



## DRAFT Memorandum

**To:** Steering Committee: DuPage County Route 83 Land Corridor Use Plan  
**From:** Consultant Team: DuPage County Route 83 Corridor Land Use Plan  
**Date:** January 15, 2019  
**RE:** **Statement of Shared Goals - DRAFT**

Having conducted the existing conditions analysis and initial engagement elements of the DuPage County / Route 83 Corridor Land Use Plan, several fundamental topics and desired outcomes for the plan have emerged. This memorandum summarizes those as a preliminary set of goals for the plan. These principles will be reviewed and refined as public engagement aspects of the plan continue and will be used to consider strategies for the corridor as they are developed and finalized. The goals established for the corridor are supplemented by supporting objectives and actions to be considered. At the next Steering Committee meeting, the group will be asked to review and refine the draft goals, objectives and actions. Each of these items will continue to be refined as the public engagement tasks continue and the plan is developed.

### Goals

Goals are future oriented and aspirational vision statements. They may not be fully achievable to everyone's definition, but they convey a future the County and corridor communities will strive for as relates to their individual and group connection to Route 83:

In implementing the DuPage County Route 83 Corridor Land Use Plan, it is envisioned that the corridor can present opportunities for DuPage County and the Corridor Communities to.....

- Add to **sense of place** and community for those living and working along the corridor, keeping it clear of unsightly conditions and attracting wanted development.
- Benefit from the **economic development** opportunities available due to the corridor's traffic volumes, visibility, and connectivity to O'Hare Airport and the region.
- Create a **safe travel environment** for those moving along, across, and near Route 83 in a vehicle, on a bicycle, or as pedestrians.
- Define active and attractive **gateways** for each of the communities, whether formally designated or highlighted by quality development.
- Maintain **coordination and communication** between government agencies serving the area.
- Protect and enhance **environmental resources** as public amenities and as part of the area's stormwater management system.
- Support a desirable **residential quality of life** for those living nearby.

## Objectives and Principles for Action

**Objectives** are tactics to support implementation of the goals. They suggest general actions to be taken and serve as benchmarks to evaluate success of those activities (shown as solid bullet points). **Principles for action** are programs and policies to implement each objective (shown as indented bullet points).

NOTE: These actions will evolve and expand as the plan is drafted.

- Address **code enforcement** challenges inherent in properties being located along major transportation corridors and unincorporated properties.
  - Continue to build on coordination efforts between DuPage County and communities regarding property maintenance.
  - Apply annexation as a tool for communities to address property maintenance challenges under local codes.
- Build on the **transportation / market relationship** of the corridor as an economic development driver and provide benefits (tax base, jobs, services for residents and business) to communities and the County.
  - Promote access to new Thorndale corridor (I-390) and future western access to O'Hare in local economic development efforts.
  - Enhance multimodal access to high employment centers such as O'Hare cargo area, industrial parks, and community downtowns.
  - Consider financing (TIF, SSA) tools to provide infrastructure and services needed as areas are incorporated.
- Secure **future development** in keeping with market realities and supportive of community goals.
  - Anticipate and accommodate further development focused on logistics and distribution functions on properties appropriate for such development.
  - Encourage private assembly to consolidate small difficult to build on parcels.
  - Address flood plain and flooding issues by working with multiple properties to meet stormwater management needs and accommodate development / redevelopment.
  - Apply development tools (i.e. zoning and subdivision ordinances) in a manner that is flexible in order to support desired development formats on challenging sites.
- Enhance **mobility and accessibility** in the study area to provide safe and efficient multimodal travel options connecting homes, jobs, and local destinations.
  - Complete local bicycle / pedestrian connections to and between communities and regional trails. NOTE: List of suggestions to be incorporated into final plan.
  - Work with IDOT to consider options for mitigating impacts on residents from Route 83 access at Irving Park. NOTE: List of suggestions to be incorporated into final plan.
  - Work with Pace on future ART planning efforts.
  - Establish design guidelines addressing access, intersections, driveways, and transit stops to foster multimodal options.
  - Use technology improvements to better manage traffic flow and circulation, such as TSP, coordinated signals, and real-time information.
  - Jointly pursue planning for and grants to implement east / west vehicular and pedestrian travel across the corridor.
  - Consider development options that serve the needs of truck users and companies.

- Manage **impacts of Route 83** traffic on neighboring properties and communities
  - Work with IDOT to mitigate impacts of living and working near the corridor, applying tools like sound walls and signage that alerts drivers of upcoming traffic control signals.
- Create clearly **defined municipal boundaries** to support efficient provision of public services.
  - Review and update annexation agreements with adjacent communities.
  - Annex unincorporated areas to best manage community appearance and growth management.
- Continue to pursue **common objectives** and maintain shared expectations regarding issues facing the corridor
  - Consider findings and recommendations of the Route 83 Corridor Plan when amending local plans and development codes, or when considering development proposals.
  - Maintain the Route 83 Steering Committee structure as a mechanism for semiannual meetings between the County and the communities to review plan implementation and other common issues. This structure can also be used for ongoing coordination with other agencies like IDOT, Pace, DuPage County Forest Preserve District, Fenton HS, and others.
- Project a **positive image** and character for each of the corridor communities and DuPage County.
  - Include Route 83 access points into community-wide planning for gateways, wayfinding, and streetscape.
  - Identify and take advantage of the Salt Creek and Forest Preserve as environmental assets whenever and where ever possible.
  - Apply development standards for character of developments in the study area (landscaping, signage, aesthetics, etc.) to reflect established community criteria.