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# ELK GROVE Villager



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Finance counter is open on the first  
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a.m. to noon, and the Community  
Development counter is open on the  
first Saturday of the month of May  
through September from 9:00 a.m.  
to noon.

Village Board meetings  
are generally held on the second  
and fourth Tuesday of  
the month at 7:00 p.m.

## ELK GROVE 2025: INVESTING FOR THE FUTURE

On Tuesday, February 14, Mayor Craig Johnson gave the public a first glimpse of what the Village will be doing over the next eight years to reinvest in the community's future.



Since the Great Recession, Village elected officials have chosen to invest heavily to ensure the community thrives now and into the future. Over the past 10 years, the Village has invested in excess of \$100 million in infrastructure and facility improvements throughout the community.

Today, the Village is reaping the benefits of those investments. Overall, the Village is experiencing a surge of business development activity. At the beginning of 2017, the industrial vacancy rate for Elk Grove Village stood at a mere 3.56%, down by over 65% from a high of 12.49% in 2010.

Furthermore, private sector reinvestment soared over that same time frame. In 2016, the Village experienced nearly \$145 million in private sector construction value – and has already experienced over \$230 million in private sector construction value in the first few months of 2017.

With the celebration of our 60th Anniversary last year, the Village is starting to show signs of wear. While Elk Grove Village has done a commendable job re-purposing existing facilities and maintaining others, the studies of our operations have shown that additional operational efficiencies can still be realized with enhanced infrastructure and more modern facilities.

As such, the Mayor and Board of Trustees have established Elk Grove 2025 to meet Elk Grove Village's needs today and well into our future. This long-range capital plan includes public facility improvements, road improvements, streetscaping, bicycle/pedestrian projects, and drainage projects.

We are excited to share with you our plans for the future of the community! In the following pages you will find information on projects planned as part of Elk Grove 2025, as well as information on how these projects will be funded and their impact on the average homeowner in the Village.

# FACILITIES




## PUBLIC WORKS BIESTERFIELD FACILITY

The Public Works Fleet Service Garage on Biesterfield Road was constructed in 1980. At that time, it was built in conjunction with the Elk Grove Park District, who assumed the rights to a portion of the building as well as the land it's on. For the past 37 years, the facility has served Public Works and the Village well, but the facility is in need of repairs. In addition, Public Works has recognized the need to serve the western portion of the community with an additional salt storage facility, which will reduce travel times and enhance snow plowing operations. Currently, the Village is in the process of obtaining the rights to the garage, in exchange for turning over Hanson Park (which the Village owns) to the Park District.

The proposed work, comprising a multi-purpose Public Works Biesterfield Facility, will include a complete façade overhaul of the existing building, the addition of a salt barn, additional storage space, interior renovations to improve operations, landscape enhancements, parking lot rehabilitation, and the creation of a small nursery. Renovations to this facility are anticipated to start later this Spring with substantial construction finished by the end of this year.



## MEACHAM FIRE STATION #10

For the past 40 years, the life-safety needs of the western portion of Elk Grove Village have been served by Meacham Fire Station #10. While it has fulfilled the needs of the community for the past four decades, the Meacham Fire Station has reached the end of its design life. Moreover, the station has a number of pending expenditures just to keep it functional, ranging from a new roof, reconstruction of its parking lot, and leaking sewer pipes. The Village anticipates construction of a new, environmentally efficient fire station to start during the winter of 2017 with completion in 2018.

## JAMES P. PETRI PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

Originally built in 1960, this facility has served the Village in numerous capacities. Over the years the building has served as Village Hall, the Police station and as a Fire station. Unfortunately, the four (4) acre parcel is severely undersized for use as a modern Public Works facility. Also, its inefficient pie-shape and proximity to the single-family residential homes make operations difficult. In addition, the interior of the building is functionally obsolete and in need of significant work.

As proposed, the Village will be exploring opportunities to construct a new, modern state-of-the-art Public Works facility in the next several years. The location for this project will be announced soon. The goal is to complete construction in the next two years.

## WHERE WE'VE BEEN - 10 YEARS OF INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

- Completed construction of the Village's Administration & Public Safety Complex



## GREENLEAF FIRE STATION #9

Since 1971, the life-safety needs of the Business Park have been served by Greenleaf Fire Station #9. Just like the Meacham Fire Station, the Greenleaf Fire Station has reached the end of its design life. Similarly, the station has a number of pending expenditures.

# DRAINAGE



## DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

In the past 10 years, the Village has been able to alleviate rear yard drainage issues for 715 homes. The Village still has several hundred more properties seeking assistance to remediate rear yard drainage concerns, and that number is growing annually. Elk Grove 2025 will continue to provide funding for this program for the next 8 years. Moreover, the Village does not currently have a sidewalk drainage program, but through Elk Grove 2025 is proposing a new program to address situations where water is pooling on sidewalks. The Village's overall drainage program should be completed by 2025.



## CLEARMONT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

When constructed in 1980, the Clearmont Bridge was built in the Salt Creek flood plain. As such, the consultant who assisted with the design of the Busse Wood Dam found that this action occasionally creates a damming effect along the Salt Creek, causing waters to reach a higher elevation during high water events. It has been determined that a new bridge could be constructed outside of the flood plain (most likely on piers) and would provide additional compensatory storage for storm water along the Salt Creek watershed. It is the Village's intent to use grant funds to fund a majority of the construction of this project.

## WHERE WE'VE BEEN - 10 YEARS OF INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

- Completed the Busse Dam modification aimed at mitigating storm water flow throughout the Village.
- Made Improvements to mainline and secondary drainage channels in the Business Park to alleviate flooding.
- Replaced over 4,500 feet of culvert throughout the Village.
- Alleviated rear yard drainage issues for 715 homes.

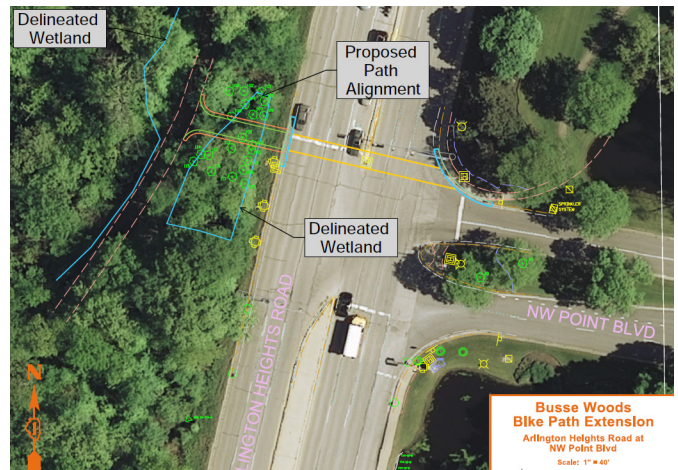


# BIKE/PED



## ACCESS TO BUSSE WOODS

The Village is in the process of exploring potential bicycle and pedestrian connections into Busse Woods at Northwest Point, Oakton Street, and Landmeier Road. These additional access points will improve the safety and convenience of pedestrians and cyclists who use the forest preserve every day.



## WHERE WE'VE BEEN - 10 YEARS OF INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

- Constructed the Busse Woods Bicycle/ Pedestrian Overpass on Higgins Road, just east of I-290.



# ROADS



## STREET REHABILITATION

Over the past ten years the Village has reconstructed or resurfaced nearly 55 miles of Village roadways. While this may seem significant, the Village maintains over 180 miles of roadway. Additionally, a number of roads were constructed in the 1970s with pozzolanic bases, which have proven not good for our area due to winter weather conditions. As part of Elk Grove 2025, the Village will be preparing plans for the rehabilitation of a number of streets throughout the Village. Those streets include:

- John F. Kennedy Boulevard – Arlington Heights Rd. to Brantwood
- Elk Grove Boulevard – Arlington Heights Rd. to Victoria
- University Lane – Plum Grove to Vermont
- Home Avenue – Nerge to Unincorporated
- Vermont Drive – Gibson to Meacham
- Nerge Road – Devon to Rohwling
- Tonne Road – Devon to Landmeier
- Lively Boulevard – Devon to Landmeier

In addition to the major rehabilitation of the above mentioned streets, the Village will also be allocating additional funds to be used for street resurfacing as part of a “catch-up” to the Village’s annual street resurfacing program.

## INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

The Village will also be undertaking two very significant intersection improvements. Below are the locations for those intersection improvements:

- Touhy-Higgins-Elmhurst Intersection Improvement
- Oakton-Higgins-Busse (IL-83) Intersection Improvement

## WHERE WE’VE BEEN - 10 YEARS OF INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

- Reconstructed or resurfaced nearly 55 miles of Village roadways.
- Rehabilitated 72 crosswalks throughout the Village.
- Rehabilitated 11 railroad spur crossings.
- Tollway substantially completed construction of a full interchange at I-90 and Elmhurst Road. (2016)
- Replaced over 4 miles of watermain.
- Rehabilitated over 43 miles of sanitary sewer through Cured In Place Piping (CIPP).



## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Another major road project that the Village will be undertaking will be the addition of left turn lanes along Arlington Heights Road at locations where none exist from Devon to Brantwood. The turn lanes would be created by taking 3’ from the center median and reducing lane width from 12 feet to 11 feet.

The intersections with proposed left turn lanes would include Turner, Newport, Parkchester, Clearmont, Buckingham, Brandywine, Village Grove, Boardwalk, and Shelley.

## STREET LIGHTS



### STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

Through Elk Grove 2025, the Village will be installing new street lights along the following locations:

- Nerge Road – Rohlwing to Meacham
- Meacham Road – IL 390 to Virginia
- Higgins Road – Arlington Heights Rd. to Oakton



## AESTHETICS



### MAJOR CORRIDOR STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

Another component of Elk Grove 2025 will be corridor improvements along major Village thorough-fares. The corridors under review include: Rohlwing Road, Nerge Road, Meacham Road, Devon Avenue, Arlington Heights Road, and Biesterfield Road.



As part of the improvements, the Village will be looking at both right-of-way and center median enhancements for these roadways.

### WHERE WE'VE BEEN - 10 YEARS OF INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

- Modernized 10 Elk Grove Village community gateway signs, with 6 still to be constructed.
- Implemented aesthetic enhancements to the Devon Avenue/I-290 overpass, as well as the Arlington Heights Road, Busse Road, and Oakton Street bridges along I-90.
- Completed streetscaping and center median enhancements along the Busse Road corridor.
- Installed 2.6 miles of new street lighting.



# FUNDING ELK GROVE 2025

The Village’s Capital Projects Fund currently has an Unreserved Fund Balance of only \$797,774. Without an additional funding source, the Village will deplete its Capital Projects Fund in the upcoming Fiscal Year unless reoccurring capital programs are eliminated and any additional facility maintenance is curtailed.

In order to maximize operational efficiencies and deliver quality services to residents and businesses, the Village will face a number of outstanding capital expenditures in the coming years. Below is a summary of how the Village will be funding these future capital projects and a chart which shows how they add up to fund the Elk Grove 2025 capital program.

- **One-Time Transfer from General Fund** – As the Village has been performing extremely well the past several years, the Village Board has approved a one-time transfer of \$7M to the Capital Projects Fund.
- **Capital Bond Issuance** – This would allow the Village the opportunity to tap into today’s low interest rates and acquire the upfront capital to get Elk Grove 2025 moving forward. The Village will issue a \$60 million bond using revenue from the Electric Utility Tax. When adopted, the Electric Utility Tax was dedicated as revenue to help fill the gap in our pension obligations. In order to reduce the burden to taxpayers, the Village is redirecting a portion of these funds to pay for capital bonds. The Village remains committed to fully funding pensions and is on track to do so by 2040, as required by the State.
- **Dedicated Funding Source** – In order to lay the groundwork for a future “Pay-As-You-Go” capital program, the Village Board has identified the following revenue sources to be earmarked specifically for Capital Projects: 1% increase to the Simplified Telecommunications Tax (est. \$800,000 annually); \$0.01/therm increase to the Natural Gas Use Tax (est. \$500,000 annually to the Business Leaders Fund); and a partial reallocation of Red Light Camera revenue to the Residential Enhancement Fund.
- **Use TIF Increment to Offset Capital Expenditures When Feasible** – This revenue stream will be used to offset the costs associated with authorized projects that may fall within the established TIF District.
- **Grant Funding** – Staff has identified many projects that could be offset with grants. When possible, the Village will pursue grant funding for the various projects, but would still need funds available to cover the Village local match.

		Year 1	2017-2025 Program
Capital Projects Fund	GF Transfer	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000
Capital Projects Fund	Bond Issue	\$ 60,000,000	\$ 60,000,000
Capital Projects Fund	1.0% Incr TeleComm	\$ 800,000	\$ 7,200,000
Business Leaders Fund	\$0.01 Therm Incr	\$ 500,000	\$ 4,500,000
Residential Enhancement Fund	Reallocate Red Light	\$ 330,000	\$ 2,970,000
			<b>\$ 81,670,000</b>

## IMPACT ON AVERAGE HOMEOWNER

On the opposite page you will find an across-the-board cost of living comparison, which shows overall fees and taxes for residents in Elk Grove Village compared with surrounding communities. The top chart shows the annual impact as it was before the funding changes listed above; the bottom chart shows the impact including the revenue enhancements to fund Elk Grove 2025. Even with these revenue changes, Elk Grove Village still has the lowest annual impact in the area by over \$480.

Below you can see the break-out of how the taxes will impact an average homeowner:

Fee		Annual Financial Impact
Natural Gas Use Tax	\$0.01/Therm Increase	\$ 13.25
Telecommunication Tax	1% Increase	\$ 7.20
		<b>\$ 20.45 / Year</b>
		<b>\$ 1.68 / Month</b>

\* The Chicagoland average for single-family household natural gas usage (1,325 therms/yr) and an estimated \$720/yr per resident in telecommunication expenses.

**2017 COST OF LIVING COMPARISON**

Annual Taxes, Fees & Charges	Elk Grove Village	Palatine	Arlington Heights	Schaumburg	Des Plaines	Mount Prospect	Park Ridge	Rolling Meadows	Hoffman Estates
<b>Property Tax Rate (2015)</b>	10.035	11.514	11.065	11.211	11.329	10.819	11.558	11.799	12.036
Bill based on \$300,000 home	\$ 8,033.52	\$ 9,217.53	\$ 8,858.09	\$ 8,974.97	\$ 9,069.43	\$ 8,661.15	\$ 9,252.76	\$ 9,445.69	\$ 9,635.42
<b>Garbage Monthly Fee</b>	\$ 16.86	\$ 20.24	\$ 14.25	\$ 17.50	\$ 16.53	\$ 16.04	\$ 16.98	\$ 6.96	\$ 16.75
annual Cost	\$ 202.32	\$ 242.88	\$ 171.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 198.36	\$ 192.48	\$ 203.76	\$ 83.52	\$ 201.00
<b>Yard Waste Sticker Fee</b>	\$ 2.25	--	\$ 2.60	--	--	\$ 2.50	--	--	\$ 2.80
est. 52 stickers annually	\$ 117.00	--	\$ 135.20	--	--	\$ 130.00	--	--	\$ 145.60
<b>Animal License Fee</b>	--	\$ 7.00	\$ 12.00	--	\$ 5.00	--	\$ 10.00	--	\$ 5.00
est 1 pet	--	\$ 7.00	\$ 12.00	--	\$ 5.00	--	\$ 10.00	--	\$ 5.00
<b>Vehicle Sticker (Passenger)</b>	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	--	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	--
based on 2 vehicles	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	--	\$ 60.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 60.00	--
<b>Local Fuel Tax</b>	--	--	--	--	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.025
est 1,015 gallons annually	--	--	--	--	\$ 40.60	\$ 40.60	\$ 40.60	\$ 40.60	\$ 25.38
<b>Water rate per 1,000 gallons*</b>	\$ 9.75	\$ 4.95	\$ 5.80	\$ 8.81	\$ 6.75	\$ 9.19	\$ 7.97	\$ 10.08	\$ 9.17
est. 96,000 gallons annually	\$ 936.00	\$ 392.91	\$ 556.80	\$ 845.76	\$ 648.00	\$ 882.24	\$ 765.12	\$ 967.68	\$ 880.32
<b>Sewer rate per 1,000 gallons**</b>	\$ 2.25	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.98	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.42	\$ 3.13	\$ 1.32
est. 96,000 gallons annually	\$ 216.00	\$ 86.40	\$ 144.00	\$ 174.72	\$ 190.08	\$ 170.88	\$ 136.32	\$ 300.48	\$ 126.72
<b>Water/Sewer User Fee</b>	--	\$ 4.40	\$ 5.20	\$ 4.40	--	\$ 5.00	\$ 12.98	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.84
annual charge	--	\$ 52.80	\$ 31.20	\$ 52.80	--	\$ 60.00	\$ 77.88	\$ 36.00	\$ 70.08
<b>Home Rule Sales Tax</b>	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
based on \$10,000 spending	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
<b>Amusement Tax ***</b>	--	--	1.00%	5.00%	--	--	--	--	6.00%
based on \$500 annual spending	--	--	5.00	25.00	--	--	--	--	30.00
<b>SMTT</b>	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%
est. \$1,000 annual phone charges	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
<b>Water Utility Tax</b>	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.00%	--	--
annual water cost	--	--	--	--	--	--	\$ 45.07	--	--
<b>Natural Gas Use Tax per therm</b>	0.0100	--	0.0500	--	0.0250	0.0147	0.0200	--	0.0500
est. 1,325 annual therms	\$ 13.25	--	\$ 66.25	--	\$ 33.13	\$ 19.48	\$ 26.50	--	\$ 66.25
<b>Gas Utility Tax</b>	--	--	3.00%	--	3.00%	3.20%	5.00%	--	--
est. \$1,000 annual gas charge	--	--	\$ 30.00	--	\$ 30.00	\$ 32.04	\$ 50.00	--	--
<b>Electricity Use Tax per kwh</b>	0.0061	0.0061	0.0061	--	0.00571	0.00351	0.0056	0.00610	0.00561
est. 8,628 annual kwh	\$ 52.63	\$ 52.63	\$ 52.63	--	\$ 49.27	\$ 30.28	\$ 48.14	\$ 52.63	\$ 48.40
<b>Electric Utility Tax</b>	--	--	3.00%	--	--	3.20%	5.00%	--	--
est \$1,080 annual electricity cost	--	--	\$ 30.00	--	--	\$ 32.04	\$ 50.00	--	--
<b>Cable Franchise Fee</b>	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	6.00%	5.00%
est \$1,237 annual cable cost	\$ 61.85	\$ 61.85	\$ 61.85	\$ 61.85	\$ 61.85	\$ 61.85	\$ 61.85	\$ 74.22	\$ 61.85
<b>Annual Municipal Impact</b>	\$ 9,833	\$ 10,334	\$ 10,374	\$ 10,505	\$ 10,546	\$ 10,563	\$ 11,018	\$ 11,221	\$ 11,456

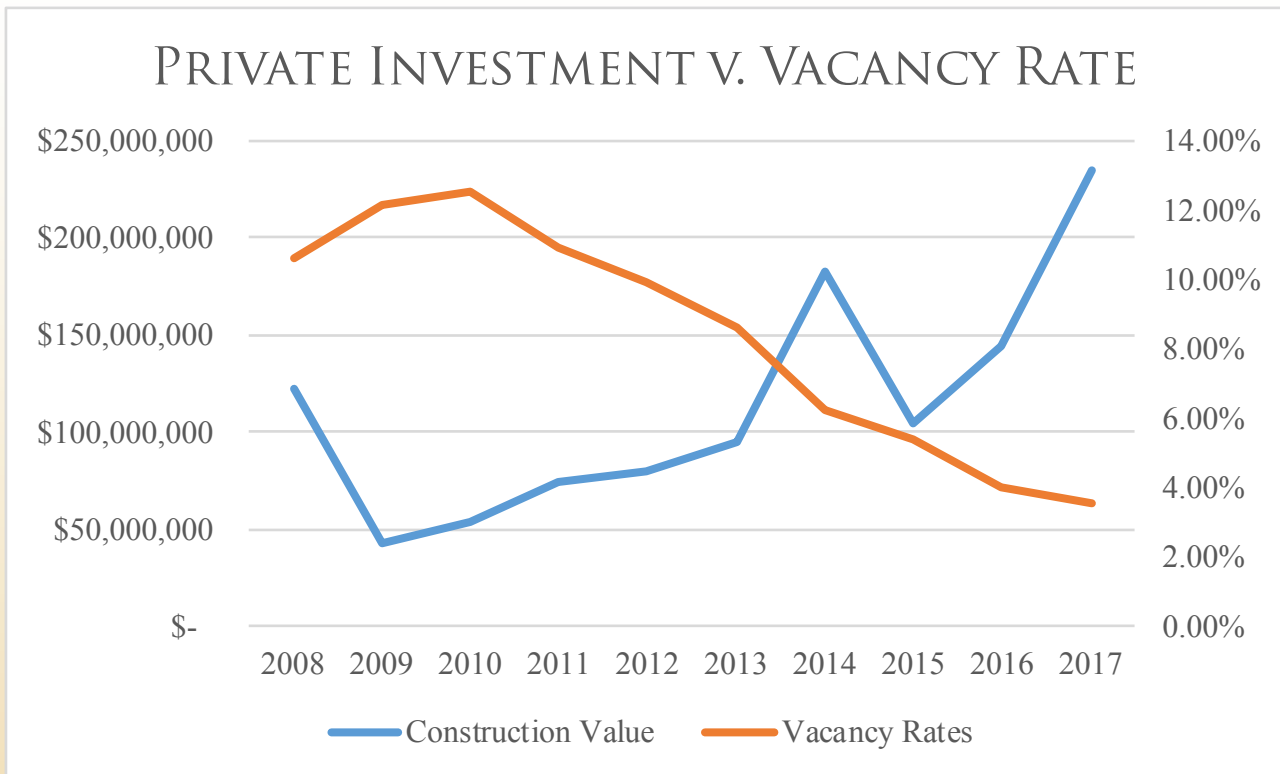
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<b>Lowest Impact by Rank</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>

## REAPING THE BENEFITS OF REINVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY

Over the past decade, Village elected officials have chosen to invest heavily to ensure the community thrives now and decades into the future. The Village has invested nearly \$100 million in infrastructure and facility improvements over the past ten years, with improvements including new street lights, street rehabilitation, water main replacements, sanitary sewer lining, storm sewer improvements, as well as new signage. Today, the Village is reaping the benefits of those investments. The Village is experiencing a surge of business development activity. The 2016 industrial vacancy rate stands at a mere 3.56%, down by over 70% from a high of 12.49% in 2010.

The Village has taken bold steps over the last several years to invest in our community. We invested financially in our infrastructure, worked hard to become a business friendly destination, and marketed ourselves to precision manufacturing firms. Overall, we have worked diligently to become a national destination for business activity. We made this long-term investment to create a win-win scenario for business and the Village. Businesses have a great home with low taxes and the Village benefits from the tax revenues generated by the business community.



Our recipe for success was simple: During the Great Recession, while other communities were content to ride out market trends with little investment, Elk Grove was willing to spend now for future investment. Now the private sector has taken notice and responded with a wave of expansions, relocations, and new developments. It's all evidenced in the abundant business activity taking place in Elk Grove Village.

The Village is excited to continue this bold strategy with the Elk Grove 2025 long-range capital program. We firmly believe that when we invest in our community, we lay the groundwork for success of our businesses and residents.