VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS
PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY
FOR 2001 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Please fill out this questionnaire if you are the adult (age 18 or older) in the household who most recently had his or her birthday, regardless of the year of birth.

Follow the directions that are included with each question, providing a response that best represents your opinion. Please spend the few minutes needed to answer all the questions and return the form in the enclosed postage-paid envelope by May 31, 2001. Be sure that all of your answers are given anonymously.

Your opinions count! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Dan Olson, Director of Community Development, at 847-658-7939.

I. COMMUNITY

1. What most attracted you to live in the Village of Lake in the Hills? (Please select three and prioritize, giving 3 the highest value)
   - Recreation/lakes
   - Home variety
   - Affordable housing
   - Community
   - Rural atmosphere
   - Other (Please specify) _________________

2. Do you feel there is a strong sense of community where you live?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you think the Village of Lake in the Hills lacks an identity or “sense of place”?
   - Yes
   - No

4. If yes, which of the following would create identity? (Please select three and prioritize, giving 3 the highest value)
   - Specialty shopping district/restaurants
   - Retail/service in a “downtown-like” setting
   - New municipal campus
   - Community center (multi-use facility)
   - Expansion and promotion of natural areas
   - Developed parks and recreation areas
   - Beautification/identification of boundaries
   - Annual community events
   - Community organizations
   - Other (Please specify) ________________

5. Overall, how would you rate the quality of public services provided to the Village? (Assign a value to each: (1) good; (2) fair; (3) poor; and (4) no opinion)
   - Administration
   - Fire
   - Police
   - Parks and recreation
   - Roads
   - Sewer/water

II. GROWTH

6. What is your opinion about the rate of growth in Lake in the Hills over the past five years? (Please select one)
   - Too rapid
   - Too slow
   - About right
   - No opinion

7. Do you feel there are full-time employment opportunities in or close to Lake in the Hills?
   - Yes
   - No

8. Is rural character important to you?
   - Yes
   - No
9. Should open space and environmentally sensitive lands be protected from development?
   _ Yes _ No

10. What kind of development should be promoted in the Village? (Please select three and prioritize, giving 3 the highest value)
   _ Single-family homes
   _ Multiple-family homes
   _ Retail/commercial
   _ Light industrial
   _ Office
   _ Parks/rec.
   _ Open space
   _ Other (Please specify) ______________

III. HOUSING

12. Is the cost of housing in Lake in the Hills affordable?
   _ Yes _ No

13. What type of housing do you think Lake in the Hills needs? (Please select three and prioritize, giving 3 the highest value)
   _ Affordably priced single-family ($0-$149,999)
   _ Moderately priced single-family ($150,000-$250,000)
   _ Upscale/luxury single family (more than $250,000)
   _ Townhomes/duplexes
   _ Condominiums
   _ Multiple-family apartments
   _ Senior housing
   _ None needed

14. Are you planning to move from Lake in the Hills in the next year?
   _ Yes _ No

15. If yes, why? (Select one)
   _ Going from renter to owner
   _ Going from owner to renter
   _ Need a larger house
   _ Need to downsize
   _ Job relocation
   _ Need a single-story home
   _ Other (Please specify) ______________

IV. COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

16. Where do you do most of your shopping? (Select one)
   _ Lake in the Hills _ Crystal Lake
   _ Algonquin _ West Dundee
   _ Other (Please specify) ______________

17. How would you rate the variety and quality of retail commercial, business and personal services in Lake in the Hills?
   _ Good _ Poor
   _ Fair _ No comment

18. Would you like to see more commercial development in Lake in the Hills?
   _ Yes _ No

19. If yes, where should future commercial development be concentrated? (Please select three and prioritize, giving 3 the highest value)
   _ Route 31 _ Pyott Road
   _ Route 47 _ Randall Road
   _ Algonquin Road _ Lakewood Road
   _ Miller Road _ Other (Please specify) ______________

20. What types of commercial uses would you most like to see added to those already in the Village? (Please select three and prioritize, giving 3 the highest value)
   _ Department/discount stores
   _ Specialty retail
   _ Convenience food or drug stores
Quality sit-down restaurants
Personal services (i.e., dry cleaner, hair salon)
Day care facilities
Professional services
Corporate/office
Health care facilities
Entertainment (i.e. theatre, bowling, etc.)
Other (Please specify)

V. TRAFFIC/TRANSPORTATION

21. How do members of your household travel to work?
- Automobile
- Public transportation (includes Metra)
- Walk or bicycle
- Work at home

22. What is the farthest distance members of your household travel to work
- Less than 5 miles
- 5 to 20 miles
- 21 to 40 miles
- 21 to 40 miles
- 41 to 60 miles
- Over 60 miles

23. Do you feel traffic is a problem?
- Yes
- No

24. If yes, which of the following roads should be given the highest priority for future improvements?
(Please select three and prioritize, giving 3 the highest value)
- Route 31
- Route 47
- Algonquin Road
- Lakewood Road
- Pyott Road
- Randall Road
- Miller Road
- Other (Please specify)

VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

25. How long have you lived in the Village of Lake in the Hills?
- Less than 1 year
- 1 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- More than 10 years

26. Which of the following describes the type of housing you currently live in?
- Single-family residential
- Single-family attached (townhome)
- Condominium
- Rental apartment

27. Where in the Village do you live?
- East of Randall Road
- West of Randall Road

28. How old are you?
- 18 to 21
- 22 to 30
- 31 to 44
- 45 to 59
- 50 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 and over

29. What is your annual household income?
- Less than $15,000
- $15,000 to $30,000
- $31,000 to $50,000
- $51,000 to $70,000
- $71,000 to $100,000
- Over $100,000

30. How many children under 18 years of age live in your household?
- None
- One
- Two
- Three
- Four or more

Comments: __________________________________________________________

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSES.
THEY WILL SERVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DRAFTING LAKE IN THE HILLS’ NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.
Summary Comments #1 of Community Survey, 2002 LITH Plan Update

Introduction

A 31-question community survey was sent to 1500 households in Lake in the Hills during the month of May 2001. The purpose of the survey was to identify preferences related to growth and development in Lake in the Hills, as part of the 2001 Comprehensive Plan Update. The selection of these households was at random. Five hundred and seventy-eight (578) or 39% of the 1500 surveys were returned.

Summary of Results

Demographics:

- 45% of those responding ranged in age from 31 to 44 years
- 64% have lived in Lake in the Hills for six or more years
- 32% live east of Randall Road
- 90% live in a single-family detached home
- 37% have an annual household income of $71,000 or more
- 56% have children living in the household that are under the age of 18

Why Respondents Moved to LITH:

- Affordable housing: 66%
- Rural Atmosphere: 58%
- Recreation/Lakes: 31%
- Proximity to Work: 21%
- Family and Friends: 20%
- Community: 20%
- Home Variety: 15%
- Schools: 13%
- Taxes: 13%

Opinion of Public Services:

- Fire, Police and Parks and Recreation were rated good (highest rating)
- There is a desire to improve administrative services, roads and sewer and water (rated as “fair”)

Community Identity:

- Residents continue to value rural character, open space and environmentally-sensitive resources
- Most respondents have a strong sense of community, but believe LITH lacks identity
- The top three ideas for creating identity included (in order of priority)
  - Annual community events
  - Natural area expansion and promotion
  - Parks and Recreation
These top three ideas were followed by:

- Community Center (multi-use facility)
- Retail services in a “downtown” setting
- Beautification and identification of boundaries

**Economic Development:**

- Residents want more commercial in LITH. Most (47%) shop in neighboring Crystal Lake
- Types of commercial desired included quality restaurants, discount stores and entertainment
- New commercial should be located along Randall Road, Algonquin Road and Pyott Road
- Respondents also expressed a preference for open space and parks and recreation development, noting that employment opportunities in or near LITH are needed

**Housing:**

- Most respondents believe that residential development should not be the highest planning priority in the Village, since there is a good supply of affordable and moderately-priced housing
- Where housing is proposed, it should consist of single-family, detached homes that meet markets that range from $150K to $250K and higher. This is because there is already an ample supply of affordable (less than $150K) housing in LITH
- Few expressed a preference for senior housing, townhomes, condominiums or multiple-family dwellings

**Growth and Future Development:**

- Respondents indicated that the pace of growth over the past five years was “too rapid”
- They also indicated that open space and sensitive lands should be protected
- Those responding to the survey prioritized development as follows:
  - Open Space
  - Parks and Recreation
  - Retail Commercial
  - Light Industrial
  - Office
  - Single-Family Homes
  - Multiple-Family Homes

**Traffic and Transportation:**

- 93% of the respondents drive to work. More than 20% drive more than 40 miles to work
- 90% indicated that traffic is a problem, and indicated that Algonquin Road, Illinois Route 31 and Randall Road should be improved
Summary Comments #2 of Community Survey for Residents
East of Randall Road, 2002 LITH Plan Update

Introduction

An analysis of results associated with respondents living east and west of Randall Road was carried out to
determine differences in residents’ point of few with respect to problems, needs, opportunities and
community identity. Using Randall Road as the geographic division in the community is based on the
growth patterns of the community:

- The area east of Randall Road is part of the original geographical center of Lake in the Hills; and
- Lands to the west represent the more recent subdivision activity that has occurred over the past two
decades.

Summary of Results, East of Randall Road

Demographics:

- 45% of those responding ranged in age from 31 to 44 years
- 64% have lived in Lake in the Hills for six or more years
- 32% live east of Randall Road
- 90% live in a single-family detached home
- 37% have an annual household income of $71,000 or more
- 56% have children living in the household that are under the age of 18

Why Respondents Moved to LITH:

- Affordable housing: 66%
- Rural Atmosphere: 58%
- Recreation/Lakes: 31%
- Proximity to Work: 21%
- Family and Friends: 20%
- Community: 20%
- Home Variety: 15%
- Schools: 13%
- Taxes: 13%

Opinion of Public Services:

- Fire, Police and Parks and Recreation were rated good (highest rating)
- There is a desire to improve administrative services, roads and sewer and water (rated as “fair”)

Community Identity:

- Residents continue to value rural character, open space and environmentally-sensitive resources
- Most respondents have a strong sense of community, but believe LITH lacks identity
- The top three ideas for creating identity included (in order of priority)
  — Annual community events
Natural area expansion and promotion
Parks and Recreation

- These top three ideas were followed by:
  - Community Center (multi-use facility)
  - Retail services in a “downtown” setting
  - Beautification and identification of boundaries

Economic Development:

- Residents want more commercial in LITH. Most (47%) shop in neighboring Crystal Lake
- Types of commercial desired included quality restaurants, discount stores and entertainment
- New commercial should be located along Randall Road, Algonquin Road and Pyott Road
- Respondents also expressed a preference for open space and parks and recreation development, noting that employment opportunities in or near LITH are needed

Housing:

- Most respondents believe that residential development should not be the highest planning priority in the Village, since there is a good supply of affordable and moderately-priced housing
- Where housing is proposed, it should consist of single-family, detached homes that meet markets that range from $150K to $250K and higher. This is because there is already an ample supply of affordable (less than $150K) housing in LITH
- Few expressed a preference for senior housing, townhomes, condominiums or multiple-family dwellings

Growth and Future Development:

- Respondents indicated that the pace of growth over the past five years was “too rapid”
- They also indicated that open space and sensitive lands should be protected
- Those responding to the survey prioritized development as follows:
  - Open Space
  - Parks and Recreation
  - Retail Commercial
  - Light Industrial
  - Office
  - Single-Family Homes
  - Multiple-Family Homes

Traffic and Transportation:

- 93% of the respondents drive to work. More than 20% drive more than 40 miles to work
- 90% indicated that traffic is a problem, and indicated that Algonquin Road, Illinois Route 31 and Randall Road should be improved
Summary Comments #3 of Community Survey for Residents West of Randall Road, 2002 LITH Plan Update

Introduction

A 31-question community survey was sent to 1500 households in Lake in the Hills during the month of May 2001. The purpose of the survey was to identify preferences related to growth and development in Lake in the Hills, as part of the 2001 Comprehensive Plan Update. The selection of these households was at random. Five hundred and seventy-eight (578) or 39% of the 1500 surveys were returned, of those 66% live West of Randall road.

Summary of Results

Demographics:

- 61% of those responding ranged in age from 31 to 44 years
- 31% have lived in Lake in the Hills for six or more years
- 66% live east of Randall Road
- 87% live in a single-family detached home
- 59% have an annual household income of $71,000 or more
- 62% have children living in the household that are under the age of 18

Why Respondents Moved to LITH:

- Affordable housing: 69%
- Rural Atmosphere: 51%
- Recreation/Lakes: 30%
- Proximity to Work: 20%
- Family and Friends: 25%
- Community: 22%
- Home Variety: 18%
- Schools: 11%
- Taxes: 5%

Opinion of Public Services:

- Fire, Police and Parks and Recreation were rated good (highest rating)
- There is a desire to improve administrative services, roads and sewer and water (rated as “fair”)

Community Identity:

- Residents continue to value rural character, open space and environmentally-sensitive resources
- Most respondents have a strong sense of community, but believe LITH lacks identity
- The top three ideas for creating identity included (in order of priority)
  - Retail services in a “downtown” setting
  - Specialty Shopping district/restaurants
  - Annual community events
These top three ideas were followed by:

- Beautification and identification of boundaries
- New municipal campus
- Community organizations

**Economic Development:**

- Residents want more commercial in LITH. Most (53%) shop in neighboring Crystal Lake
- Types of commercial desired included quality restaurants, discount stores and specialty retail
- New commercial should be located along Randall Road, Algonquin Road and Illinois Route 47
- Respondents also expressed a preference for retail/commercial and open space development, noting that employment opportunities in or near LITH are needed

**Housing:**

- Most respondents believe that residential development should not be the highest planning priority in the Village, since there is a good supply of affordable and moderately-priced housing
- Where housing is proposed, it should consist of single-family, detached homes that meet markets that range from $150K to $250K and higher. This is because there is already an ample supply of affordable (less than $150K) housing in LITH
- Few expressed a preference for senior housing, townhomes, condominiums or multiple-family dwellings

**Growth and Future Development:**

- Respondents indicated that the pace of growth over the past five years was “too rapid”
- They also indicated that open space and sensitive lands should be protected
- Those responding to the survey prioritized development as follows:
  - Retail Commercial
  - Open Space
  - Parks and Recreation
  - Single-Family Homes
  - Light Industrial
  - Multiple-Family Homes
  - Office

**Traffic and Transportation:**

- 93% of the respondents drive to work. More than 22% drive more than 40 miles to work
- 90% indicated that traffic is a problem, and indicated that Algonquin Road, Randall Road, and Illinois Route 31 should be improved
Summary of Community Survey Responses
2001 Comprehensive Plan Update, Lake in the Hills

I. Community

1. What most attracted you to live in the Village of Lake in the Hills?

70% of the respondents came to Lake in the Hills because of its affordable housing

53% of the respondents were attracted to Lake in the Hills by its rural atmosphere

24% of those surveyed indicated that the schools were an attraction
Summary of Survey Results

I. Community, Continued

2. Do you feel there is a strong sense of community where you live?

- Yes (55%)
- No (42%)
- No Response (3%)

3. Do you think the Village of Lake in the Hills lacks an identity or sense of place?

- Yes 64%
- No 34%
- No Response 2%
Summary of Survey Results

I. Community, Continued

4 If yes, which would create identity?

35% of the respondents indicated retail/service in a "downtown"-like setting would create identity.

33% said specialty shopping districts and restaurants would create identity.

29% chose developed parks and recreation areas as their preference for identity building.
Summary of Survey Results

I. Community, Continued

5 Overall, how would you rate the quality of public services provided by the Village?

**Administration**

- **Good**: 28.40%
- **Fair**: 35.60%
- **Poor**: 12.10%
- **No opinion**: 23.40%

**Fire**

- **Good**: 63.10%
- **Fair**: 10.00%
- **Poor**: 0.90%
- **No opinion**: 25.40%

**Police**

- **Good**: 70.90%
- **Fair**: 15.60%
- **Poor**: 3.30%
- **No opinion**: 9.70%
Summary of Survey Results

I. Community, Continued

### Parks and Recreation

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II. Growth

6. What is your opinion about the rate of growth in Lake in the Hills over the past five years?

![Rate of Growth Chart]

- No opinion: 5.70%
- Too slow: 0.50%
- About right: 13.00%

7. Do you feel there are full-time employment opportunities in or close to Lake in the Hills?

![Employment Opportunities Chart]

- Yes: 37.40%
- No: 58.80%
- No response: 3.80%

8. Is rural character important to you?

![Importance of Rural Character Chart]

- No response: 1.20%
- No: 18.20%
- Yes: 80.60%
Summary of Survey Results

II. Growth, Continued

9 Should open space and environmentally sensitive lands be protected from development?

![Protect Open Space and Sensitive Lands](chart)

- Yes: 95.90%
- No: 3.60%

10 What kind of development should be promoted in the Village?

- 62% of those responding to the survey said open space should be promoted

![Promote Open Space](chart)

- High Priority: 27.20%
- Medium Priority: 20.90%
- Low Priority: 14.20%

- 61% indicated their preference for promoting parks and recreation

![Promote Parks and Recreation](chart)

- High Priority: 15.20%
- Medium Priority: 14.20%
- Low Priority: 14.20%
Summary of Survey Results

II. Growth, Continued

10 What kind of development should be promoted in the Village?

Retail Commercial

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11 How do you think the tax burden on the property owner should be reduced?

Reducing the Tax Burden

- Add Retail: 46.4%
- Add Office: 19.6%
- Add Light Mfg.: 6.9%
- No Need to Reduce: 6.2%
- Other: 0%

III. Housing

12 Is the cost of housing in Lake in the Hills affordable?

Affordable Housing

- Yes (89.30%)
- No (6.90%)
- No Response (3.80%)
Summary of Survey Results

III. Housing, Continued

13 What type of housing do you think Lake in the Hills needs?

63.3% of respondents stated that LITH needs more moderately priced homes

48.1% of respondents stated that LITH needs more upscale priced homes

38.1% of respondents stated that LITH needs no more residential
III. Housing, Continued

14 Are you planning to move from Lake in the Hills in the next year?

![Bar Chart: Residents Planning to Move Next Year]

- Yes (13.0%)
- No (86.0%)
- No Response (1.0%)

15 If yes, then why?

![Bar Chart: Why Planning to Move]

- Need Larger Home: 2.8%
- Need to Downsize: 1.2%
- Job Relocation: 1.9%
- Other: 6.9%
- Not Applicable: 0.9%

IV. Commercial Development

16 Where do you do most of your shopping?

![Bar Chart: Where Residents Shop]

- Crystal Lake: 51.20%
- Lake in the Hills: 17.80%
- Algonquin: 12.30%
- West Dundee: 8.50%
- Other: 9.70%
Summary of Survey Results

IV. Commercial Development, Continued

17 How would you rate the variety and quality of retail commercial, business, and personal services in Lake in the Hills?

Variety and Quality of Goods and Services

- Good (18.9%)
- Fair (45.0%)
- Poor (32.9%)
- No Comment (2.4%)

18 Would you like to see more commercial development in Lake in the Hills?

Should There Be More Commercial Development in LITH?

- Yes (66.4%)
- No (29.6%)
- No Response (4.0%)

19 If yes, where should future development be concentrated?

54.3% of the respondents chose Randall Road:

Randall Road

- High Priority: 34.9%
- Medium Priority: 11.6%
- Low Priority: 7.8%
Summary of Survey Results

IV. Commercial Development, Continued

19 If yes, where should future development be concentrated (continued)?

37.4% of the respondents selected Algonquin Road

29.8% of those responding to this question selected Pyott Road

29.6% of those residents responding to this question chose Illinois Route 47
IV. Commercial Development, Continued

20 What types of commercial uses would you like to see added to those already in the Village?

73% of those responding indicated quality sit-down restaurants should be added.

55% indicated their preference for adding discount stores.

35% percent selected special retail and entertainment as uses that should be added.
Summary of Survey Results

V. Traffic and Transportation

21 How do members of your household travel to work?

- 92.7% Automobile
- 2.9% Public Trans.
- 0.7% Walk or Bicycle
- 1.7% Work at Home
- 1.9% No Response

22 What is the farthest distance members of your household travel to work?

- Less than 5 miles: 49.5%
- 5 to 20 miles: 22.3%
- 21 to 40 miles: 16.4%
- 41 to 60 miles: 4.2%
- More than 60 miles: 4.8%
- No Response: 2.8%

23 Do you feel traffic is a problem?

- Yes: 90.0%
- No: 7.4%
- No Response: 2.6%
Summary of Survey Results

V. Traffic and Transportation, Continued

24 If yes, then which of the following roads should be given the highest priority for future improvements?

89% of the respondents selected Algonquin Road as their highest priority for improvements.

![Algonquin Road Chart]

54% selected Randall Road as their highest priority for roadway improvements.

![Randall Road Chart]

44% chose Illinois Route 31 as their highest priority.

![Illinois Route 31 Chart]
Summary of Survey Results

VI. Demographic Data

25 How long have you lived in Lake in the Hills?

![Length of Residence in Years](chart)

26 Which of the following describes the type of housing you currently live in?

![Type of Residence Lived in](chart)

27 Where in the Village do you live?

![Where Respondents Live](chart)
Summary of Survey Results

VI. Demographic Data, Continued

28 How old are you?

![Age Distribution Chart]

29 What is your annual household income?

![Income Distribution Chart]

30 How many children under 18 years of age live in your household?

![Children Distribution Chart]