of, and contain the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior understandings with respect thereto. The parties do not intend to confer any benefit hereunder on any person, firm or corporation other than the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officer in quadruplicate counterparts, each of which shall be considered as an original:

CONTRACTOR/VENDOR:
SAFE STEP, LLC

By: _____

Its _____ and
Authorized Agent

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON

By: _____
Michael D. Moran, Village President

Attest: James P. Dillon JTKC
James P. Dillon, Village Clerk

GROUP EXHIBIT A

(1) Contractor/Vendor Safe Step, LLC Proposal dated March 25, 2026

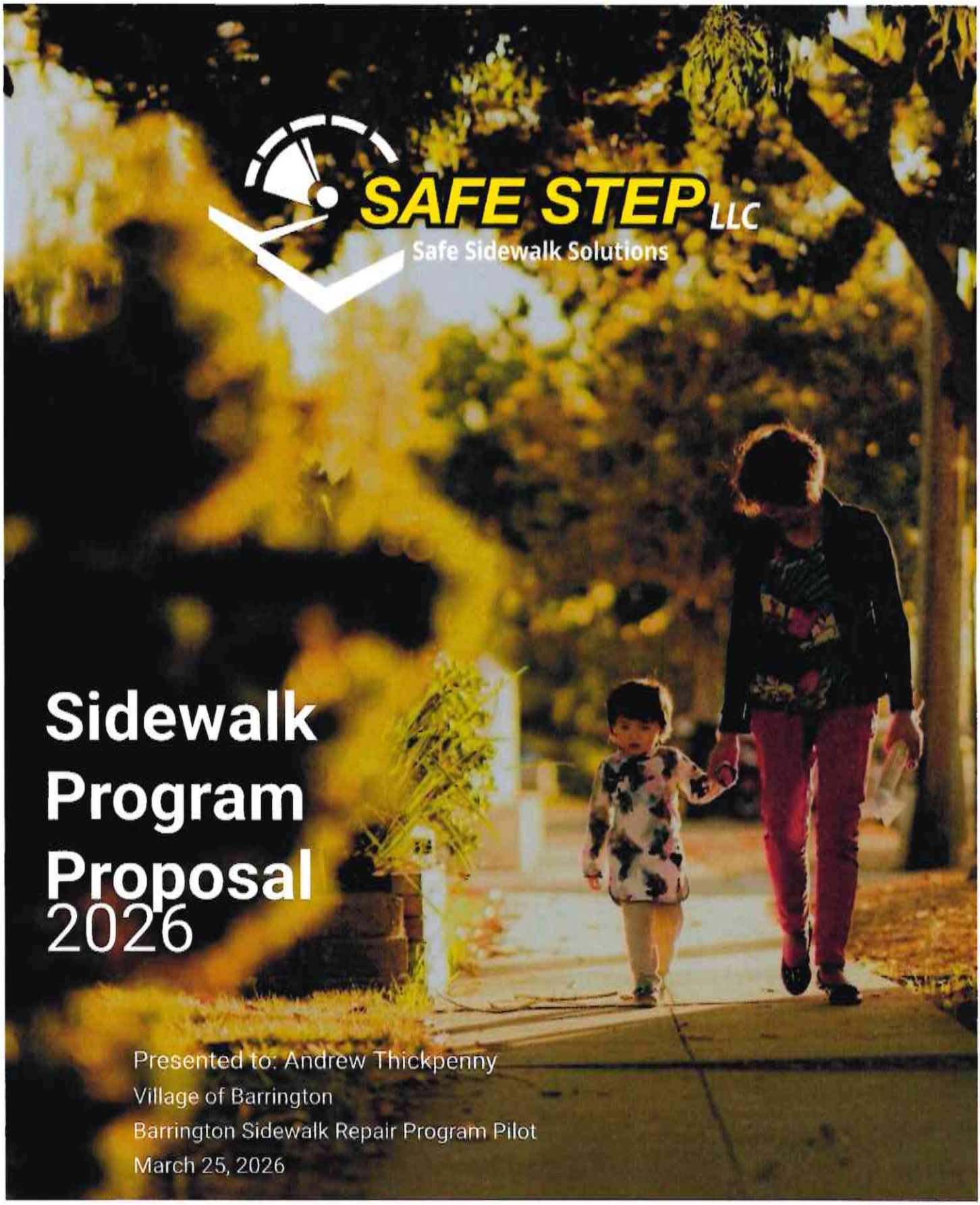
(2) Map of the Village Sidewalk Districts #1-#4

(3) Safe Step, LLC Defect Identification Criteria

(4) Sample Certificate of Insurance

(5) TIPS Membership Agreement

(6) Vendor Agreement



Sidewalk Program Proposal 2026

Presented to: Andrew Thickpenny
Village of Barrington
Barrington Sidewalk Repair Program Pilot
March 25, 2026

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Introduction

March 25, 2026

Andrew Thickpenny
Village of Barrington
200 S Hough St
Barrington, Illinois 60010

Andrew,

Thank you for the opportunity to present this proposal for sidewalk evaluation and trip hazard repair.

Review

1. The Village of Barrington has requested Safe Step LLC evaluate sidewalk segments, identified by the Village of Barrington, in priority order until the $30,000.00 repair budget has been reached.
    1. Upon reaching the total repair budget of $30,000.00, the evaluation will stop. If all of the priority areas are able to be included prior to reaching the budget, Village of Barrington may provide additional sidewalk segments for evaluation.
    2. The Village of Barrington program inch foot rate for all services rendered in 2026 is $47.77. There are no other fees for this program.
2. Safe Step LLC will evaluate sidewalks for defects that present a trip hazard and are appropriate for saw-cutting repair based on the identification criteria on page 5.
3. Safe Step LLC will also evaluate sidewalks for defects that are not appropriate for saw-cutting repair and will require alternative repair methods.
4. Safe Step LLC is the regional affiliate of Precision Concrete Cutting based out of Provo, Utah.
5. Precision Concrete Cutting has been awarded lowest bidder for saw-cutting repair through the TIPS Purchasing Cooperative Ref. TIPS RCSP 23010402.

Next Steps

1. Village of Barrington will provide the focal area(s) to be evaluated for saw-cutting prior to sidewalk inspections.
2. Defect Criteria to be finalized prior to sidewalk inspections.
3. Safe Step will schedule the survey and begin to complete the project as outlined on page 3.

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Notable Proposal Contents

- Page 3: Execution Strategy
- Page 4: Priority Areas Map
- Page 5: Evaluation Criteria
- Page 8: Proposal Acceptance

Please let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to serving your needs.

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Execution Strategy

Based on our discussions, Safe Step will execute the project as follows:

1. Confirm sidewalk evaluation area and defect identification criteria (enclosed)
    1. Page 4 of this proposal contains the sidewalk area the Village of Barrington, with focal area(s) to be determined prior to sidewalk inspections.
    2. Page 5 of this proposal contains the defect identification criteria that will be used to evaluate the sidewalks. Defect identification criteria to be finalized prior to sidewalk inspection.
2. Evaluate current sidewalk conditions
    1. Safe Step LLC will evaluate the sidewalk locations in the priority order until the budget is met.
    2. Identified defects will be recorded along with the measurement, address, approximate GPS coordinates, important notes, and a photo of the defect.
3. Deliver evaluation results
    1. Following the completion of the evaluation, Safe Step LLC will provide the sidewalk defect data through a proprietary online tool called *Sidewalk Central™*. This data includes locations, descriptions, suggested repair types, and photos of each defect identified.
    2. *Sidewalk Central™* allows you to review, make notes, and confirm the preferred repair type for each defect.
4. Perform repairs
    1. After you review and confirm the repair locations, we will schedule a timeframe to begin repairing the identified saw-cutting locations.
    2. All saw-cutting repairs will be done in accordance with "The Safe Step LLC Approach" outlined on page 6 of this proposal.
    3. *Sidewalk Central™* allows you to monitor the saw-cutting in real-time, providing defect completion status as well as repair photos and timestamps for quality assurance.
5. Provide documentation
    1. At the conclusion of the project, we will provide a final report of saw-cut locations repaired including the displacement measurements, address, approximate GPS coordinates, GIS shapefiles and important notes.

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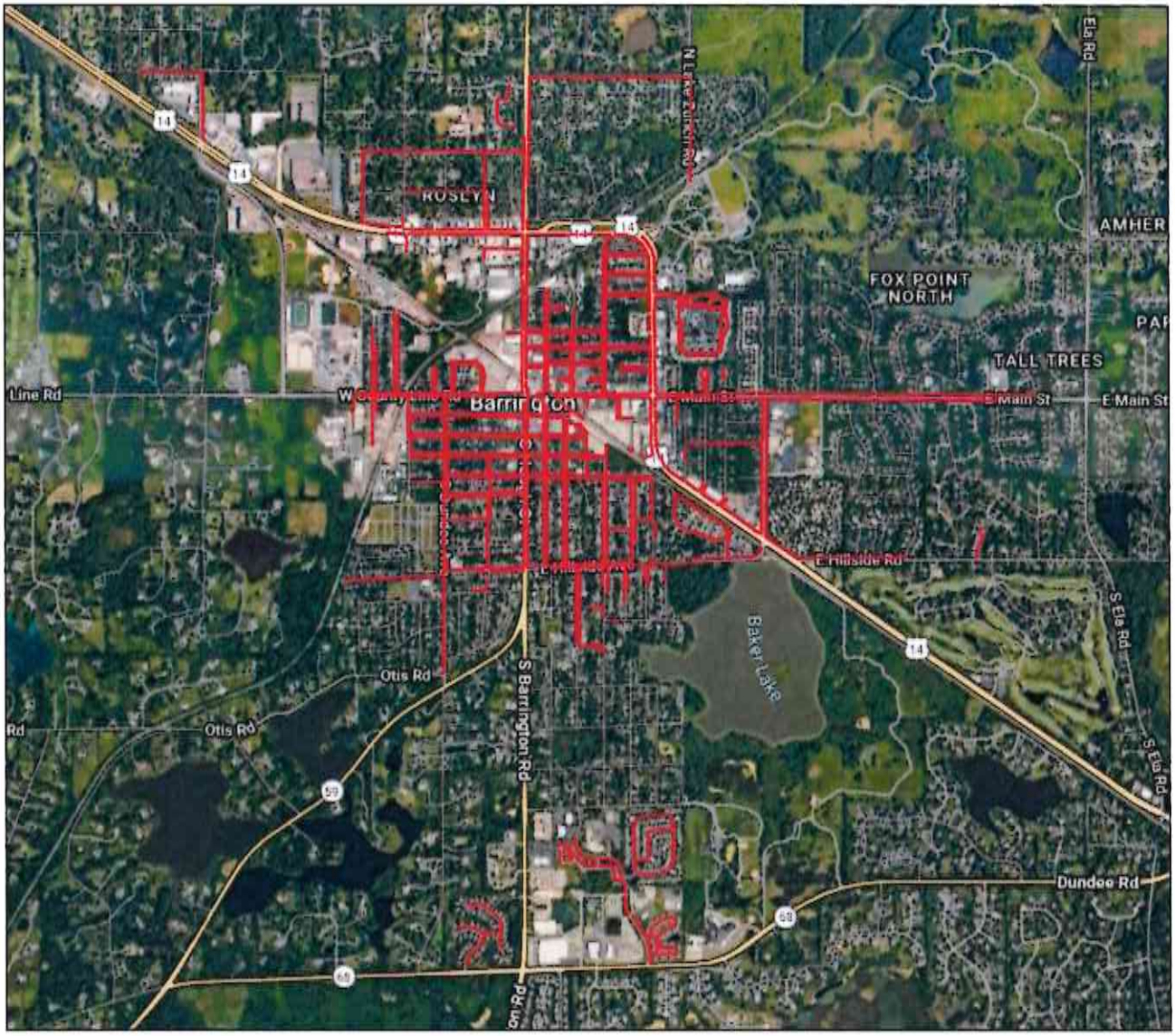
Priority Areas Map



Map Data: Google

Survey Area - Focal Area(s) to be determined prior to sidewalk inspections

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Sidewalk Evaluation Criteria

Condition				Record for Saw-Cutting	Record for Replacement
Panel Offset:				Y	If greater
Min (1/8s)	4	Max (1/8s)	16		Y
Sharp edge: Height (1/8s)				N/A	N/A
Prior Grind/Saw-Cut Repairs[1]:				Y	Y
Cutting to sunken panel:				Y	Y
Waterpooling:				Y	Y
Caused by tree:				Y	Y
Negative cross-slope:				Y	Y
Positive cross-slope:				Y	Y
Contains structural crack[2]:				Y	Y
Qty no more than	2	Gap no more than	1"		
Displacement is a crack[2]:				Y	Y
Perpendicular	Y	Parallel	Y		
Panel is spalled[2]:				Y	Y
Surface less than	60%	Depth no more than	1/2"		
Sidewalk joint is decayed[2]: Width no more than				Y	Y
Curbing:				N	N
On bridge structure:				TBD	TBD
Parallel joints:				Y	Y
Min. Height	4	Max Height	16		
Ramps:				Y	Y
At Landing Max Ht	16	At street Max Ht	16		
Top of flowline:				N	Y-Adj. Panel
Adjacent to asphalt:				CR	CR
Adjacent to pavers:				CR	CR
Saw-cut on monolithic driveways				CR	CR

[1]As measured at presenting face; recorded values will be for proper 12:1 repair

[2]Panels failing this criteria will be recorded for replacement regardless of offset

Marking/Other	
Mark Saw-Cutting	**Numbered**
Dump Site Available?	**TBD**
Mark R&R	**N**
4" R&R Sq. Ft. Cost	**$18.00**
6" R&R Sq. Ft. Cost	**$20.00**
GIS Shapefiles?	**Y**
Use Lifting for sunken & waterpooling panels	**N**
Mark Lifting	**N/A**
Lifting Sq. Ft. Price	**N/A**

Scatter Sites	
Apply criteria to scatter sites?	**N**
Survey only marked?	Y
Survey entire address?	N
Survey entire block-face?	N
Budget Year	January 1

Notes: Barrington, IL 2026

- Resident notification one week prior to production

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The Safe Step Approach

Specifications

1. Repairs will be tapered to a 1:12 slope ratio and taken to a zero point of differential between adjoining sidewalk panels along the full width of the sidewalk, in accordance with ADA standards.
2. Repairs shall have a smooth and uniform finish with a coefficient of friction meeting OSHA requirements and shall not impact adjoining sidewalks, driveways, landscaping, or other objects within the vicinity of the work.
3. In instances where sidewalk conditions do not permit a 1:12 slope ratio, repairs will be made with the shallowest slope possible for the given sidewalk condition.

Clean-up

1. All saw-cutting will be performed without water-cooling; No slurry will be created eliminating the risk of "tracking" and run-off water contamination.
2. Saw mounted dust abatement systems will be used to minimize airborne dust. Containment systems are designed for fine dust applications.
3. Debris and concrete shall be cleaned from the sidewalk surface as well as surrounding rails, sidewalks, driveways, landscaping, or other objects within the vicinity of the work.

Reporting

1. Upon completion of the project, Safe Step LLC will provide a detailed and audit-able report. This report will include the street address or location, dimensions, and GPS coordinates of each repair made.
2. An invoice for payment will be provided when the projected has been completed. Payment in full is due **30 days** from the date of invoice.

Safety and Insurance

1. Safe Step LLC employees who work directly in slab displacement repair undergo a rigorous training process with emphasis on safe work practices, OSHA-approved personal protection equipment, and quality workmanship. It is not uncommon for our clients to receive unsolicited compliments on our safety practices and the quality of the work performed.
2. Safe Step LLC is fully licensed and insured. Proof of auto, liability, and workers compensation insurance are available upon request.

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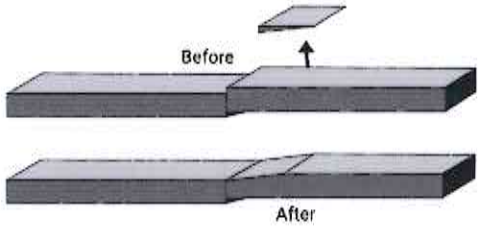
Our Result



Before

After

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Proposal Acceptance

Financial Parameters

1. Financial Parameters
    1. The total cost of the reporting and saw-cutting repairs will not exceed **$30,000.00.**
        1. The Village of Barrington program inch foot rate for all services rendered in 2026 is $47.77. There is no additional fee for the evaluation.
        2. Precision Concrete Cutting has been awarded lowest bidder for saw-cutting repair through the TIPS Purchasing Cooperative Ref. TIPS RCSP 23010402.
    2. Safe Step LLC will accept full responsibility for any project cost overage, provided that the scope of the project is not altered once the project begins. Any requested change in scope will be fully discussed and approved by the Village of Barrington prior to the start of the work on the revised area.

If this proposal is acceptable, please complete and sign below. We will contact you upon receiving this form to schedule your project.

Cost: $30,000.00

Proposal #: 202570

Due to the ongoing supply chain issues and labor availability, the pricing in this proposal is only valid until **April 30, 2026**.

Billing Contact Name:

Billing Email Address:

PO Number:

Does this project require prevailing wage?:

Approved by:

Date:

Signed: Andrew Thickpenny

Title:

Client Notes:

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March 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

Many clients and potential clients ask Safe Step if we know of other companies that provide similar services to what we do. We are not aware of any other company that repairs sidewalk trip hazards and uneven concrete slabs utilizing a dry, saw-cut process. There are some companies that grind the surface with a large scarifier, but do not utilize a saw cut. Some companies utilize a wet saw-cut process with a large tractor mounted hydraulic saw that produces concrete slurry with corresponding environmental and clean up issues.

Safe Step is a franchise affiliate of Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC) and is the only company in Illinois that is licensed to use the PCC proprietary equipment and process specifically designed to repair sidewalk trip hazards.

Safe Step is also has the unique capability to survey up to 8 miles of sidewalks per day and provide detail report of sidewalk slab and curb defects, including verified addresses, GPS coordinates, repair suggestions, photos of slab defects linked to the report, and photos of slabs repaired by Safe Step LLC on a final saw-cut detailed repair report . Safe Step is also sole sourced for municipal sidewalk management programs.

Key Points for Sole Sourcing Safe Step Service

Patented Equipment and Process:

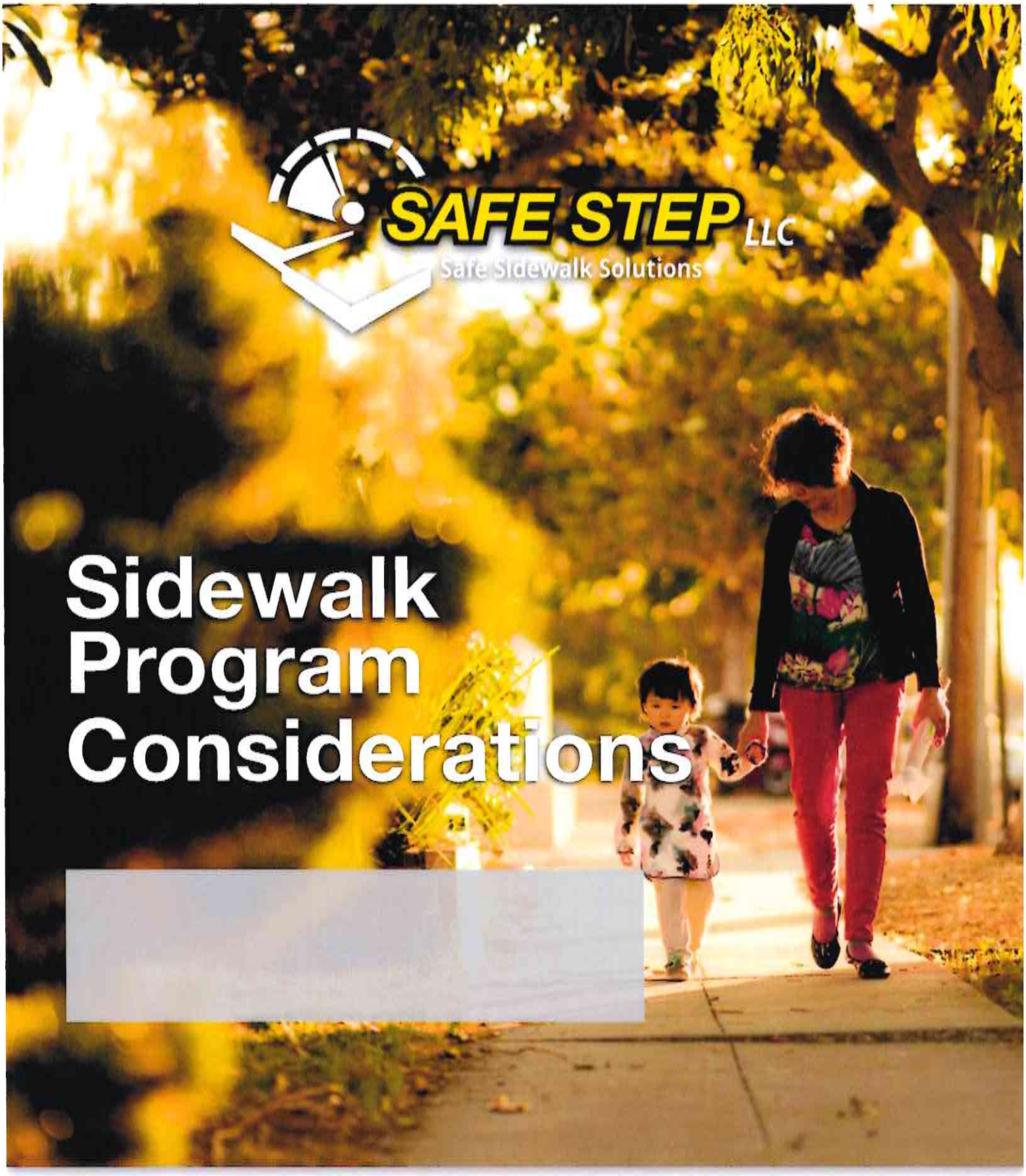
- Safe Step LLC is a licensed affiliated of Precision Concrete Cutting and is the only company authorized to do business in the State of Illinois utilizing the patented equipment and process for repairing sidewalk trip hazards
- The equipment and process is in a constant state of development resulting in 6 patents on equipment and method. Several of which have been reviewed and upheld by the US Patent office upon challenge.
- The equipment and method for removing sidewalk trip hazards are described by the following patent numbers: US Pat. No 6,827,074 US Pat. No. 6,896,604 US Pat. No. 7,000,606 US Pat. No 7,143,760 US Pat. No. 7,201,644 US Pat. No. 7,402,095

Custom Manufactured Blades:

- The saw blades are custom developed exclusively for PCC (Precision Concrete Cutting)
- The customization of the blades include: control over diamond matrix, blade core specifications, blade segment specifications, bonding agent specifications, designed to provide coefficient of friction that is OSHA Compliant (greater than .60), no availability through any other company or supplier - PCC holds the rights to the blades.

Miscellaneous:

- Safe Step LLC serves over 280 unique clients each year
- Safe Step LLC removed 24,561 trip hazards in 2022
- Safe Step LLC served 116 municipalities in 2022
- Safe Step LLC has the capability to repair over 275 trip hazards per day



Sidewalk Program Considerations

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A Vital Community Investment

Sidewalks Make A Difference

1. **85.9%** of adults think it important to find a walkable community with safe sidewalks when looking for a new place to live.[1]
2. **78%** of adults indicated they would be willing to pay more to live in a walkable community.[2]
3. NHTSA reports a **65-89% reduction** in vehicle crashes involving pedestrians walking along roadways when sidewalks are installed.[3]
4. People who live in neighborhoods with sidewalks are **47%** more likely to be active at least 39 minutes per day.[4]

Public Support for Safe, Walkable Sidewalks

1. **87%** of Americans feel that it is important for local governments to achieve ADA compliance and for sidewalks to be accessible for those with disabilities.[1]
2. **84.7%** of adults believe it is important to use local tax dollars toward sidewalks.[1]
3. **71.2%** say they are more likely to support a candidate who supports fixing sidewalk trip hazards to increase sidewalk safety.[1]

Proactive Sidewalk Program Benefits

- ✓ Increased safety
- ✓ Increased walkability
- ✓ Increased federal compliance
- ✓ Reduction in liability
- ✓ Reduced costs

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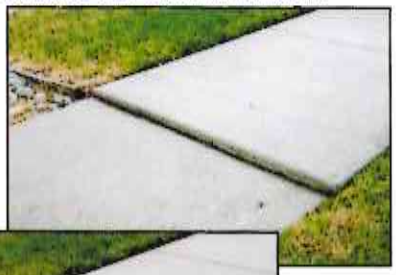
Developing a Sidewalk Program

A successful sidewalk program typically includes several components:

1. Consultation - collecting and analyzing information related to current circumstances, sidewalk goals and objectives, and developing an execution strategy.
2. Sidewalk evaluation - a physical review of the current sidewalk conditions in a given area.
3. Repair methods - the desired methods of repair for various sidewalk conditions, frequently including removal and replacement, saw-cutting uneven panels, and sometimes lifting.
4. Documentation - the record-keeping of the evaluation and repair data for planning and decision-making.

A successful sidewalk program also requires consideration of the following:

1. Budget - often the largest constraint and primary driver of a sidewalk program.
    1. Questions to consider:
        1. How will the program be funded?
        2. How much should we budget?
        3. What type of program lifecycle do we desire?
2. Criteria - the lens through which the sidewalk is evaluated and desired repair methods are applied to specific sidewalk defects.
    1. Questions to consider:
        1. What types of sidewalk defects should be repaired?
        2. Which methods of repair should we employ for a given situation?
        3. How will we work toward PROWAG standards?
3. Area - the amount of sidewalk able to be repaired is frequently the result of the desired criteria and chosen budget.
    1. Questions to consider:
        1. Where are our schools, libraries, and parks located?
        2. Where are we receiving resident feedback?
        3. Where are our highest pedestrian traffic areas?
        4. What areas are oldest?



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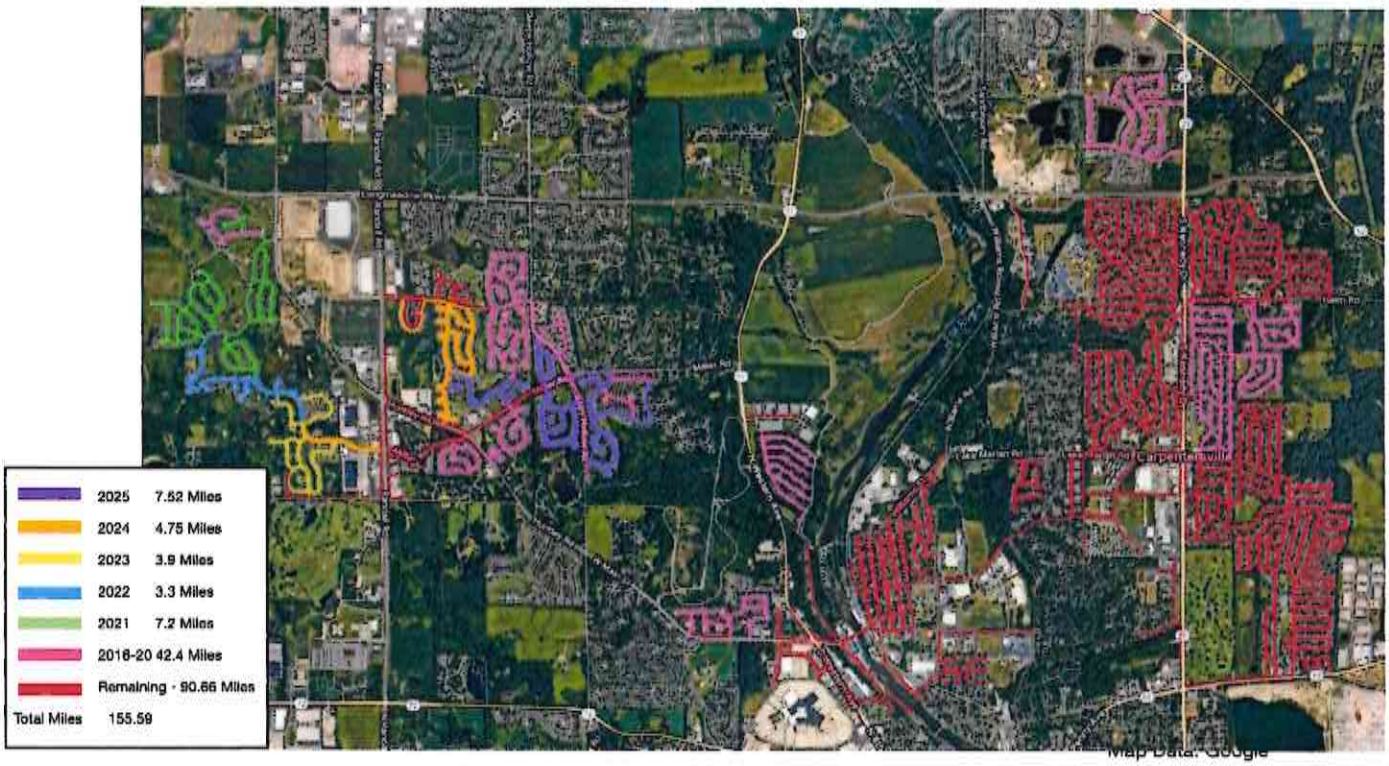
Sample Sidewalk Repair Program Progress

Safe Step LLC has been partnering with a Village near Barrington for 15 years.

1. Each year, the program moves to a new area that hasn't yet been addressed.
    - This city is currently operating about a 25 year lifecycle.
2. In 2025, this community repaired **244** sidewalk panels instead of just 60 if they had used only removal and replacement with the same funds.
    - An **extra 3,706** unsafe sidewalks panels have been repaired when combining project years 2016-2025.
3. In 2025, this community also saved approximately **58** engineering and management hours utilizing Safe Step LLC for sidewalk consultation, evaluation, and reporting.
    - Safe Step LLC evaluates sidewalk conditions and provides reporting for all specified repair types.



Estimated Sidewalk Infrastructure Value

Estimated Sidewalk Miles	Avg Width	Estimated Sq. Ft Cost	Total Value of Sidewalk
155.59	4.0	$16.00	$52,576,973

Life Cycle Progress

Current Budget	Avg Saw-Cut / Mile	Sidewalk Miles To Be Repaired	Years Remaining
$24,800	**$4,354.00**	**90.7**	**16**

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Village of Barrington - 36.23 Miles

Village of Barrington Sidewalk Infrastructure Value

Estimated Sidewalk Miles	Avg Width	Estimated Sq. Ft Cost	Total Value of Sidewalk
36.23	5.00	$20.00	$19,129,440

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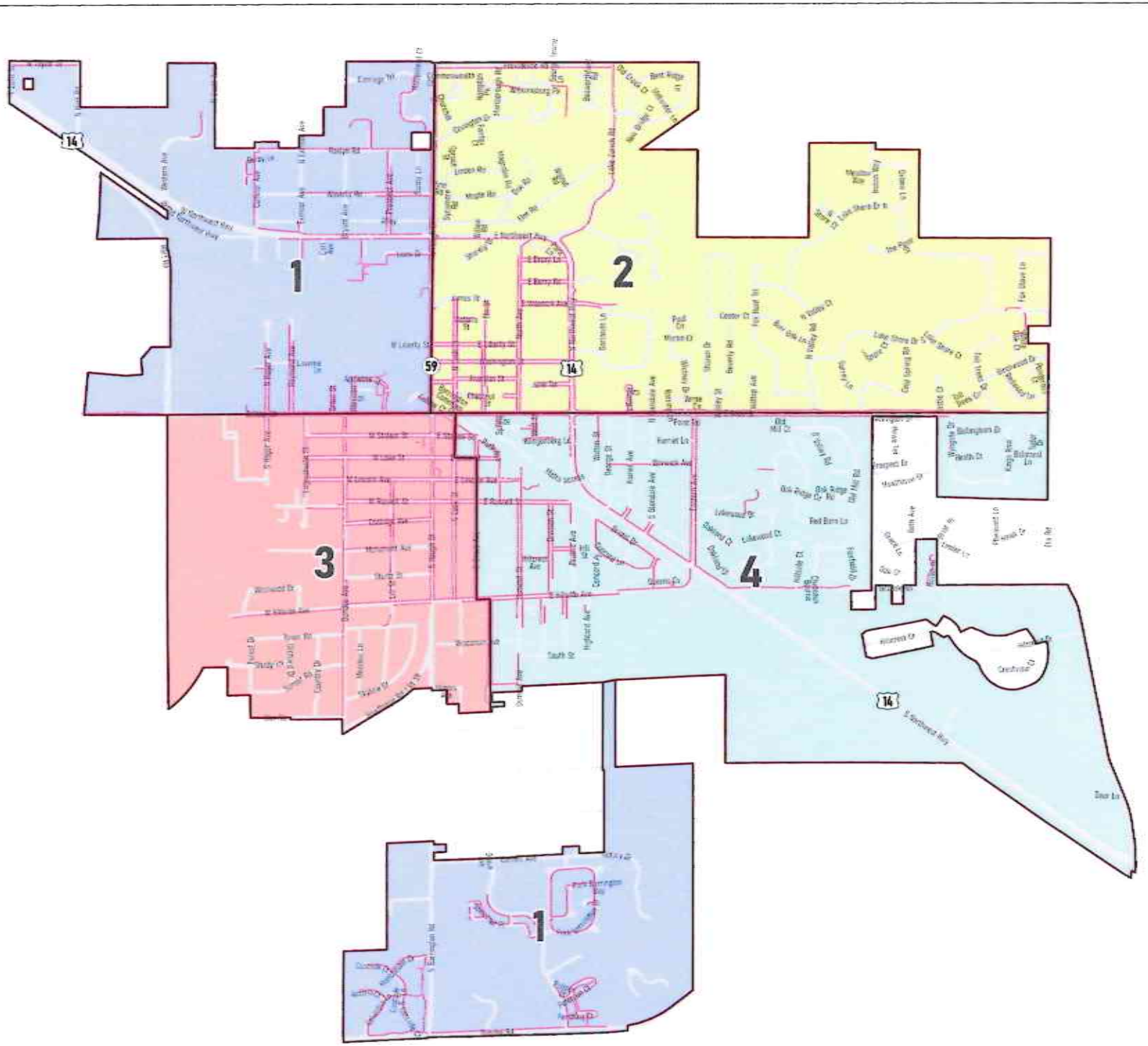

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Sidewalk Districts

Sidewalk Districts

- 1
- 2
- 3
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Sidewalks

Projection: State Plane (Illinois East)
Map Units: Feet
Source: VOB GIS, Cook Co., Lake Co.
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