



Community Context Audit

Purpose: The Community Context Audit form is intended to be a guide to identify various community characteristics that make each transportation project location unique to its residents, businesses, and the public in general. This information will help define the purpose and need of the proposed transportation improvements based upon community goals and local plans for future development. This audit is designed to take into account the community's history or heritage, present conditions and anticipated conditions. As you complete this audit, please consider the interaction of persons and groups within your community when considering factors such as mobility and access (vehicular, non-vehicular and transit modes), safety, local and regional economics, aesthetics and overall quality of life.

Municipality: Village of Grayslake, Village of Hainesville, Village of Round Lake Park, Avon Township

Project Location & Limits: Washington Street, from Hainesville Road to Lake Street
(Attach a project location map to this form)

State Route #: County Route A22 Road Name: Washignton Street

Township Route #: - Road Name: Washington Street

Project Estimate/Budget/Funding Sources: \$30,000,000/Federal and County Funds

Project Type:
[ ] New Construction [ ] Major Expansion
[X] Reconstruction [ ] Other

Project Description: The improvement of Washington Street from Hainesville Road on the west to Lake Street on the east. Safety, capacity, drainage, and traffic signal improvements will be made. In addition, a grade separation will be studied at the CN/Metra Rail Line.

Reason for Project: Increase capacity, reduce queueing, improve safety, and satisfy an acceptable Level of Service for the design year 2030.

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**Section 1: Community Characteristics/Land Use**

Please conduct a visual assessment in the field and attach a project location map. If appropriate, include a photo index for the project area. If appropriate, gather public opinions and concerns about the proposed project. Consider community needs as the basis for this assessment. Assess the community characteristics and indicate the community's perception of importance for each characteristic currently and based upon known/planned future conditions.

Community Characteristics	Presence		Importance		
	Yes	No	High	Med.	Low
Is this place an established city center?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this place a multi-modal transportation center?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this place a commercial center?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this place a residential center?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this place a mixed residential/commercial center?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this place an industrial center?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this place a rural/agricultural area?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there important cultural features or identifiers that convey information about the community within the project area? <b>If yes, list:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are there social/community features or identifiers within the project area? <b>If yes, list:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there important architectural features within the project area? <b>If yes, list:</b> Homes along north side of Washington Street have ornate fences of stone and brick.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there important natural features within the project area? <b>If yes, list:</b> Highland Lake is within project vicinity; a number of wetland pockets and flood plain zones fall along the study corridor.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this place of historical significance to the community? <b>If yes, list:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Overall assessment of community characteristics and setting:**

- Urban       Suburban       Rural

(Please note, this is not the identification of a functional classification. This is an assessment of the community based upon physical characteristics noted above.)

## Section 2: Infrastructure Assessment

Assess the project or study area for the presence and adequacy of the following infrastructure items. If present (a yes response) and in poor condition, please make notation and provide any other relevant comments in space provided for each item. If not present (a no response), indicate in the comment section if the item needs further evaluation. Indicate the level of importance each item may have to the community currently and based upon known / planned future conditions.

Community Characteristics	Presence		Importance		
	Yes	No	High	Med.	Low
Sidewalks <b>Comments:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADA Compliance <b>Comments:</b> Project will be designed in compliance with ADA Standards.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycle Lanes/Paths/Facilities <b>Comments:</b> Continuous bike path along south side of Washington Street.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On-street Parking <b>Comments:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Transit Connections <b>Comments:</b> Metra station access at Lowlands Drive.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transit Shelters <b>Comments:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Street Lighting <b>Comments:</b> At signalized intersections only.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pedestrian Lighting <b>Comments:</b> Possible lighting at pedestrian crossings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pedestrian Crossings <b>Comments:</b> Crossings at Washington Street intersections with: Hainesville Rd, Lakeside Dr, and Lake St. More desired.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signals (Traffic, Directional & Pedestrian) <b>Comments:</b> Signals at Washington St./Hainesville Rd. & Washington St/Lake St.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crosswalks <b>Comments:</b> At signalized intersections and mid-block pedestrian/bicycle crossings.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Other Comments:**

### Section 3: Neighborhood Culture, Aesthetics and Street Amenities

Assess the study area for the following amenities and cultural, aesthetic and comfort factors. If present (a “Yes” response below) and items are in poor condition, please make notation and provide any other relevant comments in the space provided for each item. If not present (a “No” response), indicate in the comment section if the item requires further evaluation. Indicate the level of importance each item may have to the neighborhood currently and based upon known/planned future conditions.

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Neighborhood Parks/Open Space /Civic Areas <b>Comments:</b> Hartnett Park, a private park located near Highland Lake on the north side of Washington St. Round Lake Park District and Grayslake Park District own property in study corridor.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Benches <b>Comments:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trash Containers <b>Comments:</b> Residents put trash bins at driveway locations for weekly pickup.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Street Trees <b>Comments:</b> Trees line entire corridor; approximately 800 trees located within project corridor.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Landscaping <b>Comments:</b> Landscaped parkway in select areas along developed corridor. Large stone entrance gates on north side of roadway.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wayfinding Signage <b>Comments:</b> Indicated Lake County route signs and applicable cross-directional traffic signage.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Safety Issues <b>Comments:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Traffic Safety <b>Comments:</b> Large number of rear end collisions; higher than countywide average.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please list any seasonal events affected by proposed improvements at this location:

Other Comments:

## Section 4: Economic Development

Assess the project or study area for the following community development indicators. Indicate the level of importance for each indicator currently and based upon known/planned future conditions.

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<p>Has this area been identified for new development? If yes, describe the proposed or planned development.</p> <p>Area on north side of Washington Street between Haryan Way and the Metra Station. Currently farmland. Land plans have been developed.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are visitors attracted to this area? If yes, indicate why?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the local economy supported by historic, natural, cultural and entertainment resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the roadway serve as a commuter corridor?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the roadway serve as a gateway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do stakeholders include business or other advocacy groups (in addition to public agencies and residential associations)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is limiting sprawl a regional concern applicable to this place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is redevelopment underway or planned for this place? If yes, how does the proposed transportation project impact redevelopment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Other Comments:**

## Section 5: Community Planning

Assess the proposed project in context to local planning initiatives. Please provide the following information and documentation related to the project or study area.

	Yes	No
Does the municipality, county or regional planning authority have a comprehensive plan? If yes, indicate the date of plan. <span style="float: right;">Date: _____</span>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this project generally consistent with the municipality's comprehensive plan? If yes, indicate how.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any special studies associated with this project? If yes, please indicate the name of study or studies and attach copies. Washington Street west of Hainesville Rd. is currently under study.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has the municipality adopted a growth management plan or designated growth area? If yes, is this project located within the designated growth area. Need to Verify.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does this project have regional significance? If so, explain. Serves as an east-west arterial corridor serving Grayslake, Hainesville, Round Lake Park, and Avon Township. Northern east-west alternative to IL. Rt. 120 to the south, a heavily traveled main arterial highway. Moderate traffic growth anticipated.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there other scheduled or planned projects that may tie into this project or impact this project? If yes, please indicate the project name(s) and type of project(s). Proposed IL. Rt. 120 Bypass will affect Washington St. and its north-south legs significantly when constructed. ADT Numbers for design year 2030 are projected based on this the completion of this Bypass.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify planning and project development partners for this project.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Other Comments:** Project planning and development team is Lake County Division of Transportation.