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In 2022, the Village achieved significant measurable results to further the 2021 - 2023 Long Range Plan.



The key accomplishments of the past year includes:

- Began Construction of Civic Center Project
- Launched the Social Services Referral Program
- Implemented the Police Camera Systems
- Improved DEI Practices
- Established an On-Going Downtown Outdoor Dining Program

The successes highlighted here are the direct result of the input and participation of the residents and businesses of Downers Grove, effective Village Council leadership, and cooperative interactions among professional staff members in all departments.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Fieldman".

David Fieldman
Village Manager

Civic Center Project

Began Civic Center Construction

- Combined Space for Village Hall, Police Department, Downers Grove Grade School District 58
- \$60 Million Total Project Budget
- Multi Purpose Council Chambers
- Shared Space for Public Meetings
- Public Plazas
- Environmentally Sustainable Features
 - Enhanced Mechanical Systems
 - Solar Panels
 - Green Roofs
 - Bioswales
 - Rain Gardens
 - Rain Harvesting
 - Permeable Pavers
 - Native Landscaping



Civic Center Groundbreaking

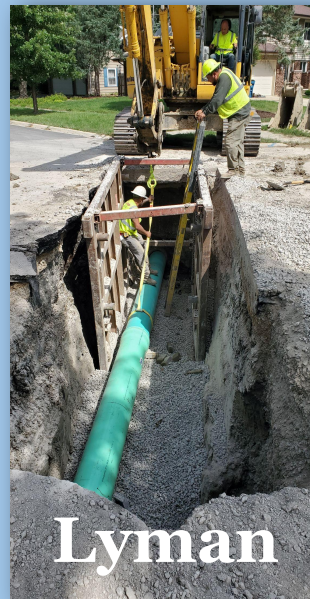


Stormwater Capital Plan

**\$50 Million In Stormwater
Projects
Completed Since 2008**

Implemented 2022 -24 Stormwater Capital Plan

- Issued \$5.5 Million in Bonds
- Constructed Stormwater Improvements at:
 - Lyman & 62nd
 - 39th & Sterling
 - Otis/Grant/Florence



Stormwater Capital Plan



Burlington Highlands Stormwater Improvements

- Naturalized Detention Basin
- New Storm Sewers
- Sidewalk Improvements at Intersections
- Street Resurfacing
- Water Main Replacements



Burlington Highlands Basin

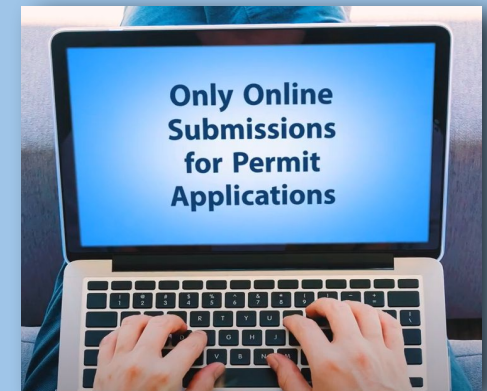
Preserving & Restoring Natural Areas



Steward of Environmental Sustainability



- 10 Bioswales Installed in 2022
 - Total of 32 Bioswales in Village
 - 40 More Planned in 2023
- Native Plantings Used Whenever Possible
 - Example: Claremont Street Median
- Rain Barrel - Native Tree and Shrub Sales
 - 312 Rain Barrels Sold Since 2010
- Water Usage Down 23.7% Since 2012
- Launched Paperless Permitting in 2022



Sustainable Solid Waste Services

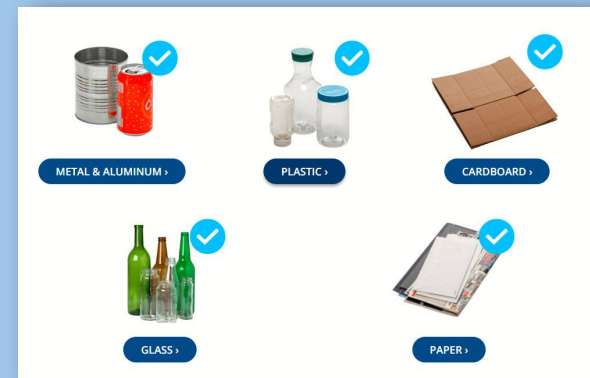
**Republic Services
Contract Extended
through 2025**

Collection includes:

- Refuse
- Recycling
- Yardwaste
- Compostable Material

Residents can expect the following over the next three years:

- Reliability
- Value
- Environmental Sensitivity
- One More Clean-up Amnesty Day



Launched Paperless Permitting

New Paperless Permit and Service Request Portal Offers Online Convenience

- Apply for a Permit
- Upload Files
- View Correspondence
- Pay for Approved Permits
- Request Inspections
- Report a Pothole, Downed Tree Limb or Lost Pet



Village Service Request / Code Enforcement

[Submit a Request / Complaint](#)
[Case Search](#)



Public Works

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Miscellaneous Fees

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Building and Fire

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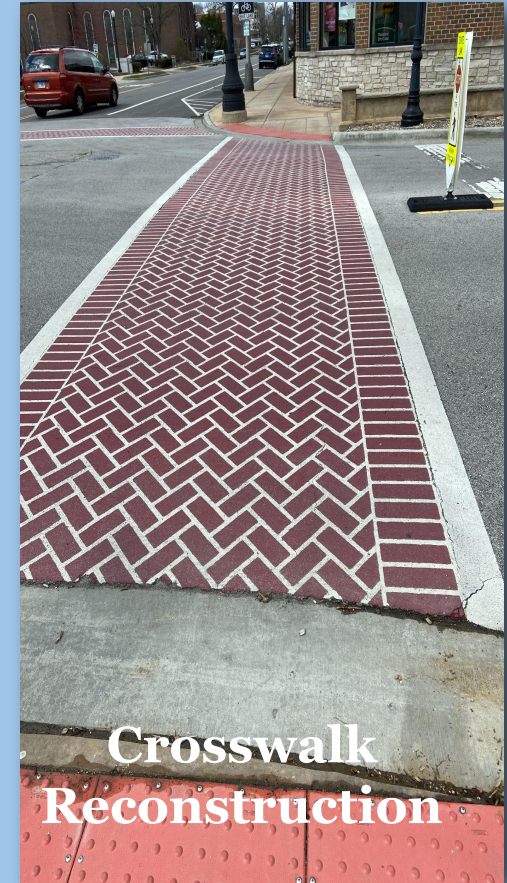
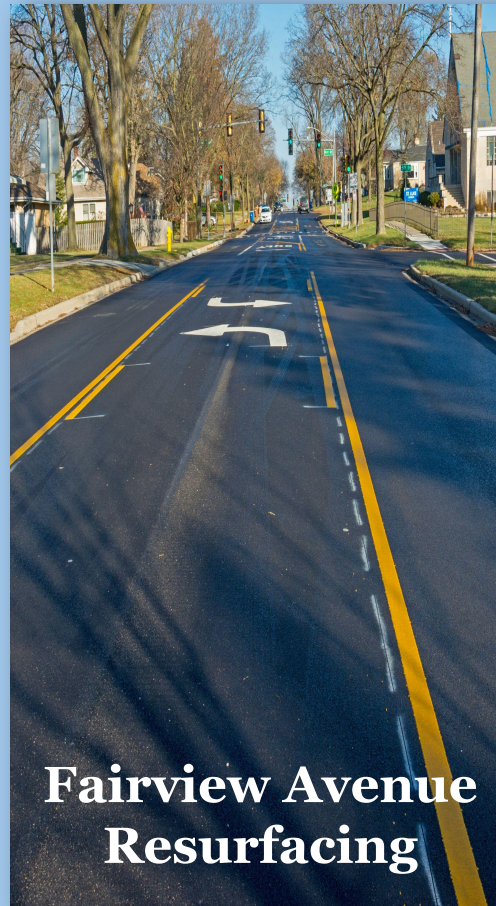
Property Information

[Search for a Property](#)

Capital Projects: On-Time, On-Budget

Invested nearly \$6 million in Roads and Resurfaced 30 Street Segments including:

- Spot-Repair of Curb
- Sidewalk Replacement for ADA Compliance
- Grinding Top Layer of Asphalt
- Pavement Patching
- Two New Layers of Asphalt
- New Pavement Striping
- Continued Replacement of Decorative Crosswalks Downtown



Improved Pedestrian Safety

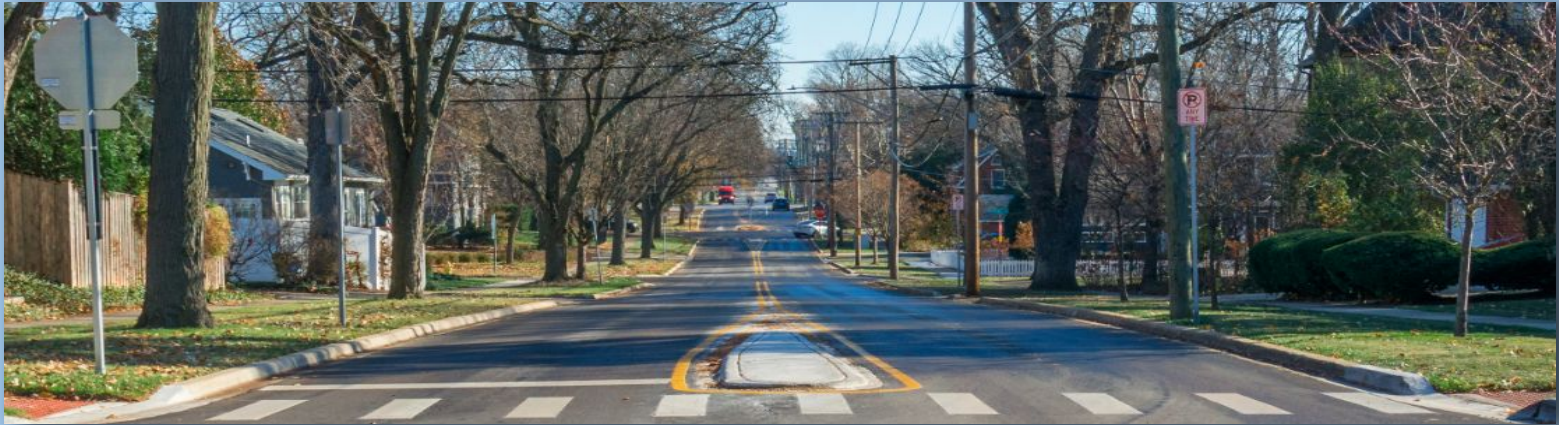


Implemented Prairie Avenue Safety Enhancements

- Stop Signs, Bump-Outs & Pedestrian Crossings at Forest, Saratoga, Oakwood & Lee
- Bump-Outs & Pedestrian Crossings at Seeley, Stonewall and Woodward
- Bicycle “Sharrow” Striping from Lee to Belmont
- Reduced the Speed Limit from 30 mph to 25 mph



Improved Pedestrian Safety



- Installed Stop Signs at Numerous Locations throughout the Village
- Reduced Warren Avenue Speed Limit from 30 mph to 25 mph
- Submitted Traffic Signal and Intersection Reconfiguration Plan for Main & Oxford to DuPage County for Review

Extended Water System To Williams Street

33 Properties Connected

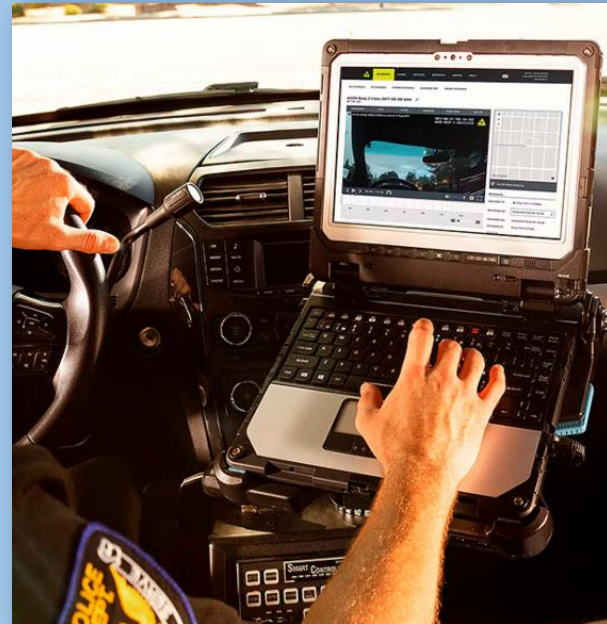


- Installed Water Main from Ogden to 41st Street at No Cost to Residents
- Installed Public Portion of Water Services from Ogden to 39th Street at No Cost to Residents
- Coordinated Village and Private Plumbing Work to Reduce Costs to Residents
- Informed Residents of the DuPage County Program Covering up to \$3,000 in Connection Costs

Enhanced Public Safety Technology

SAFE-T Act

- Signed by Governor Pritzker
- Requires Use of Body-Worn Cameras by 2025
- Village Council Directed Police Department to use Body-Worn Cameras in July 2022



Top Ranked Public Safety

American Heart Association Mission: Lifeline EMS - Gold Plus Achievement Award

- Fire Department Recognized for Success in Treating Cardiac Emergencies and Strokes
- Received Four Consecutive Years



ISO Class 1

- Fire Department Retained Class 1 Public Protection Rank for Protection Effectiveness
- 1 of 27 Departments in Illinois
- 1 of 411 Departments Nationwide with Class 1 rating.

Launched Social Services Referrals

- Formally Launched in February
- Over 400 Referrals Made in 2022
- 86% Referral Acceptance Rate
- Enhanced Relationships with Local Service Providers



REACH OUT WHEN YOU NEED A HAND.

The Village of Downers Grove employs a full-time Social Worker who can refer people to the social services they are in need of. These include resources for mental health, housing or homelessness, domestic violence, and substance abuse.

**CALL 630.434.6894 for Social Services Referrals
or visit downers.us.**



Increased Staff Diversity

Welcome New Employees



2022 New Hire Village Employees	
White	71.4%
Black	10.7%
Hispanic	10.7%
Asian	7.1%

- Diversified Staff by Improving Hiring Practices
 - Minorities Accounted for 27% of New Hires in 2022
 - Expanded Staff Recruitment Efforts To Attract a Larger, More Diverse Applicant Pool
- Trained All Staff Members on Diversity, Welcoming and Inclusion
- Participated in Metro Mayors Caucus Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force

Downtown Outdoor Dining Program

- Formalized the Outdoor Dining Program to Allow For Seasonal Operation on a Permanent Basis
- Established a Barricade Placement and Fee Program
- Provides Additional Dining Opportunities for Downtown Restaurants



Showcased Local Architecture



- Hosted Downtown Tour for Review and Discussion of Design Guidelines
- Featured
 - New Downtown Residential Developments
 - Innovative Development Guidelines and Zoning Strategies



- 32 Members of the Municipal Design Review Network (MDRN) Attended
- Second Time Hosting an MDRN Event in the Past Five Years

Showcased Local Architecture

- Staff Created Smartphone App to Provide Project Information to Attendees
- MDRN Operated by the Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development at DePaul University



Successful Partnerships

Positive Impacts

- Low Tax Base
- Constant Cycle of Development in Commercial Areas
- Strong Financial Position for Village
- Festivals and Celebrations
- Job Creation
- Ensuring Downtown Vibrancy



Financial Stewardship



Pedestrian bridge near Brookbank Road.

Village of Downers Grove, Illinois

*Municipal Budget
Community Investment Program*



2022

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Downers Grove, IL 60515
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Effectively Managed the FY22 Budget

- Controlled General Fund Expenses at Budgeted Level
- Transferred \$3.8 Million to Equipment Replacement Fund and Risk Fund to Address Identified Financial Needs

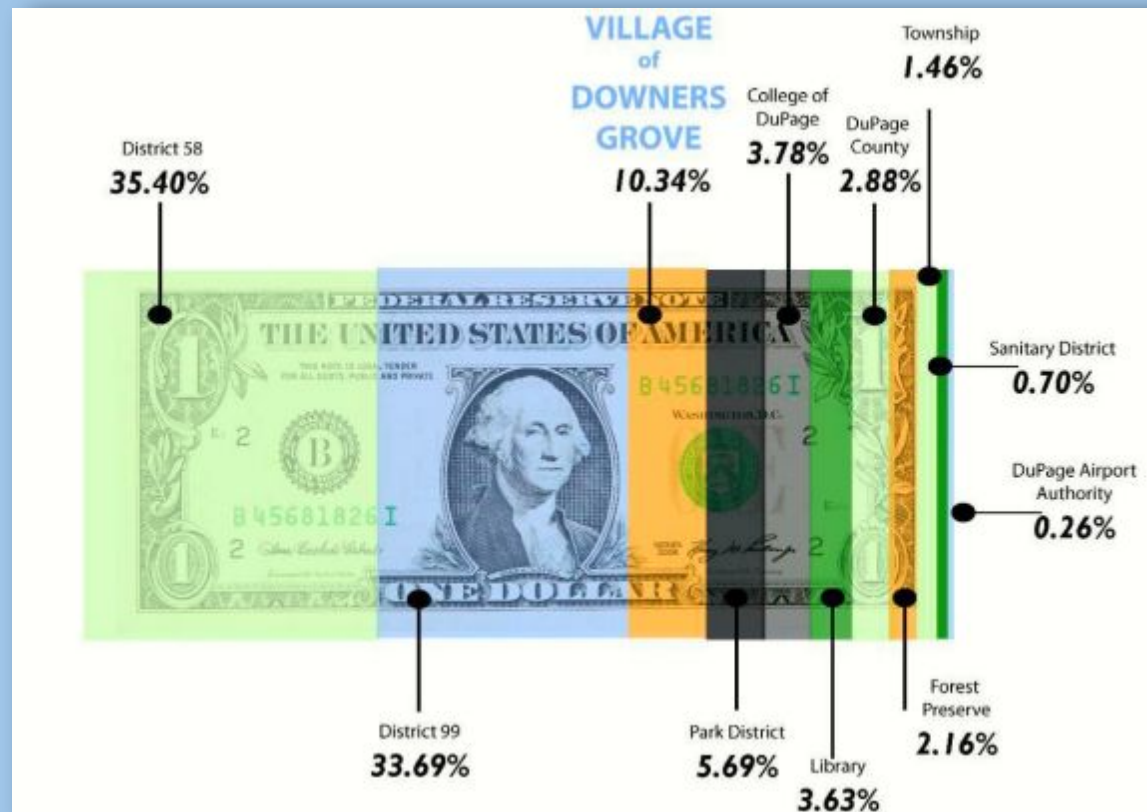
Financial Stewardship

- Maintained AAA Rating from S&P on Facilities and Stormwater Bond Issuance
- Achieved the Lowest Cost of Borrowing for 2022 Bonds
- Effective Financial Management Affirmed



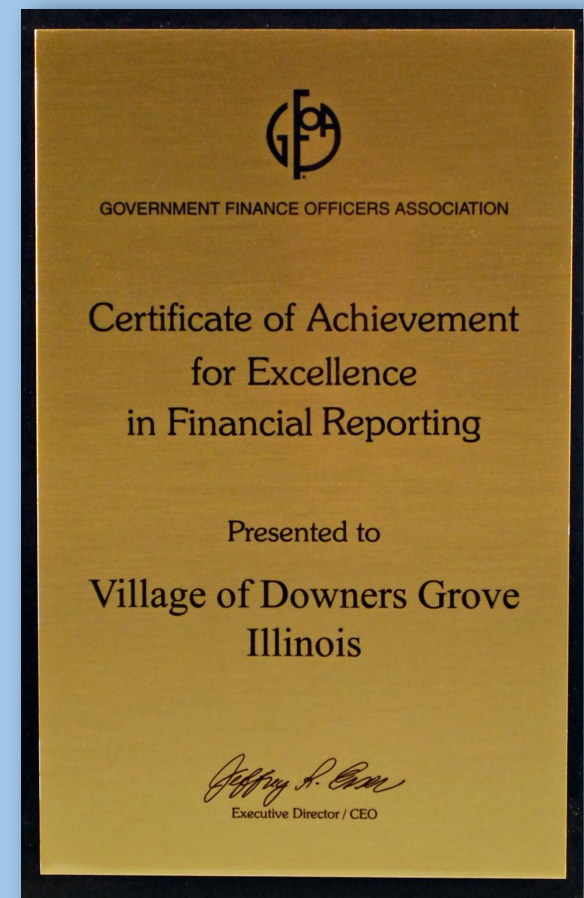
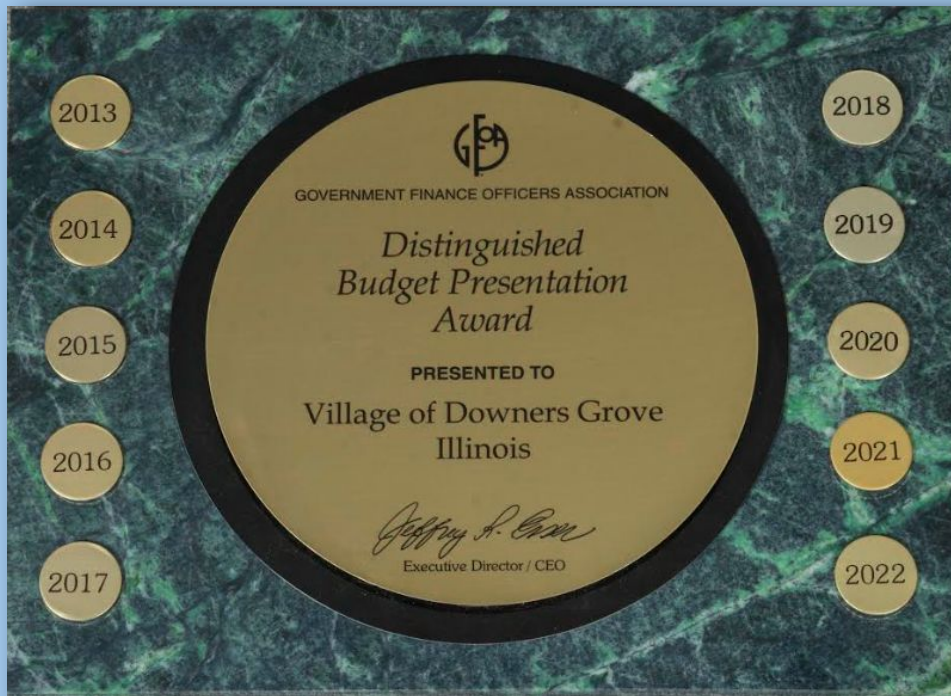
Financial Stewardship

- Prepared FY23 Budget Based on Long Range Plan Recommendations
- Sustainable General Fund Budget with Revenues Greater Than Expenses
- No Increase in Village Property Taxes for 2023



Awards and Recognition

- Recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association over 30 years for:
 - Accuracy
 - Transparency
 - Consistency



Awards and Recognition

- Recognized by the City-County Communications & Marketing Associations for:
 - Excellence in Government Communications and Marketing
 - Promotional Video on Digital Portal for Water Customers



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