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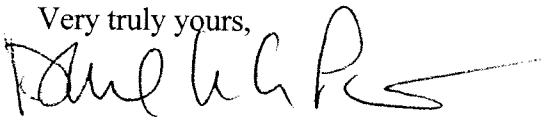
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Re: Our File: 50524-POR
Canadian National Railway Company & Grand Trunk Corporation

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

Enclosed please find the original of the Village of New Lenox, Illinois' Comments Regarding the Scope of the Proposed Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



David L. LaPorte

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Comparison of Responses Based on Households with Children or No Children

	Total	Children	No Children
1. How long have you lived in New Lenox?			
▪ Less than one year:	7.1%	6.4%	7.8%
▪ 1 to 5 years:	32.9%	41.8%	23.0%
▪ 6 to 10 years:	17.8%	20.2%	15.2%
▪ More than 10 years:	42.1%	31.3%	54.0%
▪ No response:	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%
2. Which of the following describes the type of housing you currently live in?			
▪ Single-family residence:	82.2%	94.0%	68.9%
▪ Duplex:	1.9%	0.2%	3.8%
▪ Townhome:	9.8%	4.4%	15.9%
▪ Condominium:	5.4%	1.1%	10.1%
▪ Rental apartment:	0.4%	0.2%	0.5%
▪ No response:	0.4%	0.0%	0.8%
3. How old are you?			
▪ 18 to 21:	0.6%	0.7%	0.5%
▪ 22 to 30:	6.7%	8.9%	4.3%
▪ 31 to 44:	41.1%	66.4%	12.4%
▪ 45 to 59:	33.3%	23.3%	44.7%
▪ 60 to 74:	12.0%	0.7%	24.5%
▪ 75 and older:	6.1%	0.0%	13.1%
▪ No response:	0.2%	0.0%	0.5%
4. What is your annual household income?			
▪ Less than \$14,999:	1.3%	0.2%	2.5%
▪ \$15,000 to \$30,999:	5.1%	0.9%	9.8%
▪ \$31,000 to \$50,999:	16.2%	12.7%	19.9%
▪ \$51,000 to \$70,999:	20.2%	21.8%	18.2%
▪ \$71,000 to \$100,000:	28.2%	34.4%	21.5%
▪ Over \$100,000:	20.0%	23.6%	16.2%
▪ No response:	8.9%	6.4%	11.9%
5. How many children under 18 years of age live in your household?			
▪ None:	46.6%	0.0%	100.0%
▪ One:	18.0%	34.0%	0.0%
▪ Two:	22.1%	41.8%	0.0%
▪ Three:	10.1%	19.1%	0.0%
▪ Four or more:	2.7%	5.1%	0.0%
▪ No response:	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%
6. Why did you move to New Lenox?			
▪ Small town character:	33.9%	25.6%	42.9%
▪ Open space:	24.2%	20.2%	28.5%
▪ Quality of life:	35.5%	36.0%	34.8%
▪ Less traffic than other communities:	14.4%	12.7%	16.2%
▪ Close to interstate highways:	9.5%	7.8%	11.6%

	Total	Children	No Children
▪ Cost of housing:	27.4%	31.8%	22.5%
▪ Low taxes:	6.0%	5.8%	6.3%
▪ Quality of housing:	18.1%	18.4%	17.9%
▪ Schools:	51.4%	74.0%	26.0%
▪ Proximity to job:	19.6%	20.0%	19.4%
▪ Other:	14.6%	12.0%	17.7%
▪ No response:	45.4%	35.7%	56.2%
7. Do you think New Lenox lacks an identity?			
▪ Yes:	47.5%	54.9%	39.4%
▪ No:	47.9%	41.6%	54.8%
▪ No response:	4.6%	3.6%	5.8%
8. If yes, which of the following would create identity?			
▪ Developing a municipal campus:	12.6%	14.0%	11.1%
▪ Increasing supply of quality residential housing:	2.9%	3.1%	2.8%
▪ Creating a centralized shopping district:	34.1%	41.3%	26.0%
▪ Developing an architectural theme:	9.6%	10.4%	8.8%
▪ Preserving and enhancing historic buildings:	7.9%	8.2%	7.3%
▪ Installing ornamental lighting and landscaping:	10.4%	11.8%	8.8%
▪ Creating a corporate (office/research) campus:	10.0%	11.8%	8.1%
▪ Preserving open space (i.e., farmland, forests):	18.8%	19.1%	18.7%
▪ Expanding parks and Park District programs:	14.9%	21.3%	7.8%
▪ Constructing a multi-use community center:	10.9%	15.3%	6.1%
▪ Holding annual community events or festivals:	10.0%	10.7%	9.1%
▪ Other:	6.6%	8.4%	4.5%
▪ No response:	151.3%	124.6%	180.9%
9. What kind of uses should be promoted in New Lenox?			
▪ Single-family homes:	32.1%	32.0%	32.6%
▪ Townhomes and duplexes:	5.3%	2.0%	9.1%
▪ Condominiums:	1.8%	0.9%	2.8%
▪ Multiple-family apartments:	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%
▪ Senior housing:	20.0%	10.9%	30.3%
▪ Neighborhood and community-scale parks:	34.5%	41.6%	26.5%
▪ Regional recreational (i.e., golf course):	12.8%	15.3%	10.1%
▪ Open space corridors and lands:	34.4%	31.8%	37.4%
▪ Retail commercial:	53.8%	60.9%	46.0%
▪ Restaurants:	55.1%	62.9%	46.5%
▪ Public (i.e., museums, art galleries, plazas):	18.8%	22.0%	14.9%
▪ Health care facilities:	13.3%	13.8%	12.6%
▪ Corporate offices:	23.9%	26.4%	21.2%
▪ Light industrial:	33.1%	28.4%	38.1%
▪ No opinion:	1.8%	2.2%	1.3%
▪ Other:	5.1%	5.8%	4.3%
▪ No response:	53.7%	43.6%	65.8%

	Total	Children	No Children
10. Should full-time employment opportunities in the office, service and light industrial sectors be created in New Lenox?			
▪ Yes:	80.5%	80.0%	81.4%
▪ No:	13.6%	13.6%	13.6%
▪ No response:	5.9%	6.4%	5.1%
11. How do you think the tax burden on residents could be reduced?			
▪ Add retail commercial:	49.5%	56.0%	42.2%
▪ Add restaurants:	10.9%	12.7%	9.1%
▪ Add office uses:	3.6%	3.6%	3.8%
▪ Add light industrial uses:	21.3%	15.3%	28.0%
▪ No need to reduce the tax burden:	3.3%	3.6%	3.0%
▪ Other:	3.4%	2.7%	4.3%
▪ No response:	7.9%	6.2%	9.6%
12. Today there are 20,000 people living in New Lenox. What do you believe the Village's ultimate population should be, assuming its boundaries are four times larger (from 9 to 36 square miles)?			
▪ 25,000 to 50,000 persons:	56.4%	57.8%	54.5%
▪ 50,000 to 75,000 persons:	25.9%	25.3%	26.8%
▪ 75,000 to 100,000 persons:	8.1%	8.9%	7.3%
▪ 100,000 persons plus:	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%
▪ Other:	4.9%	4.2%	5.8%
▪ No response:	4.0%	3.1%	4.8%
13. How should open space be provided?			
▪ Corridors along streams:	20.4%	17.1%	24.0%
▪ Major stands of trees and wetlands:	37.5%	33.8%	42.4%
▪ Forest Preserves:	47.8%	52.0%	42.7%
▪ Golf courses:	10.9%	12.2%	9.3%
▪ Developed parks and recreation areas:	54.4%	65.6%	41.9%
▪ Trails:	35.4%	41.8%	28.0%
▪ Landscaped corridors along interstate highways:	5.2%	4.2%	6.3%
▪ Landscaped corridors along major roads:	21.9%	21.3%	22.5%
▪ Prominent component of new subdivision:	15.4%	15.6%	15.2%
▪ No opinion:	6.2%	4.7%	8.1%
▪ Other:	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%
▪ No response:	42.3%	29.3%	57.3%
14. Where do you do most of your shopping?			
▪ New Lenox:	20.7%	14.4%	28.0%
▪ Orland Park:	55.1%	65.8%	43.2%
▪ Mokena:	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%
▪ Joliet:	14.2%	12.4%	15.9%
▪ Frankfort:	2.4%	1.3%	3.5%
▪ Other:	2.7%	2.4%	3.0%
▪ No response:	4.6%	3.1%	6.1%

	Total	Children	No Children
15. Would you like to see more places to shop in New Lenox?			
▪ Yes:	86.4%	87.8%	84.8%
▪ No:	11.5%	10.7%	12.6%
▪ No response:	2.1%	1.6%	2.5%
16. If yes, what type of uses would you most like to see added to those that already exist in New Lenox?			
▪ Department/discount stores:	64.8%	69.6%	59.3%
▪ National and regional grocery stores:	8.6%	7.1%	10.4%
▪ General retail (apparel, bookstore):	38.8%	39.8%	37.6%
▪ Specialty retail (designer apparel, jewelry):	10.5%	10.9%	10.1%
▪ Convenience food or drug stores:	0.9%	0.4%	1.5%
▪ Quality sit-down restaurants:	63.5%	68.7%	57.8%
▪ Personal services (i.e., dry cleaner; hair salon):	0.8%	0.2%	1.5%
▪ Business services (i.e., real estate, insurance):	1.2%	1.6%	0.8%
▪ Entertainment (i.e., movie theatre, night club):	48.2%	53.8%	41.9%
▪ Other:	6.9%	7.1%	6.8%
▪ No response:	55.8%	40.8%	72.3%
17. Where should new commercial development be concentrated?			
▪ In areas where commercial already exists:	57.9%	59.8%	55.6%
▪ Along any major roadway (strip commercial):	29.5%	31.1%	27.5%
▪ At the intersection of any major roadways:	24.9%	26.0%	24.0%
▪ Cedar Road and Route 30, the historic core:	12.5%	10.9%	14.4%
▪ I-355/Route 6 interchange:	53.5%	59.1%	47.0%
▪ New Lenox Commons:	21.3%	22.0%	20.5%
▪ Within individual neighborhoods:	2.0%	1.3%	2.8%
▪ Near the existing Metra station:	14.9%	14.0%	16.2%
▪ Near the proposed Metra station:	38.8%	39.8%	37.6%
▪ Other:	8.0%	9.6%	6.3%
▪ No response:	36.7%	26.4%	48.1%
18. Does New Lenox provide housing for all income levels and housing types:			
▪ Yes:	68.8%	73.8%	63.4%
▪ No:	26.6%	22.7%	30.8%
▪ No response:	4.6%	3.6%	5.8%
19. If no, what type of housing do you think New Lenox needs?			
▪ Single-family homes for first time homebuyer:	13.5%	12.4%	14.4%
▪ Single-family homes for young families:	15.8%	15.3%	15.9%
▪ Upscale/luxury single-family residences:	10.0%	10.4%	9.3%
▪ Townhomes and duplexes:	6.5%	4.7%	8.6%
▪ Condominiums:	3.2%	2.0%	4.5%
▪ Multiple-family apartments:	2.2%	1.8%	2.8%
▪ Senior housing:	20.4%	13.8%	27.5%
▪ Other:	2.1%	1.8%	2.5%
▪ No response:	226.3%	237.8%	214.5%

	Total	Children	No Children
20. Are you planning to move from New Lenox in the next year?			
▪ Yes:	7.1%	6.2%	7.6%
▪ No:	89.4%	91.1%	87.9%
▪ No response:	3.5%	2.7%	4.5%
21. If so, what was the most significant factor?			
▪ Need a larger house:	0.6%	1.1%	0.0%
▪ Need to downsize:	0.4%	0.2%	0.5%
▪ Lack of quality housing:	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
▪ Increase of housing cost:	2.1%	1.6%	2.5%
▪ Desire for maintenance-free housing:	0.8%	0.0%	1.8%
▪ Lack of affordable housing:	0.8%	0.4%	1.3%
▪ Need a single-story home:	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
▪ Employment reasons:	1.3%	1.8%	0.8%
▪ Other:	4.2%	4.0%	4.3%
▪ No response:	89.8%	90.9%	88.9%
22. If you are planning to move from New Lenox, where are you moving to?			
▪ See summary prepared by Village.			
23. Besides housing, what factors contributed to your decision?			
▪ Rapid development:	6.1%	4.9%	7.3%
▪ Loss of open space:	3.8%	2.4%	5.3%
▪ Decrease in quality of life:	2.4%	1.6%	3.0%
▪ More traffic than other communities:	2.6%	1.8%	3.5%
▪ Increase in taxes:	9.5%	8.4%	10.4%
▪ Crowded schools:	2.4%	3.6%	0.8%
▪ Length of commute to job:	1.5%	2.0%	1.0%
▪ Lack of community identity:	2.5%	2.9%	2.0%
▪ Insufficient municipal services:	1.3%	1.6%	1.0%
▪ Lack of parks and recreation programs:	1.4%	1.8%	1.0%
▪ No other factors besides housing:	0.6%	0.4%	0.8%
▪ Other:	2.7%	2.9%	2.3%
▪ No response:	263.2%	265.7%	261.6%

Summary of Written Responses

I. Community Character		Responses	Create identity, "Other":	Responses
Moved to New Lenox because, "Other":				
Close to family / Family members live in New Lenox		42	Increase commercial, retail, business	19
Grew up in New Lenox		13	More restaurants	9
Liked housing type, lot, builder		13	I-355	5
Born in New Lenox		12	Pool / Water park	5
Metra		9	Increase industrial	4
Good investment		5	Maintain housing standards, lot size, quality	4
Marriage / Relationship		4	Create, need a "downtown"	3
Church / Close to church		3	Movie theatre	3
Ethnic make-up / Lack of minorities		2	Sports complex / Gym	3
I-355		2	Stop building homes	3
Job transfer		2	Get rid of sewage treatment plant # 1	2
Lake Michigan water		2	More than "Proud American Days"	2
Less crime		2	Preserve open space	2
Providence High School		2	Be more handicap, blind accessible	1
To go into business in New Lenox		2	Beautify signs	1
Wanted to live in an "up and coming" area		2	Better plan for Route 30	1
Born in Mokena		1	Better planning	1
Career		1	Bigger Post Office	1
Close to recreation activities		1	Biker bars	1
Convenience		1	Conservation development, residential & commercial	1
Established neighborhoods		1	Create a business, industrial campus	1
Family illness		1	Don't build multi-family apartments	1
Liked New Lenox area		1	Farmers Market	1
Not sure anymore		1	Frontage road along Route 30	1
Old home town		1	Gazebo in New Lenox Commons for concerts	1
Only one grade school, no high school		1	Give people a reason to come to New Lenox	1
Reasons don't exist anymore		1	Improve image of Route 30 between Vine and I-80	1
Small town character		1	Interchange at I-80 and Cedar Road	1
To start a church in New Lenox		1	Landscaping throughout the community	1
Wife is from Frankfort		1	Limit population	1
Total:		131	Located between Joliet and Frankfort	1
			Lots of small roads	1

I. Community Character, continued			Responses		Create identity, "Other" continued:		Responses
General comments on the community:							
Reduce tax burden / Broaden tax base / Provide tax relief			98		Maintain small town character		1
Happy in, love New Lenox / Great community			52		May be too late already		1
Taxes are too high			43		No industry		1
Don't want to become like Orland Park			28		Quaint shops and restaurants along Veterans Parkway		1
Schools are good, safe / Quality education			26		Quick oil change place		1
Schools are overcrowded			22		Quit wasting tax money on all of the above		1
Maintain, preserve small town character			21		Route 30 traffic is a detriment to business		1
There has been a loss of small town character			15		Shopping centers on south Cedar Road		1
Need places, activities for children and teens			12		Starbucks		1
Seniors, households without children should get tax break			10		Underground utilities		1
Downtown Naperville is a good model			8		University (not jr. college) built in New Lenox		1
Library is good, attractive, asset to community			8		Volunteerism		1
Mayor is doing a good job / Like vision of Mayor			8				
Don't want to become like Naperville			7				
Don't want to become like Plainfield			7				
Frankfort is a good model, has a solid plan			7				
New Lenox Commons is good concept / Build Commons			7				
Sewer plant smells, needs improvement			7				
Great opportunity to plan / New Lenox is blank slate / Could be ideal suburban community			6				
New Lenox needs a theme, strong identity, charm, unique			6				
Preserve any historic buildings, historic district			6				
Should not have to pay for garbage collection			6				
Opportunity to keep small town character and provide modern conveniences			5				
Decision-makers are doing a good job			4				
New Lenox lacks character, identity			4				
New Lenox needs a downtown			4				
Water rates are too high / Eliminate minimum bill			4				
Don't want to become like Joliet, Oak Forest, Romeoville			3				
Metra tracks deprive New Lenox of "Main Street", downtown			3				
Need better police control of speeding			3				
Total:			95				
General comments on the community continued:			Responses				
Metra is great			1				
Mokena and Manhattan should have own H.S. District			1				
Mokena, Frankfort and New Lenox should work together			1				
Need a larger post office			1				
Need better definition of New Lenox / Joliet boundary			1				
Need more community events, activities for families			1				
Need more community input on needs, developments			1				
Need more help for single mothers			1				
Need more playgrounds, restaurants, gas stations on south side of New Lenox			1				
Need more progressive leadership on the Village Board			1				
Need more senior services			1				
Need police patrol on Old Plank Road Trail			1				
Need police patrol, code enforcement in Palmer Ranch			1				
Need to address existing problems, not ignore			1				
Need to keep police and fire protection strong			1				

I. Community Character, continued			
General comments on the community continued:	Responses	General comments on the community continued:	Responses
Need more diversity	3	Need to maintain commuter lot better	1
Taxes are appropriate for services / Don't mind taxes	3	Need to promote families and neighborhoods getting to know each other	1
Town is run by the "good 'ol boy" network	3		
Banning leaf burning creates burden on owners of wooded lots	2	Need to provide more for 28-40 year-old residents	1
Don't want to become like Tinley Park		Need to reevaluate priorities	1
Library is too big, too expensive	2	Need, require more landscaping	1
Need a museum, cultural activities	2	New Lenox has great potential	1
Need better code enforcement, weed control	2	New Lenox is not a "village" anymore. Need "city" govt.	1
Need better police protection	2	New Lenox is special because of farms instead of industry	1
Police and Fire depts are doing a good job, excellent	2	New school bus routes are a bad idea	1
School Board and Village should work together	2	No more public buildings, committees, studies, etc.	1
Trust in elected officials to do address issues	2	Orland Park and Tinley Park are good examples of planned communities that prospered	1
Village Staff is doing a good job	2	Pay teachers more	1
Board members need more time to review information prior to meetings	1	Plan third high school	1
Certain individuals are trying to keep N.L. a small town, not possible anymore	1	Police are giving out bogus tickets	1
Certain Trustees should be removed from Village Board	1	Police could do a better job on 4th of July	1
Commons could be like downtown Frankfort	1	Police presence is poor in south part of town	1
Coventry Heights subdivision lacks all village services	1	Police should ticket cars with loud music	1
Develop downtown with historic character	1	Police target older cars for traffic stops	1
Don't like Village motto	1	Poor relationship between police and neighborhoods	1
Don't want to become a town of yuppies	1	Praises to Mayor, Planner and most Trustees for trying to do the right thing	1
Downtown Tinley Park is a good model	1	Real estate taxes should be rebated	1
Drug dealers and crime are already here	1	Reduce taxes by eliminating unproductive services	1
Former New Lenox Lumber site could be New Lenox welcome center, retail and municipal center and park	1	Residents are not tolerant, discriminate against non-whites	1
Garage sale sign regulations are ridiculous	1	School boundaries should be changed	1
Garbage and recycling costs are too high	1	School District is misleading taxpayers about finances	1
Get rid of Village stickers	1	Schools are too big	1
Grade schools should have an orchestra program	1	Should not have to pay for recycling if you don't recycle	1
		Stop using paid consultants and studies	1
		Take down all billboards	1

I. Community Character, continued			
General comments on the community continued:	Responses	General comments on the community continued:	Responses
Greed is ruining New Lenox	1	Town has not moved ahead in 15 years	1
Impossible to keep small town character and avoid being another bedroom community	1	Traffic court is a joke	1
Keep New Lenox an upscale community	1	VB and PC want to keep New Lenox exclusive	1
Lake Michigan Water is an asset	1	Village Board should quit tearing into each other at meetings and get something done	1
Land prices too high, make cost of public facilities too costly	1	Village Hall employees are rude	1
Like Village motto	1	Village is wasting money on so many police officers	1
Maintain community character	1	Village seems incapable of dealing with basic issues, i.e. Nelson Road extension, Cedar / Haven	1
Maintain good, quality people, no riff-raff	1	Village should spend more money in older parts of Village	1
Martino Jr. High School should have been built larger with better traffic flow	1	Watering restrictions are too strict	1
Metra destroyed small-town character	1	Work out better deal with Cable TV	1
Taxes are not proportionate to services provided	1		
There has been a loss of the "family" community	1		
		Total:	550

II. Growth			
Promote uses, "Other":	Responses	Reduce tax burden by, "Other":	Responses
Department stores / Retail / Big box stores	7	All of the above	7
Movie theatre	6	Control, cut-back spending / Sensible spending	4
Pool / Water park	6	Stop issuing building permits / Stop building homes	4
Fitness center / Health Club	3	Whatever can be done	4
None	3	Add businesses, stores	3
Whatever will off-set residential taxes	3	Off-track betting	2
Family amusement, recreation	2	Stop the politicians from meddling / Don't over-govern	2
Preserve open spaces, nature	2	Taxes are too high	2
Tennis courts	2	Annex existing Township businesses	1
Too many residences already / No more homes	2	Auto dealerships	1
Access to Old Plank Road Trail from subdivisions	1	Consistent with small town image	1
Bus routes	1	Corporate offices	1
Community center	1	Day care	1
Cultural center / Museum	1	Establish oil and cigarette tax	1
Everything is important	1	Have families with children pay more	1
Fine dining	1	I-355	1
Hotels	1	It will never happen	1
I-355	1	New and different retail, i.e. Evanston	1
It is a plus New Lenox lacks retail and congestion	1	Night classes	1
Let it happen	1	Pool	1
Limit retail to one area	1	Reduce public servants	1
Maintain blend of housing	1	School Administrators' salaries are too high	1
Quality of schools	1	Senior citizens' taxes are too high	1
Rollerblading / Skateboarding facilities	1	Should have added industrial earlier	1
Something more for the tax dollars residents pay	1	Slow growth of schools	1
Things for teens to do	1	Stop building schools	1
Uses providing good jobs	1		
Total:	53	Total:	46

II. Growth		General comments on growth:		Responses	Responses
Ultimate population, "Other":					
Stay as is, no more		Limit, slow down residential construction, growth		10	40
20,000		Need to control, manage growth		9	13
30,000		New Lenox is growing, building homes too fast		3	8
25,000 - 35,000		Need to balance residential and non-residential development		2	7
40,000		Need to increase impact fees		2	7
No more until commercial, infrastructure are in place		New Lenox is too crowded		2	5
Reduce, slow down residential, population growth		No more housing, residential development		2	5
Too big now		Homebuilders should pay for new schools		2	2
10,000		Keep it small / Don't overdevelop		1	2
13,000 - 17,000		Need to balance development and open space		1	2
20,000 - 25,000		Adjacent residential areas should be annexed		1	1
20,000 - 35,000		Concern New Lenox will become too urban		1	1
21,000		Controlled expansion will be difficult		1	1
3,500		Don't grow too much more		1	1
4,000		Growth is progress		1	1
Depends on the survey results		More is less		1	1
Doesn't matter		New development should be on the fringe of town		1	1
Don't know		Planning is the key to controlled growth		1	1
Identify open space areas		Schools can't handle the growth		1	1
It will determine itself		Schools need to keep up with planning for growth		1	1
Keep it small		Sewer plant cannot handle the growth		1	1
Whatever		Smart growth is essential		1	1
		Village Board is not planning to avoid sprawl			1
		Village is planning for the future the right way			1
Total:		Total:		46	105

III. Open Space		Responses		Responses	
Provide open space, "Other":		General comments on parks and open space:		Responses	
Preserve farmland		Park District should build a pool / Need a pool		5	24
No more development		Need to preserve open space / Keep it green		4	19
Larger lot sizes / Houses further apart		Park District should build, need a gym, sports complex, community center		3	8
All of the above				1	
Cluster homes		Every neighborhood, subdivision should have its own park		1	7
Community pool		Loss of open space is unfortunate		1	6
Don't care, who has time?		Need more parks, playgrounds		1	6
It's well-balanced		Incorporate open space into subdivisions		1	5
Lakes and ponds		Loss of farmland is unfortunate / Need to preserve farmland		1	5
Larger parks		Park District and its facilities are a joke, unable to provide quality park programs		1	4
Leave land alone				1	
More north-south roads		Build more trails		1	3
Preserve open land, nature's beauty		Dislike Park Board, Park District is worst part of N.L., dishonest		1	3
Should be provided in new subdivisions				1	
Snowmobile / ATV trails		Need miniature golf		1	3
Trail to Country Creek		Need more recreation opportunities		1	3
Total:		Require, plant more parkway trees		3	3
		Keep the Commons a public area, not commercial		2	2
		Need bike trail on south side of New Lenox, Country Creek		2	2
		No more parks, no one uses them		2	2
		Park District should sell the golf course		2	2
		Build a trail to the Commons		1	1
		Children should not ride bicycles in middle of streets		1	1
		Create a Hickory Creek "creek walk"		1	1
		Don't cut the cat tails on Nelson Road / Jackson Creek		1	1
		Don't forget floodplain rezoning in Country Creek		1	1
		Don't need a sportsplex, community center		1	1
		Don't sell the Commons		1	1
		Enjoy open areas near town		1	1
		Keep the golf course		1	1
		Liberty Square Park is still not developed		1	1
		Naperville is good guide for preservation of open space		1	1
		Need at least one quality playground in New Lenox		1	1

III. Open Space

General comments on parks and open space:		Responses
Need better maintenance of detention pond on Auburn Ct		1
Need bike trails on north side of New Lenox		1
Need large open space areas (50-100 acres)		1
Need parking for bike trail users		1
Need to keep streams and creeks clean and running free		1
New Lenox Commons could be the "heart" of N.L.		1
No more golf courses		1
Open space money could have been spent on something better than on the Commons		1
Park Board members should not get free golf		1
Park District is good		1
Park District programs are not affordable		1
Park should not be last thing built in a subdivision		1
Parks should have drinking fountains		1
Registration process for programs should be improved		1
Trail construction has been great		1
Use of Bio-Mist is driving birds from New Lenox		1
Village Board should leave Park District alone		1
Village should help Park District improve image		1
Total:		137

IV. Commercial			Responses		Responses	
Do most shopping at, "Other":			Commercial development concentrated, "Other":		Responses	
Tinley Park		10	Not in New Lenox, no more commercial		9	
Matteson		9	Nelson Road and Route 30 / I-80 and Route 30		8	
Lemont		2	Gougar Road		6	
Manhattan		2	Laraway Road		5	
All of the above		1	Route 30 east of the viaduct (Continental Properties)		5	
Bolingbrook		1	Anywhere possible		3	
Downtown Chicago		1	Away from residential areas		3	
Lockport		1	Gougar and Laraway Roads		3	
No one place in particular		1	Gougar Road and Haven Avenue		3	
Oak Brook		1	Next to Jewel		3	
Oak Lawn		1	South of New Lenox		3	
Specialty areas		1	Along Route 30		2	
There are no good stores in New Lenox		1	Build a downtown around the new library / By the library		2	
Total:		32	Cedar and Laraway Roads		2	
			Along I-80		1	
			Away from schools		1	
			Cedar Road north of Route 6		1	
			Cherry Hill Business Park		1	
			Howell Airport		1	
			In open areas		1	
			Laraway and Nelson Roads		1	
			Nelson Road		1	
			Nelson Road and Illinois Highway		1	
			Not along Laraway Road		1	
			Not on Cedar Road unless made 4 lanes		1	
			On New Lenox borders to attract outsiders		1	
			Scattered, small sites		1	
			Unsure		1	
			West of Joliet		1	
			Wherever		1	
			Wolf and Schoolhouse Roads		1	
			Total:		74	
Promote uses, "Other":			Responses		Responses	
Home improvement store, i.e. Home Depot, Menard's		49				
Big Box, i.e. Meijer, Target, Wal-Mart		7				
Dominick's		2				
Lumber yard / Hardware store		2				
Pool / Water park		2				
Sports complex / Health club		2				
Starbuck's / Coffee shop		2				
"One of a kind" retail stores		1				
All of the above		1				
Bakery		1				
Best Buy		1				
Car wash on Laraway Road		1				
Craft store		1				
Four corners with large choices		1				
Homewood, Lansing-type downtown area		1				
Larger parks		1				

IV. Commercial		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Promote uses, "Other" continued:		General comments on commercial development:		Responses		Responses	
Malls				1		Commercial development should not be concentrated in one area	1
No chain stores				1		Commons should not be developed with big buildings	1
No more commercial				1		Don't need a movie theatre	1
Oak Brook shopping mall				1		Don't need more retail	1
Shoe store				1		Don't want industrial	1
Urgent care facility				1		Ferro Industrial Park should have more buffer zone	1
Vegetarian restaurant				1		Get rid of the Haven Motel	1
				82		Need a Starbuck's	1
Total:						Need places for teens to work	1
General comments on commercial development:						Need specialty retail	1
Need more commercial, retail, shopping				167		New Lenox benefits by not having shopping	1
Need quality sit-down restaurants				82		New Lenox shouldn't have turned down businesses in past	1
Need light industrial				40		No "dollar" stores	1
Need a movie theatre				16		Off-track betting could help reduce tax burden	1
Limit, control large retail				13		OK to move in direction of Orland Park-like commercial	1
Need office, office campus				11		Property east of Metra lot (Continental Properties site) is good location for commercial development	1
K-Mart should be remodeled, closed, insufficient				10		Push benefits of Lake Michigan water to court businesses	1
Downtown (Route 30) is outdated, run down, strip				7		Put future commercial development on Route 30	1
Need a centralized business, shopping area				5		Put new businesses away from Route 30	1
Don't build too much retail				4		Restrict signage	1
Need architectural plan for Route 30 businesses				4		Route 30 should be fully developed	1
Need to attract jobs / Provide employment opportunities				4		Sign ordinance drives businesses away	1
I-355 / Rte 6 area prime for retail, office, entertainment				3		Target / Home Depot stores in Oswego is good layout	1
Need to be aggressive, create TIF, incentives to attract businesses				3		There is nothing to do in New Lenox	1
Bring in small retail				2		Trustees have been too lenient with building design	1
Commons should have bakery, ice cream, card store				2		Village does not seem willing to attract businesses	1
CVS Pharmacy, commercial buildings should not be built in residential areas				2		Village is too hush-hush about commercial prospects	1
Need more entertainment opportunities				2			
Put future commercial development at Laraway and Cedar Roads				2			
24-hour stores bring in more crime				1			
Total:							407

V. Housing			Responses		Moving to:		Responses
Type of housing need, "Other":							
No more housing			4		Out of state		11
Affordable housing / Affordable but not cheap			3		Undecided		9
Large ranch homes			2		Frankfort		6
1-bedroom apartments for single people			1		South of New Lenox		5
Affordable senior single-family community			1		Arizona		4
Apartments			1		Florida		3
Assisted living			1		Joliet		3
Condominiums on north side of New Lenox			1		Orland Park		3
Don't meddle			1		Mokena		2
Housing for people in \$30-\$55,000 income level			1		Naperville		2
Middle income move-up housing			1		Rockford		2
No cookie-cutter subdivisions			1		Tinley Park		2
Total:			18		Central Illinois		1
					Monee		1
					Morris		1
Reasons for moving, "Other":			Responses		North Suburbs		1
Taxes			20		Peotone		1
New Lenox is too big, overcrowded			4		South of New Lenox		1
Retirement			4		Southern Illinois		1
Builders' lot availability			1		West Suburbs		1
Can't afford costs of schools and sports			1				
Lake front property			1				
No through traffic routes			1				
Not a country town anymore			1				
Overcrowded schools			1				
Poor planning			1				
Recreation			1				
To be closer to children			1				
Too many referendums			1				
Too much growth			1				
Want affordable ranch townhome			1				
Total:			40				
Reasons for moving besides housing, "Other":			Responses		Lack of shopping / No shopping center		5
					Lack of quality dining and retail		4
					No more snow / Weather		2
					Better move-up potential		1
					Cost of living		1
					Inept management of community leaders		1
					Insufficient leaf removal system		1
					Isolation from family while aging		1
					Lack of entertainment		1

V. Housing		Responses	Reasons besides housing, "Other" continued:	Responses
General comments on housing:				
Getting harder, costly for seniors to live in New Lenox		16	Lack of family activities, i.e. movies, pool, mini-golf	1
Don't build multi-family apartments		13	Mediocre schools	1
People are being priced and taxed out of the community		9	Need affordable housing	1
Require larger lots		9	New Lenox is behind other communities in development	1
Encourage mid- to upper priced, upscale single-family homes		8	Quality of people moving into New Lenox	1
Build senior housing		6	Taxes not proportionate with level of services	1
Build fewer townhome, duplex, condos		5		
Keep density low / Don't put too many houses in an area		5		
No low-income housing		5		
No more multi-family housing		4		
Keep housing affordable / Need affordable housing		3		
People who grew up in N.L. can't afford to live here		3		
Like residential make-up of New Lenox		2		
Need affordable senior housing		2		
Need smaller homes or duplexes for seniors		2		
No "cookie-cutter" subdivisions		2		
Brick ordinance is not affordable for young families		1		
Builders create debris at job sites		1		
Building restrictions should be enforced		1		
Eliminate all covenants, they promote elitism		1		
Frankfort has superior homes and townhomes		1		
Houses are too close together		1		
Keep housing costs high		1		
Minorities lower property values		1		
Need an active adult community, i.e. Del-Webb		1		
Need higher standards for new residences		1		
Need housing for single mothers		1		
Need low-income housing		1		
Need more quality developers		1		
Permits cost too much		1		
There are bigger issues than lower level brick		1		
Village has allowed development, forcing flood insurance		1		
Total:		110	Total:	23

VI. Transportation		VII. General Comments	
General comments transportation:		General comments at end of survey:	
	Responses		Responses
Support, want I-355	22	Thank you for asking, listening to residents' opinions	40
Need better transportation planning, coordination of development	15	Keep up the good work	4
Need to address traffic congestion, traffic control, traffic flow	13	Good luck	3
Traffic on Route 30 is difficult, dangerous	12	Planning has been good	2
Need more, better north-south roadway access	9	Thank you for your hard work	2
Need a frontage road behind Route 30 businesses	8	Do you really care what residents think?	1
Need to fix, maintain road infrastructure	6	Is anyone listening?	1
Widen Route 30 to Frankfort	6	Planning does not work, Communist practice	1
Need more landscaping along Route 30	5	Survey does not need to be anonymous	1
Build Nelson Road	4	We're getting there	1
Cedar Road congestion is bad	4	Would like to volunteer for community service	1
Concern I-355 will go through, change New Lenox	4	Total:	57
Fix Cedar Road / Haven Avenue intersection	4		
Elevate Metra tracks over Cedar Road	2		
Leave Cedar Road alone / Don't widen Cedar Road	2		
Add bicycle path along widened Route 30	1		
Build more sidewalks along major roads	1		
Create safe school crossings	1		
Joliet Highway needs a center stripe	1		
Landscaping could make congestion seem less	1		
Limit heavy trucks on Cedar Road and Illinois Highway	1		
Make Rte 30 one-way and Haven Ave one-way opposite	1		
Motorists should be able to drive on Roy Street	1		
Need 4-6 lane highway encircling New Lenox	1		
Need a stop sign or light at Cedar Rd & Joliet Hwy	1		
Need interchange at I-80 and Cedar Road	1		
Need interchange at I-80 and Schoolhouse Road	1		
Need more east-west roadway access	1		
Need street light on Washington Street for Cherry Hill Estates	1		
Need taxi service or weekend bus service	1		
Need to move the Metra station	1		
Need to provide transportation for the blind	1		
Need traffic signal at Cedar and Francis Roads	1		

VI. Transportation		Responses
General comments transportation:		
Need traffic signal at Cedar and Laraway Roads		1
Need traffic signal at Cedar Road and Route 6		1
Need traffic signal at Nelson and Laraway Roads		1
Reduce speed limit on Laraway Road		1
Replace 4-way stop signs with traffic signals		1
Schoolhouse Road needs a center stripe		1
Support Peotone airport		1
Too much traffic, speeding on Gear Drive		1
Village should spend money on road development		1
Vine Street should be used as alternative to Cedar Rd		1
Widen Gougar Road between Laraway and Rte. 6		1
Widen Haven Avenue to accommodate traffic and parking		1
Widen Laraway Road to four lanes		1
Total:		147

Appendix B, Key Person Interviews

Name/Affiliation: Dr. Mike Sass, District # 122 Superintendent (1 year resident)

1. *Name at least three assets, strengths, and/or characteristics, unique to New Lenox, which you believe should be reinforced as part of the Comprehensive Plan update.*
 - Responsive government with good networking with state and federal officials
 - Networking provides access to financial resources
 - Nice range of housing (not exclusionary for people who want to work here)
 - Professional staff that works well with others even when interests not the same
 - Commuter rail is an asset that can be built upon
 - Reinforce walkways, bicycle paths, etc.
 - Preserve open space
 - Safe community
2. *Identify any needs, constraints, and/or problems that warrant attention in the development of the Comprehensive Plan.*
 - Historically, New Lenox wanted to remain a bedroom community
 - Did not consider negative impacts, such as no tax base for schools and other services
 - Schools now have lowest operating budget per pupil in the State.
 - No supplementary fine arts programs (i.e., art and foreign language)
 - Need more retail for tax base. Lack of retail affects schools and residents alike
 - EAV per pupil is decreasing, placing burden on schools and district to seek referendums
 - No shopping opportunities in New Lenox. Shops in Frankfort
 - Decade old (plus) commercial does not capture middle-age/middle-class shoppers w/\$\$
 - Need senior and higher density housing. Provide housing for all who live and work here
 - New Lenox is not accepting diversity – fear factor that needs to be overcome
 - Address traffic congestion. Road network needs to keep up with pace of development
 - Need north/south arterial
 - Need to expand commercial, including next to train station (i.e., bakery, coffee, etc)
 - Need entertainment (plays, movies, restaurants, bookstores, concerts).
 - Get people to spend there \$\$ here in New Lenox
 - Community not well rounded – need to develop culture and the arts
 - Enhance the appearance of development along Route 30 (landscaping, façade improvements, property maintenance)
3. *Are there any opportunities that you would like to see addressed or considered?*
 - Community may now have the rooftops needed to bring in the desired commercial
 - Add commercial near existing and planned retail (i.e., restaurants and coffee house)
 - I-355 provides substantial opportunities for economic development
 - Pay attention to all levels of housing, including high density housing
 - Promote high-density housing, but do not concentrate it. Scatter throughout community (avoid “rich” and “poor” schools)

4. *What additional comments (if any) do you have at this time?*

- Thanks for the opportunity to participate
- More housing okay, provided we obtain the commercial base needed to support schools
- Primary issues/comments:
 - Need economic development
 - Need cultural/arts opportunities
 - Great cooperation exists between school district and local government!

Interviewers: Robin Ellis, AICP, Planning and Development Administrator
Pamela Richart, AICP, Planning Resources Inc.

Interview Date: July 16, 2002

Name/Affiliation: Courtney Hallahan, Student Council President Lincoln-Way High School (6-year resident)

1. *Name at least three assets, strengths, and/or characteristics, unique to New Lenox, which you believe should be reinforced as part of the Comprehensive Plan update.*
 - Old Plank Road Trail – something to do (increasing popularity/health consciousness)
 - Schools – nice facilities, good education
 - Fast food, grocery, food store are close to one another in main part of town
2. *Identify any needs, constraints, and/or problems that warrant attention in the development of the Comprehensive Plan.*
 - Need activities/places for youth, such as:
 - Naperville's riverwalk (recognizes can't duplicate)
 - Orland Park's shopping/movie theatres
 - Restaurants
 - Improve park maintenance – many are deteriorating
 - Add more parks
 - Consider community or fitness center (i.e., Lifetime fitness)
 - Expand park programs (dance, gymnastics, ice skating, etc.)
 - No identity. Frankfort has Rte. 45 and historic area. Orland Park has shopping
 - Need commercial – NL is residential community, except for Rte 30
 - Need job opportunities (currently working outside NL)
3. *Are there any opportunities that you would like to see addressed or considered?*
 - Commons provides opportunity to create identity:
 - Link to Old Plank Trail
 - Attract restaurants (upscale bar and grill), ice cream shops (like riverwalk)
 - Concerts, stage
 - Park and open space (picnicking)
 - Need day care facility for all ages (working parents)
 - Keep development compact, rather than spread out/sprawled. More pedestrian-friendly
 - Could build off historic core, like Frankfort
 - Promote quality development
4. *What additional comments (if any) do you have at this time?*
 - Would continue to live here (depending on job opportunity)
 - Safe community
 - Traffic not a big problem (except for Route 30)
 - Wouldn't change what we have, but add to New Lenox
 - Doesn't want New Lenox to aspire to be another Orland –too big
 - Has lived in other communities (Oak Forest and Coal City). Prefers New Lenox

Interviewers: Robin Ellis, AICP, Planning and Development Administrator
 Pamela Richart, AICP, Planning Resources Inc.

Interview Date: July 16, 2002

Name/Affiliation: Dave Hedlin, Peace Lutheran Church (25-year resident)

1. *Name at least three assets, strengths, and/or characteristics, unique to New Lenox, which you believe should be reinforced as part of the Comprehensive Plan update.*
 - Openness, both physical and attitude
 - Farmland and open space create character and identity
 - Schools are an asset (also a reason for the fast pace of growth)
2. *Identify any needs, constraints, and/or problems that warrant attention in the development of the Comprehensive Plan.*
 - No diversity in demographics here. Lack of diversity affects decision making
 - New subdivisions do not support schools. Slow down and limit residential growth
 - Developers should pay for development (i.e., \$\$ to Village/schools and open space)
 - Prevent "cookie cutter subdivisions (so far, successful)
 - Need multiple family housing. Provide homes for all who work and live here
 - Preserve farmland. Consider cluster housing
 - Need to address needs of young people. Trails are a start
 - North/south streets are lacking
 - Other arterial streets (Francis Road and Illinois highway) can't handle traffic
 - Limited east/west access (Francis Rd. and Laraway Road primary facilities)
 - Improve Park District/Village relationship – it's been an embarrassment
 - Barrier medians associated with Rte. 30 widening cause access problems for all
3. *Are there any opportunities that you would like to see addressed or considered?*
 - Preserve open space (likes to see horizon). Once it is gone it is lost forever
 - Provide landscaped corridors along roadways to help keep openness
 - Build more bikeways – support bikeway plans/proposals
 - Commit more to youth. Asset-building program a start. Add youth to Village Board
 - Scatter multiple-family throughout community
 - Consider requiring affordable housing mixed in with new development
 - Mixed income areas/diversity
 - Identify areas for big-box retailers (i.e. Walmart) to avoid future opposition (NIMBY)
 - Promote attractive, quality architecture for commercial development
 - Identify road improvements required to serve new development and build in advance
 - Develop a vision for new Lenox
 - Educate community on benefits of cluster development
 - Improve plan review/building permit process (can be difficult)
4. *What additional comments (if any) do you have at this time?*
 - Route 30 widening a concern. Church not listened to
 - Government is more concerned about satisfying agencies and developers (not residents?)
 - Define quality of life (balanced community vs. all residential)
 - Community needs a full staff of "Robins" who are helpful, realistic, and willing to work through problems

Interviewers: Robin Ellis, AICP, Planning and Development Administrator
 Pamela Richart, AICP, Planning Resources Inc.

Interview Date: July 23, 2002

Name/Affiliation: Dave Wheeler, President of the Lions Club (30-year resident of New Lenox)

1. *Name at least three assets, strengths, and/or characteristics, unique to New Lenox, which you believe should be reinforced as part of the Comprehensive Plan update.*
 - Commons area:
 - Will provide a central gathering place (functions, fundraisers, concerts)
 - Capture opportunity for restaurants, movie theatre, specialty shops and bookstores
 - This is important because New Lenox does not have a downtown
 - Need to get the Park District on Board!
 - Cluster of historic buildings in center of town (i.e., St. John's Church, Episcopal Church)
 - Small town atmosphere
 - Good schools, which draw residents to the community
 - Commuter rail, which provides good access into Chicago's Loop
 - I-355, which can attract business AND provide transportation to Chicago and other suburbs
 - Old Plank Trail
 - Village government and services (Board, and especially mayor, know how to listen)
2. *Identify any needs, constraints, and/or problems that warrant attention in the development of the Comprehensive Plan.*
 - Need identity (i.e., Frankfort has quaint, walkable downtown that attracts visitors)
 - Need restaurants
 - Need something for teens (i.e., dance hall skate park, etc.) with police supervision/presence
 - Taxes are too high, because of school (price you pay for good education)
 - Need new commercial and industrial to support schools
 - Traffic is a problem (i.e., School House Road at capacity). Coordinate with Co. and State
 - RR tracks at 30 and Cedar constrain the use of vacant/underutilized land at intersection
 - Need new north/south linkages
 - Diversify the Village Board (women and minorities)
 - Park District needs to prepare a plan that is forward thinking and learn how to get along with everyone
3. *Are there any opportunities that you would like to see addressed or considered?*
 - I-355 is good for New Lenox and area. Will attract business and provide more services
 - Plan the Commons as a major focal point in New Lenox. Include:
 - Retail and specialty shops (i.e., Barnes and Noble bookstore, coffee shop)
 - Community events, such as bank concerts, ice cream social, etc.)
 - Other public buildings/uses than the library (i.e., Park District, Village Hall, etc.)
 - Extend Nelson Road
 - Straighten Haven/Cedar intersection.
 - Promote historic area of town as focal point (but not as far as Frankfort)
 - Use New Lenox lumber as a commuter lot (in floodplain)
 - Eliminate the twp government, which may not longer have a role once New Lenox expands
 - Coordinate traffic improvements to make traffic flow more efficiently in town
 - Coordinate new infrastructure with road improvements
 - Build new commuter rail station south of Laraway Road on EJ&E RR

4. *What additional comments (if any) do you have at this time?*

- More sprawl, more people that you don't know. Makes it hard to keep small town character
- Type and quality of housing is "okay as is"
- Could use single-story, detached house about 1600 to 1800 square feet in size
- Say away from manufactured housing and high rises
- If multiple-family, then not high concentration
- Proud American days – struggling with space. Perhaps opportunity to move to the Commons
- Challenge of this project is to keep people involved, with all extra curricular activities/demands on time!

Interviewers: Robin Ellis, AICP, Planning and Development Administrator
Pamela Richart, AICP, Planning Resources Inc.

Interview Date: July 16, 2002

Name/Affiliation: Dr. Tom Eddy, Lincoln-Way High School (27-year resident)

1. *Name at least three assets, strengths, and/or characteristics, unique to New Lenox, which you believe should be reinforced as part of the Comprehensive Plan update.*
 - Vision of the current administration is good, progressive
 - Staff is proactive and positive. Does what it takes to achieve vision
 - Good relationship between school district and Village
 - Good education, which adds to the strength of the community
 - Signature golf course
2. *Identify any needs, constraints, and/or problems that warrant attention in the development of the Comprehensive Plan.*
 - Have limited economic base. Need restaurants, big-box retail, industrial, and hotel/motel
 - Likes small-town character, but believes it has to change if we attract needed business
 - New Lenox is behind the times with respect to its planning
 - Needed to be proactive in seeking business opportunities 10 to 15 years ago to have:
 - Retail and services that serve the community
 - Tax base for schools and to relieve tax burden on residents
 - Need identity – What is our signature? (Ranch Frosty)
 - RR and Route 30 impeded development of traditional downtown center. Hard to fix
 - Need more N/S arterial roads
 - Gougar and Laraway Roads provide good opportunity for commercial development
 - Cedar and 30 will not be hub of community, due to physical constraints
 - Reinforce relationship between New Lenox and Park District
3. *Are there any opportunities that you would like to see addressed or considered?*
 - Aggressively pursue (but control) economic development opportunities
 - Commons area provides opportunity to create a center of town:
 - Walkable (bike path a plus)
 - Concerts/functions
 - Retail
 - Improve quality of development
 - Settlers Pond (on Route 30) attracts certain type of residents and adds to image of NL
 - Treat developers like a member of community, and promote responsibility and ownership
 - Race track provides opportunities to capture \$\$ (i.e., lodging, restaurants, retail)
 - Need post office in town that meets needs and is accessible
 - Improving timing of road closures and community events
 - Straighten S Curve at Cedar and 30 and promote for small businesses
 - Encourage new businesses to go “where the growth is”
 - Develop multiple commercial areas to serve residential (Cedar and Francis Roads)
 - Expand youth asset-building project, Our youth is an asset to the community
 - Promote the redevelopment of 30 and Cedar with small businesses:
 - Reuse lumber yard for a restaurant
 - Consider a White Hen Pantry

- Market another coffee shop (good use next to Metra station)
- Etc.

4. *What additional comments (if any) do you have at this time?*

- NL Commons offers opportunity to create a downtown
- Architecture of the new library is good and can set tone for other development
- Historical reason for difference in housing values between NL and Frankfort:
 - New Lenox does not have a downtown
 - Nothing to attract people here (other than schools)
- Push for quality (i.e., Frankfort). More upscale housing improves community image
- Quality architecture creates character (i.e., new bank)
- Thanked us for opportunity to participate

Interviewers: Robin Ellis, AICP, Planning and Development Administrator
Pamela Richart, AICP, Planning Resources Inc.

Interview Date: July 16, 2002

Name/Affiliation: Harold (and Doug) Hoyt, Ranch Frosty (48-year resident, 31-year old business)

1. *Name at least three assets, strengths, and/or characteristics, unique to New Lenox, which you believe should be reinforced as part of the Comprehensive Plan update.*
 - Housing is better than it was 10 years ago (larger lots, better quality)
 - Schools are terrific
 - People move here because of schools and sports)
 - Village keeps streets in good condition
 - Park District and School District adequately serve youth needs
 - Keep small town character (4-lane highways change character, although Gougar and Laraway okay as 4-lane)
2. *Identify any needs, constraints, and/or problems that warrant attention in the development of the Comprehensive Plan.*
 - Need more business for tax relief (i.e., grocery, restaurants, home improvement)
 - No more subdivisions – they don't bring in tax dollars
 - RR tracks ruined NL ability to create a downtown
 - Prior planning let things happen "haphazardly and randomly"
 - Need frontage road for new businesses along Route 30
 - Need to widen Laraway Road (to handle race track traffic)
 - Houses need to be on larger lot sizes with good separation (not 10 feet apart)
 - No density tradeoffs (i.e., smaller lots for open space)
 - Transition lot sizes (i.e., ¼-acre lots should not be next to acre lots)
 - Need identity, but not like Frankfort (school and sports currently provide identity)
 - Commons good idea but will not attract people as intended. Too auto-oriented
 - Should have put Metra Station closer to Wabash Rd.
 - Lot sizes in Joliet/NL township should follow New Lenox rules (for larger lots)
3. *Are there any opportunities that you would like to see addressed or considered?*
 - Park District should trade commons 4 acres for another location (need ball fields)
 - I-355 needs to be built. Will be hard to attract new business/industrial without
 - Develop restaurants in commons
 - Buy property to relocate Metra station to alleviate Cedar Road problems
 - Build roads before subdivisions and businesses to provide required infrastructure
 - Require 10 to 20% open space in all subdivisions, and larger lots
 - Locate industrial near Gougar and I-80
 - Promote landscaping to beautify and provide character (but not same look everywhere)
 - Route 30 should be all commercial
 - Create controlled, distinct entrances to subdivisions
4. *What additional comments (if any) do you have at this time?*
 - Push for I-355
 - Development patterns do matter if quality is provided

- Large residential lots are important to maintain
- New Lenox, Mokena, Frankfort and Manhattan need to work together

Interviewers: Robin Ellis, AICP, Planning and Development Administrator
Pamela Richart, AICP, Planning Resources Inc.

Interview Date: July 16, 2002

Name/Affiliation: Kurt Krall, then-Vice President, Continental Properties

1. *Name at least three assets, strengths, and/or characteristics, unique to New Lenox, which you believe should be reinforced as part of the Comprehensive Plan update*
 - Access and visibility for retail along Route 30
 - New Lenox has fantastic residential growth – good for commercial base
 - Good working relationship with Village Board and staff
2. *Identify any needs, constraints, and/or problems that warrant attention in the development of the Comprehensive Plan.*
 - New Lenox is “under retailled”
 - Density is too low. Need MF residential (people w/out kids have discretionary income)
3. *Are there any opportunities that you would like to see addressed or considered?*
 - Retail goes where the residential growth is. Define next big growth areas.
 - Laraway Road seems logical for retail
 - Build multifamily residences – Spending patterns better for retailers/tax base
 - Be creative i.e., Naperville built identity/commercial base around downtown/riverwalk
 - Market area for quality restaurants (i.e., Naperville and Rosebud). Attracts people
4. *What additional comments (if any) do you have at this time?*
 - Retailers look at 5-mile radius for competition/demographics
 - New Lenox is uniquely postured for retail growth and development
 - People like strip centers that are auto-oriented, versus pedestrian malls
 - Okay to develop outlots close to road for ID. Most retailers support if community wants
 - Most developers do not have problem with quality architecture and landscaping
 - Plazas/gathering spaces okay, within reason
 - Economic development needs to make fiscal sense to a developer
 - Demographics for a Wheaton Town Center or Deer Park may not be here yet
 - Office over retail does not always work (exception, Wheaton Town Center)

Interviewers: Robin Ellis, AICP, Planning and Development Administrator
 Pamela Richart, AICP, Planning Resources Inc.

Interview Date: July 23, 2002

Appendix C, Open House Comments

Summary of Responses from July 30, 2002 Workshop

The following is a summary of the items that were identified as important assets, needs or opportunities that should be addressed in the 2004 update of the Village's Comprehensive Plan. This summary was generated by responses received by individuals who participated in the July 30, 2002 workshop, after participating in an exercise that identified and ranked assets, problems needs and opportunities. The Planning Advisory Committee used these responses to help determine the focus of the plan update, and to develop goals and objectives, recommendations, future land use and strategies for plan implementation.

Question #1 -- *What are the assets, strengths, or characteristics that are unique to New Lenox that you think should be reinforced as part of the Comprehensive Plan Update?*

1. **Quality of Life**
 - Rural character
 - Small town atmosphere
 - Mix of residences and farmland
2. **School System**
 - Effective School Board
 - Quality education
 - Neighborhood schools
3. **Open Space**
 - Development potential
 - Rural character (i.e., forest preserves and farmland)
4. **Transportation**
 - Total transportation system (Interstate highways, Metra railroads, etc)
 - Potential I-355 interchange
 - Laraway Road as a major transportation corridor
5. **Municipal Services**
 - Good police and fire departments
 - Availability of Lake Michigan water
6. **Recreational Opportunities**
 - Extensive trail system (Old Plank Road Trail, etc.)
 - Effective Park District that maintains and develops new park space
7. **Hickory Creek**
 - Natural feature that provides identity
 - Recreation potentials
8. **Variety of Housing Types**
 - Different layouts and floor plans
 - Single- and multiple-family housing that meets different needs

9. **Opportunity for Growth**
 - Lots of vacant land
 - Residential, commercial, and industrial opportunities all possible
10. **Architecture of New Lenox Commons**
 - Prairie-style theme (i.e., new library)
 - Identity building library for rest of commons

Question #2-- What are specific problems or needs in New Lenox that you believe should be resolved or considered as we plan?

1. **Transportation**
 - Congestion, especially along Cedar Road, Route 30, and Gougar Road
 - Traffic flow, particularly around the perimeter of town
 - Hazardous Cedar Road/Haven Avenue intersection
 - Better local roads
 - No dedicated north/south transportation route
2. **Commercial Growth**
 - Increased opportunity for commercial and industrial development
 - Upscale and sit-down family restaurants lacking
 - Inadequate retail and discount merchandise centers
3. **Tax Relief**
 - Expanded tax base (i.e., commercial) for schools
 - Tax relief for residential property owners through commercial and industrial development
4. **Site Plan Requirements**
 - Lack of sidewalks
 - Connectivity of streets (i.e., grid, vs. cul-de-sacs)
 - Beautification in new and existing development
 - More landscaping and screening of parking lots and between dissimilar uses
5. **Coordinated Planning Process**
 - Better planning of land use
 - Inability of township to participate in plan review process
6. **Loss of Small Town Atmosphere**
 - Ability to maintain small town atmosphere
 - Loss of farmland and open space
7. **Public Utilities**
 - Smells emanating from Wastewater Treatment Plant #1
8. **Rapid Residential Growth**
 - Monotonous or "cookie cutter" residential developments
9. **High Cost of Living for Seniors**
 - Policy development for keeping seniors in community

Question #3 -- *What are the opportunities for the future that you would like to see identified and addressed in the new Comprehensive Plan?*

1. **Economic Development**
 - Attract new commercial
 - Expand job opportunities at new and existing businesses
 - Expand commercial along Laraway Road
 - Develop new retail and upscale restaurants throughout the community
 - Attract new businesses, including light industry
 - Create more logical clusters of commercial centers to serve residents
2. **Open Space**
 - Protect and preserve open space in the Village and Planning Area
 - Maintain and enhance access to open space
 - Create a riverwalk along Hickory Creek
 - Preserve Hickory Creek as a natural resource
3. **Transportation Improvements**
 - Target local roads for improvements
 - Enhance Laraway Road (widen, install traffic signals, landscape)
 - Be proactive about transportation infrastructure improvements
 - Bring ideas to county and state officials regarding transportation upgrades
4. **Aesthetic Enhancements**
 - Incorporate landscaping in new commercial developments
 - Focus on beautification (i.e. landscape, streetscape, design guidelines)
5. **Preserving Small Town Feel**
 - Support ways for strengthening a family friendly atmosphere
 - Create a community where all residents can live, work, play, and retire
6. **Location**
 - Promote location with respect to access to highways and commuter rail lines to attract businesses and residents
7. **Control Residential Growth**
 - Ensure that growth is coordinated with infrastructure capacity

Summary of Responses from January 20, 2003 Open House

This open house included a PowerPoint presentation describing the planning process (including community visioning), alternatives under consideration and initial goals and objectives for New Lenox as it grows and develops. Several exhibit boards were displayed for public comment after this presentation. This included: existing land use, planning factors, two future land use alternatives, transit-oriented design and conservation subdivision design

After viewing the slide presentation and exhibit boards, participants were given a chance express their thoughts about the focus of the plan and policies prepared to date, using comment forms provided by Planning Resources. Written comments were received by only 11 attendees, although approximately 50 people attended this open house. Many took comment forms home with them, with the intent of mailing their comments to the Village in the near future.

Public comments received to date were evaluated at the February 4, 2003 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee, with respect to land use alternatives and policies under consideration. Modifications were then made to planning documents prepared to date, as appropriate.

Summary of Public Comments:

Question #1 – What did you like or dislike about the concepts?

- Likes:
 - Concepts are good
 - Opportunity for a reduction in taxes
 - Addition of light industrial areas
 - Thorough look at aspects of development
 - Invitation of commercial development
- Dislikes:
 - Map shows Gougar Road incorrectly
 - Not enough office/warehouse near I-355
 - No future for seniors/cost of living too high

Question #2 – Please indicate what components from Alternative “A” or Alternative “B” you would like to see retained.

- Increase in businesses in order to help local taxes
- Large lot/low density residential
- Greenspace
- Balance of residential/commercial
- Commercial/office at Laraway and Schoolhouse
- Alternative “B” at Gougar Road with more commercial/low density housing
- Alternative “B” in general
- Medical facility in Alternative “A”

Question #3 – *Are there land uses or policies that should be considered that haven't been addressed to date? If yes, please identify.*

- Preserve a farm as a museum where visitors will be able to learn about farming
- Preservation of more farmland

Question #4 – *What would you like to relay to the Village about the draft plan and its alternatives that have been developed to date?*

- Concern of loss of homes if Cedar is realigned
- The need for a major 4-lane north/south road
- New Post Office
- Glad to see a plan that respects the anticipated rapid growth
- Happy to see Transit Oriented Development
- Industrial before residential growth

Question #5 – *Additional comments?*

- More attention needs to be paid to older/existing areas, (i.e. trails and parks)
- Cedar, Francis, and Vine need bike trails so that children have a safe route to school
- Find ways to stabilize taxes so that long time residents can stay in community
- The senior housing component is appreciated
- Will the road in the Commons area be widened to accommodate two traffic lanes and one parking lane?
- Reserve Metra parking for New Lenox residents otherwise taken by nonresidents
- Establish an industrial base before more residential housing is built

Summary of Responses from May 8, 2003 Open House

The open house on May 8, 2003 was the third open house held to engage the public in the comprehensive planning process. Like the previous open house, this meeting provided a general overview of the planning process to date, but in addition, presented key area recommendations with regards to land use types (e.g. specialty retail, condominium, hotel). The overview of the planning process included reasons for initiating a comprehensive plan update, concepts steering the plan's direction, and policy recommendations for agriculture, open space, Conservation Subdivision Design and Transit-Oriented Development.

The following summary represents responses to comment form questions from three of the approximately 25 open house participants. Responses have been organized based on inquiries referenced from the comment form.

Inquiry #1— *Please provide feedback on key area recommendations you would like to see modified with respect to land use, intensity of development and open space.*

- Addition of a detailed transportation plan for all street classifications (e.g. residential, collector, arterial, freeway)
- Land annexed into the village should stay the same zoning classification so as not to require a rezoning hearing. (?)

Inquiry #2— *Would you support conservation subdivision design as a way of incorporating open space into new subdivisions? If not, explain why.*

Yes

- but, do not support smaller lots & high density
- but, tax burden should be based on total subdivision land, so that older conventional subdivisions do not bear a greater percentage of tax burden

Inquiry #3— *Should agriculture be a designated future land use for New Lenox? Please explain the reasons behind your answer to help us understand your point.*

Yes

- Agricultural land can act as a buffer between incompatible land uses providing open space and fresh air pockets
- Agricultural land can provide community assets such as open air fruit/vegetable markets
- but, what if commercial use does not follow a plan and people's fears of NIMBY are realized

No

- Farmers downstate are paid by the government not to use their land

Inquiry #4— *Additional Comments*

- Industrial and commercial uses need to be added now in order to ease residential property tax burden
- Large commercial properties need to be developed as opposed to small scale retail properties in order to realize a relief from residential property tax

- Roads need to be widened
- Road congestion results in cut-through traffic, which presents a traffic safety issue to pedestrians
- Land use changes impact property value of existing properties, homes, etc.
- Connect Hickory Creek with recreational corridors

Appendix D, Density Bonuses

Density bonuses identified below have been developed for traditional subdivisions proposed for development in New Lenox (as opposed to transit-oriented development or conservation subdivisions). They may be proposed, reviewed and approved as part of:

1. An annexation agreement
2. A planned unit development
3. A special use permit

As open space increases beyond the minimum 30% and other amenities are provided within a development, a density bonus may be approved as part of a residential development by selecting from the options identified below. A density bonus of up to 20% can be granted for each amenity or design feature, consistent with the attached table.

Density Bonus Recommendations

% Bonus	Item	
10%	Open Space – 10% density bonus for each 5% increment of open space over 30% (see table, below)	
10% max	Location of Open Space – Open space is located so that it can be enjoyed by a majority of the residents of the subdivision	
	5%	Homes front on open space/parks in a traditional setting
	5%	Systems of open space are created so that 50% or more of the homes are sited next to open space
10% max	Landscaped Buffer Yard – 2% for each 20 feet of width of bufferyard along the perimeter of a development beyond the minimum bufferyard requirements of New Lenox (see Zoning Ordinance) and 1% for every 50 plant units in excess of the minimum landscaping requirements of the Zoning Ordinance	
10% max	Recreational Trails – 10-foot wide, asphalt trails that are landscaped along both sides with trees and shrubs at a ratio of 2 trees and 5 shrubs per 100 lineal feet are provided as part of the development	
	5%	Perimeter only
	5%	Interior only
	10%	Perimeter and interior trails
5%	Coving – See definition/illustration in Chapter VI, Land Use and Development Policies	
5%	New Urbanism – Traditional neighborhood where alleys provide garage access (see definition/illustration)	
5%	Urban Cluster – Homes sited on smaller lots near the core of the community to maximize open space (see definition/illustration)	
10%	No Reverse Frontage – The development uses open space and frontage roads to site homes so that front or side elevations face streets that form the boundary of the project (rather than rear yards)	
5%	Dispersed Multiple-Family Housing – The development disburses multiple-family housing throughout the project so that not more than 20% of any multiple-family product type is concentrated in any one area of the development	

Density Bonus Recommendations

10% max	Non-Dominant Garages – Single-family or multiple-family dwellings that locate garages at or behind the front façade of a dwelling or provide access from the side of a dwelling	
	5%	50% or more of the total dwelling units
	10%	All dwellings
5%	Architecture – The architectural styling of a development includes visual breaks in the front facades by means of architectural features, and is a recognizable architectural style with respect to design, materials and proportions (i.e., Georgian, Prairie, Greek Revival, Victorian, etc.)	
6%, max	Senior Housing – Housing for senior citizens, such as:	
	2%	Ranch townhomes or duplexes
	5%	Independent living or condominiums
	5%	Assisted care
	5%	Nursing home facilities
15% max	Community Center/Clubhouse – Land or buildings (off-site) for a community center or a club house that includes:	
	5%	Land for community center
	8%	Public community center building
	2%	Outdoor pool
	2%	Indoor pool
	1%	Community gardens (formal)
	1%	Community gardens (vegetable)
	1%	Playground / tot lot
	1%	Tennis court(s)
15% max	Municipal Facility – Fire station, public works facility	
	5%	Land for municipal facility in excess of donation required by Village Code
	10%	Structure
5%	Private Community Center – Clubhouse, pool and other amenities for residents of the subdivision	
5%	Underground Parking – High density-housing locates 50% or more of the total number of parking spaces underground	
5%	Balconies/Patios – Medium and high density housing incorporates outdoor living spaces in the form of balconies and patios	

B

EJ&E Public At-Grade Crossings in Will County			
STREET	BRANCH	ADT	YEAR
57th St	Mainline	1,450	04
Hafenrichter Rd	Mainline	4,700	04
85th/Wolf's Crossing	Mainline	9,500	04
111th St	Mainline	8,800	04
118th St/Ferguson	Mainline	3,950	04
127th St	Mainline	4,950	04
135th St	Mainline	8,500	04
Van Dyke Rd	Mainline	5,000	04
143rd St	Mainline	4,300	04
Naperville-Plainfield Rd	Mainline	3,300	04
R. RT 128/Main St	Mainline	18,500	08
Center St	Mainline	1,150	08
Eastern Ave	Mainline	2,800	04
Lockport Rd	Mainline	8,200	04
Ranwick Rd (CH 36)	Mainline	9,300	04
Essington Rd/East Frontage Rd	Mainline	3,800	04
Division St	Mainline	5,500	04
Gaylord	Mainline	4,100	04
Oakland St	Mainline	1,200	04
Woodruff Rd	Mainline	7,700	04
Washington St	Mainline	7,300	08
Rowell St (N)	Mainline	2,300	04
Mills Rd (CH 51)	Mainline	2,200	04
Rowell St (S)	Mainline	2,900	04
West Spencer Rd	Mainline	850	04
Briggs St. (CH 54)	Mainline	10,000	04
Cherry Hill Rd	Mainline	800	04
Gouger Rd (CH 52)	Mainline	5,000	04
Nelson Rd	Mainline	5,300	04
Cedar Rd (CH 4)	Mainline	6,700	04
South Spencer Rd	Mainline	1,800	04
Schoolhouse Rd	Mainline	8,300	04
116TH/Owens Rd	Mainline	650	04
Wolf Rd	Mainline	7,200	04
Center Rd	Mainline	5,800	04
Sauk Trail	Mainline	2,500	04
Pfeiffer Rd/88th	Mainline	5,800	04
Harlem Ave/ IL 43	Mainline	8,400	02

WCGL EJ&E Crossing Survey

Crossing Location: Gougar Road

Current / Most Recent ADT: 9,975

Year Taken : 2007

Projected ADT (if available): _____

Accident Data (if available): _____

Are there any sensitive structures near this crossing (schools, nursing homes, hospitals, historic structures)

: none

WCGL EJ&E Crossing Survey

Crossing Location: Nelson Road

Current / Most Recent ADT: 5,300

Year Taken : 2007

Projected ADT (if available): _____

Accident Data (if available): _____

Are there any sensitive structures near this crossing (schools, nursing homes, hospitals, historic structures)

: none

WCGL EJ&E Crossing Survey

Crossing Location: Cedar Road

Current / Most Recent ADT: 21,085

Year Taken : 2007

Projected ADT (if available): _____

Accident Data (if available): _____

Are there any sensitive structures near this crossing (schools, nursing homes, hospitals, historic structures)

: none

WCGL EJ&E Crossing Survey

Crossing Location: Spencer Road

Current / Most Recent ADT: 2,115

Year Taken : 2007

Projected ADT (if available): _____

Accident Data (if available): _____

Are there any sensitive structures near this crossing (schools, nursing homes, hospitals, historic structures)

: None

WCGL EJ&E Crossing Survey

Crossing Location: Schoolhouse Road

Current / Most Recent ADT: 7,380

Year Taken : 2007

Projected ADT (if available): _____

Accident Data (if available): _____

Are there any sensitive structures near this crossing (schools, nursing homes, hospitals, historic structures)

: none

C

RESOLUTION NO. 08-04

A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE ADVERSE IMPACTS TO THE VILLAGE OF NEW
LENOX CREATED BY THE SALE OF THE ELGIN, JOLIET, AND EASTERN RAILROAD
TO THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILROAD

WHEREAS the Canadian National (CN) Railroad has submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Surface and Transportation Board (STB) to acquire the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern (E.J. & E.) Railway; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surface and Transportation Board (STB) is reviewing the CN application; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Acquisition, if approved by the STB is projected to result in a significant increase in the number of daily trains from 6 trains to 28 trains a day; and

WHEREAS, such an increase in freight traffic would significantly contribute to increased traffic congestion, grade-crossing risk, blockages of bicycle and pedestrian crossings, air and noise pollution, and hazardous materials risk; and

WHEREAS, the trains are projected to be up to 10,000 feet in length; and

WHEREAS, the quantity of hazardous materials is projected to increase from 51 carloads per year to 353 carloads per year, an increase of 692%; and

WHEREAS, the E. J. & E. line bisects the middle of the Village of New Lenox east and west for a length of six miles; and

WHEREAS, the E. J. & E line crosses the five major north/south roadways of Gougar Road, Nelson Road, Cedar Road, Spencer Road and Schoolhouse Road in New Lenox.

WHEREAS, Gougar Road and Cedar road are both major north/south arterial routes through the Village providing current and future roadway access to both I-80 and I-355.

WHEREAS, all five E. J. & E rail crossings are "at-grade" which will result in significant vehicle traffic congestion and back-up impacting north/south access through the Village;

WHEREAS, both Police and Fire responses will be significantly impacted by the increased railway traffic resulting in significant longer response times of emergency vehicles, drastically affecting the health, safety, and welfare of New Lenox residents; and

WHEREAS, much of the E. J. & E. line through New Lenox abuts current and proposed residential development, resulting in adverse quality of life conditions for these residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements to the E. J. & E. railway will impact the development of the Metra Suburban Transit Access Route (STAR) Line; and

WHEREAS, the STB is requiring an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) be conducted in connection with CN's proposed acquisition of the EJ&E; and

WHEREAS, the Village of New Lenox has filed as a formal Party of Record with the STB and intends to comment and provide written input to the STB directly and through a consortium of affected Will County governmental units regarding the proposed acquisition and the forthcoming EIS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LENOX as follows:

SECTION 1:

That the Village of New Lenox hereby requests the STB to condition approval of CN acquisition of the E J & E Railroad on specified mitigation actions to be taken and paid for by CN, including by not limited to the following:

Condition 1. Construct grade separation roadway crossings at all feasible locations with specific consideration given to both Gougar Road and Cedar Road. .

Condition 2. All remaining at-grade separation crossings are to be improved to provide quad gates or other improvements to facilitate “Quiet Zones” along the railroad through the Village.

Condition 3. The transition point from dual to single tracks, if made, occur outside the Village of New Lenox so as to not adversely impact New Lenox.

Condition 4. Install barriers such as sound walls or earthen berms along both sides of EJ&E trackage between Gougar Road and Schoolhouse Road to buffer adjacent residential areas from noise generated by increased freight traffic and idling locomotives.

Condition 5. Provide crossing improvements and signals for pedestrian crossings at each of the five crossings in New Lenox.

Condition 6. Allocate defined resources to address increased risks associated with the transport of additional volumes of hazardous material along EJ&E trackage and provision of a written plan detailing how hazardous waste spills between Gougar Road and Schoolhouse Road will be handled; and

Condition 7. Provide reduction in freight traffic on the proposed two track system so as to accommodate the proposed commuter STAR Line.

SECTION 2:

That the Village of New Lenox also supports the coordinated efforts of Will County and other affected Will County municipalities in seeking to mitigate the negative impacts of the proposed acquisition.

SECTION 3:

That the Village of New Lenox calls upon its State and Federal representatives to assist it in petitioning the STB to require that specified mitigation actions to be taken and paid for by CN in connection with its proposed acquisition of the EJ&E.

Resolution No. 08-04

This resolution shall be in effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED THIS 11th day of February, 2008

with five members voting AYE, with -0- members voting NAY, and with
one members ABSENT, the Mayor voting absent; and said vote being BUTTERFIELD aye,
TUMINELLO aye, BOWDEN aye, SMITH aye, DYE aye, and MADSEN absent.

Marcia Engert
VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED this 12th day of February, 2008

[Signature]
MAYOR

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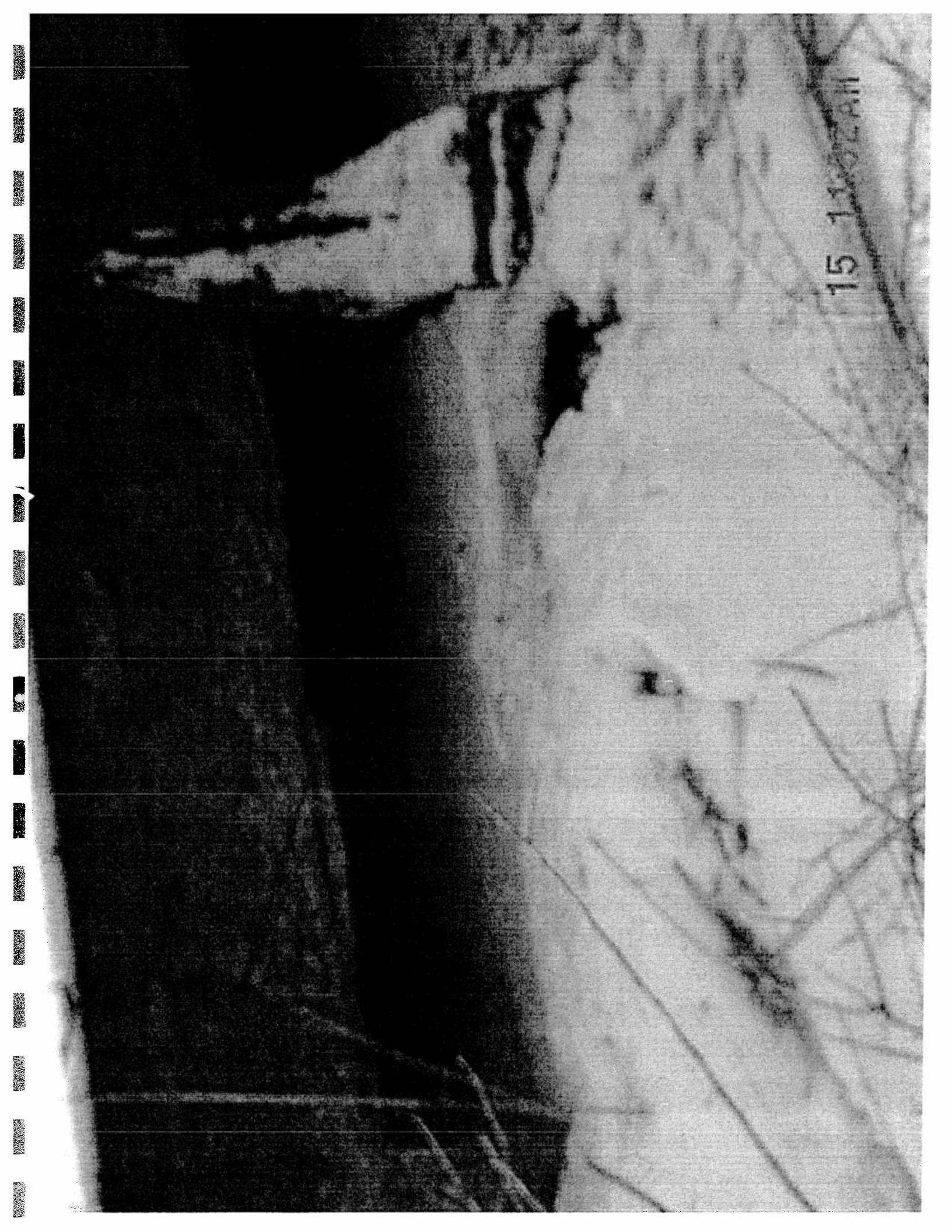
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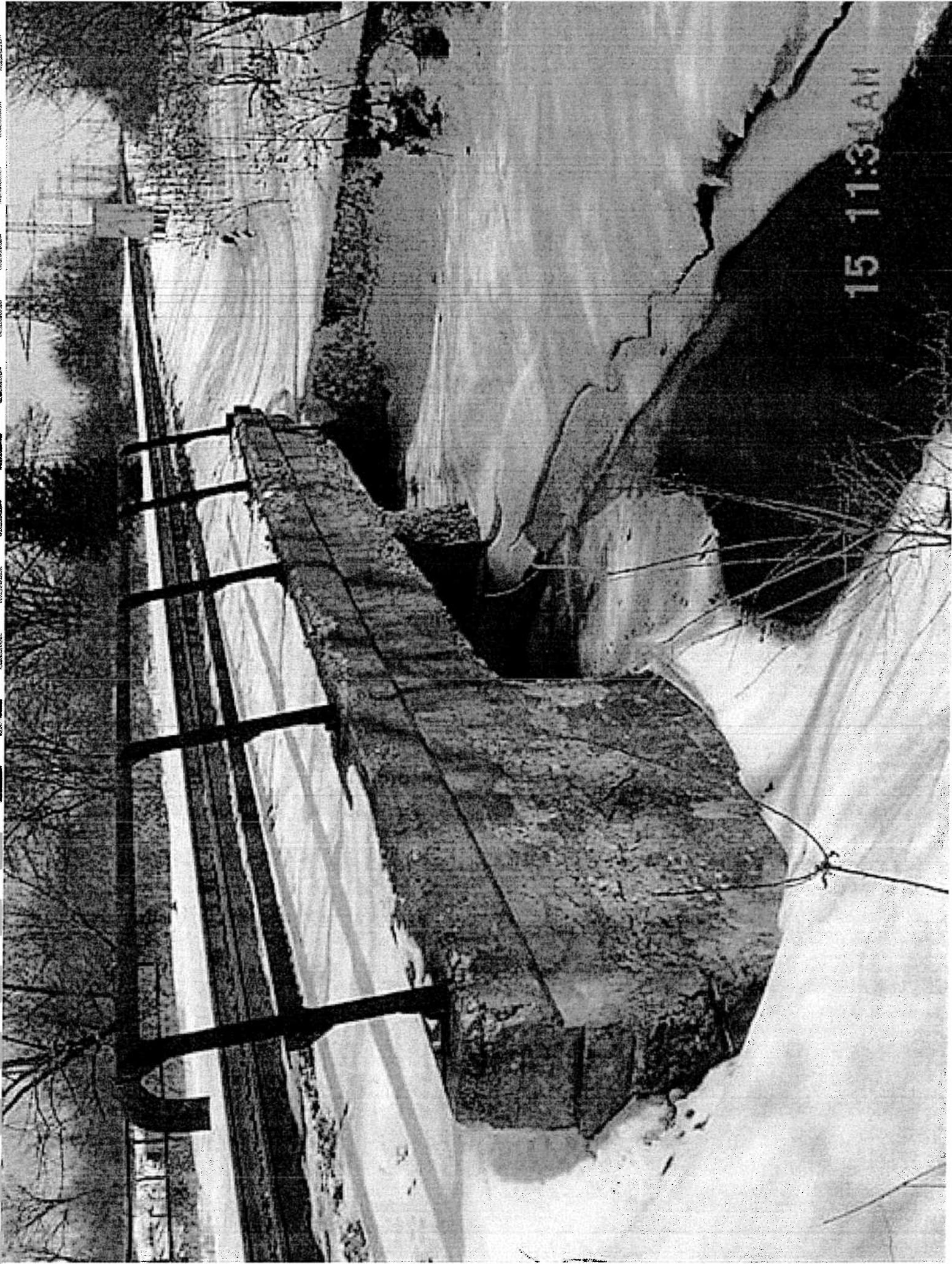


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