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TO: Community Relations Committee

THROUGH: Stephanie Calvillo, Communications Coordinator

FROM: Carl Goldsmith, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Village of Lombard Public Improvement Projects

On an annual basis, as part of the Village’s annual budget, the Village Board approves a ten-year Capital Improvement Plan. A Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a financial planning, budgeting, and management tool that tracks, prioritizes and schedules improvements to public facilities, improvements to Village assets and infrastructure and identifies equipment replacement and repairs. The CIP is a living document that must be reviewed at least annually to ensure that it is compliant with Village priorities and needs. Roadways, sidewalks, buildings, and equipment should be replaced or rehabilitated as needed to continue to provide for the safety and well-being of the public and Village employees.

The CIP is developed and presented to the Public Works and Environmental Concerns Committee, who by Village Code is entrusted with the following: “the Public Works and Environmental Concerns Committee considers and makes recommendations to the Corporate Authorities regarding Public Works standards and ordinances, and matters concerning health, and environmental quality concerns in the Village; plus street lighting, drainage, sewers, streets and sidewalks, forestry, subdivisions flood control and water meters issues”. The maintenance and replacement of these assets define the needs of the CIP. The FY 2026-2035 CIP is proposed at \$200,720,659.

Included in the 2026 CIP are several beautification projects that will be constructed in the public right-of-way or on publicly owned property. Village staff is seeking input from the Community Relations Committee on the design of these improvements.

Each project is summarized below.

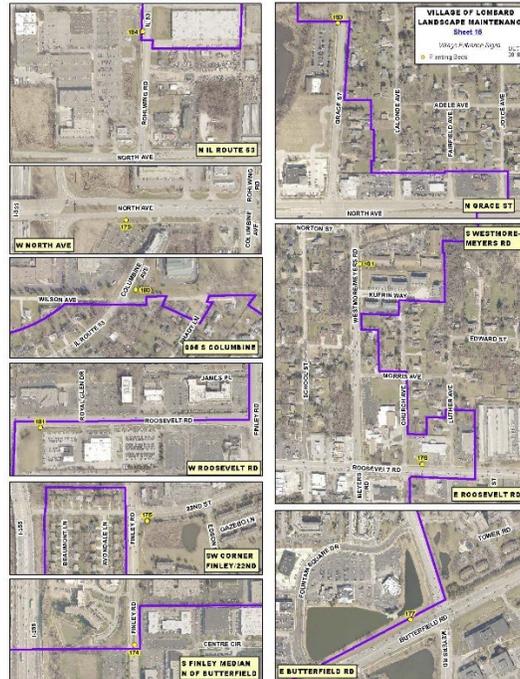
Lombard Gateway Project

The Village has included \$300,000 in the 2026 CIP to replace the entry signage at the entrance to Lombard. The Village has 10 locations at key locations in town that serve as the entry points to Lombard. The current signage lacks proper lighting and landscaping and do not serve as a “welcoming” entry to the community. The locations are identified on the attached map.

The intent of the project is to upgrade the signage to better reflect the style and values of the community. The design will seek to match the



aesthetics incorporated into recent projects in the downtown. It is anticipated that the Village will retain a design engineering firm to develop several concepts that will be shared with the Committee and the Committee’s feedback will be incorporated into the final design. The current signage does not create a welcoming entryway to Lombard. It is anticipated that lighting and additional landscaping would be incorporated into the design of the signage. Once a design is recommended, the Public Works Department will manage the construction of the project.



Public Art – Mural

This is a project that was discussed with the Committee in 2024. As part of the Village’s effort to create a “sense of place” and improve the aesthetics of the public spaces, the Village proposes to have mural painted on the concrete wall on the Union Pacific right-of-way along Crescent Boulevard. The 2026 CIP contains \$50,000 for this work to be performed.

With regard to the design and content of the mural, the Village has identified a source that will match the Village with artists that are capable of developing concepts for the Village’s project. Muros (muros.com) is a collective of artists that specialize in murals. Village staff will work with Muros to identify potential artists and bring the information forward to the Committee for discussion. Design ideas would be shared, and the artist(s) would present several renderings to the Village for additional dialogue and fine tuning.

The location of the mural will be on the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way along Crescent Boulevard, as identified below. The East Branch DuPage River Trail, which is in preliminary engineering phase, will cross Hill Avenue in the general vicinity of the project location. The beautification of this area will serve to highlight Lombard.

Image #1



Aerial view of Crescent Boulevard, west of I-355 (wall location highlighted)

Image #2



Crescent Road looking southeast

Examples of the type of mural anticipated can be found below:



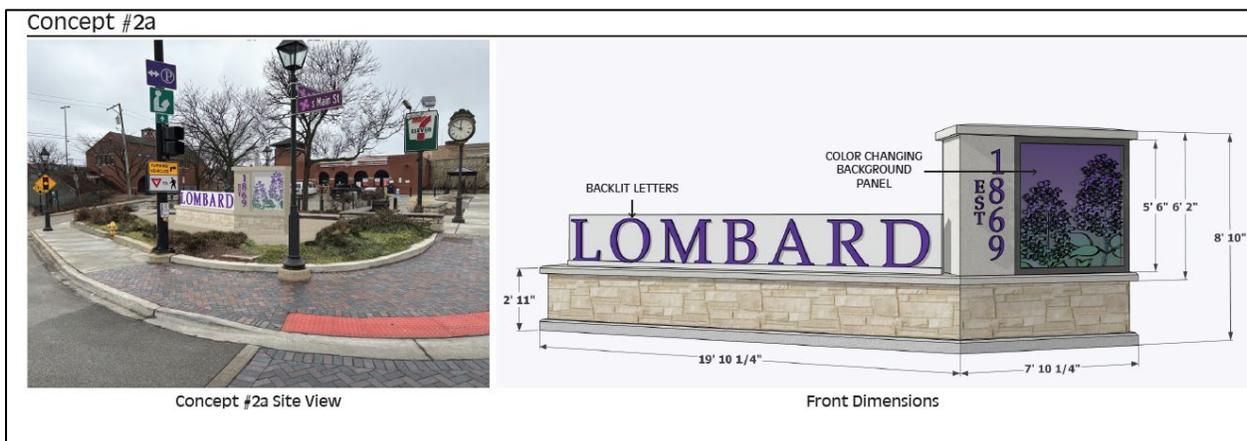


Downtown Gateway Project

Over the past few years, the Village has constructed improved sidewalks and streetscape elements on the central business district. This included the pedestrianization of South Park Avenue which created a sense of place and created a more pedestrian friendly corridor that now has expanded uses. The last remaining area that the Village has not upgraded is the Volunteer Plaza, which is located on the southwest corner of St. Charles Road and N. Main Street.

This project is being designed to be done in conjunction with improvements to the southeast corner at the ARCO gas station. The Community Development Department has been working with the property owner on plans for improvements on private property that will be funded through various Village grant programs. The Village has retained Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd. (CBBEL) to develop the design concepts and plans for the improvement on the public property, as well as the private property improvements.

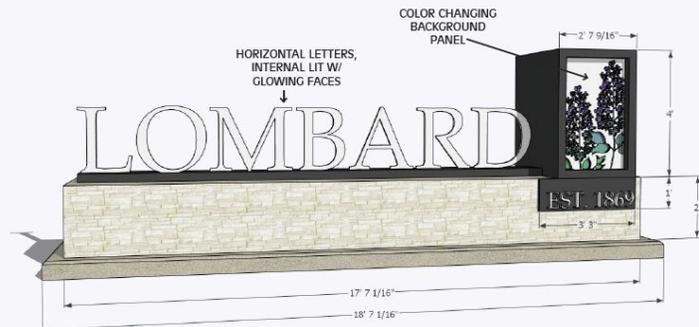
CBBEL has developed two concepts for public improvements. These concepts can be found below. The concepts will require additional refinement as we move forward with the preferred alternative.



Concept #5a



Concept #5a Site View



Front Dimensions

Staff is seeking direction from the Committee about which concept is preferred. The Committee's feedback will be shared with CBBEL who will further refine the concept in anticipation of finalizing the plans and specifications. Once the plans are complete for the project, Public Works will manage the construction of the improvements.

Staff is excited to discuss these projects with the Committee at the March 9, 2026 meeting.