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September 22, 2014

TO: Public Works Committee

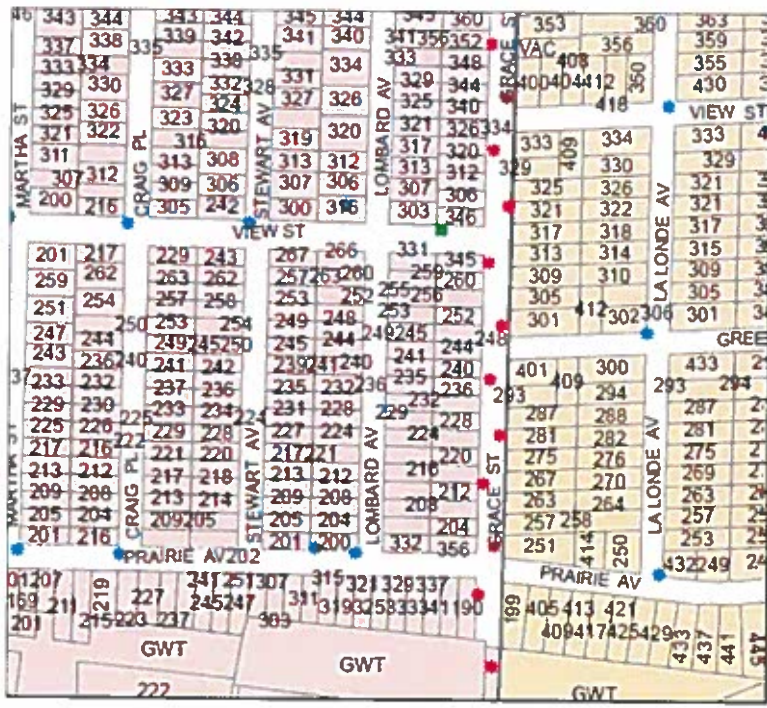
FROM: Carl Goldsmith, Director of Public Works *CG*

SUBJECT: Street Lighting Expansion Request

**Background**

In June 2014, staff was contacted by a resident residing in the 200 block of N. Lombard Road regarding the lack of street lighting. The concern was over the lack of mid-block lighting and the perceived safety issues created as a result of the lack of lighting. As part of the discussion with the resident, staff provided information on the current status of lighting and the Village Board policy pertaining to street lighting. Specifically, staff provided the following:

*"The Village of Lombard street lighting system is operated in compliance with Village Board Policy 6.C. (attached). Village Board Policy 6.C. provides specifications for the placement and type of pole/luminaire to be used throughout the community. The map below identifies the location and type of poles installed within the area you identified in your email. The poles designated by **RED** asterisks are owned and maintained by the Village of Lombard and poles designated by **BLUE** asterisks are owned and maintained by ComEd. The **GREEN** boxes indicate location of the controller cabinet for the lighting. The ComEd poles are traditionally wooden poles with a "cobra head" fixture on a mast arm.*



*The Village Board Policy identifies the manner in which streets/intersections in Lombard shall be illuminated. The policy provides the following:*

- 1. Temporary Intersection Lighting - As soon as reasonably possible and within budget constraints, street lights shall be placed at all intersections utilizing ComEd lights. This is a temporary condition until permanent street lighting can be installed through the Capital Improvement Program.*
- 2. Street Reconstruction Projects - Street reconstruction projects shall include street lighting. Street lighting would not be required in grind and overlay or other maintenance-type projects.*
- 3. Stand-Alone Street Lighting Projects - Separate, stand-alone street lighting projects will be scheduled for unlit areas subject to the Capital Improvement Plan.*

*In all cases, the street lighting installed must meet the specifications established in the Village Standard Lighting specification (attached).*

*In review of the area in question, it has been determined that the lighting meets the current Village standard.*

*Additionally, I have reviewed the Village's 2014-2023 CIP to determine if there are any street reconstruction projects that are anticipated that would trigger the installation of lighting per Section B of the Village Board Policy. At this time, the CIP does not contain any projects that would require any upgrade of the lighting."*

After further discussion with the resident, staff determined that in the event that a petition to gauge interest were circulated, that a larger area should be consider to spread the fixed costs over a greater number of property owners. The requesting resident agreed and an introductory letter and survey were sent out in July 2014. The survey sought input on whether lights were desired, with a cost estimate of total project and cost per property owner to be determined once the scope of the project was better known.

The surveys were due on, or before, August 15, 2014. The final results of the survey of the 326 properties included in the survey can be found below. As part of the initial letter (attached), a non-response is considered a "No" vote.

	YES	NO	NON-RESPONSE (NO)
Votes	65	81	180
Percentage	19.94%	24.85%	55.21%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19.94%</b>	<b>80.06%</b>	

A listing of the specific responses can be found on the attached spreadsheet. While the overall survey results do not support the expansion of the lighting system, certain areas expressed a level of support for furthering the project. As such, the Village could look to break up the proposed

project into small areas. The result may increase the cost per property owner, as the fixed costs and legal fees would be spread over a smaller group of benefiting property owners.

Given that this project would likely be funded through a special assessment, the Village would need to have the funding available at the onset of the project. The current 2015-2024 CIP contains no funding for such a project. If the Committee were interested in furthering the project, the CIP would need to be reprioritized and other projects would need to be shifted or eliminated to accommodate the cost of the lighting project.

**Recommendation**

Given the very low level of support by the impacted properties, as well as a lack of funding, staff would recommend that the Village not proceed with the lighting expansion at this time. Staff would recommend that continued emphasis be placed on maintaining the existing street lights, rather than expanding the network.

# Street Light Survey

STNUM	PRE	STNAME	YES	NO	COMMENTS
201	N	CRAIG		1	
204	N	CRAIG		1	
205	N	CRAIG		1	
208	N	CRAIG		1	
209	N	CRAIG		1	
212	N	CRAIG		1	
213	N	CRAIG		1	
216	N	CRAIG		1	I am living on a fixed income and my property taxes are too high as it is. No!!
217	N	CRAIG		1	
221	N	CRAIG	1		We think it's a great idea! Our street gets very dark and we have a lot of children on the block.
222	N	CRAIG		1	
225	N	CRAIG		1	
226	N	CRAIG		1	
229	N	CRAIG		1	
230	N	CRAIG	1		
232	N	CRAIG		1	
233	N	CRAIG		1	
236	N	CRAIG		1	
237	N	CRAIG	1		Happily with lights now installed.
240	N	CRAIG	1		
241	N	CRAIG	1		
244	N	CRAIG	1		
245	N	CRAIG	1		
249	N	CRAIG		1	
250	N	CRAIG	1		
253	N	CRAIG		1	
254	N	CRAIG	1		
257	N	CRAIG		1	
262	N	CRAIG		1	
263	N	CRAIG		1	
305	N	CRAIG		1	
306	N	CRAIG		1	RETURNED - NSN
309	N	CRAIG		1	
312	N	CRAIG		1	I am not interested in paying any amount for additional lighting.
313	N	CRAIG		1	
315	N	CRAIG		1	
318	N	CRAIG		1	
322	N	CRAIG		1	Even disregarding the cost we believe the street lighting should not be expanded. Given the unknown cost, it is a definitive "no".
323	N	CRAIG		1	

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326	N	CRAIG		1	
327	N	CRAIG		1	
330	N	CRAIG		1	
333	N	CRAIG		1	
334	N	CRAIG	1		
335	N	CRAIG		1	
338	N	CRAIG		1	
339	N	CRAIG		1	I can't afford another bill right now.
343	N	CRAIG		1	
344	N	CRAIG	1		Yes we need more lights in the area, but as long as it is cost effective and "not too expensive"
348	N	CRAIG		1	
349	N	CRAIG	1		
352	N	CRAIG		1	
353	N	CRAIG		1	We do not see the need for this added expense.
356	N	CRAIG		1	
357	N	CRAIG		1	
358	N	CRAIG		1	
361	N	CRAIG		1	
364	N	CRAIG		1	
365	N	CRAIG		1	Plenty of street lights near my house.
		<b>SUBTOTAL - CRAIG</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>47</b>	
202	N	GARFIELD		1	
205	N	GARFIELD		1	
207	N	GARFIELD		1	
210	N	GARFIELD		1	
211	N	GARFIELD		1	
212	N	GARFIELD		1	We have enough lighting from private homes.
214	N	GARFIELD	1		It is very dark at night on our 200 block of Garfield St.
215	N	GARFIELD		1	
218	N	GARFIELD		1	
219	N	GARFIELD		1	
222	N	GARFIELD		1	
223	N	GARFIELD		1	
226	N	GARFIELD		1	
227	N	GARFIELD		1	
231	N	GARFIELD	1		
232	N	GARFIELD		1	Too much fuss when we all have lights on our front porch!
235	N	GARFIELD		1	
236	N	GARFIELD		1	
239	N	GARFIELD	1		

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STNUM	PRE	STNAME	YES	NO	COMMENTS
240	N	GARFIELD		1	
242	N	GARFIELD		1	
243	N	GARFIELD		1	
247	N	GARFIELD		1	
248	N	GARFIELD		1	We are not inclined to want to bear the cost for this. We do not need street lights on our block.
250	N	GARFIELD		1	
251	N	GARFIELD		1	
254	N	GARFIELD		1	
255	N	GARFIELD		1	
258	N	GARFIELD	1		
259	N	GARFIELD		1	
262	N	GARFIELD		1	
263	N	GARFIELD	1		
266	N	GARFIELD		1	
267	N	GARFIELD		1	
270	N	GARFIELD		1	
300	N	GARFIELD		1	
305	N	GARFIELD		1	It's hard to approve when I have no idea of the cost.
306	N	GARFIELD		1	Comments too numerous to list - see form in file.
309	N	GARFIELD	1		
310	N	GARFIELD		1	Comments too numerous to list - see form in file.
313	N	GARFIELD		1	
314	N	GARFIELD		1	
318	N	GARFIELD		1	
319	N	GARFIELD		1	There is too much light with more lights. I do not want any more light than there is.
322	N	GARFIELD		1	
323	N	GARFIELD		1	
325	N	GARFIELD		1	
326	N	GARFIELD		1	No extra money after taxes, water, sewage, trash pick-up, leaf bags, etc. Sorry. No money - No
329	N	GARFIELD		1	Why all the lights on E St. Charles & a second light on Main Street? We are seniors.
330	N	GARFIELD		1	
333	N	GARFIELD		1	
334	N	GARFIELD	1		
337	N	GARFIELD		1	
338	N	GARFIELD		1	
340	N	GARFIELD		1	
341	N	GARFIELD		1	We came from Oak Park where there were many street lights. We love the reduced lighting. I feel the
345	N	GARFIELD		1	lighting is sufficient for safety needs.
346	N	GARFIELD	1		Looking forward to hearing about it, I think they are a good thing.

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348	N	GARFIELD		1	
349	N	GARFIELD	1		Need them bad - all street around us have lights, why not us?
352	N	GARFIELD		1	I'm having trouble keeping up with my bills now. Current lighting is just fine.
353	N	GARFIELD		1	
357	N	GARFIELD		1	
358	N	GARFIELD		1	
360	N	GARFIELD	1	1	Consider a repaving project on 300 block of N Garfield.
361	N	GARFIELD	1		
366	N	GARFIELD		1	
367	N	GARFIELD		1	Not necessary
		<b>SUBTOTAL - GARFIELD</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>58</b>	
200	N	LOMBARD		1	
204	N	LOMBARD		1	
205	N	LOMBARD		1	
208	N	LOMBARD		1	
209	N	LOMBARD		1	
212	N	LOMBARD	1		
213	N	LOMBARD		1	
216	N	LOMBARD	1		
217	N	LOMBARD		1	
220	N	LOMBARD		1	No way I would move before spending that kind of money.
221	N	LOMBARD		1	
224	N	LOMBARD	1		
225	N	LOMBARD			
228	N	LOMBARD	1		This is needed! Our street is dangerously dark. Between the lack of streetlights and the large
229	N	LOMBARD		1	parkway trees, there is almost no light on the sidewalks except the light that occasionally comes out
232	N	LOMBARD		1	
233	N	LOMBARD		1	
235	N	LOMBARD	1		
236	N	LOMBARD	1		N. 200 block of Lombard very dark @ night
240	N	LOMBARD		1	
241	N	LOMBARD		1	
244	N	LOMBARD		1	
245	N	LOMBARD		1	
248	N	LOMBARD	1		It is extremely dark on our street
249	N	LOMBARD		1	Thank you for getting input from the residents!
252	N	LOMBARD		1	
253	N	LOMBARD		1	
255	N	LOMBARD		1	

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STNUM	PRE	STNAME	YES	NO	COMMENTS
256	N	LOMBARD	1		Yes please! This is so exciting! Thank you
259	N	LOMBARD		1	Current lighting is sufficient. Please work on getting ComEd to toughen up power grid.
260	N	LOMBARD		1	
266	N	LOMBARD	1		We feel our lighting system on N Lombard is sufficient.
303	N	LOMBARD	1		
306	N	LOMBARD	1		
307	N	LOMBARD		1	
312	N	LOMBARD		1	
313	N	LOMBARD		1	
317	N	LOMBARD		1	
320	N	LOMBARD	1		You should re-evaluate your compliance standard. Our block is pitch black.
321	N	LOMBARD		1	
325	N	LOMBARD	1		Obviously the cost per homeowner will determine whether I choose to participate.
326	N	LOMBARD		1	
329	N	LOMBARD		1	We have been here since 1976, have good neighbors, feel safe, and therefore say No to street lights.
333	N	LOMBARD		1	
334	N	LOMBARD	1		
337	N	LOMBARD		1	
340	N	LOMBARD		1	We have lights at every corner - that's enough! Just trying to waste our money on nonsense.
341	N	LOMBARD		1	
344	N	LOMBARD	1		Comments too numerous to list - see form in file.
345	N	LOMBARD	1		
348	N	LOMBARD		1	
349	N	LOMBARD	1		
352	N	LOMBARD		1	
353	N	LOMBARD		1	
356	N	LOMBARD		1	Comments too numerous to list - see form in file.
357	N	LOMBARD	1		We are a new family in this town and believe it would make our neighborhood safer, as well as bring property values up. The street is just too dark right now.
362	N	LOMBARD		1	It would very much depend on cost. I'm living on fixed income.
363	N	LOMBARD		1	
364	N	LOMBARD		1	
368	N	LOMBARD		1	
369	N	LOMBARD		1	
373	N	LOMBARD		1	
377	N	LOMBARD		1	
		<b>SUBTOTAL - LOMBARD</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>44</b>	
201	N	MARTHA	1		
204	N	MARTHA		1	
205	N	MARTHA		1	We think we have enough light on our block and do not see the need to add more lighting.



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STNUM	PRE	STNAME	YES	NO	COMMENTS
208	N	MARTHA		1	
209	N	MARTHA		1	
212	N	MARTHA		1	
213	N	MARTHA		1	
216	N	MARTHA		1	
217	N	MARTHA		1	Can't afford, property taxes too high.
220	N	MARTHA		1	
221	N	MARTHA		1	
224	N	MARTHA		1	
225	N	MARTHA		1	
228	N	MARTHA	1		Very dark on the street. I drive back to driveway they I not see cars parking street need see more light
229	N	MARTHA		1	
232	N	MARTHA		1	
233	N	MARTHA		1	We prefer the light provided by porch and landscape lights. We do not want to pay for street lights.
237	N	MARTHA	1		
238	N	MARTHA		1	
242	N	MARTHA	1		
243	N	MARTHA		1	
246	N	MARTHA		1	Resident 47 years - we do not need more light pollution. Retired & can't afford anymore
247	N	MARTHA		1	
250	N	MARTHA		1	
251	N	MARTHA		1	
252	N	MARTHA		1	
256	N	MARTHA		1	
258	N	MARTHA		1	I do not want to pay for more lighting, but I do want to be kept informed.
259	N	MARTHA		1	
306	N	MARTHA		1	
307	N	MARTHA		1	
308	N	MARTHA		1	
311	N	MARTHA		1	
312	N	MARTHA		1	
316	N	MARTHA		1	
317	N	MARTHA		1	
320	N	MARTHA		1	I am a senior citizen. How am I supposed to pay for this?? (Widow)
321	N	MARTHA		1	
325	N	MARTHA		1	
326	N	MARTHA	1		
329	N	MARTHA		1	
330	N	MARTHA		1	
332	N	MARTHA		1	

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STNUM	PRE	STNAME	YES	NO	COMMENTS
333	N	MARTHA		1	
336	N	MARTHA		1	
337	N	MARTHA		1	
342	N	MARTHA		1	
343	N	MARTHA		1	
346	N	MARTHA		1	
347	N	MARTHA		1	
348	N	MARTHA	1		Cost will determine yes or no.
352	N	MARTHA		1	
353	N	MARTHA		1	
358	N	MARTHA		1	
359	N	MARTHA		1	Do not want my taxes to increase.
360	N	MARTHA		1	
361	N	MARTHA		1	After talking to Mr Goldsmith on 7/28 I have decided to vote "no" for the street lights. I am unemployed with 2 kids in college and this is an expense that I can not accept at this time. Also I have lived here on this block for 45 yearw with no street lights. We don't need them now.
366	N	MARTHA		1	
369	N	MARTHA	1		Community Improvements are important but mor e info on cost is needed. As the 1st house on 300 block of Martha & Pleasant Lane, we will be assessed the largest percentage.
219	E	<b>SUBTOTAL - MARTHA PLEASANT</b>	7	52	
150	E	<b>SUBTOTAL - PLEASANT PRAIRIE</b>	0	1	
216	E	PRAIRIE		1	
332	E	PRAIRIE		1	Only interested if not a special assessment
201	N	<b>SUBTOTAL - PRAIRIE STEWART</b>	0	3	
202	N	STEWART		1	
205	N	STEWART	1		
206	N	STEWART	1		
209	N	STEWART		1	
210	N	STEWART	1		Placement of lights and the cost of lighting (approx).
213	N	STEWART	1		
214	N	STEWART	1		
217	N	STEWART	1		Walking at night would be safer if you could see where you are going.
218	N	STEWART		1	
220	N	STEWART		1	
221	N	STEWART		1	
224	N	STEWART		1	
227	N	STEWART	1		It would be great to have additional lighting on our street areas to see better and night & for safety

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STNUM	PRE	STNAME	YES	NO	COMMENTS
228	N	STEWART		1	
231	N	STEWART		1	
234	N	STEWART		1	
235	N	STEWART		1	
236	N	STEWART	1		
239	N	STEWART		1	
241	N	STEWART		1	
242	N	STEWART	1		
245	N	STEWART		1	
246	N	STEWART		1	
249	N	STEWART		1	
250	N	STEWART		1	
253	N	STEWART	1		
254	N	STEWART	1		
257	N	STEWART		1	
258	N	STEWART	1		
262	N	STEWART		1	
263	N	STEWART	1		Very dark mid-block @ night
267	N	STEWART		1	
306	N	STEWART		1	
307	N	STEWART		1	
308	N	STEWART		1	
313	N	STEWART		1	
316	N	STEWART		1	
319	N	STEWART		1	
320	N	STEWART		1	
323	N	STEWART	1		Yes I want more street lights, BUT NOT if I have to pay more the \$300 for it.
324	N	STEWART		1	
327	N	STEWART		1	
328	N	STEWART		1	
331	N	STEWART		1	
332	N	STEWART		1	
335	N	STEWART		1	
338	N	STEWART	1		
341	N	STEWART		1	I like the lighting as it is. I do not want more lighting. I oppose it at 341 N. Stewart Ave.
342	N	STEWART		1	
343	N	STEWART		1	
344	N	STEWART		1	light in bedroom windows. I pay for my own yard lights. That is preferable.
350	N	STEWART		1	
353	N	STEWART		1	

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STNUM	PRE	STNAME	YES	NO	COMMENTS
354	N	STEWART		1	
362	N	STEWART		1	
364	N	STEWART		1	
369	N	STEWART		1	
		<b>SUBTOTAL - STEWART</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>43</b>	
134	E	VIEW		1	
135	E	VIEW		1	
147	E	VIEW		1	
150	E	VIEW		1	
200	E	VIEW		1	
201	E	VIEW		1	
216	E	VIEW		1	
217	E	VIEW		1	
229	E	VIEW		1	
230	E	VIEW	1		
242	E	VIEW	1		
243	E	VIEW		1	
300	E	VIEW		1	
316	E	VIEW		1	
331	E	VIEW		1	
		<b>SUBTOTAL - VIEW</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>261</b>	



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RE: Street Light Expansion Survey

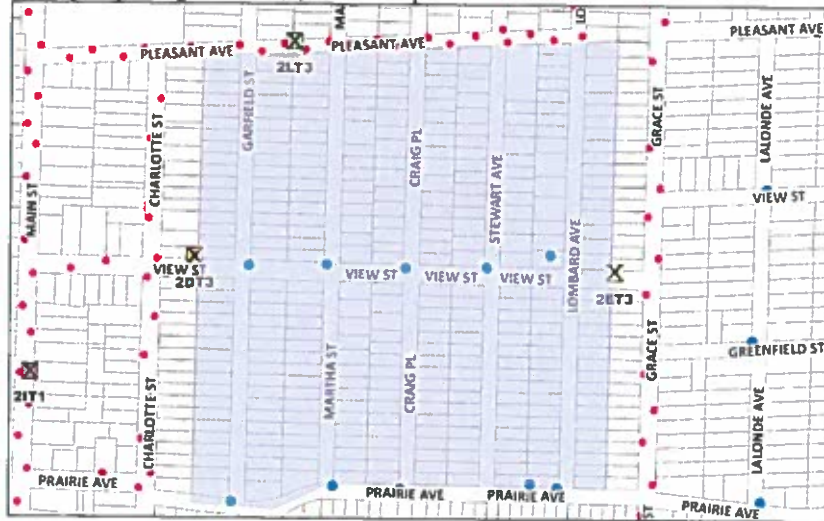
Dear Property Owner:

The Village of Lombard has received a request for an expansion to the street lighting system in your neighborhood. The Village of Lombard has a Street Lighting Policy that defines the circumstances and conditions under which the lighting system is expanded. As your area is in compliance with the minimum standard of illuminated intersections, costs associated with any expansion would be borne by the benefiting property owners. Pursuant to the Street Lighting Policy, the expansion and associated costs would be subject to a Special Assessment as defined by Illinois Statutes (50 ILCS 460).

The areas that are being considered for expansion includes the following:

- 200 & 300 blocks of Garfield Street
- 200 & 300 blocks of Martha Street
- 200 & 300 blocks of Craig Place
- 200 & 300 blocks of Stewart Avenue
- 200 & 300 blocks of Lombard Avenue

A map depicting the area(s) has been provided below.



*"Our shared Vision for Lombard is a community of excellence exemplified by its government working together with residents and businesses to create a distinctive sense of spirit and an outstanding quality of life."*

*"The Mission of the Village of Lombard is to provide superior and responsive governmental services to the people of Lombard."*

At this time, the Village is gauging the interest of the area property owners to determine whether there is interest in the expansion of the street lighting system. **Your input is extremely important.** The information provided will be utilized to determine if extending the street lighting system to the Potential Service Area would be feasible and cost effective. It is anticipated that the benefiting properties would be financially responsible for the cost of these facilities; however, this cost is unknown at this time. The costs will be determined following the determination of interested properties. Based upon the level of interest, the Village may seek to expand the lighting to a smaller area than what is being proposed.

Responses can be submitted online at <http://villageoflombard.org/streetlightingsurvey> or by filling out the form below and returning it in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Responses must be received by August 15, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact the Village of Lombard Public Works Department at 630-620-5740, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm or via email at [publicworks@villageoflombard.org](mailto:publicworks@villageoflombard.org).

Sincerely,



Carl Goldsmith  
Director of Public Works

cc: Keith Giagnorio, Village President  
Peter Breen, Trustee District #4  
Scott Niehaus, Village Manager  
Tim Sexton, Director of Finance  
David Dratnol, Village Engineer

ALL NON-RESPONSES WILL BE CONSIDERED AS "NO – NOT INTERESTED".

- 
- YES, I/we are interested in learning more about expanding the Street Light system.
  - NO, I/we are not interested in learning more about expanding the Street Light system.

Street Address: «ADDRESS»

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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