

Village of Hales Corners

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VILLAGE BOARD - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

July 14, 2025 (Monday) - 6:45 PM

Meeting Notice/Agenda

AMENDED: 3.11 – Sunday, July 13, 2025 12:00 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the Village Board will meet as a Committee of the Whole (COW), at the above date and time, at the James R. Ryan Municipal Building (5635 S. New Berlin Road).

Pursuant to Resolution 20-61, members of the Committee of the Whole may attend this meeting in an electronic platform. The meeting electronic platform link is: <https://meet.goto.com/984742341> or you may dial in at [+1 \(571\) 317-3122](tel:+15713173122) access code: 984-742-341. Requests to access the meeting must be 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

AGENDA

1.0 ROLL CALL

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT – Comments from the public are limited to three (3) minutes.

3.0 AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 Minutes June 2, 2025

3.2 Health Dept Update

3.3 IT Dept Update

3.4 Other Post-Employment Benefits

3.5 Certified Local Government (CLG) Partnership Program – Historical Preservation

3.6 Renewal 2025 License

3.7 Sale of Fire Engine & Hurst generator and related tools

3.8 Budget Amendment Policy

3.9 Whitnall Rotary Grant Discussion

3.10 Village Administrator Annual Evaluation

The Committee of the Whole may enter closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c), for consideration of the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for the annual evaluation of the Village Administrator over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and to re-enter open session at the same place thereafter to act on such matters as discussed therein as it deems appropriate.

3.11 Pedestrian Pathways funding options

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

Sandra M. Kulik, Village Administrator
July 13, 2025

NOTE: Issues that require public input or for which citizens are present will receive priority on the agenda. Hearing or speech impaired persons who require special services should notify the Village staff in advance of the meeting.

<u>#</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
3.1	Minutes – as presented.
3.2	Health Dept. Update – K. Davidson to report.
3.3	IT Dept Update – D. Novy to report.
3.4	OPEB – S. Kulik to present.
3.5	CLG – S. Kulik to present.
3.6	Renewal 2025 Licenses – info in packet.
3.7	Sale of Fire Engine – S. Kulik to present.
3.8	Budget Amendment Policy – S. Kulik to present.
3.9	Whitnall Rotary Grant discussion – carry over from June 23, 2025
3.10	Village Admin Eval – Committee may convene in closed session on this item.
<u>3.11</u>	<u><i>Pedestrian Pathway – M. Eternicka to present.</i></u>

Sandy Kulik (07.13.25)

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Matt Eternicka.

- 1.0 Roll Call** – Present: Chair M. Eternicka. Trustees: M. Bennett, T. Brinkmeier, J. Chesney, S. Riemer, I. Thomson and Pres. D. Besson. Staff: Village Administrator S. Kulik. Audience (0).
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT** – none.
- 3.0 AGENDA ITEMS**
 - 3.1 Minutes May 5, 2025** – no changes, placed on file.
 - 3.2 Renewal 2025 Licenses** – S. Kulik reported. **Motion** (Besson, Thomson) to forward to the Village Board for approval; motion passes unanimously.
 - 3.3 Fire Dept. Paving update** – S. Kulik reported on memo included in packet. **Motion** (Chesney, Thomson) to forward to the Village Board for approval; motion passes unanimously.
 - 3.4 Safety Action Plan - 108th Street (HWY 100) & Forest Home Ave (STH 24)** – deferred to June 9, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting for DPW Project Manager to discuss recommendation. **No other action.**
 - 3.5 Accounting & Licensing Clerk search update** – S. Kulik reported that interviews for the position had not been productive. She reported that a temp to hire firm had contacted her and that they had sent two candidates for interviews. One of those candidates was felt to be a good fit and we can use them to fill the position and if successful, they would become an employee. Anticipation is a minimum of 6 months on the temp to hire and the rate they charge is near the rate of an employee with the benefits. No action required.
- 4.0 ADJOURN** – **Motion** (Besson, Chesney) to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.; motion passes unanimously.

Submitted,

Sandra M. Kulik, Administrator

Memo

To: Village Board
From: Sandy Kulik, Village Administrator
Date: June 20, 2025
Re: Agenda Item : 3.4 OPEB

A review of the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), essentially retiree health insurance should be reviewed to address plan selections upon retirement.

The applicable provision of the Employee Handbook –Section T – is posted below.

1. HEALTH INSURANCE AFTER RETIREMENT

All regularly appointed full-time Village employees, who began employment with the Village prior to July 31, 2016 and who are not included in a collective bargaining unit shall be eligible to participate in the Village's health insurance program upon retirement. *Eligibility shall commence upon retirement from regular full-time Village employment if the employee retires under the normal retirement guidelines of the Wisconsin Retirement System and if the employee has 20 or more years of service in the Village.*

Participation in this program shall be as follows:

1. The Village will pay the entire premium for single plan coverage until the employee reaches age 65.
2. *The retired employee will pay 50% of the family plan premium in effect on the last day of Village employment* (the Village will pay 50%). The retired employee must pay 25% of all premium increases occurring after the last date of Village employment (the Village will pay 75%).

The issue is the active employee options include 4 coverage plan levels – single, member / spouse, member / dependent(s) and family while the retiree provisions under are either single or family.

The likelihood is that at the time this was developed initially, only 2 coverage levels were available. The result of only two options, is that the cost of premiums for anything other than single is currently \$2,722 and the expense to the Village is \$1,361 (50% of the premium) monthly or \$16,330 annually. If the options for either of the member plans was allowed, the costs to the Village, using the same 50% cost share methodology, would be \$935.56 or \$807.97 or reductions in expenses for the Village of \$5,103 to \$6,634 annually per participating employee.

This issue only affects eligible employees hired before 2016 in the non-represented employees group. A change to this benefit for non-represented employees would affect 7 employees. Of the 7 employees, 2 have single coverage plans and 5 have various current plan coverage levels.

If the Village Board concurs that it is fiscally prudent to modify the OPEB options to be 50% of any non-single plan coverage level selected, the section of the handbook (Article T 1.(2)) would need to be modified to:

*The retired employee will pay 50% of ~~the family~~ **any other** plan **selection (family, member / dependent, member / spouse)** premium in effect on the last day of Village employment (the Village will pay 50%). The retired employee must pay 25% of all premium increases occurring after the last date of Village employment (the Village will pay 75%).*

Memo

To: Village Board

From: Sandy Kulik, Village Administrator

Date: June 20, 2025

Re: Agenda Item : 3.5 CLG Partnership

The Village has not had a Historical Preservation Commission meeting since June 2021. In the 25 years presented since formation, the Commission was non-compliant with the quarterly meeting requirement 80% of the time.

Resolution 03-70, passed in October, 2003 was the initial period were compliance with the quarterly meetings, which should have begun in 2004. The 2004, 2005 and 2010 years were the only compliant years after adoption of the resolution (13% compliance over 23 years). Currently, there are not enough members to even call a quorum.

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	COMPLIANT
2000			X		X		X	X		X	X	X	X
2001	X		X	X				X	X	X	X		
2002	X	X	X	X	X								
2003	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X
2004	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
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The option to retain CLG status is to begin quarterly meetings, which requires us to recruit a 2 more members and we need to amend our ordinances to reflect that only the Historic Preservation Commission can grant a "certificate of appropriateness" (COA) when the only structures we have on their list is the Stahl-Conrad Homestead and the Ben Hunt Cabin. The only advantage to retaining the CLG designation is the potential for no match grants for survey updates on the two properties we have or planning services to see if we can find more that would qualify for the National Register nominations. In 2002, a year prior to the CLG designation, the Village received a grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to conduct the survey of properties so even this funding was not from the CLG.

The other option would be to dissolve it under the provisions of Chapter 11 of the CLG Program manual (see below) The Village Board could issue the COA documents. Below is the section of their manual on the process. As this was formed by Resolution, it is recommended that if the Village chooses to decertify, that this should also be done by resolution.

Decertification

Certification of a local government under Wisconsin's CLG program will remain in effect until the local government is officially decertified by the National Park Service (NPS) on the recommendation of the Wisconsin SHPO.

Voluntary Decertification

A Certified Local Government may petition the SHPO to be decertified voluntarily. A formal request for decertification must be submitted in writing and must include:

1. a formal request for decertification signed by the government's chief elected official,
2. documentation (e.g. meeting minutes) of the decision to request decertification, and
3. copies of memos notifying the Chair of the HPC and the director of the CLG's planning department of the decision to request decertification.

Within 30 days, the SHPO will submit to the NPS a recommendation for decertification of the local government, and notify local government officials when the decertification is finalized.

The Village Board is asked to provide direction to staff as to whether the Village wishes to retain this designation. If it chooses to, the first priority is getting 4 members and meeting routinely as required. If the choice is not to continue, a resolution decertifying and changes to the Ordinance that created the Commission is also recommended. The change to remove the HPC can coincide with the elimination of the environmental committee as well. That body has not meet since 2019.

Sandra Kulik

From: Tish, Jason L - WHS <jason.tish@wisconsinhistory.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 10:23 AM
To: Sandra Kulik
Subject: CLG Partnership
Attachments: Hales Corners Application.pdf; CLG Manual, WI - 2025 - 06.pdf; Hales Corners - CLG Agreement.pdf

Hello Sandra-

I'm contacting you about the formal partnership the Village of Hales Corners has with my office under the Certified Local Government (CLG) partnership program.

Every four years, I review our 79 CLG partner communities to make sure they are keeping up with their responsibilities and that the program is still a benefit for them.

Hales Corners applied to be a CLG partner in 2003 and was certified in November of that year. James Ryan was the Village President at the time, and my office would have reviewed your historic preservation ordinance (Section 8-2-8(c) of your Zoning code at that time) to make sure it met the requirements of the program. I've attached the application, and the CLG Agreement that the Village entered into at the time.

CLG partners are required to have an active Historic Preservation Commission who meet at least quarterly, submit minutes of that Commission to me, and submit an Annual Report of Commission activities using an [online form](#). I did get an Annual Report for 2023 but not for 2024, and I haven't received any meeting minutes since I started this position in 2020.

Since becoming a CLG Partner, the Village has amended the local Historic Preservation code (now at Art. II Sec. 445-2.8 B) in a way that does not meet the requirements of the CLG program - it now gives the Village Board the authority to issue Certificates of Appropriateness for alterations to historic properties rather than the Historic Preservation Commission. The CLG program requires that authorization rest with the Historic Preservation Commission.

In 2002, the Village received a grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to conduct a survey of historic properties in the Village. CLGs have access to no-match grants from my office for planning projects focused on local historic properties, including survey updates and National Register nominations. These grants are available only to CLG partners - it is the main benefit of the CLG program.

Since Hales Corners has not been keeping up with submitting minutes and Annual Reports, and since your code no longer meets the requirements for the CLG program, you have technically entered the decertification protocol outlined on p. 11-13 of the CLG Program Manual (also attached).

If the Village wants to retain your CLG certification, please let me know and I will be happy to work with you to meet the requirements:

- Submit meeting minutes to me

- Submit a CLG Annual Report for 2024 and/or 2025 (in Jan. of 2026)
- Amend your ordinance to give the Historic Preservation Commission the authority to issue Certificates of Appropriateness

The Village will need to do these things in the next year in order to avoid decertification for non-compliance.

The CLG program is voluntary. If the Village does not see further benefits from being in the program, you can use the voluntary decertification process on p. 11 of the Program Manual to request voluntary decertification.

-Jason

JASON TISH

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT COORDINATOR

PRESERVATION EDUCATION COORDINATOR

State Historic Preservation Office

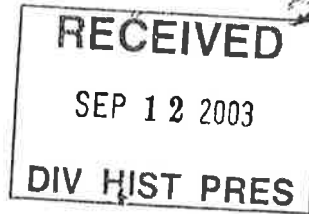
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September 9, 2003

Ms. Alicia Goehring
State Historic Preservation Officer
Division of Historic Preservation
Wisconsin Historical Society
816 State Street
Madison, WI 53706

Dear Ms. Goehring:

As the chief elected official of the Village of Hales Corners, I respectfully request that our community be considered for designation as a Certified Local Government.

The Village of Hales Corners passed a historic preservation ordinance on September 13, 1999 (copy enclosed), and I hereby certify that our local government enforces this ordinance and appropriate state legislation for the designation and protection of historic properties. We have in the past and will continue to coordinate our activities with the State Historic Preservation Officer. Currently, there are no properties and/or districts designated under the ordinance, but we anticipate that three properties owned by local historical societies will be given this designation in the near future. We also have a potential historic district.

Our ordinance provides for a seven-member Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) that currently has six members, a list of whom is provided. You will notice the list includes individuals with degrees in the fields of history and architecture. Although the disciplines of architectural history and archeology are not included, we will continue to search for people with such expertise for appointment to the Commission. To compensate for any lack of expertise, the Village hired Carol Cartwright to inventory properties which would be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as well as for local designation. In addition, the HPC maintains a dialog with Rick Bernstein and Joe DeRose of the Wisconsin Historical Society and Geoffrey Gyrisco, who, until June 2002, worked in the Division of Historic Preservation and is now self-employed as a preservation consultant.

If certified, the Village of Hales Corners will increase its efforts to educate its citizens about the value of historic preservation. Through the HPC, we will also work with individual property owners who would like to have their eligible properties included in the National Register of Historic Places or designated as a local landmark.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


James R. Ryan
Village President

STATE OF WISCONSIN : MILWAUKEE COUNTY : VILLAGE OF HALES CORNERS

ORDINANCE NO. 00 -06

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TERMS OF OFFICE

WHEREAS, Section 8-2-8(c) Zoning Code, provides for a Historic Preservation Commission or seven (7) members; and

WHEREAS, the terms of Commission members are not specified in the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of the Village of Hales Corners, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

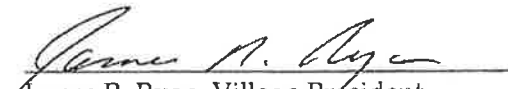
SECTION 1. Section 8-2-8(c) of the Municipal Code of Hales Corners is hereby amended as follows:

"8-2-8(c) HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION COMPOSTION. A Historic Preservation Commission is hereby created, consisting of seven (7) members. Of the membership, if reasonably available in the community, one shall be a registered architect, one shall be a historian, one shall be a licensed real estate broker, one shall be a Village Trustee, and three shall be citizen members. Each member shall have, to the highest extent practicable, a known interest in historic preservation. The Village President shall appoint the Commissioners subject to confirmation by the Village Board. Commissioners shall serve staggered two (2) year terms expiring April 30. The Village Trustee shall serve during the Trustee's elected term."

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force, after its passage and publication.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 2000.

(VILLAGE SEAL)


James R. Ryan, Village President


Michael F. Weber, Village Clerk/Admin.

STATE OF WISCONSIN VILLAGE OF HALES CORNERS MILWAUKEE COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 99_07

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION

WHEREAS, §44.30, Stats., sets forth the public policy of the State of Wisconsin Historic Preservation Program, the legislature finding that the historic, architectural, archeological and cultural heritage of the State is among the most important assets of the State and furthermore, that the social, economic and physical development of contemporary society threatens to destroy the remaining vestiges of this heritage, it being declared to be in the public interest to engage in a comprehensive program of historic preservation to promote the use and conservation of such property representative of both the rural and urban heritage of the State for education, inspiration, pleasure and enrichment of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, §62.23(7)(em), Stats., authorizes the Village to enact an ordinance to regulate any place, structure or object with a special character, historic, archeological or aesthetic interest, or other significant value, for the purpose of preserving the place, structure or object and its significant characteristics.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of the Village of Hales Corners, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: §8-2-8 of the Zoning Code of Hales Corners, Wisconsin, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 8-2-8 HISTORICAL PRESERVATION.

(a) PURPOSE AND INTENT. It is hereby declared a matter of public policy that the protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of improvements or sites of special character or special architectural, archeological or historic interest or value is a public necessity and is required in the interest of the health, prosperity, safety and welfare of the people. The purpose of this section is to:

(1) Effect and accomplish the protection, enhancement and preservation of such improvements, sites and districts which represent or reflect elements of the cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history of the Village.

(2) Safeguard the Village's historic, prehistoric and cultural heritage, as embodied and reflected in such historic structures, sites and districts.

(3) Stabilize and improve property values and enhance the visual and aesthetic character of the Village.

(4) Protect and enhance the Village's attractions to residents,

tourists and visitors and serve as a support and stimulus to business and industry.

(b) DEFINITIONS. The definitions shall be as follows:

(1) "Certificate of Appropriateness" means the certificate issued by the Village Board upon recommendation of the Commission approving alteration, rehabilitation, construction, reconstruction or demolition of a historic structure, historic site or any improvement in a historic district.

(2) "Commission" means the Historic Preservation Commission created under this section.

(3) "Historic district" is an area designated by the Village Board on recommendation of the Commission that contains two or more historic improvements or sites.

(4) "Historic site" means any parcel of land of historic significance due to a substantial value in tracing the history or prehistory of man, or upon which a historic event has occurred, and which has been designated as a historic site under this section, or an improvement parcel or part thereof on which is situated a historic structure and any abutting improvement parcel or part thereof used as and constituting part of the premises on which the historic structure is situated.

(5) "Historic structure" means any improvement which has special character or special historic interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the village, state or nation and which has been designated as a historic structure pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

(6) "Improvement" means any building, structure, place, work of art or other object constituting a physical betterment of real property, or any part of such betterment, including streets, alleys, sidewalks, curbs, lighting fixtures, signs and the like.

(c) HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION COMPOSITION. A Historic Preservation Commission is hereby created, consisting of seven (7) members. Of the membership, if reasonably available in the community, one shall be a registered architect, one shall be a historian, one shall be a licensed real estate broker, one shall be a Village Trustee, and three shall be citizen members. Each member shall have, to the highest extent practicable, a known interest in historic preservation. The Village President shall appoint the Commissioners subject to confirmation by the Village Board.

(d) HISTORIC STRUCTURE, HISTORIC SITE AND HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION CRITERIA.

(1) For purposes of this ordinance, a historic structure, historic site or historic district designation may be placed on any site,

natural or improved, including any building, improvement or structure located thereon, or any area of particular historic, architectural, archeological or cultural significance to the Village, such as historic structures, sites or districts which:

- a. Exemplify or reflect the broad cultural, political, economic or social history of the nation, state or community; or
- b. Are identified with historic personages or with important events in national, state or local history; or
- c. Embody the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen inherently valuable for a study of a period, style, method of construction, or of indigenous materials or craftsmanship; or
- d. Are representative of the notable work of a master builder, designer or architect who influenced his or her age; or
- e. Have yielded or may be likely to yield information important to prehistory or history.

(2) The Commission shall adopt specific operating guidelines for historic structure, historic site and historic district designation providing such are in conformance with the provisions of this ordinance, which guidelines shall be in effect upon approval by the Village Board and the filing of a copy thereof in the office of the Village Clerk.

(c) POWERS AND DUTIES.

(1) Designation. The Commission shall have the power, subject to subsection (f), to recommend the designation of historic structures, historic sites and historic districts within the Village limits. Such designations shall be made based upon the criteria set forth under subsection (d). Historic structures, sites and districts shall be approved as so designated by the Village Board. Once designated, such historic structures, sites and districts shall be subject to all the provisions of this ordinance.

(2) Regulation of Construction, Reconstruction, Alteration and Demolition.

a. No person or entity and no person or entity owning or in charge of a historic structure, historic site, or structure within a historic district shall reconstruct, alter or demolish all or any part of the exterior of such property or construct any improvement upon such designated property or properties or cause or permit any such work to be performed upon such property or demolish such property unless a Certificate of Appropriateness has been granted by the Historic Preservation Commission. Also, unless such Certificate has been granted by the Commission, the Building Inspector shall not issue a permit for any such work.

b. Upon filing of any application for a Certificate of Appropriateness with the Commission, the Commission shall approve the application unless:

1. In the case of a designated historic structure or historic site, the proposed work would detrimentally change, destroy or adversely affect any exterior feature of the improvement or site upon which said work is to be done;

2. In the case of the construction of a new improvement upon a historic site or within a historic district, the exterior of such improvement would adversely affect or not harmonize with the external appearance of other neighboring improvements on such site or within the district;

3. In the case of any property located in a historic district, the proposed construction, reconstruction, exterior alteration or demolition does not conform to the purpose and intent of this section and to the objectives and design criteria of the historic preservation plan for said district;

4. The building or structure is of such architectural or historical significance that its demolition would be detrimental to the public interest and contrary to the general welfare of the people of the Village and State; or

5. In the case of a request for the demolition of a deteriorated building or structure, any economic hardship or difficulty claimed by the owner is self-created or is the result of any failure to maintain the property in good repair.

c. If the Commission determines that the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness and the proposed changes are consistent with the character and features of the property or district, it shall issue the Certificate of Appropriateness. The Commission shall make this decision within forty-five (45) days of the filing of the application.

d. The issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness shall not relieve the applicant from obtaining other permits and approvals required by the Village. A building permit or other municipal permit shall be invalid if it is obtained without the presentation of the Certificate of Appropriateness required for the proposed work.

e. Ordinary maintenance and repairs may be undertaken without a Certificate of Appropriateness provided that the work involves repairs to existing features of a historic structure or site or the replacement of elements of a structure with pieces identical in appearance and provided that the work does not change the exterior appearance of the structure or site and does not require the issuance of a building permit.

(3) Appeals. Should the Commission fail to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness due to the failure of the proposal to conform

to the guidelines, the applicant may appeal such decision to the Village Board within thirty (30) days of the date of such decision. In addition, if the Commission fails to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness, the Commission shall, with the cooperation of the applicant, reasonably work with the applicant in an attempt to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness within the guidelines of this ordinance.

(4) Recognition of Historic Structures, Sites and Districts. At such times as a historic structure, site or district has been properly designated, the Commission and Village Board, in cooperation with the property owner, may cause to be prepared and erected on such property at Village expense, a suitable plaque declaring that such property is a historic structure, site or district.

(f) PROCEDURES. Designation of Historic Structures, Historic Sites and Historic Districts

(1) Historic Structures and Sites

a. The Commission may, upon receipt of an application by itself, the Village Board or any other interested person or entity, after written notice by mail to affected property owners as set forth below, recommend the designation of historic structures and historic sites, or recommend to rescind such prior designation, after consideration of the criteria in subsection (d) above. At least ten (10) days prior to such action, the Commission shall notify the owners of record, as listed in the office of the Village Assessor, who are owners of property in whole or in part within the boundaries of the property affected.

b. The Commission may in addition to the notified persons, hear expert witnesses and shall have the power to subpoena such witnesses and records as it deems necessary. The Commission may conduct an independent investigation into the proposed designation or rescission.

c. Upon receipt of a recommendation from the Commission, the Village Board shall hold a public hearing upon the application. Notice of the hearing shall be made pursuant to subsection (f)(1) above 10 days prior to the hearing. Following the hearing, the Village Board may approve, deny or modify the Commission's recommendation, considering the criteria set forth under subsection (d) above. After the designation or rescission has been made by the Village Board, notification shall be sent to the property owner or owners. Notification shall also be given to the Building Inspector, Plan Commission, Assessor and Village Administrator. The Village Board shall cause the designation or rescission to be recorded, at Village expense, in the office of the Milwaukee County Register of Deeds.

(2) Historic Districts

a. For preservation purposes, the Historic Preservation Commission shall recommend the selection of geographically defined areas within the Village to be designated as Historic Districts and shall prepare a historic preservation plan for each area. A Historic District may be designated for any geographic area of particular historic, architectural or cultural significance to the Village, after application of the criteria in subsection (d) above. Each historic preservation plan prepared for or by the Historic Preservation Commission shall include a cultural and architectural analysis supporting the historic significance of the area, the specific guidelines for development and a statement of preservation objectives. All designations and plans under this subsection shall be subject to the approval of the Village Board.

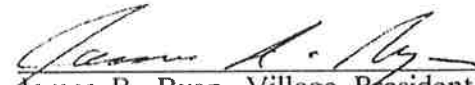
b. The Village Board shall hold a public hearing when considering the plan for a Historic District as recommended by the Commission. Notice of the time, place and purpose of the public hearing shall be sent by the Village Clerk to members of the Commission, the owners of record as listed in the office of the Village Assessor, who are owners of the property within the proposed Historic District or are situated in whole or in part within two hundred (200) feet of the boundaries of the proposed Historic District. Said notice is to be sent at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing. Following the public hearing, the Village Board shall vote to approve, deny or modify the plan. After the designation has been made by the Village Board, notification shall be sent to the property owner or owners. Notification shall also be given to the Building Inspector, Plan Commission, Assessor and Village Administrator. The Village Board shall cause the designation to be recorded at Village expense, in the office of the Milwaukee County Register of Deeds.

(g) INTERIM CONTROL. No building permit shall be issued by the Building Inspector for alteration, construction, demolition or removal of a nominated historic structure, historic site, or any property or structure within a nominated historic district from the date of the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at which a nomination by application form is first presented until the final disposition of the nomination by the Village Board, unless such alteration, removal or demolition is authorized by formal resolution of the Village Board as necessary for public health, welfare or safety. In no event shall the delay be for more than one hundred eighty (180) days.

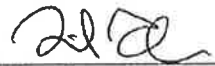
(h) PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS. Any person or entity violating any provision of this section shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50) for each separate violation. Each and every day during which a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. Notice of violations shall be issued by the Building Inspector.

- SECTION 2: The terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable. Should any term or provision of this ordinance be found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- SECTION 3: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in contravention to this ordinance are hereby repealed.
- SECTION 4: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication and the initial appointment and confirmation of all seven (7) members of the Historic Preservation Commission. Failure to make and confirm such appointments within six (6) months of the date of passage of this ordinance shall prevent its effectiveness and this ordinance shall then be automatically repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of September, 1999.


James R. Ryan, Village President

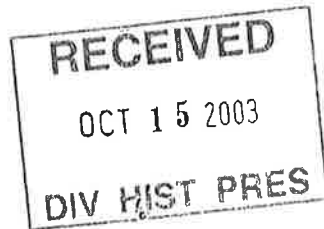
Countersigned:


Michael F. Weber, Administrator/Clerk

(VILLAGE SEAL)

Village of Hales Corners

5635 S. New Berlin Road
Hales Corners, Wisconsin 53130
Telephone (414) 529-6161
Fax (414) 529-6179



October 14, 2003

Alicia L. Goehring
State Historic Preservation Officer
Wisconsin Historical Society
816 State Street
Madison, WI 53706

Dear Ms. Goehring:

Enclosed is a copy of Hales Corners Resolution 03-70, authorizing the execution of an agreement with the State Historic Preservation Officer. Also enclosed is the original signed certified local government agreement.

If you need additional information or have questions, please contact me at (414) 529-6171.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Weber
Village Administrator

STATE OF WISCONSIN : MILWAUKEE COUNTY : VILLAGE OF HALES CORNERS

RESOLUTION NO. 03-70

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Village of Hales Corners has been granted Certified Local Government Status by the Wisconsin Historical Society; and

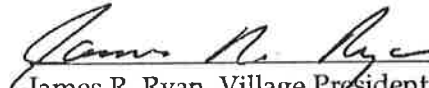
WHEREAS, such designation requires the Village of Hales Corners to carry out responsibilities as detailed in the Certified Local Government Agreement between the Village of Hales Corners and the State Historic Preservation Officer, attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole has reviewed and recommended approval of said agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Hales Corners does hereby approve the agreement between the Village of Hales Corners and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village President is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 13th day of October, 2003.


James R. Ryan, Village President

Attest:

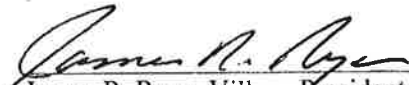
(VILLAGE SEAL)


Michael F. Weber, Administrator/Clerk

**CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
VILLAGE OF HALES CORNERS
AND THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER**

The Village of Hales Corners, in consideration of having been granted Certified Local Government status, agrees to carry out the following responsibilities as a Certified Local Government, in cooperation with the Division of Historic Preservation, Wisconsin Historical Society.

1. Enforce the local historic preservation ordinance for the designation and protection of local historic properties;
2. Maintain an adequate and qualified historic preservation commission established by the local ordinance;
3. Establish and maintain a system for the survey and inventory of local historic properties that is coordinated with the statewide comprehensive planning process, with technical assistance provided by the Division of Historic Preservation;
4. Ensure, to the maximum extent possible, public participation in the local historic preservation program;
5. Review and comment upon nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for properties within its jurisdiction, and within 60 days of receiving the nominations submit the commission's reports and the Village President's recommendations to the Division of Historic Preservation as to whether or not the nominated properties meet the criteria of the National Register, except when the nominations are originated by the Village of Hales Corners;
6. Submit to the Division of Historic Preservation copies of historic preservation commission minutes on a regular basis and an annual report of the historic preservation commission's activities by February 28 of each year, describing the previous year's activities.
7. Coordinate local historic preservation activities, to the extent practicable, with the Division of Historic Preservation, which shall provide technical assistance, guidance, and information to the Certified Local Government as requested;
8. Carry out the general program procedures as outlined in "Procedures for the Certification of Local Governments in Wisconsin," using standards for designation and design review that are consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's standards and guidelines;
9. Assist with the required periodic evaluation of the Certified Local Government performance in program operation and administration using the standards for program evaluation contained in "Procedures for the Certification of Local Governments in Wisconsin."


James R. Ryan, Village President, Village of Hales Corners

Alicia L. Goehring, State Historic Preservation Officer

10/13/2003
Date
9/17/03
Date

NOV 18 2003

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have made application for 2025-2026 License to Sell Fermented Malt Beverages or Intoxicating Liquors. Applications will be reviewed for approval at the Board of Trustees meeting on July 28, 2025 at the Village Hall at 5635 S. New Berlin Road.

<u>LICENSEE</u>	<u>LICENSEE ADDRESS</u>	<u>BUSINESS NAME</u>	<u>PREMISE LOCATION</u>
	<i>CLASS "B" BEER AND "CLASS C" WINE LICENSES</i>		
Taj Mahal Indian Restaurant LLC Amrik Singh, Agent	5114 S. 108 th St.	(Taj Mahal Indian Restaurant)	5114 S. 108 th St.

Sandra M. Kulik, Village Clerk

Dated: June 6, 2025

Publish: CNI-Now June 25, 2025

Memo

To: Village Board
From: Sandy Kulik, Village Administrator
Date: June 20, 2025
Re: Agenda Item : 3.7 Sale of Fire Engine & Hurst Generator/Cutting Tools

Due to the replacement of the Fire Department engine, the department intends to auction off this asset and policy requires that the Village Board authorize the sale of equipment. In addition, the Department is no longer utilizing the Hurst generator and cutting tools.

The Department is requesting authorization to proceed with auctioning this equipment.

Memo

To: Village Board
From: Sandy Kulik, Village Administrator
Date: June 20, 2025
Re: Agenda Item : 3.8 Budget Amendment Policy & Chapter 55 Code of Ordinances

Chapter 55 – Finance and Taxation section §55-14 B., D. & F. include a “finance committee” which the Village has not operated under this form of governance since the adoption of the Committee of the Whole process years ago.

Section F however, addresses use of “unencumbered balance of an appropriation to any other purpose or object” which in layman’s terms, is funds budgeted as an expense for one department can be moved with a 2/3rds vote to some other department. This runs counter to State Statutes relative to Libraries and Maintenance of Effort obligations for Police & Fire Departments developed under Act 13 in 2023.

The attached recommended Budget Policy clarifies that the Village adopts a fund/function budget. In the past 9 years, the only budget amendments have been within functions. Revenues, if any, generated by a departments function(s) can be used to fund departmental expenditures. In the event a department does not have revenues, the transfers have come from investment earnings or contingency. The drafted policy would formally adopt this concept.

Village of Hales Corners, Wisconsin Budget Amendment Policy

Purpose

The purpose of the Budget Amendment Policy is to set forth divisions of responsibility for authorizing changes to the annual budget adopted by the Board of Trustees in a manner that allows for the appropriate oversight as defined by Wisconsin Statutes combined with the proper responsiveness needed to allow departments to make sound and timely financial decisions.

Definitions

Appropriations – revenues or expenditures approved by the Board of Trustees.

Budget Amendment – a supplemental appropriation of budgetary revenues and expenditures.

Budgetary Function – a set of departments that serve a shared programmatic purpose.

Cost Center – a department or other unit within an organization to which costs may be charged for accounting purposes.

Department – a set of programs that serve a shared purpose; or a set of programs within departmental divisions that serve a shared purpose.

Fund – a designation within the accounting system that tracks the budgetary activity of a program or cost center by funding purpose (General Fund, Special Revenue Fund(s) and Capital Project(s) funds).

Policy

The Village adopts an annual budget by budgetary fund and function as defined in the State of Wisconsin Department of Revenue Chart of Accounts. The annual budget is monitored at the Department and the Fund level. Departmental Management can expend funds within the functional fund levels within department, or a program within a department without approval of the Village Board subject to procurement policy limitations and authorizations.

To supplement the appropriation for a department, the Village Board can approve transfers from contingency funds, General Fund investment earnings, surplus revenue or restricted reserve funds. Supplemental appropriations from surplus revenues generated by Departmental activities are utilized prior to contingency and reserve funding options. Transfers may not exceed in aggregate the amount set up in the contingency fund or restricted reserve funds. These changes are referred to herein as budget amendments.

Proposed amendments to the budget are prepared by the Village Administrator in conjunction with the requesting department and forwarded to the Village Board for final authority to approve or deny the request.

The Village is required to publish adopted budget amendments as a resolution. Publication of budget amendment resolution as allowed under 2019 Wisconsin Act 42 shall be within 15 days of adoption by posting the notice on the Village of Hales Corners website.

The Village Board approval requires a two-thirds vote of the entire membership (5 votes of the 7 member Village Board).

Administration

This policy is for use in guiding financing decisions of the Village, and can be interpreted by the Village Administrator related to budget amendments. It is administered in conjunction with the Village's other fiscal policies and may be amended or revised from time to time as determined by the Village Board.

Note: All purchases are still subject to the "Village of Hales Corners Procurement Policy".

Chapter 55. Finance and Taxation

§ 55-14. Budget.

A. Statements.

- (1) On or before September 10 of each year, each Village officer, department head, commission chairperson or board chairperson charged with fiscal responsibility shall file with the Village Administrator:
 - (a) An itemized statement of receipts received and disbursements made to carry out the powers and duties of his Village function during the preceding calendar year, estimates during the current calendar year, and projections for the ensuing calendar year.
 - (b) A detailed accounting of any special fund under his supervision.
- (2) Such statements shall be in a form prescribed by the Village Administrator, shall be designated as "departmental estimates," and shall conform as nearly as possible for the main divisions of all departments to the Uniform Chart of Accounts for Wisconsin Municipalities.
[Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II)]

B. The Village Administrator shall consider such departmental estimates in consultation with the fiscally responsible person and develop a recommendation regarding the departmental estimate. On or before the 15th day of October, he shall submit such recommendations to the Finance Committee.

C. The budget shall include the following information:

- (1) The expense of conducting each department and activity of the Village for the ensuing calendar year and corresponding items for the current year and last preceding year, with reasons for increases and decreases recommended as compared with appropriations for the current year.
- (2) An itemization of all anticipated income of the Village from sources other than the general property taxes and bond issues, with a comparative statement of the amounts received by the Village from each of the same or similar sources for the last preceding and current calendar years.
- (3) An estimate of the amount of money to be raised from general property taxes which, with income from other sources, will be necessary to meet proposed expenditures.
- (4) Such other information as may be required by the Village Board and by state law.

D. The Finance Committee shall review the recommended budget. The Finance Committee will hold a meeting with the Village Board to review the proposed budget and draft an appropriation resolution providing for the expenditures proposed for the ensuing year. Upon submission of the proposed appropriation resolution to the Village Board, it shall be deemed to have been regularly introduced therein.

E. The process for the adoption of the budget shall be as is set forth in the Wisconsin Statutes, as amended from time to time. [Amended 11-25-2008 by Ord. No. 08-06]

- F. Upon a recommendation of the Finance Committee the Village Board may at any time by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership transfer any portion of the unencumbered balance of an appropriation to any other purpose or object. Notice of such transfer shall be given by publication within 15 days thereafter in the official newspaper.

[Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II)]

- G. No money shall be drawn from the treasury of the Village nor shall any obligation for the expenditure of money be incurred, except in pursuance of the approved annual budget, or of any transfer as authorized by Subsection F of this section. At the close of each fiscal year, any unencumbered balance of an appropriation shall revert to the general fund and shall be subject to reappropriation, but appropriations may be made by the Village Board to be paid out of income of the current year, in furtherance of improvements or other objects or works which will not be completed within such year, and any such appropriation shall continue in force until the purpose for which it was made shall have been accomplished or abandoned.

Rotary

Club of Whitnall Park

Serving Greendale, Greenfield, Hales Corners, Muskego



3.9- P.O. Box 62
Hales Corners, WI 53130

www.whitnallparkrotary.org

Whitnall Park Rotary 50th Anniversary \$50,000 Community Project Grant

1. Purpose

- Celebrate the Whitnall Park Rotary Club 50th Anniversary by supporting a community-enhancing project within a local municipality. The municipality chosen will be either Greendale, Greenfield or Hales Corners.
- Foster public-private partnership and local development.

2. Donation Amount

- Total, not to exceed \$50,000, will be provided as a one-time grant to the municipality project chosen.

3. Project Criteria

- Must be a public benefit project (e.g., park improvements, infrastructure upgrades).
- Must be managed or overseen by the municipality.
- Must be completed or significantly underway within 12 months of receiving funds.
- Must be a project that would not have been funded by an existing budget line item of the municipality budget or a maintenance expense.

4. Application Process

- Municipalities being invited to apply are Greendale, Greenfield and Hales Corners.
- Municipality submits a brief project proposal (2–3 pages).
- Include scope, timeline, budget, and community impact.
- Deadline: August 1, 2025.

5. Review and Selection

- Whitnall Park Rotary Club will review the submissions.
- Selection based on feasibility, impact, and alignment with Whitnall Park Rotary Club values.
- One project will be chosen (e.g. only one municipality will obtain the grant funds).

Rotary

Club of Whitnall Park



6. Donation Agreement

- A formal agreement will be entered into between the municipality and Whitnall Park Rotary outlining:
 - Use of funds.
 - Reporting requirements.
 - Recognition or signage with Whitnall Park Rotary Club name.

7. Fund Disbursement

- Funds transferred as follows:
 - 25% on project approval
 - 25% as expenses begin to be incurred
 - 25% at agreed upon milestone
 - 25% at project completion

8. Reporting & Follow-Up

- Municipality provides a brief update after 6 months.
- Final report with outcomes and photos upon project completion.

Hales Corners Pathway Initiative

November 6th, 2023

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Hales Corners Statistics (2022 census data)

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- Population 7,562
- 23.3 % under age 18
- 6.6% under age 5
- 3,032 households
- 2.52% Average persons per household
- 87.3% living in the same household a year ago
- Source:
<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/dashboard/halescornersvillagewisconsin/PST045222>

“The best time to implement a pedestrian access plan in the Village was 20 years ago. The second best time is NOW!” - Wise Village Trustee

Why now?

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- Address safety concerns
- Alignment with future Paser driven road projects
- Adherence to the HC Comprehensive Plan 2050 Update (10.25.2021)
- Upcoming development projects in the Village
- No time like the present to manifest the reality we want!

Hales Corners Comprehensive Plan 2050

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Village of Hales Corners Comprehensive Plan Update 2050

Adopted October 25, 2021

Plan Highlights

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- 69% of respondents indicated that they would bike or walk more if there were more off-street trail connections
- 95% of survey respondents indicated that parks and open spaces are important or very important
- “The biggest strength is in its potential. Hales Corners needs to identify, build upon and promote its assets...the strengths are its history, historical properties, Hale Park, and Whitnall Park.”

Making a Neighborhood

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- The Village now requires sidewalks on major arterials as commercial or multi-family development occurs, when arterials are reconstructed, or through construction as part of redevelopment areas
- Pedestrian connections and access are a regular part of development plan review.
- While the Village Center is primarily auto-oriented commercial uses today, the future vision should be creating a neighborhood: compact, **pedestrian-friendly**, and mixed-use. Traffic and visits drive success of commercial and retail centers, and providing housing offers additional market, visibility and dynamics to a neighborhood.

Implementation - Transportation p. 97

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- *Goal: To achieve a safe, efficient, and environmentally sound transportation system that provides a range of personal mobility options to all segments of the population and supports the economy of the Village of Hales Corners.*
- Action #3. - The Village shall continue implementing safe and comfortable bicycle/pedestrian facilities (sidewalks, trails, traffic calming) that connect destinations throughout the community.

Implementation - Sustainability p. 99

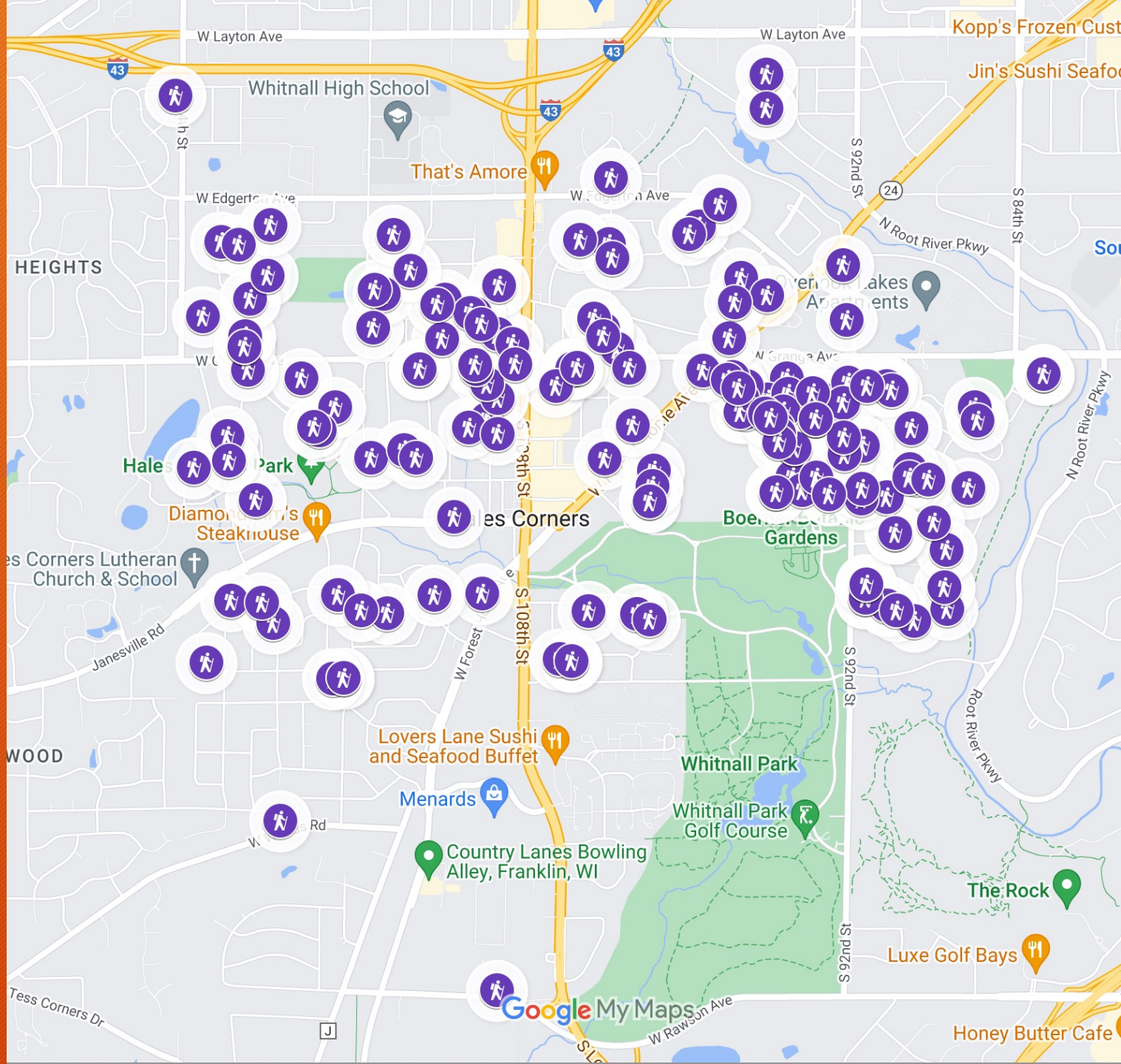
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- *Goal: To follow the principles of sustainability to improve the quality of life by meeting present environmental, economic, and social needs without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same.*
- Action # 5. - Identify opportunities to incorporate bicycle and pedestrian accommodations during road resurfacing and reconstruction projects.

Hales Corners Pathway Survey

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Presented by: Matthew J. Eternicka - *Trustee & HC Resident for 12 years*



Proposed Segments

**Segment 1
(Yellow)**

**Segment 3
(Red)**

**Existing
(Blue)**

**Segment 2
(Green)**



- Answered: 203 Skipped: 4

Q1: What is your current level of satisfaction with the status of pedestrian access (bike & foot) in the Village of Hales Corners? Consider safety as well as access to retail locations, parks, and surrounding communities.

Satisfied - No improvements are needed

Partially Satisfied - Some improvements are needed

Dissatisfied - Significant improvements are necessary

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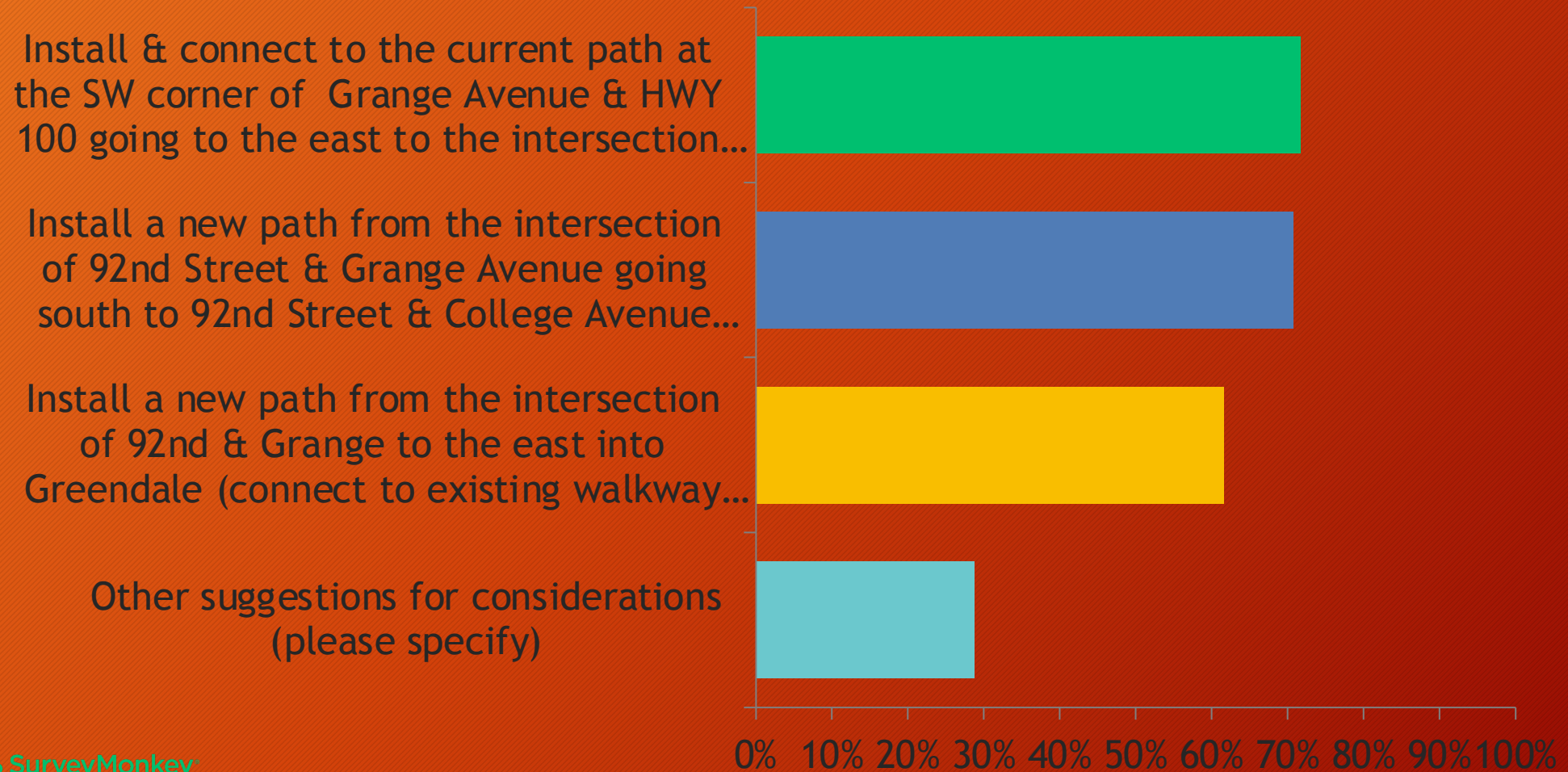
- Answered: 203 Skipped: 4

Q1: What is your current level of satisfaction with the status of pedestrian access (bike & foot) in the Village of Hales Corners? Consider safety as well as access to retail locations, parks, and surrounding communities.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Satisfied - No improvements are needed	9.36%	19
Partially Satisfied - Some improvements are needed	45.81%	93
Dissatisfied - Significant improvements are necessary	44.83%	91
TOTAL		203

- Answered: 198 Skipped: 9

Q2: What areas of the Village would benefit from multi-use (bike/foot) pedestrian access improvements? Check all that apply. Write-in additional considerations. Reference Segment Map at the end of the survey.



- Answered: 198 Skipped: 9

Q2: What areas of the Village would benefit from multi- 16
use (bike/foot) pedestrian access improvements? Check all
that apply. Write-in additional considerations. Reference
Segment Map at the end of the survey.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Install & connect to the current path at the SW corner of Grange Avenue & HWY 100 going to the east to the intersection of 92nd Street & Grange Avenue - Segment 1	71.72%	142
Install a new path from the intersection of 92nd Street & Grange Avenue going south to 92nd Street & College Avenue (Root River Parkway in Whitnall Park) - Segment 2	70.71%	140
Install a new path from the intersection of 92nd & Grange to the east into Greendale (connect to existing walkway at Trimborn Farms) - Segment 3	61.62%	122
Other suggestions for considerations (please specify)	28.79%	57
TOTAL		461

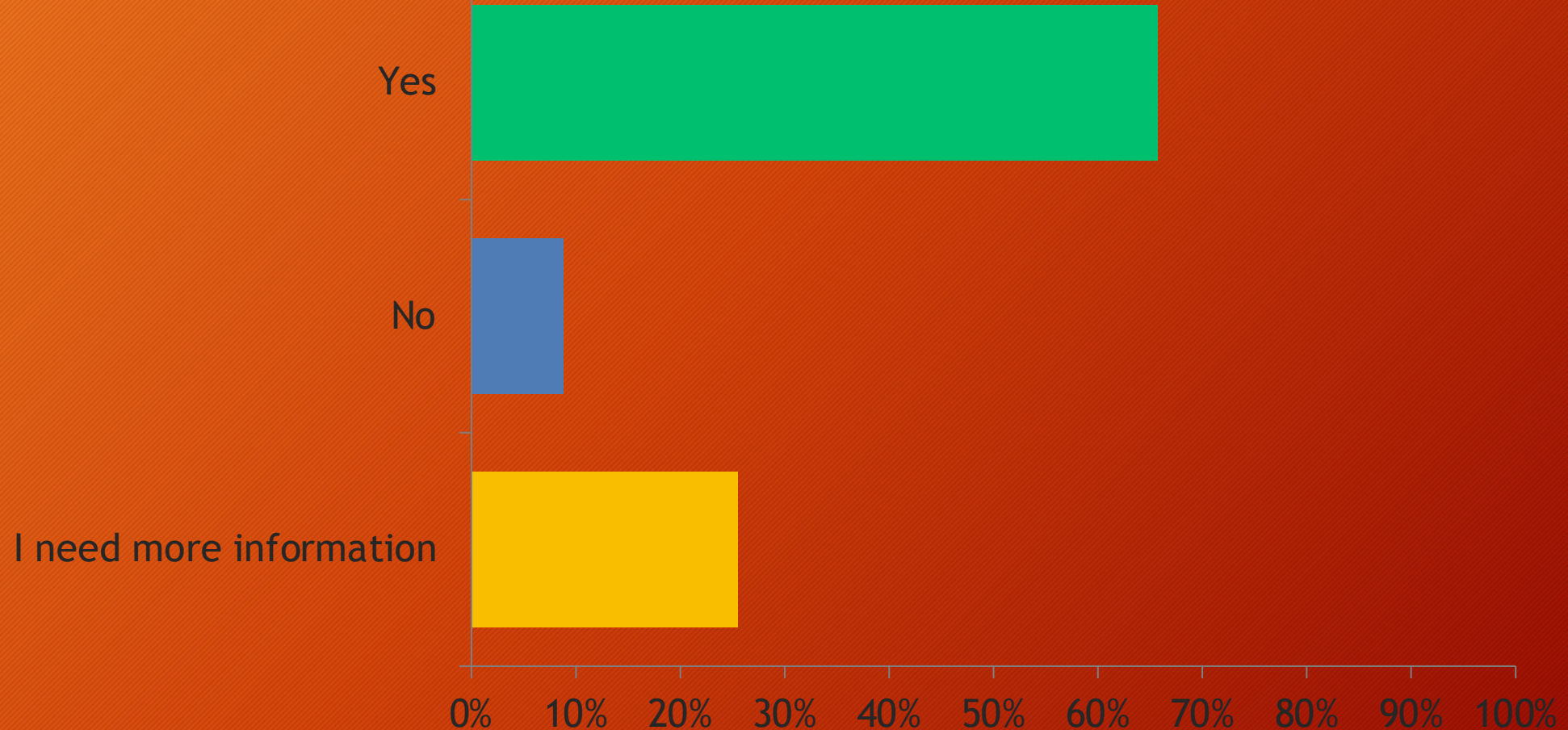
Q2 Write-in responses (57 contributors!)

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1. Edgerton from HWY 100 west to 124th Street
2. Bike path throughout Whitnall Park
3. Extend current Grange pathway further West
4. Along 116th from Janesville to Grange
5. Crosswalk at 121st and Grange
6. Janesville Rd at 116th St. going west to 124th St.
7. Safer crossing of HWY 100 / bike bridge
8. Along Forest Home Avenue
9. Safely connect homes west of HWY 100 to Whitnall Park

- Answered: 204 Skipped: 3

Q3: Would you support the Village Department of Public Works maintaining the multi-use pedestrian access installations (maintenance & snow removal etc..?) This could potentially have an impact on property taxes.



- Answered: 204 Skipped: 3

Q3: Would you support the Village Department of Public Works maintaining the multi-use pedestrian access installations (maintenance & snow removal etc..?) This could potentially have an impact on property taxes.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	65.69%	134
No	8.82%	18
I need more information	25.49%	52
TOTAL		204

Funding Opportunities

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- Link to data:
- https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/funding/funding_opportunities.pdf?u=092922

Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities: U.S. Department of Transportation Transit, Safety, and Highway Funds

September 9, 2022

This table indicates potential eligibility for pedestrian and bicycle activities and projects under U.S. Department of Transportation surface transportation funding programs. Activities and projects need to meet program eligibility requirements. See notes and basic program requirements below, with links to program information. Project sponsors should integrate the safety, accessibility, equity, and convenience of walking and bicycling into surface transportation projects.

	Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities: U.S. Department of Transportation Transit, Safety, and Highway Funds																													
	Key: \$ = Activity may be eligible. Restrictions may apply, see program notes and guidance. ~\$ = Eligible, but not competitive unless part of a larger project.																													
	OST Programs							Federal Transit				NHTSA		Federal Highway Administration																
Activity or Project Type	RAISE	INFRA	RCP	SS4A	Thrive	RRIF	TIFIA	FTA	ATI	TOD	AoPP	402	405	BFP BIP BRR	CRP	CMAQ	HSIP	RHCP	NHPP	PRO TECT	STBG	TA	RTP	SRTS	PLAN	NSBP	FLTTP	TTP	TTPSF	
Access enhancements to public transportation (benches, bus pads)	\$	\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$		~\$				\$	\$			\$	\$	\$	\$				\$	\$	\$	\$	
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)/504 Self Evaluation / Transition Plan				\$	TA					\$	\$				\$						\$	\$	\$		\$		\$	\$	\$	
Barrier removal for ADA compliance	\$	\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$			\$	\$				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	
Bicycle plans			~\$	\$				\$		\$	\$				\$					\$	\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	
Bicycle helmets (project or training related)												\$									\$	\$SRTS		\$				\$		
Bicycle helmets (safety promotion)																					\$	\$SRTS		\$				\$		
Bicycle lanes on road	~\$	~\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$		~\$				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$			\$	\$	\$	
Bicycle parking (see Bicycle Parking Solutions)	~\$	~\$	\$	\$		~\$	\$	\$	\$		~\$				\$	\$			\$		\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		
Bike racks on transit	~\$		\$	~\$			~\$	\$	\$		~\$				\$	\$					\$	\$					\$	\$		
Bicycle repair station (air pump, simple tools)	~\$		\$	~\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$						\$						\$	\$					\$	\$		
Bicycle share (capital and equipment; not operations)	~\$	~\$	\$	~\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$						\$	\$			\$		\$	\$					\$	\$		
Bicycle storage or service centers (example: at transit hubs)	~\$		\$	~\$		~\$	\$	\$	\$						\$	\$					\$	\$					\$	\$		
Bridges / overcrossings for pedestrians and/or bicyclists	\$	\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$					\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$	\$	\$
Bus shelters and benches	\$	\$	\$	~\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$						\$	\$			\$	\$	\$	\$				\$	\$	\$	\$	
Coordinator positions (State or local) (limits on CMAQ and STBG)				\$							\$					\$					\$	\$SRTS		\$				\$		
Community Capacity Building (develop organizational skills/processes)				\$	TA					\$	\$														\$				\$	
Crosswalks for pedestrians, pedestrian refuge islands (new or retrofit)	\$	\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$						\$	~\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
Curb ramps	\$	\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$					\$	\$	~\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
Counting equipment		\$	\$	\$			~\$	\$	\$								\$		\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
Data collection and monitoring for pedestrians and/or bicyclists	\$	\$	\$	\$			~\$	\$	\$	\$	\$				\$		\$		\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
Emergency and evacuation routes for pedestrians and/or bicyclists	\$	\$	\$	~\$			\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$				\$				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$	\$	
Historic preservation (pedestrian and bicycle and transit facilities)	~\$		~\$	~\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$		~\$				\$						\$	\$					\$	\$	\$	
Landscaping, streetscaping (pedestrian/bicycle route; transit access); related amenities (benches, water fountains); usually part of larger project	~\$	~\$	~\$	~\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$	~\$	~\$				\$				~\$	\$	\$	\$					\$	\$	\$	
Lighting (pedestrian and bicyclist scale associated with pedestrian/bicyclist project)	\$	\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$	\$	\$		~\$				\$	~\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
Maps (for pedestrians and/or bicyclists)				\$				\$	\$	\$	~\$				\$	\$					\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$		\$
Micromobility projects (including scooter share)	\$		\$	~\$		~\$	~\$				~\$				\$	\$					\$	\$					\$	\$	\$	
Paved shoulders for pedestrian and/or bicyclist use	\$	~\$	\$	\$		~\$	~\$							\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Pedestrian plans	\$	~\$	~\$	\$				\$		\$	\$				\$					\$	\$	\$			\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
Rail at-grade crossings	\$	\$	\$	~\$		\$	\$	\$	\$						\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$	\$	\$
Recreational trails	\$		\$	~\$			~\$													\$	\$	\$	\$				\$	\$	\$	
Resilience Improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists	\$	\$	\$	~\$		~\$	~\$			\$	~\$			~\$	~\$	~\$			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	
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	Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities: U.S. Department of Transportation Transit, Safety, and Highway Funds																												
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[User Safety Assessment](#)
 ADA/504: Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 / Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
[RAISE](#): Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity
[INFRA](#): Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Discretionary Grant Program
[RCP](#): Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program
[SS4A](#): Safe Streets and Roads for All
[Thrive](#): Thriving Communities Initiative (TA: Technical Assistance)
[RRIF](#): Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (loans)
[TIFIA](#): Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (loans)
[FTA](#): Federal Transit Administration Capital Funds
[ATI](#): Associated Transit Improvement (1% set-aside of FTA)
[TOD](#): Transit-Oriented Development
[AoPP](#): Areas of Persistent Poverty Program
 NHTSA [402](#): National Highway Traffic Safety Administration State and Community Highway Safety Grant Program
 NHTSA [405](#): National Highway Traffic Safety Administration National Priority Safety Programs (Nonmotorized safety)
[BFP](#): Bridge Formula Program; [BIP](#): Bridge Investment Program; [BRR](#): Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program
[CRP](#): Carbon Reduction Program
[CMAQ](#): Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program
[HSIP](#): Highway Safety Improvement Program
[RHCP](#): Railway-Highway Crossings (Section 130) Program
[NHPP](#): National Highway Performance Program
[PROTECT](#): Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation
[STBG](#): Surface Transportation Block Grant Program
[TA](#): Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (formerly Transportation Alternatives Program, Transportation Enhancements)
[RTP](#): Recreational Trails Program
[SRTS](#): Safe Routes to School Program (and related activities)
[PLAN](#): Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) or Metropolitan Planning funds
[NSBP](#): National Scenic Byways Program
[FLTTP](#): Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation Programs: [Federal Lands Access Program](#), [Federal Lands Transportation Program](#), [Tribal Transportation Program](#), [Federal Lands Planning Program](#) and related programs for Federal and Tribal lands such as the [Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects](#) program.
[TTP](#): Tribal Transportation Program
[TTPSF](#): Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund

Cross-cutting notes

This table indicates potential eligibility for pedestrian, bicycle, and micromobility activities and projects under U.S. Department of Transportation surface transportation funding programs. Activities and projects must meet program eligibility requirements. See notes and links to program information below. Although the primary focus of this table is stand-alone activities and projects, programs also fund pedestrian and bicycle facilities as part of larger projects. Project sponsors are encouraged to consider [Complete Streets](#) and Networks that routinely integrate the safety, accessibility, equity, and convenience of walking and bicycling into surface transportation projects. In these instances, the Federal-aid eligibility of the pedestrian and bicycle elements are considered under the eligibility criteria applicable to the larger highway project. Pedestrian and bicycle activities also may be characterized as environmental mitigation for larger highway projects, especially in response to impacts to a Section 4(f) property or work zone safety, mobility, and accessibility impacts on bicyclists and pedestrians.

- See [FHWA Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning, Program, and Project Development](#) (Guidance)
- Bicycle Project Purpose: 23 U.S.C. 217(i) requires that bicycle facilities “be principally for transportation, rather than recreation, purposes”. However, 23 U.S.C. 133(b)(7) and 133(h) authorize recreational trails under [STBG](#) and the [TA Set-Aside](#), therefore, 23 U.S.C. 217(i) does not apply to trail projects (including for bicycle use) using [STBG](#) or [TA Set-Aside](#) funds. Section 217(i) applies to bicycle facilities other than trail-related projects, and section 217(i) applies to bicycle facilities using other programs ([NHPP](#), [HSIP](#), [CMAQ](#)). The transportation requirement under section 217(i) only applies to bicycle projects, not to any other trail use or transportation mode.
- Signs, signals, signal improvements includes ensuring accessibility for persons with disabilities. See [Accessible Pedestrian Signals](#). See also [Proven Safety Countermeasures](#), such as [Crosswalk Visibility Enhancements](#), [Leading Pedestrian Interval](#) signals, [Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons](#), and [Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons](#).
- Occasional DOT or agency incentive grants may be available for specific research or technical assistance purposes.
- Aspects of DOT initiatives may be eligible as individual projects. Activities above may benefit safe, comfortable, multimodal networks; environmental justice; and equity.
- The [DOT Navigator](#) is a resource to help communities understand the best ways to apply for grants, and to plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services.
- FHWA’s [Policy on Using Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Resources to Build a Better America](#).
- FHWA Links to [Technical Assistance and Local Support](#).

Program-specific notes

Federal-aid and other DOT funding programs have specific requirements that projects must meet, and eligibility must be determined on a case-by-case basis. See links to program guidance for more information.

- [RAISE](#) (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58) (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), § 21202): Funds capital and planning grants.
- [INFRA](#) (IIJA § 11110): For projects that improve safety, generate economic benefits, reduce congestion, enhance resiliency, and hold the greatest promise to eliminate freight bottlenecks and improve critical freight movements.
- [RCP](#) (IIJA § 11509 and div. J, title VIII, Highway Infrastructure Programs, para. (7)): See [RCP Program Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for full details. Planning grants and Capital Construction Grants must relate to a transportation facility that creates a barrier to community connectivity.
- [SS4A](#) (IIJA § 24112): Discretionary program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Projects must be identified in a comprehensive safety action plan (§ 24112(a)(3)).
- [Thrive](#) (Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. 117-103, div. L, title I): Technical assistance, planning, and capacity-building support in selected communities.
- [RRIF](#) (Chapter 224 of title 49 U.S.C.): Program offers direct loans and loan guarantees for capital projects related to rail facilities, stations, or crossings. Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure components of “economic development” projects located within ½-mile of qualifying rail stations may be eligible. May be combined with other grant sources.
- [TIFIA](#) (Chapter 6 of title 23 U.S.C.): Program offers secured loans, loan guarantees, or standby lines of credit for capital projects. Minimum total project size is \$10 million; multiple surface transportation projects may be bundled to meet cost threshold, under the condition that all projects have a common repayment pledge. May be combined with other grant sources, subject to total Federal assistance limitations.
- [FTA / ATI](#) (49 U.S.C. 5307): Multimodal projects funded with FTA transit funds must provide access to transit. See [Bicycles and Transit](#), [Flex Funding for Transit Access](#), the FTA [Final Policy Statement on the Eligibility of Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements Under Federal Transit Law](#), and [FTA Program & Bicycle Related Funding Opportunities](#).
 - Bicycle infrastructure plans and projects must be within a 3-mile radius of a transit stop or station. If more than 3 miles, within a distance that people could be expected to safely and conveniently bike to the particular stop or station.
 - Pedestrian infrastructure plans and projects must be within a ½ mile radius of a transit stop or station. If more than ½ mile, within a distance that people could be expected to safely and conveniently walk to the particular stop or station.
 - FTA funds cannot be used to purchase bicycles for bike share systems.
- [FTA TOD](#): Provides planning grants to support community efforts to improve safe access to public transportation for pedestrians and cyclists. The grants help organizations plan for transportation projects that connect communities and improve access to transit and affordable housing, not for capital purchases.
- [FTA AoPP](#) (Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Pub. L. 116-94); Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. 116-260)): Promotes multimodal planning, engineering, and technical studies, or financial planning to improve transit services in areas experiencing long-term economic distress, not for capital purchases.
- NHTSA [402](#) (23 U.S.C. 402): Project activity must be included in the State’s Highway Safety Plan. Contact the [State Highway Safety Office](#) for details.
- NHTSA [405](#) (23 U.S.C. 405): Funds are subject to eligibility, application, and award. Project activity must be included in the State’s Highway Safety Plan. Contact the [State Highway Safety Office](#) for details. The [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) expanded the eligible use of funds for a Section 405 Nonmotorized Safety grant beginning in FY 2024; however, for FY 2023 grants, FAST Act eligible uses remain in place.
- [BFP](#), (IIJA, Div. J, title VIII, para. (1)), [BIP](#) (23 U.S.C. 124), [BRR](#) (Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2022): For specific highway bridge projects and highway bridge projects that will replace or rehabilitate a bridge must consider pedestrian and bicycle access as part of the project and costs related to their inclusion are eligible under these programs.
- [CRP](#) (23 U.S.C. 175): Projects should support the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions from on-road highway sources.

- [CMAQ](#) (23 U.S.C. 149): Projects must demonstrate emissions reduction and benefit air quality. See the CMAQ guidance at www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/cmaq/ for a list of projects that may be eligible for CMAQ funds. CMAQ funds may be used for shared use paths, but not for trails that are primarily for recreational use.
- [HSIP](#) (23 U.S.C. 148): Projects must be consistent with a State's [Strategic Highway Safety Plan](#) and (1) correct or improve a hazardous road location or feature, or (2) address a highway safety problem. Certain non-infrastructure safety projects can also be funded using HSIP funds as specified safety projects.
- [RHCP](#) (23 U.S.C. 130): Projects at all public railroad crossings including roadways, bike trails, and pedestrian paths.
- [NHPP](#) (23 U.S.C. 119): Projects must benefit National Highway System (NHS) corridors and must be located on land adjacent to any highway on the National Highway System (23 U.S.C. 217(b)).
- [PROTECT](#) (23 U.S.C. 176): Funds can only be used for activities that are primarily for the purpose of resilience or inherently resilience related. With certain exceptions, the focus must be on supporting the incremental cost of making assets more resilient.
- [STBG](#) (23 U.S.C. 133) and [TA Set-Aside](#) (23 U.S.C. 133(h)): Activities marked "\$SRTS" means eligible only as an SRTS project benefiting schools for kindergarten through 12th grade. Bicycle transportation nonconstruction projects related to safe bicycle use are eligible under STBG, but not under TA (23 U.S.C. 217(a)). There is broad eligibility for projects under 23 U.S.C. 206, 208, and 217.
- [RTP](#) (23 U.S.C. 206): Projects for trails and trailside and trailhead facilities for any recreational trail use. RTP projects are eligible under TA Set-Aside and STBG.
- [SRTS](#) (23 U.S.C. 208): Projects for any SRTS activity. FY 2012 was the last year for dedicated - funds, but funds are available until expended. SRTS projects are eligible under TA Set-Aside and STBG.
- [PLAN](#) (23 U.S.C. 134 and 135): Funds must be used for planning purposes, for example: Maps: System maps and GIS; Safety education and awareness: for transportation safety planning; Safety program technical assessment: for transportation safety planning; Training: bicycle and pedestrian system planning training.
- [NSBP](#) (23 U.S.C. 162): Discretionary program subject to annual appropriations. Projects must directly benefit and be close to a designated scenic byway.
- [FLTTP](#) (23 U.S.C. 201-204): Projects must provide access to or within Federal or tribal lands. Programs include: Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation Programs ([Federal Lands Access Program](#), [Federal Lands Transportation Program](#), [Federal Lands Planning Program](#)) and related programs for Federal and Tribal lands such as the [Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects](#) (NSFLTTP) program.
 - [Federal Lands Transportation Program](#) (23 U.S.C. 203): For Federal agencies for projects that provide access within Federal lands.
 - [Federal Lands Access Program](#) (FLAP) (23 U.S.C. 204): For State and local entities for projects that provide access to or within Federal or tribal lands.
- [TTP](#) (23 U.S.C. 202): For federally-recognized tribal governments for projects within tribal boundaries and public roads that access tribal lands.
- [TTPSF](#) (23 U.S.C. 202(e)(1) and 23 U.S.C. 148(a)(4)): Grants available to [federally recognized Indian tribes](#) through a competitive, discretionary program to plan and implement transportation safety projects.

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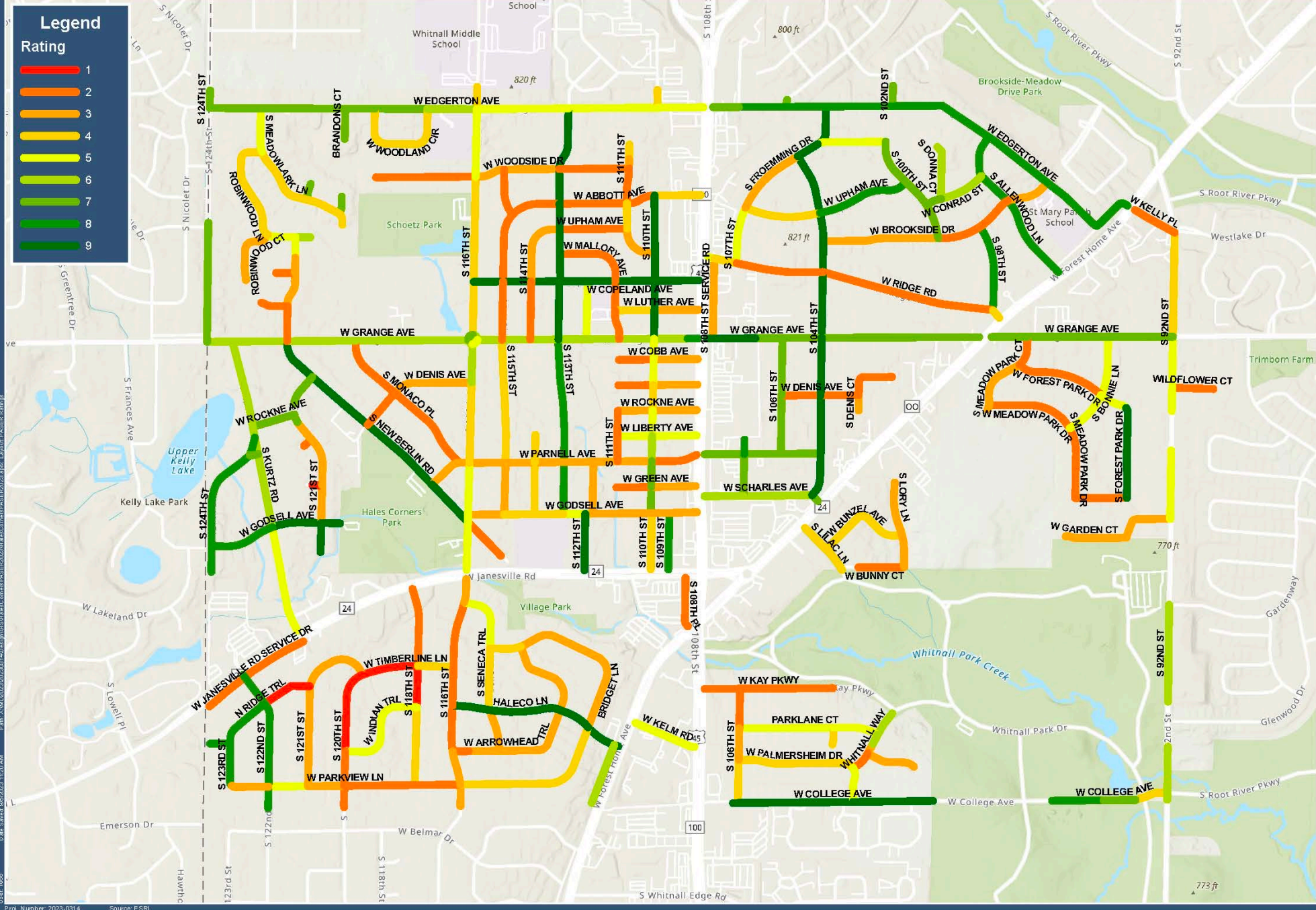
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From: Winebar, Roberta J - DNR [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Hales Corners Pathway Assistance
Date: July 8, 2025 at 7:56 AM
To: Matthew J. Eternicka [REDACTED]
Cc: Terrien, Jessica N - DNR [REDACTED], Housley, Cheryl - DNR [REDACTED]

WD

Matthew,

If you receive a grant, it is for whatever you applied for (phase/segment) and for the specified grant amount for that particular cap year. That would be the maximum grant award that you could be reimbursed for during/after the completion of that segment. You'd have to apply for other phases in separate funding years and once you have an open grant, that will go against you in the scoring process. It was also noted that there were acquisition costs in your construction estimates. Currently, our RTP does not fund any acquisitions.

I've also cc'd Chery Housley on this response, because she is taking over my position in the interim and probably would be better for you to work with Jess and Cheryl since I am trying to tie up loose ends before I walk out the door!

Thanks!

Bobbi Winebar

Phone: [REDACTED]
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From: Matthew J. Eternicka [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 6:31 AM
To: Winebar, Roberta J - DNR [REDACTED] >
Cc: Terrien, Jessica N - DNR [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Hales Corners Pathway Assistance

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Dear Ms. Weinbar,

Thank you again for your response and for connecting me with Jessica Terrien as the interim contact for our region. I also want to extend my congratulations on your upcoming retirement and express my appreciation for your dedication and service to communities across Wisconsin.

In reviewing the 2025 RTP Grant Program Guidance, I've been working to align the Hales Corners pathway initiative with all eligibility and project requirements. I now better understand how the program differentiates between sidewalks and recreational trails and want to clarify that our intent is to construct a multi-use non

recreational trails and want to clarify that our intent is to construct a **multi-use, non-motorized recreational trail**—designed to support walking, biking, and year-round use by the public.

I do have one clarification question I hope you or Jessica might be able to help with:

Given the current \$100,000 cap for 2026, if the first phase of our project totals closer to \$1 million in construction costs, would we be able to seek reimbursement through RTP in subsequent years as future caps increase (e.g., \$250,000 in 2027)? Or is the program structured so that each segment or phase is only eligible for **up to the capped amount tied to the specific program year** in which it is applied for and completed?

In other words, if we were to complete the bulk of construction between 2026 and mid-2027, would only \$100,000 be reimbursable through RTP even if our final application reflects multiple program years? Or is there a mechanism to recover reimbursement aligned with work completed in each year under future applications?

Lastly, would you or Jessica be open to a brief virtual or in-person meeting in the near future? I'd appreciate the opportunity to introduce myself and clarify a few details as we prepare internally for the 2026 cycle. I'd be happy to set up a Zoom or Teams call or come to a convenient location for you.

Thank you again for your guidance and time.

Warm regards,

Matthew Eternicka

Village Trustee – Hales Corners

Team Lead - Asset Manager, ATC

Cell: 262-488-1144

On Jul 7, 2025, at 8:03 AM, Winebar, Roberta J - DNR

[REDACTED] > wrote:

Matthew,

RTP does fund multi-use "trails." How does your "pathway" differ from what would be considered a "sidewalk" because your cost estimate mentions sidewalk and RTP does not fund sidewalks. What is the width of the "pathway" going to be? If your project plan is found eligible, the RTP cap for 2026 will be \$100,000 but will increase to \$250,000 in 2027. Phasing is allowed as long as each phase is open to the public when completed and the segment doesn't just

end up in the middle of nowhere. New application materials will not be available until January 2026, but you can review the types of questions that are asked from this year's materials: [Recreational Trails Program \(RTP\) || Wisconsin DNR](#).

I am retiring on August 1, 2025 so have cc'd Jessica Terrien who is the interim RTP project manager for your region since we currently have a vacancy for that region.

Thanks!

Bobbi Winebar

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From: Matthew J. Eternicka [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 6, 2025 8:51 AM
To: Winebar, Roberta J - DNR <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Hales Corners Pathway Assistance

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Dear Ms. Winebar,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Matthew Eternicka, and I serve on the Village Board for Hales Corners. We are actively working to advance a long-envisioned multi-use pathway system along West Grange Avenue that would serve pedestrians, cyclists, and other non-motorized users across our village and potentially link into broader regional trail networks.

I'm reaching out to inquire about eligibility and application guidance under the **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**, specifically regarding funding assistance for the initial segment of our project—spanning from S. 108th Street to S. 92nd Street. Based on the most recent conceptual design and cost estimate (attached), the total project cost is approximately **\$901,530**, including stormwater management and engineering contingencies.

Given the RTP's ability to reimburse up to **80% of eligible costs**, this program appears to be a promising fit for our community. Our project

qualifies as a **non-motorized diverse use trail**, intended primarily for walking, biking, and wheelchair access, and it aligns with the state's recreation and accessibility goals.

We would greatly appreciate your input on the following:

- **Eligibility confirmation** for our project scope and alignment
- **Suggestions on how to strengthen our RTP application**
- Guidance on **timing, requirements**, and how to prepare a compelling submission for the next grant cycle
- Whether a **phased approach** for construction might enhance our competitiveness or eligibility
- Any assistance the DNR may be able to offer in preparing our formal application package

Additionally, we are exploring complementary funding opportunities—including local grants and civic partnerships—and are working to establish matching funds as required.

I've attached our most recent reduced presentation slides, detailed cost estimate, and the path alignment map for your reference. I'd welcome the opportunity to schedule a brief call or meeting to discuss our pathway vision and how we can collaborate with the DNR on moving this forward.

Thank you for your time and support. I look forward to hearing from you and hope we can work together to bring this important infrastructure improvement to life for our residents.

Warm regards,

Matthew Eternicka

Village Trustee – Hales Corners

Sr. Asset Manager, [REDACTED]

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Attachments:

- Hales Corners Pathway Presentation (Reduced Slides)
- Construction Cost Estimate – April 2025
- Path Alignment Map (S. 108th to S. 92nd)

<Hales Corners Pathway Presentation 11.06.2023 - reduced slides.pdf>
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From: Matthew J. Eternicka [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Hales Corners Pathway Assistance
Date: July 10, 2025 at 8:43 PM
To: Mertens, Stephanie - DOT [REDACTED]
Cc: Mechler-Hickson, Merrill - DOT [REDACTED], Olusegun, Tim O - DOT [REDACTED]

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Dear Ms. Mertens,

Thank you very much for your thoughtful and detailed response. I sincerely appreciate your time and the valuable information you shared regarding the TAP and CMAQ programs.

Your guidance helped clarify several important aspects, particularly how TAP can support planning studies and how CMAQ could be applicable to shovel-ready pathway segments—both of which are relevant as we work to develop a phased, long-term vision for safer and more connected pedestrian infrastructure in Hales Corners.

I'll be reviewing this information in more detail with our Village Board and Administrator in the coming days to align on how we can best position the community to take advantage of these opportunities. The timeline you've provided for the upcoming 2026–2030 program cycle is extremely helpful as we begin planning next steps.

At this point, I have not yet engaged Tyler Beinlich, but I plan to reach out following internal alignment and discussion with our board. Your recommendation to work with regional WisDOT contacts is much appreciated.

Thanks again for your support and guidance. I'm hopeful we can bring this initiative to life with the support of these programs and continue creating a more walkable, accessible community for Hales Corners residents.

Warm regards,

Matthew Eternicka

Village Trustee – Hales Corners
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On Jul 10, 2025, at 10:51 AM, Mertens, Stephanie - DOT [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mr. Eternicka,

Thank you for reaching out regarding strategic planning and funding opportunities for a safer, more connected pathway system in Hales Corners. Your email was forwarded to me by Merrill so that I could reach out directly as I am the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program Manager. I appreciate you sharing your presentation slides and highlights from your 2023 efforts. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) manages two federally funded programs that the village may wish to pursue.

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) provides funding for a variety of generally smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities (including sidewalks and pedestrian bridges) with a focus on utilitarian use (e.g., trails used for commuting to work or school or trails connecting communities to business districts, etc.), Safe Routes to School initiatives, vulnerable road user safety assessments, and community improvement activities. TAP also funds planning studies, and encourages new applicants to apply for them, to identify the community's needs and properly plan before designing and constructing of paths. More information about the TAP program and eligible projects can be found in our TAP Guidelines on the WisDOT [website](#).

Since Hales Corners is in Milwaukee County, the village is also eligible to apply for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program funding. The CMAQ program funds transportation projects that reduce emissions of criteria pollutants and helps to improve air quality in the areas identified as nonattainment or maintenance areas by the federal government. This includes projects such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Unlike TAP, CMAQ does not fund planning studies, but if the Village knows of a

To: mechnier-hickson, merrill - DOT <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Hales Corners Pathway Assistance

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Dear Merrill,

I hope this message finds you well.

My name is Matthew Eternicka, and I serve as a Trustee for the Village of Hales Corners. In November 2023, I led a presentation to our community and board outlining a vision for a safer, more connected pathway system in the Village. The initiative aligns closely with our Comprehensive Plan 2050 and incorporates resident feedback, PASER-driven road project timing, and community planning principles focused on accessibility, safety, and long-term sustainability.

I'm reaching out to explore how WisDOT might be able to assist or advise us in two key areas:

1. **Strategic planning** – particularly around integrating pedestrian and multi-use pathways into future road improvements and redevelopment efforts; and
2. **Identifying and applying for relevant federal or state-level funding opportunities**, such as Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside, Safe Streets for All (SS4A), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) programs, among others.

Highlights from our 2023 effort include:

- Community survey responses from over 200 residents identifying strong demand for improved multi-use trail connectivity, especially across Highway 100 and into Whitnall Park and Greendale.
- Three proposed pathway segments with high public support based on connectivity, safety, and proximity to retail, park, and residential areas.
- Formal support for ongoing maintenance through the Village DPW, with many residents expressing willingness to fund it via modest tax impact.
- Direct alignment with several goals outlined in our Village's Comprehensive Plan, including promoting walkability, sustainability, and equitable access to amenities.

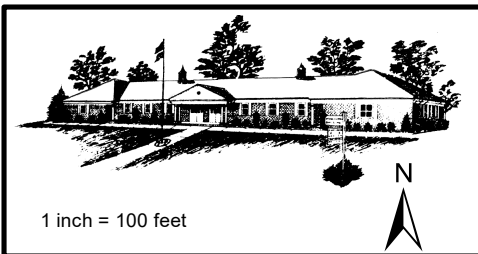
I've attached the presentation from our 2023 session for your reference. I would deeply appreciate any guidance you could offer on potential next steps, technical assistance resources, or key contacts who could help us strengthen our approach and pursue funding effectively.

Would you be open to a brief call or meeting in the coming weeks? I'd be happy to provide additional context or tailor our materials to align with DOT's expectations.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration—I look forward to the opportunity to connect.

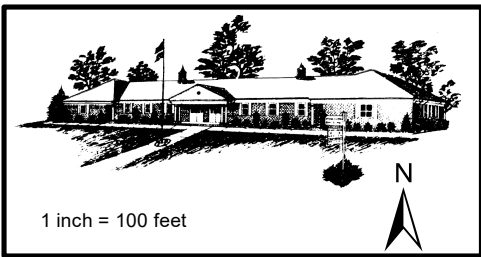
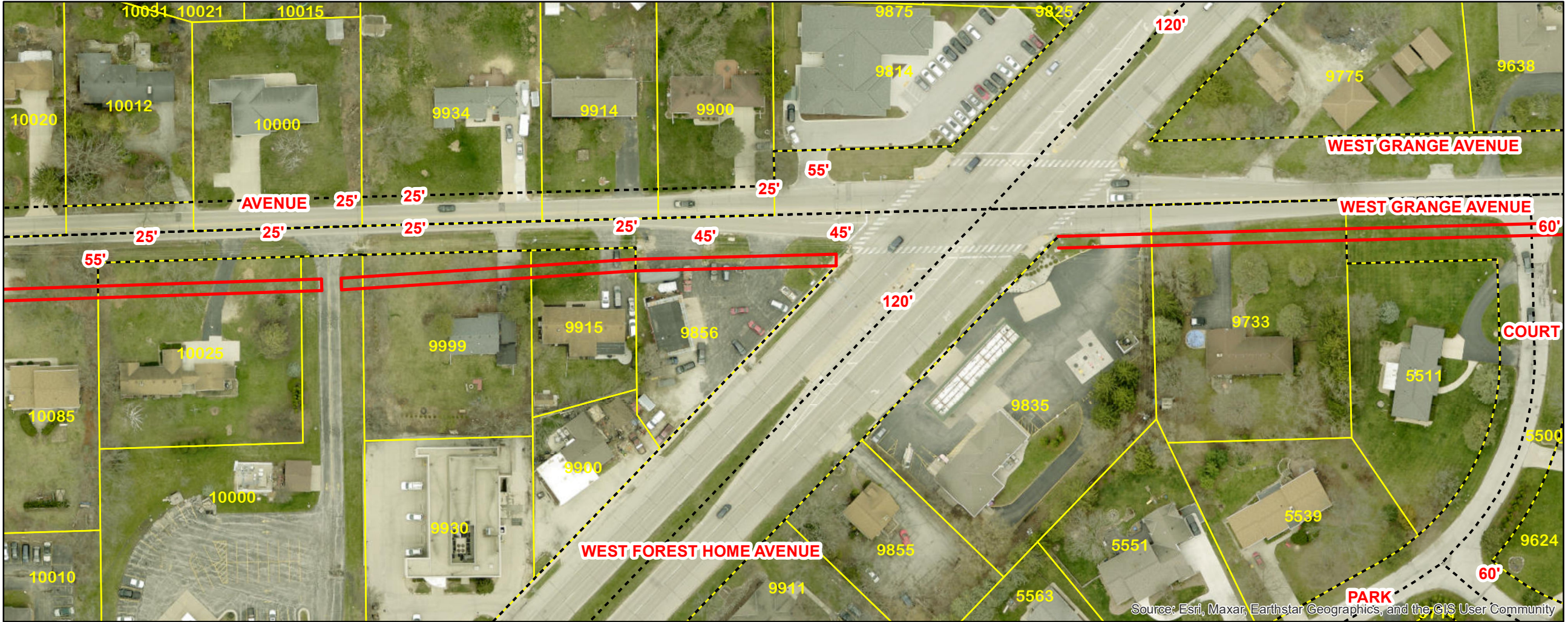


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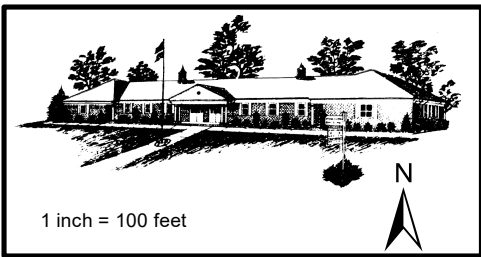
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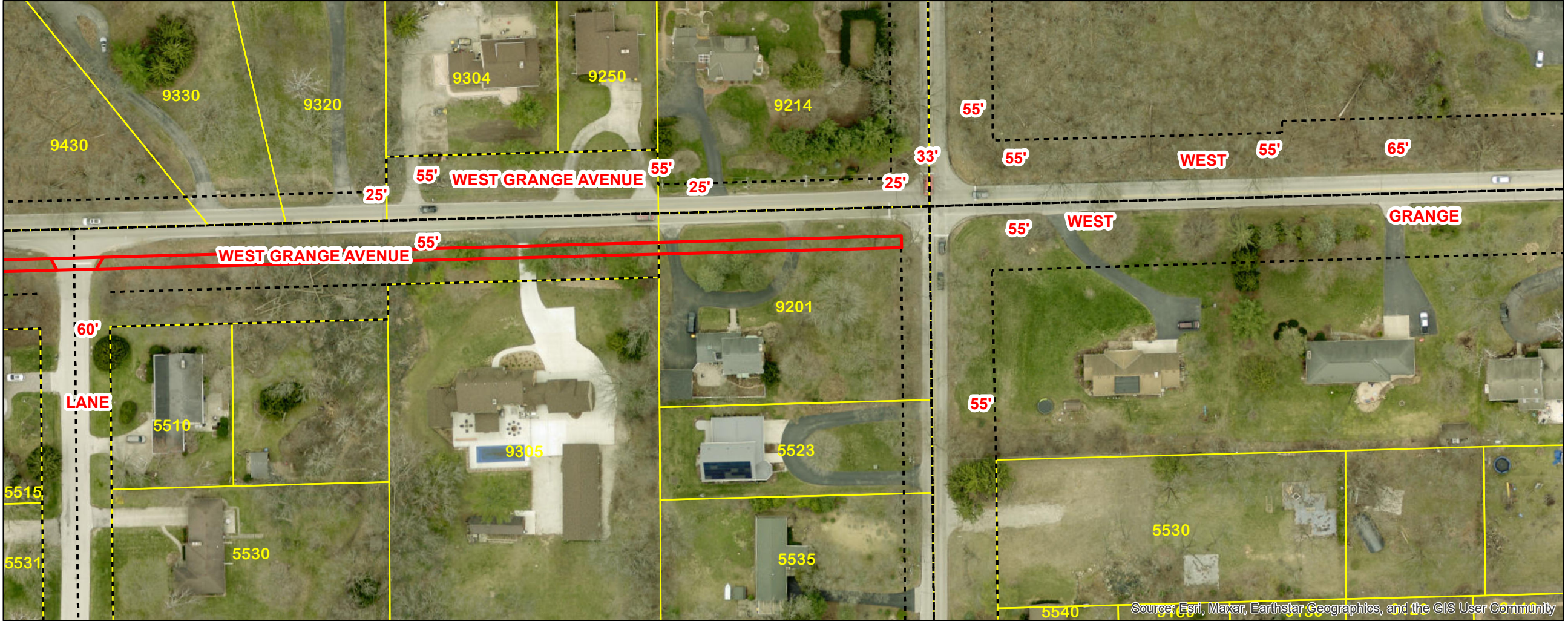
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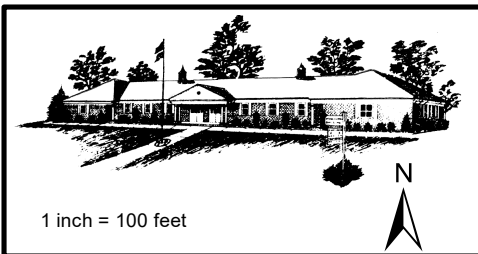
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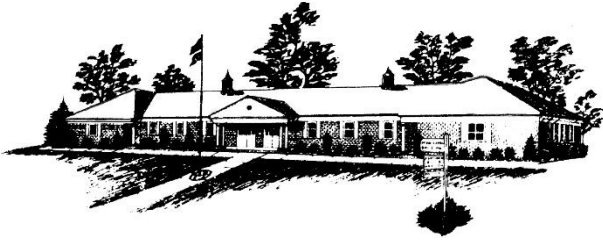
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DATE: APRIL 14, 2025



OPINION OF PROBABLE COST SUMMARY

This opinion of cost is based on conceptual layouts and designs. It will be necessary to refine this opinion of cost to reflect actual layouts and final engineering design. No liability for conceptual opinions of cost used for anything other than determining the approximate magnitude of constructions costs.

MULTI-USE PATH CONSTRUCTION

Item	Description	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total
S. 108TH STREET TO W. FOREST HOME AVENUE					
1	CLEARING & GRUBBING	24	EA	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 60,000.00
2	SAW CUTTING PAVEMENT	675	LF	\$ 2.00	\$ 1,350.00
2	REMOVE ASPHALTIC PAVEMENT	260	SY	\$ 2.00	\$ 520.00
2	REMOVE CONCRETE PAVEMENT	180	SY	\$ 3.00	\$ 540.00
2	COMMON EXCAVATION	1,100	CY	\$ 4.00	\$ 4,400.00
3	1 1/4" - CRUSHED AGGREGATE BASE COURSE	10,150	TON	\$ 27.00	\$ 274,050.00
4	3" - ASPHALTIC PAVEMENT-LIGHT DUTY	530	TON	\$ 95.00	\$ 50,350.00
5	4" - CONCRETE SIDEWALK	61	SY	\$ 80.00	\$ 4,880.00
6	DETECTABLE WARNING FIELD	110	SF	\$ 4.00	\$ 440.00
7	SIGNS/POST	22	EA	\$ 500.00	\$ 11,000.00
8	TOPSOIL/SEED/FERTILIZE	800	SY	\$ 17.60	\$ 14,080.00
9	REAL-ESTATE ACQUISITION	5	EA	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:					\$ 471,610.00

W. FOREST HOME AVENUE TO S. 92ND STREET

10	CLEARING & GRUBBING	1	LS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
11	SAW CUTTING PAVEMENT	26	LF	\$ 3.00	\$ 78.00
12	REMOVE ASPHALTIC PAVEMENT	125	SY	\$ 8.00	\$ 1,000.00
13	REMOVE CONCRETE PAVEMENT	60	SY	\$ 8.00	\$ 480.00
14	COMMON EXCAVATION	850	CY	\$ 17.00	\$ 14,450.00
15	1 1/4" - CRUSHED AGGREGATE BASE COURSE	765	TON	\$ 25.00	\$ 19,125.00
16	3" - ASPHALTIC PAVEMENT-LIGHT DUTY	380	TON	\$ 95.00	\$ 36,100.00
17	4" - CONCRETE SIDEWALK	72	SY	\$ 80.00	\$ 5,760.00
18	DETECTABLE WARNING FIELD	60	SF	\$ 50.00	\$ 3,000.00
19	SIGNS/POST	12	EA	\$ 500.00	\$ 6,000.00
20	TOPSOIL/SEED/FERTILIZE	730	SY	\$ 17.60	\$ 12,848.00
21	REAL-ESTATE ACQUISITION	6	EA	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:					\$ 161,341.00

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

22	STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	1	LS	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:					\$ 100,000.00

ITEMS 1 THROUGH 22 INCLUSIVE SUB-TOTAL: \$ 732,951.00

ENGINEERING: \$ 95,283.63

CONTINGENCY: \$ 73,295.10

TOTAL ESTIMATE: \$ 901,529.73

Organization information

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

A new applicant portal is coming Sept. 1. For Blackbaud users, this will provide a single account to manage all funders. For all users, application histories will not be available in the new portal; download any previous applications before Aug. 31.

Bookmark the new portal address (<https://bbgm-apply.yourcausegrants.com/apply/applications>) to access and return to your new applications forms beginning Sept.1. To ensure you receive important messages, add noreply@yourcause.com to your email safe senders list.

Email foundation@we-energies.com with questions.

Organization information		
Organization's legal name (as it appears on your IRS determination letter) Village of Hales Corners		
Federal Tax ID Will Provide		
Organization name (D/B/A name) Village of Hales Corners		
Address 5635 S New Berlin Rd		
City Hales Corners	State WI	ZIP code 53130
County (Wisconsin only) Milwaukee County, WI		
Phone 2624881144	Extension	Fax
Email address Meternicka@halescorners.org		
Website https://halescornerswi.gov/		
Organization type Other	Year established 1952	
Mission statement		

(Limit your response to 100 words or less.)

The Village of Hales Corners is committed to enhancing the safety, sustainability, and quality of life for its residents through thoughtful planning, inclusive community engagement, and infrastructure investments. This initiative supports a safer, more connected, and accessible pedestrian and bicycle pathway system aligned with our Comprehensive Plan 2050.

If you are not an independent entity, who are you affiliated with?

(Limit your response to 100 words or less.)

The Village of Hales Corners is a municipal government operating under Wisconsin state statutes. We are not affiliated with another entity but work in partnership with state and regional agencies such as WisDOT and the DNR to implement community planning and public works initiatives.

Identify and explain any relationships Wisconsin Energy Corporation/We Energies employees and/or directors have with your organization.

(Limit your response to 100 words or less.)

Village Trustee Matthew Eternicka previously worked at We Energies for nearly 14 years, holding several leadership roles. He currently serves as Team Lead of Asset Management at American Transmission Company (ATC), a utility that We Energies co-owns. He plays no role in procurement or grant decisions for We Energies or ATC.

Employee information

No. of paid full-time employees
64

No. of paid part-time employees
22

No. of volunteers
20

Organization history

Briefly describe the history of your organization.

(Limit your response to 400 words or less.)

Hales Corners is a vibrant suburban village located in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Originally established in 1837 by the Hale family—William, Seneca, and Ebenezer—its name reflects its early status as a crossroads of commerce and community, centered around Janesville Road and what would become Forest Home Avenue. The area maintained an unincorporated status until 1924, when residents organized to secure essential services like fire protection and sanitation. Fearing annexation by Milwaukee, the community formally incorporated as a Village on January 30, 1952, preserving its identity and autonomy.

Over the decades, Hales Corners has grown into a tight-knit community of approximately 7,700 residents across 3.2 square miles. The village has balanced progress with preservation—protecting green spaces such as Whitnall Park and the adjacent Boerner Botanical Gardens, both part of the Milwaukee County Park System. With its own local government, public library, health department, and full-service emergency services (fire and police), Hales Corners remains one of the most self-sufficient municipalities in the region.

Guided by civic engagement and thoughtful planning, the Village adopted its first long-range Comprehensive Plan in 1974, with the current Comprehensive Plan 2050 adopted in October 2021. The plan emphasizes walking and biking connectivity, sustainable infrastructure, and maintaining small-town character even amidst regional growth.

Today, Hales Corners is recognized for its strong financial stewardship, high-quality public services, and proactive community improvements—from road reconstruction and utility upgrades to environmental stewardship initiatives. Its municipal departments consistently respond to resident needs and regional opportunities, demonstrating local governance rooted in independence, service,

and forward thinking.

Briefly describe organization's past accomplishments.

(Limit your response to 400 words or less.)

The Village of Hales Corners has a strong record of civic engagement, infrastructure development, and public service innovation. Over the decades, it has successfully preserved its small-town charm while pursuing thoughtful enhancements to benefit residents, businesses, and visitors.

The Village has demonstrated consistent leadership in public safety. Its police department earned WI Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) accreditation, a distinction shared by only a small percentage of departments statewide. The fire department continues to deliver professional, integrated emergency services and secured outside funding to replace aging equipment, including a 2025 fire engine replacement initiative.

In the realm of health services, Hales Corners secured grant funding to support a new, independent public health department facility, allowing for improved community health access and outreach, especially during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

On the infrastructure front, the Village has invested steadily in road improvements guided by PASER ratings, prioritized sidewalk repairs, and implemented curb improvements for ADA compliance. The Department of Public Works consistently maintains a high standard of service while planning strategically for long-term needs.

The Village Board and standing committees have also championed environmentally conscious development, promoting sustainability and green space preservation in line with the goals outlined in the Hales Corners 2050 Comprehensive Plan. Notable green infrastructure projects include coordination with Milwaukee County for improvements to Whitnall Park and surrounding nature trails, ensuring the Village remains a gateway to recreational opportunities for the region.

From historic building preservation to supporting the Hales Corners Public Library and village-wide beautification projects, Hales Corners continues to build upon its strong civic foundation.

Briefly describe any recent activities of your organization.

(Limit your response to 400 words or less.)

In the past two years, the Village of Hales Corners has pursued several significant initiatives focused on public safety, infrastructure renewal, and community wellness.

Most notably, the Village secured state and local funding for a new fire engine acquisition in 2025. This followed comprehensive departmental planning and reflects ongoing investment in first-responder capabilities. Additionally, both the fire and police departments have completed internal structure reviews to optimize service delivery and workforce readiness.

Hales Corners also recently launched the Hales Happiness Water Trust in collaboration with local partners. This effort emphasizes community connection and wellness through clean water initiatives and youth engagement.

To improve public health infrastructure, the Village successfully applied for grants that enabled the relocation of the Hales Corners Health Department into a standalone, renovated facility. This move allowed the department to expand service offerings and improve pandemic response capabilities, while maintaining essential health outreach programs for seniors and families.

The Department of Public Works completed several road resurfacing and sidewalk rehabilitation projects, with improvements guided by PASER road condition data and ADA standards. Additionally, pedestrian safety enhancements near schools and high-traffic intersections were implemented.

Village committees, including Health, Safety & Welfare; Public Works & Buildings; and the Community Affairs Committee, have met regularly and advanced priorities such as the Hales Corners Pathway Initiative—designed to create safer pedestrian and bicycle connections across the Village and into surrounding parklands.

On the environmental front, the Village worked closely with Milwaukee County on projects involving Whitnall Park, the Boerner Botanical Gardens, and coordination with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) to ensure stormwater management planning aligns with regional sustainability goals.

Through prudent governance and active engagement, Hales Corners continues to build a safer, healthier, and more vibrant community.

Financial information

Annual budget (in whole numbers)
10136300

No If you are a United Way funded agency, please check the box otherwise leave blank.

No If you are supported by the United Performing Arts Fund, please check the box otherwise leave blank.

If receiving funding from United Way or the United Performing Arts Fund, please indicate what percentage of your operating revenues this represents.

Contact information

Executive Director information at your organization

Prefix	First name	Last name	Suffix
Mrs.	Sandra	Kulik	<None>

Title
Village Administrator

Telephone	Extension	Email address
414-529-6161		skulik@halescorners.org

Primary contact for grant request

No Check box if same as above.

Prefix	First name	Last name	Suffix
Mr.	MATTHEW	ETERNICKA	<None>

Title

Village of Hales Corners Trustee / Team Lead - Asset Managers; ATC

Telephone

2624881144

Extension**Email address**

MATTH3W22@GMAIL.COM

Proposal information

Proposal information

Proposal title

(Limit your response to 15 words or less.)

Hales Corners Pathway

Project budget

5000000

Size of drive

(Dollar amount needed to raise.)

5000000

Dollar amount being requested

1500000

Project start date

1/1/2026

Project end date

12/31/2026

Date funds are needed

4/1/2026

Is this a new or existing project?

New

Please select the main program area your organization supports.

(Select only one category.)

Community Improvement

Concise project description

(Limit your response to 400 words or less.)

The Hales Corners Pedestrian Pathway Initiative is a multi-phase infrastructure project aimed at developing a safe, accessible, and connected multi-use trail system within the Village of Hales Corners. The initiative is grounded in community input, data-driven infrastructure planning, and alignment with the Village's Comprehensive Plan 2050.

The proposed project would create a multi-use trail segment connecting 108th Street (Highway 100) to 92nd Street, forming a key east-west corridor linking residents to vital community assets including Whitnall Park, the Village Hall, public library, schools, commercial areas, and residential neighborhoods. Future phases will expand connectivity to Greendale and Franklin, integrating Hales Corners into the broader regional trail network.

The project addresses multiple goals: improving pedestrian and cyclist safety, promoting active transportation, reducing local traffic congestion, and supporting environmental and public health outcomes. The pathway design will include ADA-compliant crossings, benches, signage, and green buffers—ensuring accessibility and usability for all age groups and abilities.

This trail segment is widely supported by residents, with more than 200 community survey responses gathered during initial public engagement in 2023. Respondents emphasized the need for safe east-west passage, improved walkability, and access to parks and schools without the need to navigate vehicle-dominated roadways.

The Village seeks to leverage multiple funding sources, including Rotary grant funds, the DNR's Recreational Trails Program (RTP), and WisDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Rotary grant funds will be applied toward preliminary engineering, trailhead signage, and equipment (such

as snow removal tools) not eligible under RTP. These early investments will allow the Village to complete pre-design work and position itself competitively for the larger reimbursement programs.

This initiative is not only shovel-worthy, but shovel-ready with a clear vision, community buy-in, and scalable design. It represents a tangible opportunity to bring lasting value to Hales Corners by creating a more walkable, vibrant, and connected community. The project also reflects the Village's broader commitment to sustainability, equity in public infrastructure, and regional collaboration.

Any specific population(s) or neighborhood(s) the project will serve.

(Limit your response to 200 words or less.)

The Hales Corners Pedestrian Pathway Initiative is a community-driven effort to develop a safe, inclusive, and connected multi-use trail system throughout the Village. Aligned with the Village's Comprehensive Plan 2050, the project enhances accessibility, safety, and sustainability while linking neighborhoods to parks, schools, and commercial areas.

Phase 1 proposes an east-west corridor from 108th Street (Highway 100) to 92nd Street, leveraging an existing WE Energies utility corridor. This area has public support and strategic value, continuing a previous WE Energies-Village collaboration on the west side of Highway 100.

The project includes ADA-compliant design, trailheads, signage, and year-round usability. The Village is exploring funding through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and a \$50,000 Rotary Club grant. These sources support early-stage investments like engineering and trail amenities while reducing the local tax burden.

This initiative advances a long-standing vision for safer, more connected routes and offers a phased, fiscally responsible approach. With coordinated planning and community backing, Hales Corners can begin building a pathway system that adds long-term value and access for residents of all ages.

Number of people benefited by the program or project annually.

10000

How was need determined and how will the program or project respond to this need?

(Limit your response to 400 words or less.)

The need for the Hales Corners Pedestrian Pathway Initiative was identified through a combination of resident input, strategic planning, and safety considerations. In 2023, the Village of Hales Corners conducted a comprehensive community engagement effort, including surveys with over 200 responses. A strong majority of residents expressed a desire for safer, more connected pedestrian and bicycle pathways—especially to access Whitnall Park, local schools, the library, and the commercial district along Highway 100. Residents consistently highlighted concerns over walkability, lack of continuous trail access, and safety crossing major roadways.

These community findings were reinforced by formal goals outlined in the Village's Comprehensive Plan 2050, which calls for improved pedestrian infrastructure, active transportation options, equitable access to recreational resources, and greater environmental sustainability. The proposed pathway directly supports these objectives by connecting residential neighborhoods with key community assets while reducing car dependency for short trips.

Further, the physical geography of the Village—with major barriers such as Highway 100 and limited east-west pedestrian routes—creates safety concerns and accessibility gaps for children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. The Phase 1 corridor was selected specifically to address these barriers using existing rights-of-way and a WE Energies high-pressure gas main corridor, where a prior segment of pathway was installed with utility coordination. Extending this path eastward builds on prior efforts and leverages existing public-private alignment.

The pathway will respond to this need by creating a safe, ADA-compliant, and well-maintained east-west trail segment that will serve as the backbone of a broader, phased connectivity plan. In addition to improving quality of life, the project is expected to reduce pedestrian-vehicle conflicts, promote public health, and offer a year-round transportation alternative. Future phases will continue expanding the network in a cost-effective manner, responding directly to community priorities and evolving mobility trends.

This first phase is both a standalone improvement and a catalyst for long-term transformation. With proper funding and support, it sets the stage for a safer, healthier, and more inclusive Hales Corners.

What specific qualifications does your organization possess to address this need?

(Limit your response to 400 words or less.)

The Village of Hales Corners is well-qualified to lead the development of the proposed pedestrian pathway initiative due to its experience in public infrastructure planning, grant administration, and community engagement. The Village has successfully executed multi-phase capital improvement projects over the past several decades, including recent road reconstructions, water and sewer upgrades, and public facility enhancements. These efforts demonstrate the Village's capacity to coordinate across departments, manage budgets responsibly, and deliver high-impact outcomes for residents.

The Village's professional staff includes certified planners, engineers, and a Department of Public Works (DPW) with extensive experience maintaining municipal infrastructure year-round, including roadways, sidewalks, and park assets. This operational expertise will be directly applied to both the construction and long-term maintenance of the proposed pathway. Hales Corners also has established working relationships with experienced engineering and design firms such as R.A. Smith, which positions the Village to rapidly transition from conceptual planning to detailed design and implementation as funding becomes available.

In recent years, the Village has secured and administered various grants to enhance public safety and infrastructure. These include state and federal funding for fire department apparatus upgrades, health department facility expansion, and stormwater improvements. The Village has demonstrated the ability to meet complex grant requirements, including compliance with procurement, ADA, and environmental review standards.

Furthermore, the Village's leadership and Board of Trustees are actively engaged in long-range strategic planning efforts that support walkability, sustainability, and equitable access to public amenities. The 2050 Comprehensive Plan explicitly identifies multi-use trail development and pedestrian connectivity as community priorities. This initiative is a direct extension of those planning objectives.

Trustee Matthew Eternicka, who is spearheading this effort, brings over 15 years of experience in the energy and infrastructure sectors, including leadership roles at We Energies and currently at American Transmission Company (ATC). His technical and regulatory expertise, along with strong community engagement, has positioned the Village to act decisively on this opportunity.

Together, this mix of administrative capability, technical resources, project experience, and community alignment makes Hales Corners uniquely qualified to carry out this initiative successfully and steward external funding responsibly.

Outcomes

Provide up to five expected outcomes of your program or project and the criteria used for evaluating success.

Outcome 1

(Limit your response to 100 words or less.)

Establish a safe and accessible Phase 1 multi-use pedestrian pathway connecting neighborhoods to commercial areas, parks, and schools.

Criteria 1

(Limit your response to 100 words or less.)

Completion of final design and engineering plans, securing right-of-way, and achieving board approval to begin construction.

Expected completion date

3/31/2026

Outcome 2

(Limit your response to 100 words or less.)

Secure funding through a combination of external grant programs (Rotary, RTP, TAP) to reduce local tax impact.

Criteria 2

(Limit your response to 100 words or less.)

Successful award of at least two external funding sources and approved use of funds for trailhead development and pre-engineering.

Expected completion date

6/30/2026

Outcome 3

(Limit your response to 100 words or less.)

Install visible community improvements such as benches, trailhead signage, and maintenance equipment to demonstrate early progress and increase support.

Criteria 3

(Limit your response to 100 words or less.)

Document completed installation of at least two community-facing assets funded by the Rotary Grant or other secured funds.

Expected completion date

12/31/2026

Outcome 4

(Limit your response to 100 words or less.)

Coordinate with ATC to align long-term pathway expansion with future transmission corridor projects, supporting regional connectivity between Hales Corners, Greenfield, Franklin, and the Oak Leaf Trail system.

Criteria 4

(Limit your response to 100 words or less.)

Completion of preliminary planning with ATC, documented feasibility discussions, and formal inclusion of corridor expansion into updated Village pathway plans and regional trail maps.

Expected completion date

12/31/2028

Outcome 5

(Limit your response to 100 words or less.)

Criteria 5

(Limit your response to 100 words or less.)

Expected completion date

What other organizations are addressing the same or related outcomes and what coordination efforts are planned?

(Limit your response to 400 words or less.)

The Village of Hales Corners recognizes that regional trail connectivity depends on strong partnerships. As such, we are actively coordinating with multiple stakeholders. Milwaukee County Parks is a key partner due to the proximity of the Oak Leaf Trail and potential connections. Preliminary coordination is also anticipated with the Cities of Greenfield and Franklin to align with their pathway systems and ensure safe, logical continuity across municipal boundaries.

American Transmission Company (ATC) is a critical infrastructure partner, and the Village is exploring opportunities to align Phase 1 and future pathway segments with ATC's scheduled rebuild of the transmission corridor along Highway 100 in the 2028–2029 timeframe.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is another important stakeholder, with active engagement underway to explore TAP and CMAQ grant opportunities. Coordination with WisDOT's Southeast Region Local Program Manager will help ensure our efforts align with state and federal standards. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has also been consulted regarding the Recreational Trails Program (RTP).

The Village is also beginning to explore how future maintenance responsibilities can be sustainably funded. While no decisions have been made, future support from community organizations or additional grant opportunities — including those related to energy and sustainability — may be considered to help offset ongoing operational costs.

Financial information

Will the funds be matched?

No

If yes, by whom?

Matching sources

(Limit your response to 40 words or less.)

If program or project is ongoing, describe plans for future funding sources.

(Limit your response to 400 words or less.)

Funding sources

Provide up to five other funding sources for this program or project.

Funding source 1

(Limit your response to 40 words or less.)

ATC (in-kind coordination or potential partnership aligned with corridor rebuild)

Amount committed

Amount pending

1000000

Funding source 2

Amount committed

Amount pending

(Limit your response to 40 words or less.)

10000

ATC Corporate Giving

Funding source 3

Amount committed

Amount pending

(Limit your response to 40 words or less.)

100000

Wisconsin DNR – Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

Funding source 4

Amount committed

Amount

(Limit your response to 40 words or less.)

pending

Wisconsin DOT – Transportation Alternatives Program
(TAP)

250000

Funding source 5

Amount committed

Amount pending

(Limit your response to 40 words or less.)

50000

Village of Hales Corners Local Share

Recognition

Provide suggestions on how this contribution may be recognized.

(Limit your response to 100 words or less.)

We are happy to recognize support from the We Energies Foundation through multiple channels aligned with standard municipal-utility partnerships. This includes permanent signage at key trailheads or along the corridor, acknowledgment on the Village of Hales Corners website and social media, and inclusion in any press releases or public events such as groundbreaking or ribbon-cutting ceremonies. We are also open to coordinating recognition in a manner that best aligns with the Foundation's preferences and visibility goals.

Attachments

Title

File Name

1. Board of directors list

[Hales Corners Village Board.pdf](#)

2. Financial statements

[2025_20Adopted_20Budget.pdf.pdf](#)

4. Other

[Hales Corners Pathway](#)

[Presentation 11.06.2023 - reduced slides.pdf](#)

4. Project budget

[Phase 1- CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE.pdf](#)

4. Other

[PATH EXHIBIT 108TH TO 92ND.pdf](#)

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