

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** David A. Hulseberg, AICP, Village Manager

**FROM:** William Heniff, AICP, Acting Director of Community Development

**DATE:** June 5, 2008

**SUBJECT: Center for Neighborhood Technology**

The Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) is looking for the Village's support and commitment to participate in H+T Affordability Index activities. Staff is forwarding this request to the Village Board and recommends approval of a recommendation of support.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) co-developed the Housing + Transportation (H+T) Index through the Brookings Institution's Urban Markets Initiative. This index uses data from the US Census and measures the true affordability of housing by factoring in both housing and transportation costs in a neighborhood.

The H+T Index will be applied in a concentrated review to two communities in DuPage County. Lombard has been chosen to be one of those communities due to its commitment to projects making it a walkable community.

There is no cost to participate in the study. If the Village agrees to participate in the project, the CNT will:

- Apply the H+T Index to census tracts in Lombard;
- Propose policies that could enhance and expand Lombard's H+T advantages;
- Partner with Lombard to develop and deliver a community presentation on H+T affordability and on potential enhancements to H+T advantages; and
- Help disseminate the results of the H+T Index analysis and recommendations to local and regional media and other audiences.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Village Board pass the attached resolution supporting the Village's Collaboration with the Center for Neighborhood Technology in the Housing + Transportation Affordability Index.