# Village of Lombard Downtown Presentation

Department of Community Development

June 4, 2009 Village Board presentation

### 3 Plan Components

- History and Background
- Strategy Plan
- Action Plan

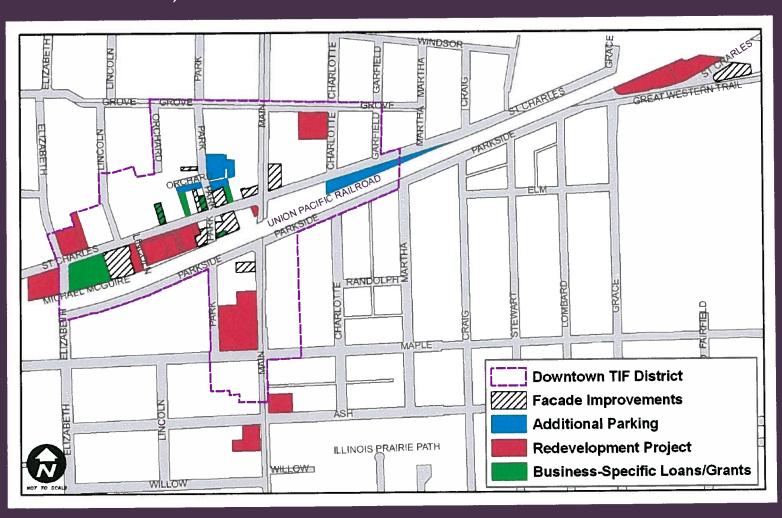
Village commitment to the downtown

#### Visible changes

- Numerous redevelopment projects
- Major capital improvements
- Public amenities
- Downtown-specific grant funding
  Not available elsewhere in Lombard

Projects immediately outside of Downtown TIF

Major Downtown Area Enhancements Since 1996



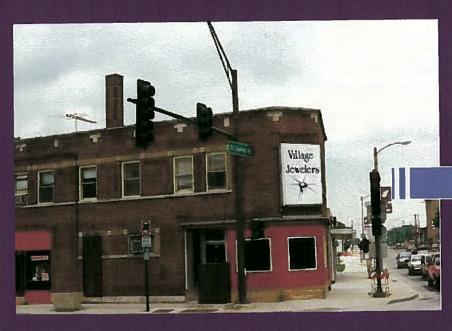




Streetscape improvements (paver sidewalks, street lights, trees, planters, seat walls, benches, trash receptacles) and 1996 façade improvements

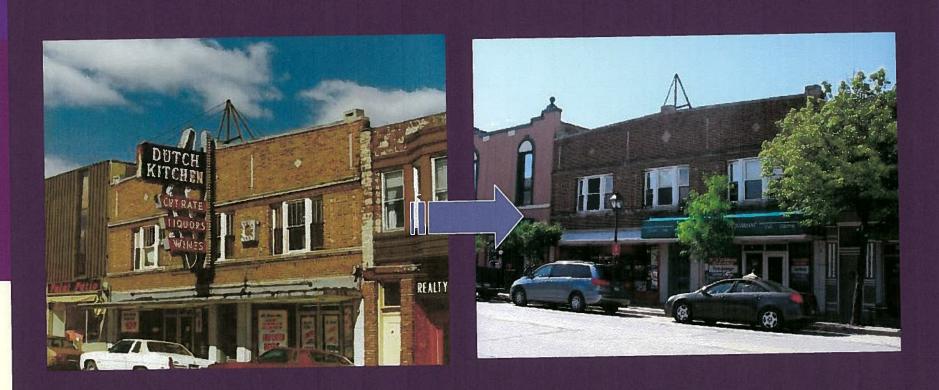


Diocese of Joliet building façade renovations, 26-28 W. St. Charles Road (1999)



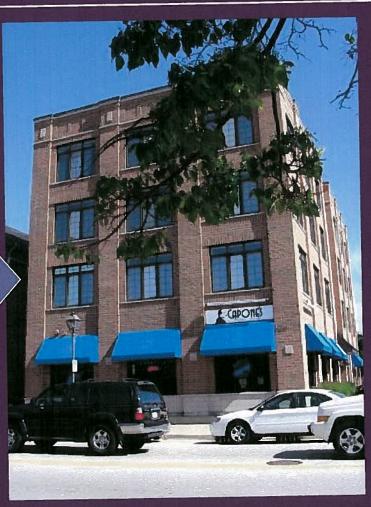


1 N. Main Street façade renovations (1997-2000)



18-20 W. St. Charles Road façade renovations (1992, 2000, 2008)

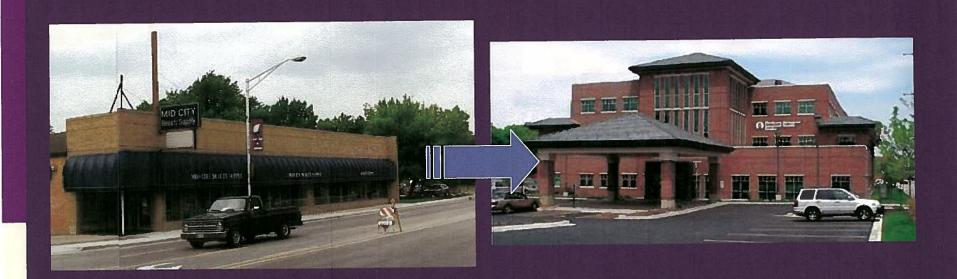




Redevelopment of Zitts's into Park West, 105 W. St. Charles Road (2002)



106-110 W. St. Charles Road façade renovations (1994, 1998, 2004)



Redevelopment of Mid City Beauty Supply and Lombard Temple Building into Elmhurst Memorial Lombard Center for Health, 130 S. Main Street (2004)

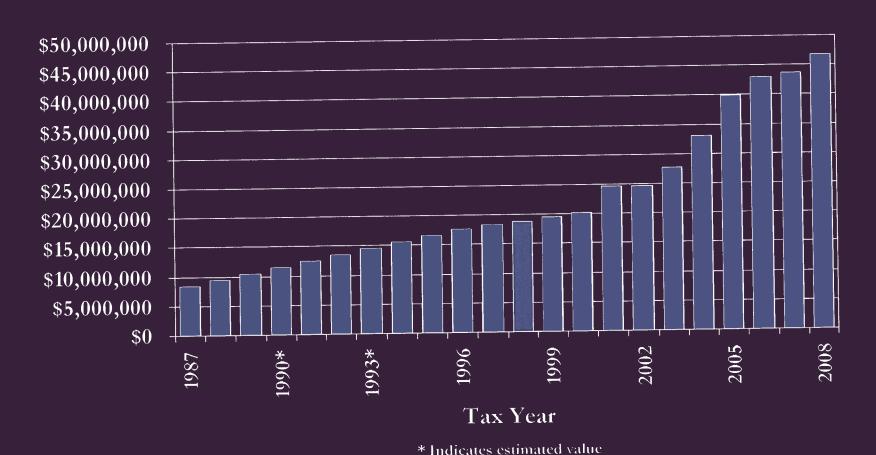


Redevelopment of Park District maintenance building, 117-125 W. St. Charles, and Zitt/Jirsa properties into Lincoln Place (2004), Parkview Pointe (2001), Park West (2002)

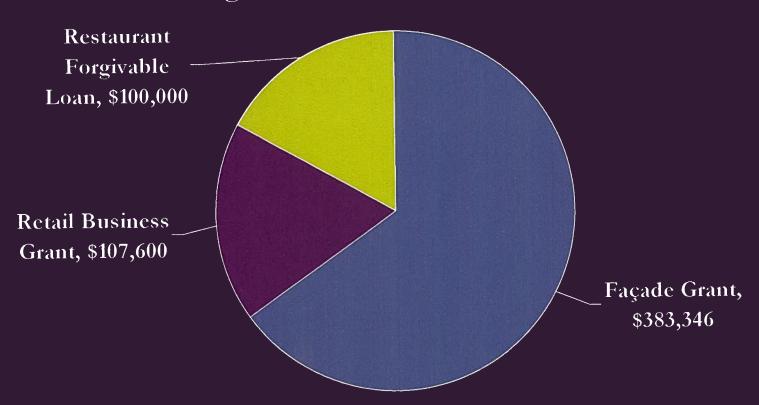
### Downtown TIF adopted 1989

- 2 time extensions
- latest extension will expire in 2023

#### Downtown TIF EAV Growth, 1987-2008



#### Village Grant/Loan Disbursements



### Strategy Plan

- Downtown Visioning
- Goals
- Mission Statement

### Strategy Plan – Downtown Visioning

- Visioning process
  - 4 public community meetings
    - Residents
    - Businesses & property owners
    - Community at-large
  - Online survey
- Over 400 participants



Attendees at the January 29, 2009 meeting for commercial properties.

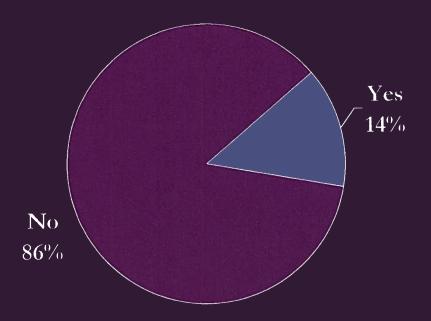
### Strategy Plan – Downtown Visioning

# Visioning results 4 common themes:

- Land Use
- Image/Appearance
- Special Events & Partnerships
- Access & Circulation

Each theme has an economic development component

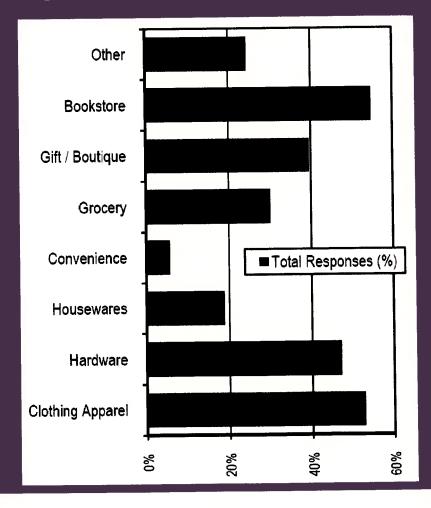
Visioning Workshop attendee response to the question "Is the current mix of uses in downtown appropriate?"



### Strategy Plan – Downtown Visioning

Detailed results

Visioning workshop attendee response to question regarding desired retail uses



## Strategy Plan – Goals

### 5 goals:

- Economic Development
- Design & Image
- Partnerships
- Compatible Development
- Access & Circulation

### Strategy Plan – Mission Statement

Mission statement as set forth in the Comprehensive Plan

"We will emphasize Downtown Lombard as the central, mixed-use, and civic activity center of the Village of Lombard."

### Action Plan - Downtown Focus

Necessary to focus the Village's efforts and set priorities

Visioning workshop respondents indicated that Downtown TIF District is "downtown"

Less than half of respondents felt that any adjacent areas are "downtown."

#### Downtown TIF District Boundaries



### Action Plan - Focus & Structure

- 2 key work products:
  - Market study
  - Property inventory
- Additional follow-up activities

### Action Plan - Focus & Structure

- Market study
  - Grant assessment
  - Marketing strategy
    - Theme
    - Grant promotion
    - Special events
  - Residential assessment
  - Identification of desirable businesses
    - Fill vacant storefronts
  - Code changes
    - Land uses
    - Signage
    - Live entertainment
    - Outdoor dining
    - Rezoning

- Property inventory
  - Target areas
    - Aesthetics
      - Continuity
      - Public art
      - Gateways
  - Business interviews
    - Business owner issues
  - Pedestrian environment
    - Union Pacific
    - Bicycle connections
  - Parking inventory

### Action Plan - Involvement

- Village committees
- External associations and organizations
- Additional public input

### Action Plan - Timeline

The market study and property inventory should be completed no later than October 2009.

The secondary actions should be undertaken subsequent to the market study and property inventory and completed no later than September 2010.

### Actions Requested

Concur with the direction set forth by staff within the report.

Authorize staff to proceed with implementation efforts, including pursuing a specialized marketing consultant to supplement the activities previously completed by the Village and Lombard Town Centre.