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Ms. Nan Newlon, P.E.  
Director of Public Works  
Village of Downers Grove  
5101 Walnut Avenue  
Downers Grove, IL. 06515

Dear Nan:

We respectfully submit our Final Report of the Parking Study performed in downtown Downers Grove. As requested, this report contains our assessment of the available parking supply compared to existing and projected demand for parking in the Village. The study reviews current parking management practices and offers recommendations for managing and allocating the parking for more effective use.

Possible solutions include partnerships with private businesses to accommodate commuters in surplus spaces that they may control as well as reallocating some commuter parking to shopper parking. We feel that this change if implemented could free up some conveniently located commuter parking areas for shoppers or other downtown visitors while still meeting the parking needs of commuters. Other changes suggested address economic, handicap access, signage and marketing issues in addition to control of time limited parking that, in our opinion, will improve the parking in downtown Downers Grove for all concerned.

We would very much like to thank you, your staff, members of the Steering Committee and current and past members of the Transportation and Parking Commission for all your help in our data collection efforts, insight on preliminary findings and assistance in the preparation of this analysis. We would like to especially thank Linda Kunze of the Downers Grove Downtown Management Corporation for her extraordinary efforts in collecting land use data for us and for arranging the discussions with business and property owners. We would also like to thank those business and property owners who gave graciously of their time to either personally meet with us or to speak with us on the phone. This provided us with valuable insight in the operation of parking in the Village and the special challenges regarding parking that these owners may face. Without the assistance of all concerned, our task would have been much more difficult.

We hope that you will feel free to contact us should questions arise regarding the data contained in this analysis or if we can be of assistance as you move forward on changes to the parking system. From the very beginning it has been our pleasure working with you and the Village of Downers Grove.

Sincerely,  
Rich and Associates, Inc.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David W. Burr".

David W. Burr  
Project Manager