

# ***State of the Village***

***2010 Year End Report***



# ***Financial Stewardship***

***Innovation***

***Recognized Leader***

# ***Financial Stewardship***

## ***Long Range Financial Planning***

- **Data driven financial analysis**
- **Closed \$4.5 Million budget gap in 2010**
- **3 to 5 year plan**
- **Strategically address financial challenges**

# ***Financial Stewardship***

***Positioned for success***

- **Balanced General Fund**
- **No use of reserves**
- **No service level changes**
- **Continued infrastructure investment**

# ***Financial Stewardship***

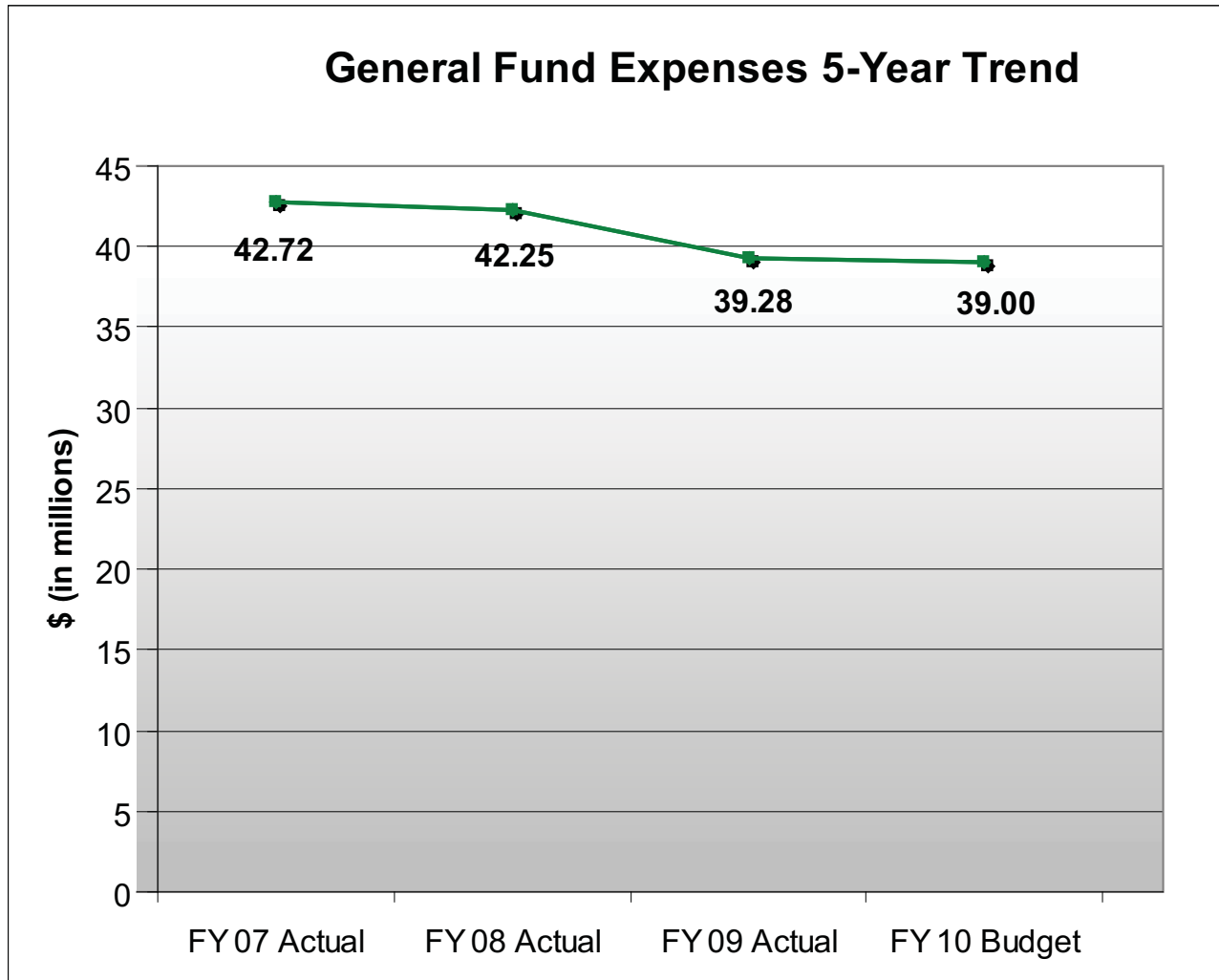
## ***Cost Controls***

**\$8 Million in expense reductions since 2009**

**Efficiency gains**

**45 positions reduced over 3 years**

# Financial Stewardship



# ***Financial Stewardship***

## ***FY11 Cost Controls***

**\$2.4 Million savings**

- **Consolidated Dispatch \$225,000**
- **Staff Reduction via Attrition \$880,000**
- **Health Care Provider Network \$1.3 Million**

# ***Financial Stewardship***

## ***Declining Revenues***

- **Unprecedented decline in revenues since 2007**

**Sales tax**

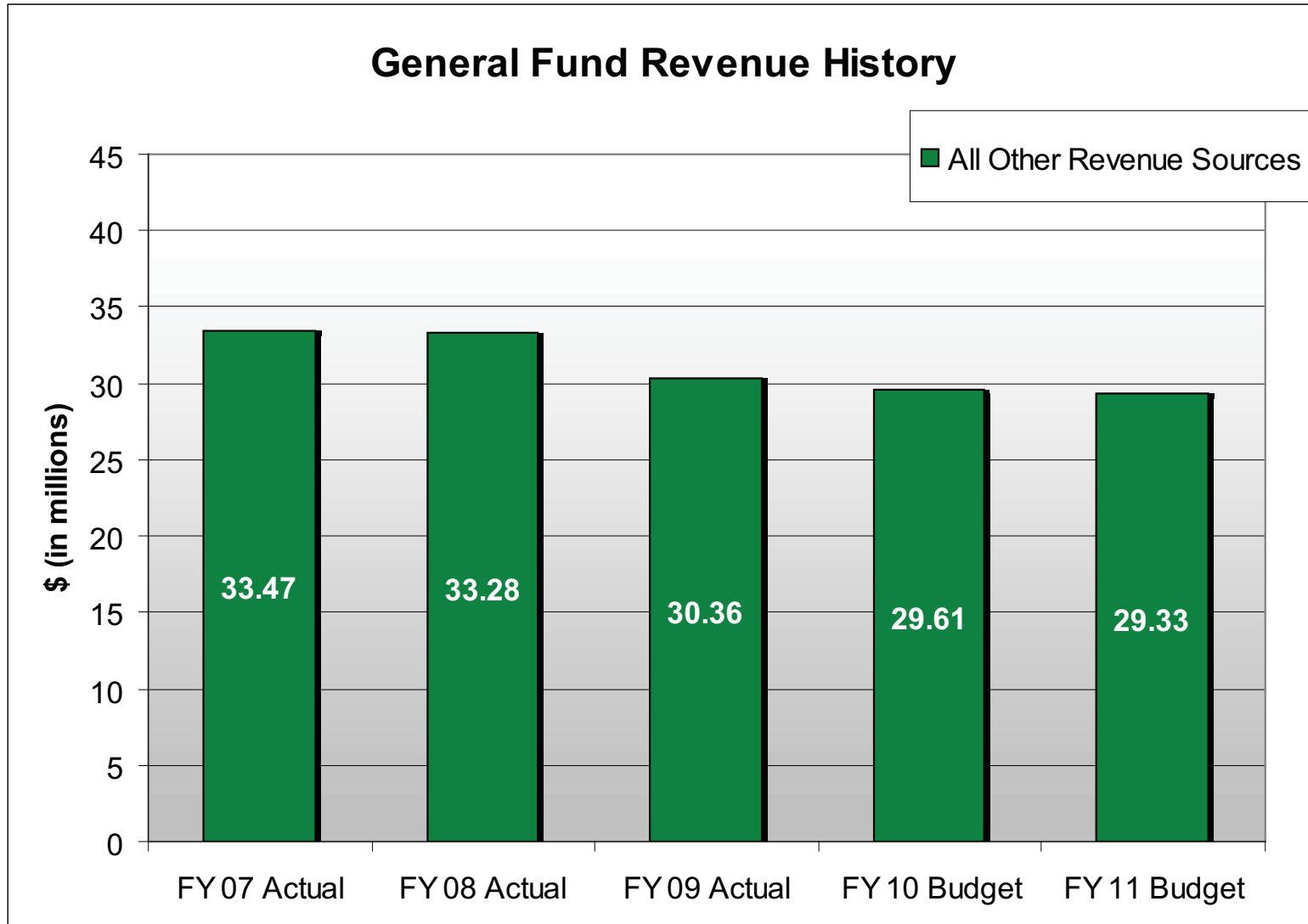
**Utility tax**

**State income tax**

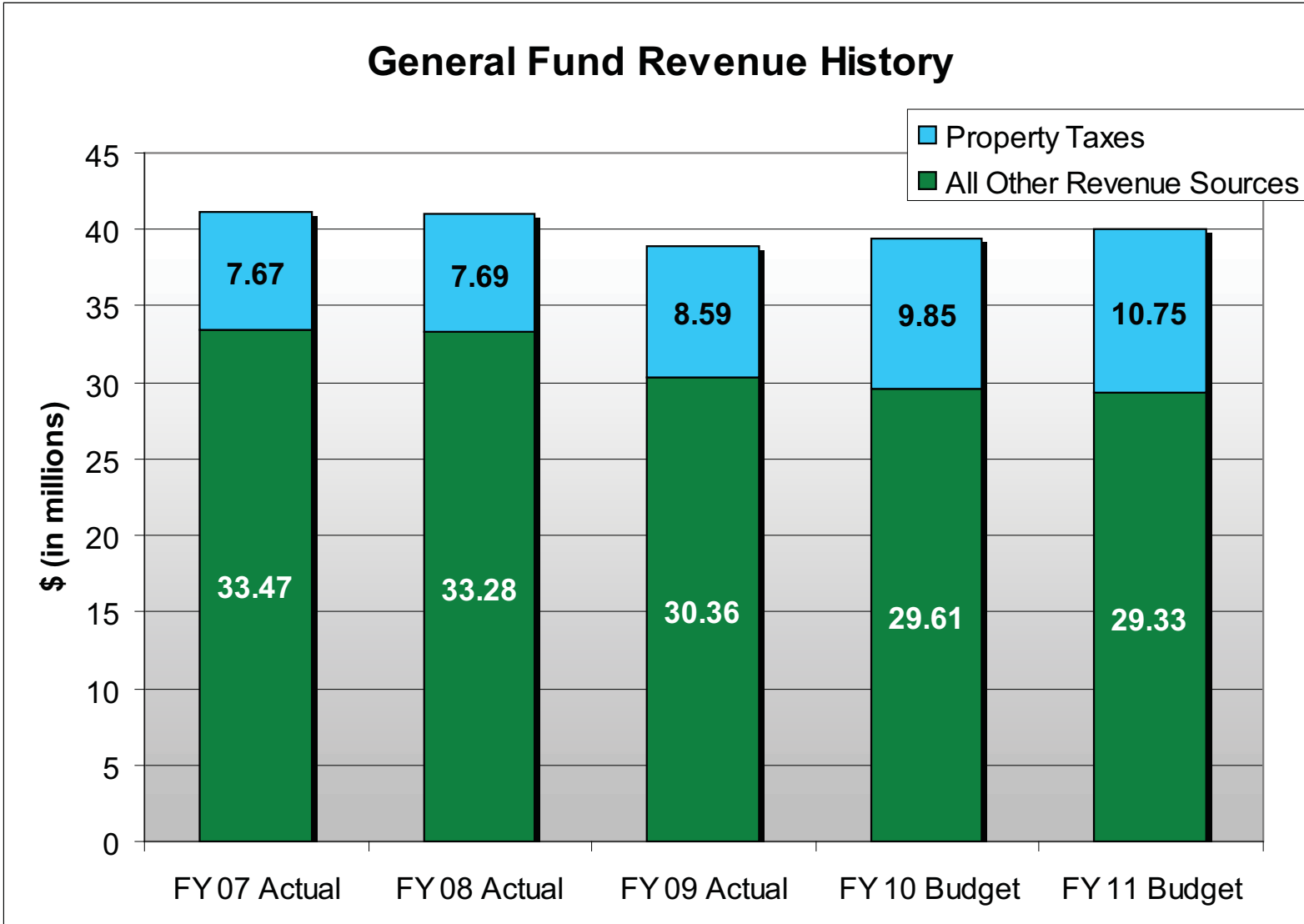
**Hotel tax**

- **Loss of \$4.1 Million**

# Financial Stewardship



# Financial Stewardship



# ***Infrastructure Investments***

## ***FY10 Investments***

- **20 major projects completed**
- **Roadway resurfacing/maintenance \$3.5 Million**
- **Stormwater projects \$5.4 Million**
- **Watermain replacement \$1 Million**

# ***Infrastructure Investments***

## ***2010 Stormwater Projects***



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<i>Washington Park Improvements</i>	Land Acquisition	Basin Construction	Park Improvements (in lieu of land acquisition)	PROJECT COST
w/o Partnership	\$6.2 million †	\$1.7 million	N/A	\$7.9 million (estimated)
w/ Partnership	N/A	\$1.7 million	\$1.3 million	\$3.0 million (actual)
<b>SAVINGS</b>				<b>\$4.9 million</b>

† (19 homes = 3 acres)

# ***Award Winning Infrastructure***



***Outstanding Civil Engineering  
Achievement Award***

***Crown Communities Award***

# ***Infrastructure Investments***

## ***Water Rate Study Implementation***



# ***Infrastructure Investments***

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# ***Infrastructure Investments***

## ***Water Rate Study Implementation***



# Economic Development



Downers Grove  
Economic Development Corporation

# *Economic Development*



# ***Economic Development***



***100 new jobs***

# ***Economic Development***



***700 new jobs***

# ***Economic Development***



***125 new jobs***

# ***Economic Development***



***40 new jobs***

***\$100,000 new sales tax revenue***

# ***Economic Development***



***10 new jobs***  
***\$130,000 sales tax***

# ***Economic Development***



***10 new jobs***  
***approximately \$50,000 sales tax***

# ***Economic Development***



***20 new jobs***  
***approximately \$20,000 in sales tax***

# ***Economic Development***



**40 new jobs**  
**approximately \$100,000 sales tax**

# ***Financial Stewardship***



***AA+ Bond Rating***

# ***Innovations***

***Privatization***

***Operational Efficiencies***

***Environmental Sustainability***

# *Innovations*

## *Service Privatization*



**State of the Village Address**

# ***Innovations***

## ***Service Privatization***



**same services, same customers,  
same location, same counselors**

# ***Innovations***

## ***Service Consolidation***



- **Partnering with Westmont for emergency dispatch**
- **Improve operating efficiency**
- **Maintains service levels**
- **Annual expense reduction of \$300,000**

# ***Innovations***

## ***Solar Heated Well Houses***



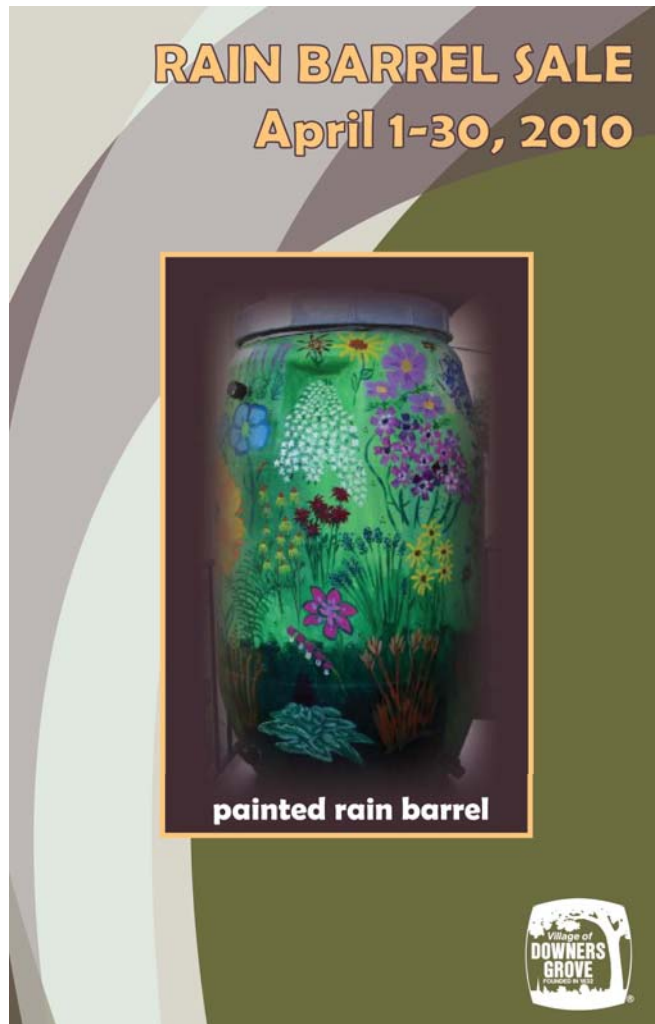
# ***Innovations***

## ***Solar Heated Well Houses***



- **Reduced gas and electricity use**
- **Funded by Efficiency Conservation Block Grant**

# ***Innovations***



- **Promotes water conservation**
- **544 rain barrels sold**
- **Diverts and reuses stormwater**



# **Recognized Leader**



## **Outstanding Community Project Award – Long Range Financial Plan**



# Recognized Leader



## Distinguished Budget Award



# ***Recognized Leader***



## **Top Municipal Agency Award Traffic Safety**

**Illinois Association of Municipal Management Assistants (IAMMA) Outstanding Project Award**

**Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**

**State of Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge**

**International Association of Chiefs of Police Traffic Safety Award**

**American Public Works Association (APWA) Technical Innovation Award**

**APWA End Loader Competition**

**Alliance for Innovation Recognition of Employee Engagement Efforts**

**Northern Illinois University Intern Supervisor of the Year**

**Illinois Chapter of the American Planning Association "Best Planning Tool" Award**

**Illinois Metropolitan Enforcement Group Director's Award**

**American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Award**

**National Recognition in Fire Education**

**Illinois Crime Prevention Officer of the Year 2010**

# ***2011 and Beyond***



# ***2011 Action Agenda***

## ***Goals 2011 - 2018***

- 1. Steward of Financial and Environmental Sustainability**
- 2. Exceptional Municipal Services**
- 3. Top Quality Infrastructure**
- 4. Strong, Diverse Local Economy**
- 5. Continual Innovation**

# 2011 Action Agenda

## Continue Long Range Financial Plan

### Long Range Financial Plan Update



#### Introduction

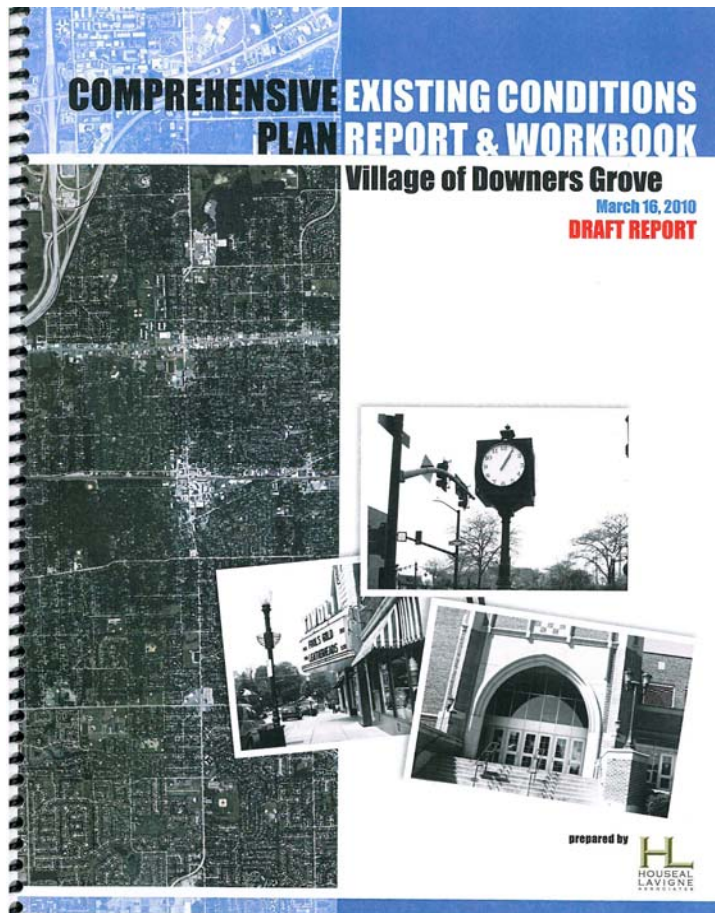
In 2009, the Village prepared the 2010-2012 Long Range Financial Plan (LRFP) that identified financial trends and issues, and developed strategies and solutions to guide financial decisions over the next three years (available online at <http://www.downers.us/story/view/230>). Staff is preparing the 2011 Long Range Financial Plan update, which will culminate with a meeting of the Village Council on Tuesday, June 29th.

Prior to the June 29th meeting, staff will prepare a report for Council and public review. The 2011 LRFP report will include of the following four sections:

1. A summary of the 2010 LRFP
2. A summary of the 2010 LRFP implementation efforts
3. Identification of new financial trends and issues
4. Recommendations for updates for the 2011-2013 LRFP

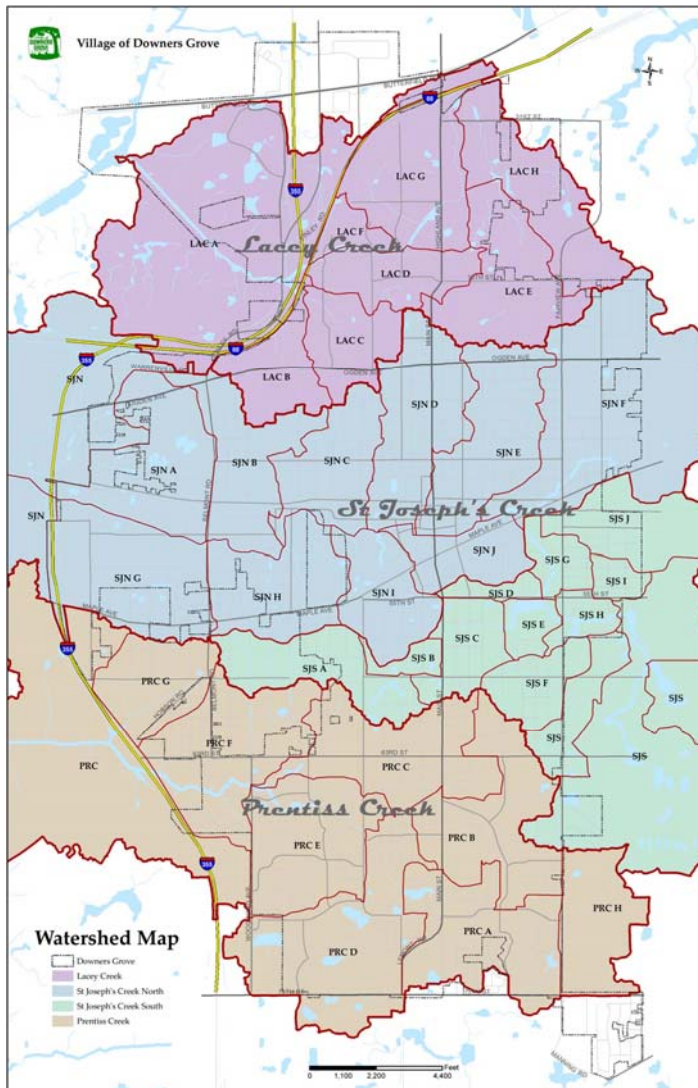
# 2011 Action Agenda

## Comprehensive Plan Adoption



- Work with Village Council and Plan Commission to adopt plan
- Envisions physical, social, and economic characteristics
- Steps to implement vision
- Long range guide for desirable attributes

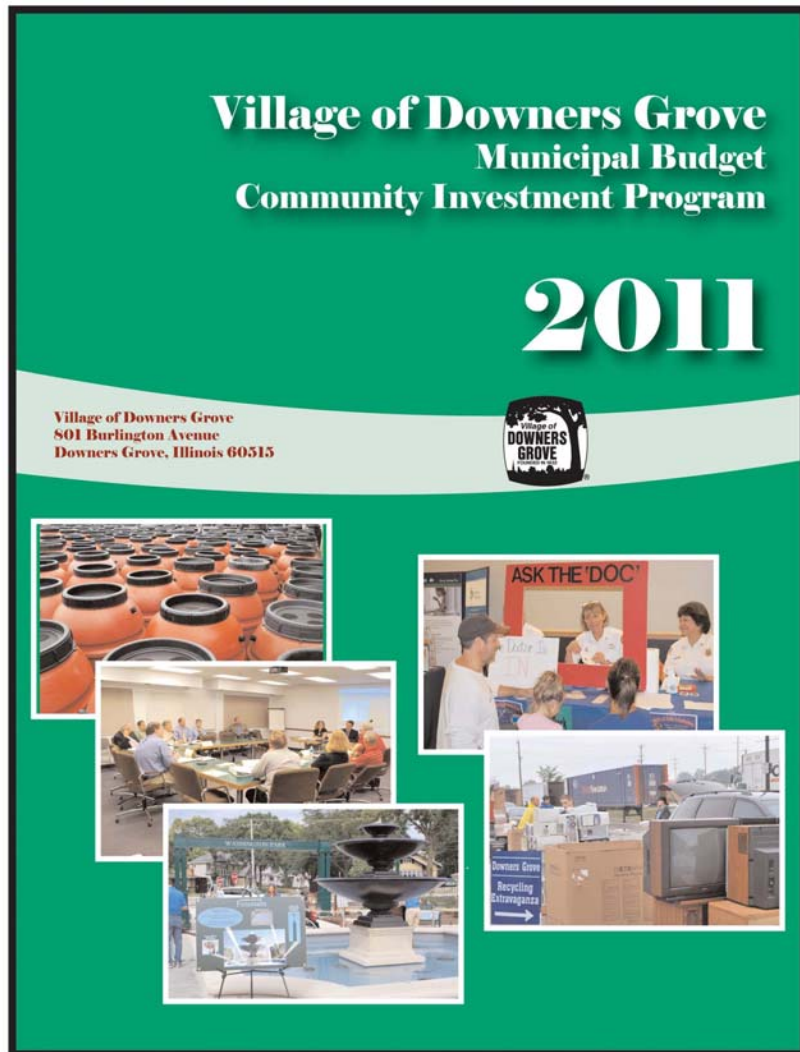
# 2011 Action Agenda



## Construction of WIIP Projects

- Adopted 2007
- Identifies drainage and flooding issues
- Recommends specific solutions
- Underway since 2008
- Completion of 14 high priority projects by December 2011

# 2011 Action Agenda



## 2012 Bond Issue

- Involves preparation of financial analysis and recommendation
- Options discussed at Long Range Financial Plan meetings
- Leverage strong financial position

# ***Exceptional Municipal Services***

## ***Customer Service Enhancements***


- **Implement survey tool**
- **Focus group recommendations**
- **Increased opportunities for public input**

# Exceptional Municipal Services

## Communications

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Village of Downers Grove website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a search box and a menu of links: [Econ Development](#), [Community Events](#), [Park District](#), [Schools](#), [Library](#), [Downtown Mgmt](#), and [Chamber](#). The main content area is titled "Home" and features several articles and utility links.

**Snow and Ice Removal**  
Posted by: *Public Relations Specialist* | Tuesday, January 11, 2011



Anti-icing in progress.

**Operation Lifesaver Reminds of Railroad Dangers**  
"Look, Listen and Live" are the watchwords of Operation Lifesaver, a national, non-profit educational program dedicated to ending highway-rail grade crossing deaths and injuries. Railroad crossing safety is a matter of great importance [Read more...](#)

**Voter Registration for April Election**  
Tuesday, March 8, 2011 is the last day to register or transfer registration for the April 5, 2011 Consolidated Election. [Read more...](#)

**Christmas Light Recycling**

I am looking for...

- Network with Us**  
[E-News](#), [One-Step Notification](#), [Twitter](#), [RSS/Podcast](#), [YouTube](#)
- Report a Problem**  
[Street light](#), [pot hole](#), [fallen branches](#), [website...](#)
- Stay Connected**  
[Service Directory](#), [DGTv](#), [Hometown Times](#), [Village Corner...](#)
- Construction Updates**  
[Resurfacing](#), [water](#), [sidewalks](#), [stormwater improvements...](#)

# Exceptional Municipal Services

## Communications



**Be Green Year-Round**

**Hometown TIMES**

*"Downers Grove Preserves the Balance Between Tradition and Progress"*

**Recycle Christmas Lights**

Don't throw away your tangled, frayed or burned-out Christmas lights this year!

In support of the Strategic Plan goal to be "green" mindful and sustainable, the Village will offer recycling of Christmas tree lights and extension cords. A receptacle will be available at the Public Works Facility, 5101 Walnut Avenue through February 18, 2011. Items may be dropped off during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Acceptable items are:

- Mini-lights (also known as Italian lights)
- C7 lights
- C9 lights
- Rope lights
- LED lights
- Extension cords

**Christmas Tree Recycling**

The Downers Grove Park District is hosting a Christmas Tree Recycling program for residents. Drop-off locations include Whitlock Park on Sunday, January 2, and McCollum Park on Saturday, January 8, 2011. Both drop-off locations will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., depending on the weather. Trees will be chipped on site and residents may take their tree mulch with them, in their own container. For more information, contact the Park District Forester at 630-963-1304.

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# Exceptional Municipal Services

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Commissioners: Martin Schmidt, William Waldack,  
Sean Patrick Durkin, Geoff Aepstaedt, Bruce E. Berkman, Robert T. Barnett  
Village Manager David Feldman

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Meeting dates, times, locations and agendas are subject to change. Check the Village website at <http://www.downers.us> and DGTV Channel 6 for the most current meeting information.



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### VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE ANNUAL REPORT

The State of the Village 2010 Year End Report will be presented at the January 18, 2011 Village Council meeting. The State of the Village highlights 2010 activities and provides a look at the action agenda for 2011.

Council meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Village Hall, 801 Burlington Avenue. Live broadcasts of the meetings can be viewed at DGTV (channel 6 on Comcast, channel 99 on AT&T). Podcast and live streaming coverage of Council meetings are also available at [www.downers.us](http://www.downers.us).

### PARKING REMINDERS

Please be advised and reminded of the following parking restrictions:

- The Municipal Code prohibits parking on the sidewalk or otherwise obstructing the sidewalk in any way.
- Overnight parking on Village streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. is prohibited by Village ordinance. Residents with a need to park overnight on the street must obtain permission from the Police Department and should call the Village Operations Center at (630) 434-5703.
- Commuters with valid parking permits who wish to leave their cars overnight should request permission from the Police Department. Those without valid parking permits may park in the designated overnight areas at the Belmont Road Metra Station only.
- Parking on streets is prohibited between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. when three or more inches of snow have fallen.
- Parking a vehicle is prohibited in front of a public or private driveway, within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, within 20 feet of a fire station driveway or crosswalk at an intersection, and within 30 feet of a STOP sign, YIELD sign or traffic control signal.
- Please read and obey all posted signage.

**E-NEWS**

The Village of Downers Grove offers a free, voluntary e-mail service to anyone interested in learning more about Village services, activities and events. To register visit [www.downers.us](http://www.downers.us) and click on E-News on the right side of your screen.



### SMART EASY CONVENIENT

The Grove Commuter Shuttle is owned and operated by the Village of Downers Grove and has been in operation since 1974. All of the buses in our fleet are air-conditioned and accessible for the disabled.

The Shuttle's four routes (West, Southeast, Southwest, and North) provide area commuters with bus service to the Main Street and Belmont Road METRA Stations on weekdays during the morning and evening rush hours. There is no service on weekends or holidays.

Free parking for Grove Commuter Shuttle Riders is available at two Park and Ride locations: Fairview Plaza and Belmont Rd./63rd St.

For more information visit our website [www.downers.us](http://www.downers.us) and click on **Parking & Transportation**.



### VOTER REGISTRATION

The last day to register for the April 5, 2011 consolidated election is March 8, 2011. To register, you must be 18 years of age on or before the election, be a citizen of the United States, and a legal resident of DuPage County. Two forms of identification with current address are needed. Applicants may register at the following locations:

- Downers Grove Public Library, 1050 Curtiss
- Downers Grove Village Hall, 801 Burlington
- Downers Grove Township offices, 4340 Prince St.
- Lisle Township offices, 4721 Indiana Ave, Lisle
- York Township offices, 1502 Meyers Road, Lombard
- DuPage Election Commission, 421 County Farm Road, Wheaton

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Individuals with a disability requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in any meeting should contact the ADA Coordinator at 630.434.5525, prior to the meeting. Wheelchair access is available through the south entrance of Village Hall.

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# Exceptional Municipal Services

## Communications




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**Register for E-Water Bill**  
Receive your water bill via email. It's easy, secure, and takes just a few minutes to register on the [Village website](#). Scroll to the E-Water Bill Authorization form and follow the directions to submit your request.

**ONE-STEP NOTIFICATION**



Receive timely notifications via  
- telephone,  
- cell phone, and  
- email

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
January 7, 2011

### Village News

**VOTER REGISTRATION**  
March 8, 2011 is the last day to register or transfer voter registration to be eligible to vote in the April 5 Consolidated Election. [More...](#)

**NEW WATER RATE STRUCTURE NOW IN EFFECT.**  
[More...](#)

**FREE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION**  
Republic Services will collect live Christmas trees on your regular collection day from January 3-14, 2011. Trees must be free of tinsel, ornaments and hooks and should not be placed in bags.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHT RECYCLING**  
Have you found yourself tangled up in strands of lights that don't work? Don't trash them...recycle! [MORE...](#)

### Construction Updates

A list of construction areas within the Village and their updates can be found [here](#).

### Community Events

# ***Exceptional Municipal Services*** ***Communications***

***Follow the Village on Twitter***



***126 Tweets***

***589 Followers***

***NEED MORE!***

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## *Communications*



## **ONE-STEP NOTIFICATION**

Receive timely notifications via  
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**SIGN UP NOW**

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- [Village Council Minutes](#)
- [Village Council Podcasts](#)

**State of the Village Address**

# ***State of the Village***

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