



MORRISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael G. Moon, Chief of Police

City Council Report for October 13, 2026

Officer Simmons attended a 8-hour class on School Safety. Officer Simmons also provided security at the High School for the Homecoming festivities. Officer Sage went to an 8-hour Breath Alcohol Operator class. The Department is wearing pink badges for the month of October.

September Monthly Activity Report

204	Logs (Calls through Dispatch)
4	Arrests
19	Reports (requiring written report)
18	Traffic Stops
6	Citations for traffic violations
0	City Ordinance
10	Traffic Accident

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Moon
Chief of Police

September 28, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Morrison City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Morrison Community Room, 307 South Madison Street, Morrison, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Vandermyde at 6:30 p.m. City Clerk Michael Hemmer recorded the minutes. Meeting was offered to the public *via* Zoom and video recording to be available at <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofMorrisonIL>.

ROLL CALL

Alderspersons present on roll call were Kevin Bruckner Jr, Seth Buckwalter, Sara Dunne, Sidonna Mahaffey, Todd Schlegel, Vernon Tervelt, and Matt Tichler. Absent: None. Vacancy: Ward 1. Other city officials present were Mayor Scott Vandermyde, City Administrator Brian Melton, and Police Chief Michael Moon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Cited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marie Popkin requested Council to consider dropping its contract with Flock Safety. Flock is a privately controlled national company engaged in warrantless surveillance, unregulated data retention, lack of audit compliance and disclosure. The city could save \$3,000 per camera per year.

Paula Schares affirmed Popkins' thoughts and told Council that a recent Washington Post investigation uncovered the misuse of Flock surveillance for personal goals by a Whiteside County Deputy who is now being investigated. Schares also thanked the city for allowing residents access to the Community Room for various events.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR COMMITTEES

Written reports were provided to the Council from Superintendent Garland and Director Jacobs. Chief Moon distributed to Council a recent press statement his department released.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ald Schlegel moved to approve City Council, Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2026; Bills Payable - \$290,969.42; Parade Permit 26-02, Morrison High School, Homecoming Parade, October 2, 2026; and Street Closure 26-05, Chamber of Commerce, Fall Fest & Costume Parade, October 24, 2026; seconded by Ald Buckwalter. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Mahaffey, Schlegel, Tervelt, and Tichler. Absent: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Council discussed Deerview Condo Association's Request for Snow Removal Reimbursement. HOA President Michael Blean, Treasurer Sue Bond, and Secretary Sally Gray attended and answered Council's questions. Council discussed. A future Council meeting will place this on the agenda for action.

Ald Schlegel moved to approve Resolution 26-05 Supporting ITEP Grant Application for Multi-Use Path; seconded by Ald Bruckner. Council discussed. Ald Mahaffey voiced her concerns regarding the project's cost, maintenance/upkeep, safety and community need. CA Melton said this was part of the City's Strategic Plans in 1995 and 2024 and 2002 Comprehensive Plan; endorsed by the Friends of the Park since 1991, IDOT in 2019 and a plethora of public support. Ayes: Bruckner, Buckwalter, Dunne, Schlegel, Tervelt, and Tichler. Absent: None. Nays: Mahaffey. Motion passed.

No other business was brought before the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Ald Buckwalter moved to adjourn; seconded by Ald Mahafey. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Approved:

Scott Vandermyde
Mayor

Michael Hemmer
City Clerk

City of MORRISON

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor & Council

From: Barb King

Date: 10/15/26

RE: Bills Payable

Please see the attached list of Bills Payable in the total amount of: **\$146,427.02.**

Council Members having questions regarding bills should contact
Mayor Vandermyde OR City Administrator Melton
via phone, email or personal visit prior to the meeting.

INVOICE REGISTER FOR CITY OF MORRISON

EXP CHECK RUN DATES 10/14/2026 - 10/14/2026

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Invoice Number

Inv Ref #	Vendor Description GL Distribution	Invoice Date Entered By	Due Date	Invoice Amount	Amount Due	Status	Posted Post Date
STM10012026 00000517	AMANJOT DHILLON			481.25	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	01-10-3210	bking LIQUOR LICENSES		481.25			
2026-1117 00000479	ARG TRUCKING EXCAVATING LLC			518.16	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	50-81-6151	bking MAINT SUPPLIES - UTILITY SYSTE		518.16			
STM10012026 00000514	ASCENDANCE TRUCK CENTER			37.50	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	01-41-6130	bking MAINT SUPPLIES - VEHICLE		37.50			
287342210725X09 00000496	AT&T MOBILITY			603.77	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	01-11-5520	bking TELEPHONE		362.26			
	51-80-5520	TELEPHONE		120.76			
	50-81-5520	TELEPHONE		120.75			
STM09292026 00000499	BOGOTT PLUMBING, INC.			250.00	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	01-05-2270	bking STREET BONDS		250.00			
STM09242026 00000476	COM ED			4,469.62	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	15-15-5720	bking STREET LIGHTING		4,469.62			
STM09282026 00000486	COM ED			636.81	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	51-80-5760	bking UTILITIES - COM ED		636.81			
STM09282026C 00000492	COM ED			53.51	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	01-42-5710	bking UTILITIES		53.51			

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	15-15-5720	bking STREET LIGHTING		3,230.25			10/14/2026
STM10012026A 00000508	COM ED			41.15	0.00	Paid	Y
	50-81-5760	bking UTILITIES - COM ED		41.15			10/14/2026
STM10012026B 00000509	COM ED			44.77	0.00	Paid	Y
	15-15-5720	bking STREET LIGHTING		44.77			10/14/2026
STM10012026C 00000510	COM ED			66.20	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-41-5760	bking UTILITIES		66.20			10/14/2026
STM10012026D 00000511	COM ED			252.18	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-41-5760	bking UTILITIES		252.18			10/14/2026
STM10012026E 00000512	COM ED			43.62	0.00	Paid	Y
	15-15-5720	bking STREET LIGHTING		43.62			10/14/2026
STM10012026F 00000513	COM ED			4,583.18	0.00	Paid	Y
	50-81-5760	bking UTILITIES - COM ED		4,583.18			10/14/2026
STM10052026E 00000525	COM ED			57.28	0.00	Paid	Y
	50-81-5760	bking UTILITIES - COM ED		57.28			10/14/2026

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	50-81-5760	bking UTILITIES - COM ED		50.50			10/14/2026
STM10052026C 00000527	COM ED			643.21	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-43-5760	bking UTILITIES ELECTRIC		643.21			10/14/2026
STM10052026A 00000530	COM ED			1,372.67	0.00	Paid	Y
	51-80-5760	bking UTILITIES - COM ED		1,372.67			10/14/2026
STM10052026F 00000531	COM ED			60.54	0.00	Paid	Y
	50-81-5760	bking UTILITIES - COM ED		60.54			10/14/2026
STM10052026B 00000532	COM ED			86.71	0.00	Paid	Y
	15-15-5720	bking STREET LIGHTING		86.71			10/14/2026
STM10052026H 00000533	COM ED			55.18	0.00	Paid	Y
	50-81-5760	bking UTILITIES - COM ED		55.18			10/14/2026
STM10052026G 00000534	COM ED			53.09	0.00	Paid	Y
	50-81-5760	bking UTILITIES - COM ED		53.09			10/14/2026
STM10052026I 00000535	COM ED			593.23	0.00	Paid	Y
	50-81-5760	bking UTILITIES - COM ED		593.23			10/14/2026

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	15-15-5720	bking STREET LIGHTING		122.37			10/14/2026
STM10052026 00000537	DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS			488.00	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-13-9250	bking STATE C C FEES		488.00			10/14/2026
STM09112026 00000482	ELAN			4,592.97	0.00	Paid	Y
		bking					10/14/2026
	01-11-6510	OFFICE SUPPLIES		105.41			
	01-11-6520	OPERATING SUPPLIES		30.45			
	01-11-5480	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		39.99			
	01-41-6520	OPERATING SUPPLIES		52.95			
	01-21-6150	MINOR EQUIPMENT		65.22			
	01-21-6520	OPERATING SUPPLIES		143.94			
	01-21-5510	POSTAGE		21.70			
	01-21-6590	UNIFORMS		0.00			
	01-21-6590	UNIFORMS		458.75			
	01-43-5620	TRAVEL / TRAINING		138.00			
	01-43-6590	UNIFORMS		26.47			
	01-11-5510	POSTAGE		50.00			
	50-81-5510	POSTAGE		225.00			
	51-80-5510	POSTAGE		350.06			
	01-43-6538	CONCESSION SUPPLIES		58.22			
	01-43-9281	COMMUNITY EVENTS		236.83			
	01-43-8000	SPORTS COMPLEX EQUIPMENT		461.75			
	01-43-8900	PARK INFRASTRUCTURE		57.43			
	01-21-5620	TRAVEL/TRAINING		1,380.00			
	50-81-6151	MAINT SUPPLIES - UTILITY SYSTE		179.06			
	50-81-6520	OPERATING SUPPLIES		13.99			
	50-81-6530	SMALL TOOLS		153.37			
	01-11-5480	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		184.80			
	01-21-5130	MAINTENANCE - VEHICLE		77.08			
	01-11-9280	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE		82.50			
5000168074 00000478	EUROFINS ENVIORMENTAL TESTING NORTH			334.50	0.00	Paid	Y
	50-81-5420	bking LAB FEES		334.50			10/14/2026

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STM10072026 00000554	FISCH MOTORS, INC			330.00	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-41-5130	bking MAINT SERVICE - VEHICLE		330.00			10/14/2026
STM09282026 00000488	FRONTIER			123.16	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-11-5520	bking TELEPHONE		123.16			10/14/2026
STM09282026A 00000489	FRONTIER			123.16	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-11-5520	bking TELEPHONE		123.16			10/14/2026
STM09282026B 00000490	FRONTIER			155.37	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-41-5520	bking TELEPHONE		155.37			10/14/2026
STM09282026C 00000491	FRONTIER			349.46	0.00	Paid	Y
	51-80-5520	bking TELEPHONE		69.89			10/14/2026
	50-81-5520	TELEPHONE		69.89			
	01-11-5520	TELEPHONE		209.68			
STM09292026 00000493	FRONTIER			129.07	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-11-5520	bking TELEPHONE		129.07			10/14/2026
036237832 00000494	GALL'S, LLC			413.72	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-21-6520	bking OPERATING SUPPLIES		413.72			10/14/2026
73697 00000553	GREEN & CLEAN LAWN SERVICES			129.00	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-42-9280	bking MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE		129.00			10/14/2026

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STM10022026 00000522	HARTZ INC.			289.00	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	01-31-5110	bking MAINT SERVICE - BUILDING		289.00			
22358 00000505	IL ASSOC OF CHIEFS OF POLICE			130.00	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	01-21-5610	bking DUES		130.00			
STM09282026 00000481	JASON FORSTER			150.00	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	01-21-5480	bking OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		150.00			
STM09292026 00000498	JOSH GOWAN			250.00	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	01-05-2270	bking STREET BONDS		250.00			
1057 00000483	KB SIGN			140.00	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	01-11-6520	bking OPERATING SUPPLIES		140.00			
09/30/2026 00000500	KRYSTAL TROKEY	09/30/2026		75.37	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	UB refund for account: 0100254002	bking					
	50-81-3620	SEWER PLANT		24.27			
	50-81-3620	SEWER		28.00			
	51-80-3610	WATER		23.10			
50468 00000523	KUNES AUTO GROUP			99.55	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	01-21-5130	bking MAINTENANCE - VEHICLE		99.55			
3328964 00000475	LAYNE CHRISTENSEN COMPANY			46,694.00	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	51-80-5150	bking MAINT SERVICE - UTILITY SYSTEM		46,694.00			

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20935396 00000477	LEAF			358.68	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-11-5390	bking COPIER SERVICE		358.68			10/14/2026
199750 00000528	MID-WEST TRUCKERS ASSOC			1,000.00	0.00	Paid	Y
	50-81-5810	bking DRUG TESTING		1,000.00			10/14/2026
1178000470 00000516	MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA			1,465.00	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-21-6520	bking OPERATING SUPPLIES		1,465.00			10/14/2026
STM10022026 00000515	MORRISON FIRE DEPARTMENT			17,763.47	0.00	Paid	Y
	12-12-5481	bking FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE TAX		17,763.47			10/14/2026
1000038 00000521	MORRISON ROTARY CLUB			135.00	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-43-5620	bking TRAVEL / TRAINING		135.00			10/14/2026
9481 00000502	MORRISON TIRE CENTER			20.00	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-43-5120	bking MAINT SERV - EQUIPMENT		20.00			10/14/2026
9441 00000503	MORRISON TIRE CENTER			35.00	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-42-5120	bking MAINT SERVICE - EQUIPMENT		35.00			10/14/2026
9442 00000504	MORRISON TIRE CENTER			284.82	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-41-5120	bking MAINT SERVICE - EQUIPMENT		284.82			10/14/2026

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STM09212026 00000480	NICOR GAS			184.69	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-41-5710	bking NATURAL GAS		184.69			10/14/2026
STM10062026 00000538	ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY			4,148.33	0.00	Paid	Y
	18-18-5471	bking PPRT DISTRIBUTION		4,148.33			10/14/2026
1099237 00000501	PEST CONTROL CONSULTANTS IL			344.20	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-11-5110	bking MAINTENANCE SERVICE - BLDG		344.20			10/14/2026
0721-008974904 00000487	REPUBLIC SERVICES #721			212.15	0.00	Paid	Y
	14-14-5730	bking REFUSE COLLECTION		212.15			10/14/2026
0721-008976507 00000495	REPUBLIC SERVICES #721			169.32	0.00	Paid	Y
	14-14-5730	bking REFUSE COLLECTION		169.32			10/14/2026
0721-008988325 00000552	REPUBLIC SERVICES #721			24,509.20	0.00	Paid	Y
	14-14-5730	bking REFUSE COLLECTION		24,509.20			10/14/2026
STM10012026 00000506	SAUK VALLEY MEDIA			586.80	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-21-6520	bking OPERATING SUPPLIES		586.80			10/14/2026
STM10052026 00000524	SHARON WEBB			100.00	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-31-5200	bking COMMUNITY ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND		100.00			10/14/2026

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	08-08-9170	bking HISTORIC PRES/BLDG IMP PROGRAM		1,696.35			10/14/2026
265008 00000518	STRATUS NETWORKS			299.34	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-41-5350	bking INTERNET		299.34			10/14/2026
264716 00000519	STRATUS NETWORKS			362.37	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-11-5350	bking INTERNET / EMAIL SERVICES		362.37			10/14/2026
STM10052026 00000529	SULLIVAN'S FOODS			132.42	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-43-6538	bking CONCESSION SUPPLIES		132.42			10/14/2026
703050/00137 00000485	THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO			11.80	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-41-6140	bking MAINT SUPPLIES - STREETS		11.80			10/14/2026
091226 00000497	TOP PICK SPORTS PRODUCTIONS			364.00	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-43-5800	bking USSSA TOURNAMENT ASSOC FEES		364.00			10/14/2026
6022761-202609- 00000520	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE DATA			175.00	0.00	Paid	Y
	01-21-5480	bking OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		175.00			10/14/2026
STM10072026 00000555	WHITESIDE CO RECORDER			300.00	0.00	Paid	Y
	51-80-9280	bking MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE		150.00			10/14/2026
	50-81-9280	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE		150.00			

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5 00000474	WILLETT, HOFMANN & ASSOC.	bking		16,593.30	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	04-04-5320	ENGINEERING-STREET		16,593.30			
0178233-IN 00000484	ZIMMER & FRANCESCON, INC.	bking		1,772.70	0.00	Paid	Y 10/14/2026
	51-80-6151	MAINT SUPPLIES - UTILITY SYSTE		1,772.70			

# of Invoices:	70	# Due: 0	Totals:	146,427.02	0.00
# of Credit Memos:	0	# Due: 0	Totals:	0.00	0.00
Net of Invoices and Credit Memos:				146,427.02	0.00

--- TOTALS BY FUND ---

01 General Fund	13,836.43	0.00
04 Local 1% Sales Tax Fund (Streets	16,593.30	0.00
08 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	1,696.35	0.00
12 Fire Protection Fund	17,763.47	0.00
14 Refuse Disposal Fund	24,890.67	0.00
15 Motor Fuel Tax Fund	7,997.34	0.00
18 Odell Library Fund	4,148.33	0.00
50 Sewer Fund	8,311.14	0.00
51 Water Fund	51,189.99	0.00

--- TOTALS BY DEPT/ACTIVITY ---

04 1% SALES TAX	16,593.30	0.00
05 LIABILITIES	500.00	0.00
08 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	1,696.35	0.00
10 GENERAL FUND REVENUE	481.25	0.00
11 ADMINISTRATION	2,645.73	0.00
12 LEGISLATIVE	17,763.47	0.00
13 CITY CLERK	488.00	0.00
14 REFUSE DISPOSAL	24,890.67	0.00
15 MOTOR FUEL TAX	7,997.34	0.00
18 LIBRARY	4,148.33	0.00
21 PUBLIC SAFETY	5,166.76	0.00
31 COMMUNITY ROOM	389.00	0.00
41 STREET DEPARTMENT	1,674.85	0.00
42 GROVE HILL	217.51	0.00
43 PARKS & REC	2,273.33	0.00
80 WATER	51,189.99	0.00

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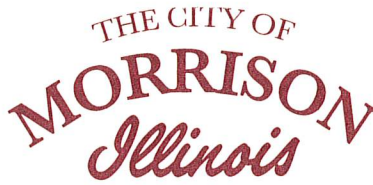
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**PLANNING / ZONING BOARD
AGENDA**

City Hall
200 West Main Street
Morrison, IL 61270

September 30, 2026 5:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of August 26, 2026 Minutes
- IV. Public Hearing
 - A. Request for Variance – 406 W Main Street
- V. New Business
- VI. Old Business
- VII. Other Considerations
- VIII. Adjournment

BOARD MEMBERS PLEASE CONTACT

CITY HALL (772-7657) IF YOU ARE

UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING! THANKS!

"More Than A Small Town"

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MEETING MINUTES

Planning & Zoning Commission
August 26, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on August 26, 2026, at City Hall, 200 West Main Street. Chairman Kevin Kuehl called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Administrative Assistant Barb King recorded the minutes.

Commission members present on the roll call were Kevin Kuehl, Jim Workman, Vaughn Maxfield and Kathy Schmidt. Kevin Dunne arrived at 5:35 p.m. and Michael Buckwalter was absent.

Other city officials present – City Administrator Brian Melton.

Commission member Maxfield moved to approve the July 29, 2026, meeting minutes; seconded by commission member Workman. On a voice vote, the motion was carried with all ayes.

Public Hearing

It was recently discovered that the properties located at 102 South Base Street, 103 South Genesee Street and 104 South Genesee Street had been incorrectly zoned for a number of years. The city is seeking to correct the zoning designations. Commission member Maxfield made a motion to recommend to the City Council that the zoning of the properties of 102 South Base Street, 103 South Genesee Street and 104 South Genesee Street be rezoned from R-2 General Residential District to C-2 General Commercial District; seconded by commission member Schmidt. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Kuehl, Dunne, Shirk, Workman, Schmidt and Maxfield) the motion carried.

Marty Parker, owner of the property located at 600 W Lincolnway, was present and provided an overview of the short-term rental (Airbnb) he is currently operating at the property. Parker applied for a Special Use Permit. Public comments were heard regarding the traffic flow, parking, lighting, zoning and the nature of the business being operated at the property.

City Administrator Brian Melton explained that the property is zoned residential and that a Special Use Permit is being requested to allow the property to operate as a short-term rental. He further explained that the special use would apply to Parker's operation of the short-term rental while he owns the property.

The Fire Chief and City Code Enforcement Officer are working with Parker to address any outstanding issues, and Parker is cooperating with the City's requirements. It was also noted that the short-term rental generated hotel/motel tax revenue for the city's tourism fund and that there have been no reported police or fire related issues associated with the property.

Commission member Maxfield made a motion to grant the Special Use for the property at 600 W Lincolnway to operate as a short-term rental Airbnb; seconded by commission member Workman. On a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Keuhl, Dunne, Shirk, Workman, Schmidt and Maxfield) the motion carried.

New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

Other Considerations

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 30, 2026.

At approximately 6:03 p.m. Commission member Workman moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commission member Dunne. On a voice vote, the motion was carried.

bk

\$175.00

Case. No. PZ 2026-003



VARIANCE APPLICATION

City of Morrison, Illinois

TO THE ENFORCING OFFICER OF THE CITY OF MORRISON ZONING ORDINANCE
200 W Main Street, Morrison, Illinois 61270-2400 (815) 772-7657 Fax: (815) 772-4291

Whenever the standards of the Morrison Zoning Ordinance place **undue hardship** on a specific development proposal, the applicant may apply to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a Variance. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall review the applicant's request for a Variance and shall submit its recommendation to the City Council. The City Council may attach such conditions to granting of a Variance, as it deems necessary to further the intent of this ordinance.

Address or location of property: 406 W. MAIN ST., MORRISON, IL 61270

Property Tax ID (PIN) number 09 - 18 - 177 - 008 -

Name of Applicant: LARRY HAHN

Address of Applicant: 406 W. MAIN ST., MORRISON, IL 61270

Phone Number of Applicant: 815-631-6987 Fax Number of Applicant: _____

Owner of Property: LARRY HAHN

Address of Owner: 406 W. MAIN ST. Existing Zoning: R-2
MORRISON, IL 61270

Specifically state the nature of the Variance requested and why it should be granted (e.g. to reduce the side yard requirement from 15ft. to 10ft. or to vary the height limitations from 35 ft. to 38ft.). The hardship should be clearly identified. Use additional sheets of paper, if necessary.

1 FOOT EAST SIDE YARD VARIANCE

2 FOOT NORTH SIDE YARD VARIANCE

- Attach a Legal Description of the property.
- Photos of the property and the specific area of the property seeking the Variance shall be submitted with application.
- Your Variance plat or site plan must show: (show on page 3 or own drawing at a scale of not less than 1 inch = 20 feet, including north arrow)
 - Show adjacent property owners, including across rights-of-way
 - Show zoning of adjacent properties
 - Show streets, railroads, waterways, and other necessary physical features

PUBLIC HEARING: After your application has been submitted and reviewed by the Zoning Administrator, it will be referred to the next regularly scheduled Planning and Zoning Commission meeting for a public hearing. The Planning and Zoning Commission meets the last Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall at 200 W. Main. At the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, you will present your request. Notice of the public hearing shall be mailed to all property owners within a 250-foot radius of the property. A Variance cannot be recommended by the Commission unless it finds, based upon the application and evidence presented at the public hearing, that all of the following conditions have been met:

- a. The development activity cannot be located inside the SFHA; (circle one) Yes / No
(Special Flood Hazard Area)
- b. An exceptional hardship would result if the Variance were not granted; (circle one) Yes / No
- c. The relief requested is the minimum necessary; (circle one) Yes / No
- d. There will be no additional threat to public health, safety, or welfare or the creation of a nuisance; (circle one) Yes / No
- e. There will be no additional public expense for flood protection, fire rescue or relief operations, policing, or repairs to roads, utilities, or other public facilities; (circle one) Yes / No
- f. There will not be an undue increase in traffic congestion on public roads and highways; (circle one) Yes / No
- g. The essential character of the locality of the property in question will not be altered; (circle one) Yes / No
- h. The relief requested is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Morrison Comprehensive Plan. (circle one) Yes / No

Certification: *To the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein, and on the attachments, is true, accurate, and correct, and substantially represents the existing features and proposed features. Any error, misstatement, or misrepresentation of material fact or expression of material fact, with or without intention, shall constitute sufficient grounds for the revocation or denial of the proposed Variance.*

Larry E. Hall
Signature of Applicant

26 Aug 2026
Date

Larry E. Hall
Signature of Owner

26 Aug 2026
Date

After receiving a completed application, the City Clerk will file notice of your request with the local newspaper and with the adjoining property owners. If you have any questions, please contact the Zoning Administrator at (815) 772-7657.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Case No. PZ 2026-003

Fee Paid? Y / N Date: 8/26/26

Drawing submitted? Y / N Date: 8/26/26

Documentation of Authority Submitted: _____

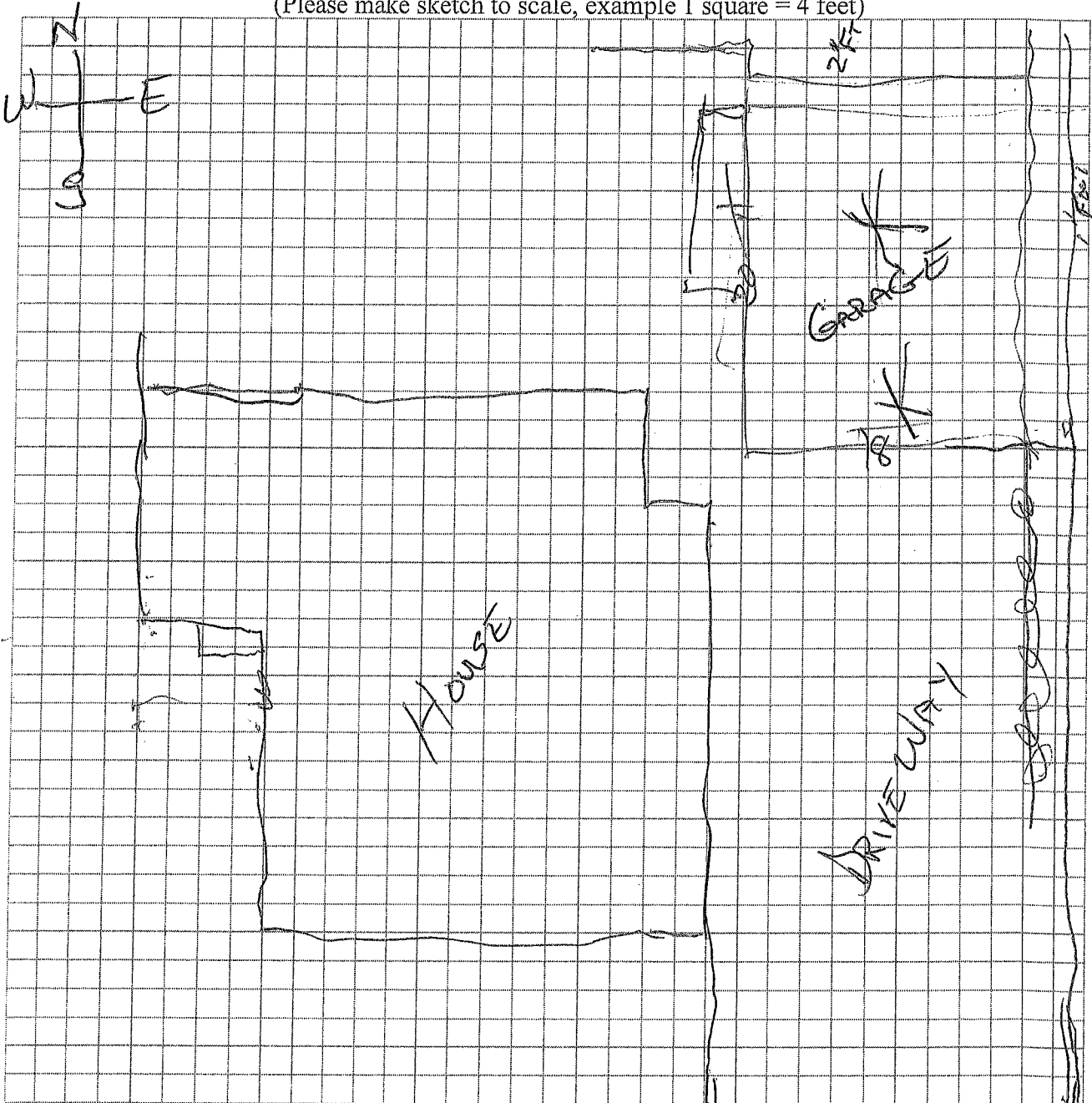
Date to go before the Planning Commission: 9/30/26

Commission Action: _____

DRAWING "A"

The dimensions of the lot or tract of land, the exact location of all existing buildings and structures, and distances to property or tract lines are shown on the drawing below. (Existing buildings and structures are marked X. Proposed buildings and structures are marked P. Include north arrow on map and indicate scale.)

(Make all measurements carefully)
(Please make sketch to scale, example 1 square = 4 feet)



NOTICE TO APPLICANT: Location of buildings or structures must be staked out on the property as shown above. This will be checked before permit is issued. Construction must not be started until permit is issued. No changes in location as shown above may be made without first contacting the Administrative Office.

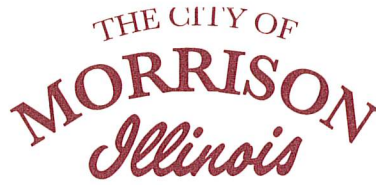


2 FOOT NORTH SIDE VARIANCE

October 13, 2026



1 Foot EAST SIDE VARIANCE



200 West Main Street | Morrison, IL 61270 | 815-772-7657

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
AGENDA
City Hall, 200 W Main Street, Morrison, IL 61270
TUESDAY, October 6, 2026
5:00 PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call/Attendance
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. September 1, 2026
- IV. Public Hearing
 - A. Request for Certificate of Appropriateness – 121 E Main Street – Upcycle Junkie
 - B. Request for Certificate of Appropriateness – 123 W Main Street – 123 Tees
- V. New Business
 - A. Building Improvement Program Request to Participate – 121 E Main Street – Upcycle Junke
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Building Improvement Program Request for Reimbursement- 204 E Main Street – Solutions on Main
- VII. Other Considerations
 - A. Proposed amendments to the HPC Ordinance
- VIII. Adjournment

Commission members please contact City Hall (772-7657) if you are unable to attend.

"More Than A Small Town"

City of MORRISON

200 West Main Street
Morrison, Illinois 61270-2400
Phone 815.772.7657
www.morrisonil.org



Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes

September 1, 2026, 5:00 p.m. City Hall

The Historic Preservation Commission met on September 1, 2026. Chairperson Barb Bees called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Executive Secretary Barb King recorded the minutes.

Commission members present were Barb Bees, Ned Nesti Jr., and Greg Kruse. John Tomasino arrived at 5:18 p.m., and Lynn Kenady arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Commission member Kruse moved to approve the August 4, 2026, meeting minutes; seconded by commission member Nesti. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Old Business

Commission member Kruse moved to recommend that the City Council approve reimbursement to the Morrison Historical Society in the amount of \$2,750.00 through the Building Improvement Program for work completed at 202 E Lincolnway; seconded by commission member Nesti. On a voice vote, the motion carried

Commission member Kruse moved to table the Building Improvement Request for Reimbursement submitted by Solutions on Main, located at 204 E Main Street; seconded by commission member Bees. On a voice vote, the motion carried. The commission requested that the applicant, Ms. Wetzell, attend the next meeting to provide additional clarification regarding the project.

New Business

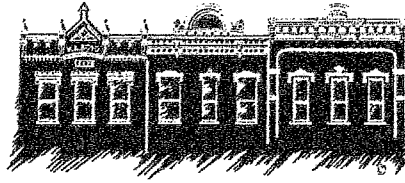
Melissa Hood, owner of Upcycle Junkie submitted a Request to Participate in the Building Improvement Program for signage and painting at 121 E Main Street. A Certificate of Appropriateness must be obtained and on file before the request can proceed.

Other Considerations

Commission members discussed the Route 30 project.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be **October 6, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Adjournment - At approximately 6:12 p.m. commission member Kenady moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by commission member Bees. On a voice vote, the motion carried.



Morrison Historic Preservation Commission

Request for Certificate of Appropriateness

Morrison City Ordinances 2.88.050 *et seq.*

1. Address of Affected Property:
(please attach photo of street view elevation of affected property and, if available, the property's legal description)
2. The MHPC is concerned, by both ordinance and philosophy, with only the exterior appearance of our community's historic structures. Interior alterations are of no jurisdictional import. Please give a thorough description of the suggested exterior improvements *(structural, notable landscaping, etc. on the property)*, and, so we can make appropriate judgments thereon, attach a picture, sketch, rendering or mock-up of the complete and exact exterior appearance of the structure's appearance on the completion of the urged changes. If necessary, please feel free to attach an addendum sheet.

121 E. Main St. Morrison, IL
6127

Installation of a new exterior
storefront sign consisting of a painted MDO sign panel
with dimensional PVC lettering and decorative molding.
Sign will be painted Behr Vintage Teal and Behr Swiss
Coffee lettering. The existing lower store-front panels
beneath the windows will also be cleaned, prepared,
and painted Behr Vintage Teal to coordinate with
→

Cont. The new Signage and create a cohesive storefront appearance. Improvements are intended to enhance the existing storefront while complementing the historic character of downtown Morrison.

3. Owner's Name(s): Melissa Hull
4. Owner's Address:
(if different than above) 631 Genesee ave
Morrison, FL 61270
5. Owner's Preferred Telephone: 815-716-7870
6. Owner's Email Address: Melissa-h@live.com
7. Requested Property's Present Designation: ☐ Landmark or ☒ Within An Historic District
- 8a. This Request is made in conjunction with an application for:
☒ a building permit
☐ a moving permit
☐ a demolition permit
- or
- 8b. This Request is not made in conjunction ☐ with any other required permit.
- or
- 8c. This Request is made due to an ☐ imminent threat to life, health or property.
9. If alternative 8c. regarding an imminent threat to life health or property was selected, please describe or attach a recitation of the threat and a description, including estimated costs, of the available alternatives for repair,

rehabilitation or restoration, and, if
applicable any income presently derived
therefrom. *(Please feel free to attach additional
pages if necessary or desired.)*

Dated:

8/25/24

Maria Hull
Signed- Requesting Party

Thank you for your kind cooperation and consideration. You will be notified promptly of the date, time and location of the hearing on your Request.

UPCYCLE JUNKIE

121 E Main St, Morrison, IL 61270

Melissa Hull

(815) 716-1870



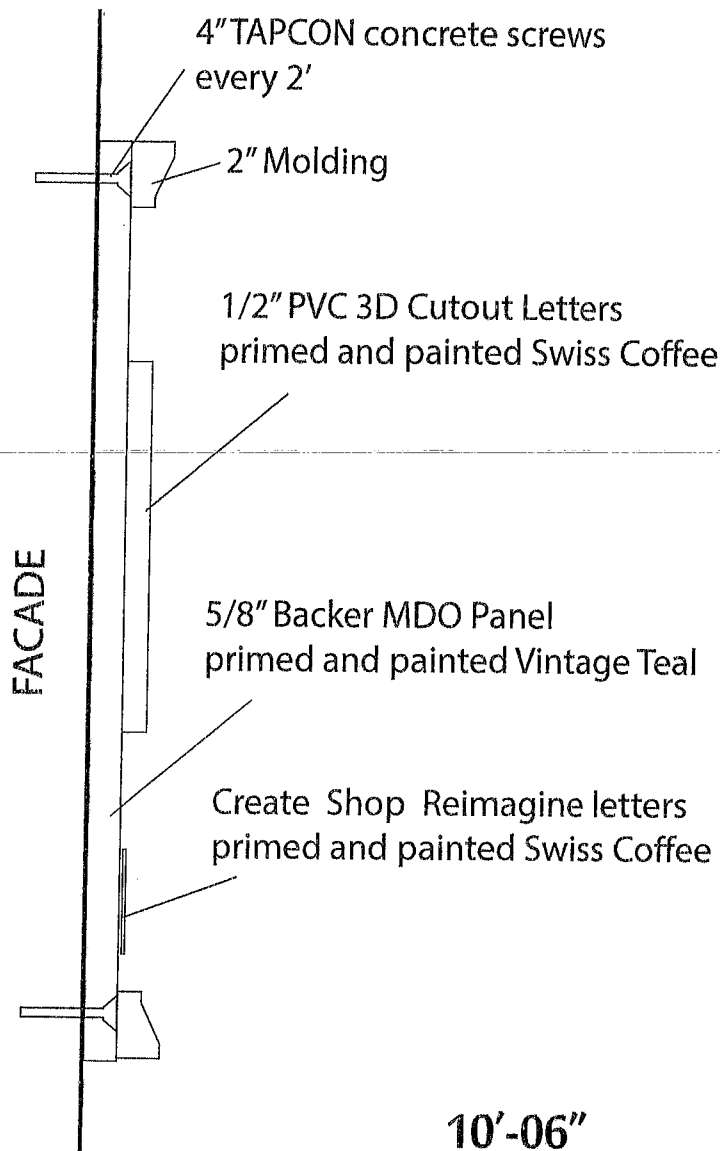
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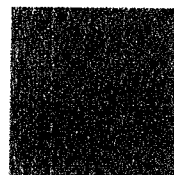
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Melissa Hull

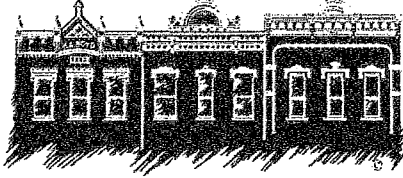
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Behr
Swiss Coffee Semi-Gloss



Behr
Vintage Teal Semi-Gloss



Morrison Historic Preservation Commission

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123 West Main St.

123 Tees

Remove existing Siding
and windows, Demo for new windows. Install
3 new windows. Remove existing door and replace
with Black glass Store front Commercial Door.
3-6x 48" Vinyl new Construction windows. 1 Store
front exterior Door Black. Disposal and Clean up.
Working on added a brick look Siding.

Labor for 3 men. Leaving old sign next
year add a new sign.
attached, what facade would look like.
+ possible brick look.

3. Owner's Name(s):

Traci Heusinkveld

4. Owner's Address:
(if different than above)

123 West main St

5. Owner's Preferred Telephone:

815-718-3058

6. Owner's Email Address:

teesor der 123a@gmail.com

7. Requested Property's Present Designation:

☐ Landmark or ☒ Within An Historic District

8a. This Request is made in conjunction

with an application for:

☐ a building permit

☐ a moving permit

☐ a demolition permit

or

8b. This Request is not made in conjunction

☒ with any other required permit.

or

8c. This Request is made due to an

☐ imminent threat to life, health or property.

9. If alternative 8c. regarding an imminent threat to life health or property was selected, please describe or attach a recitation of the threat and a description, including estimated costs, of the available alternatives for repair,

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pages if necessary or desired.)*

Dated: _____

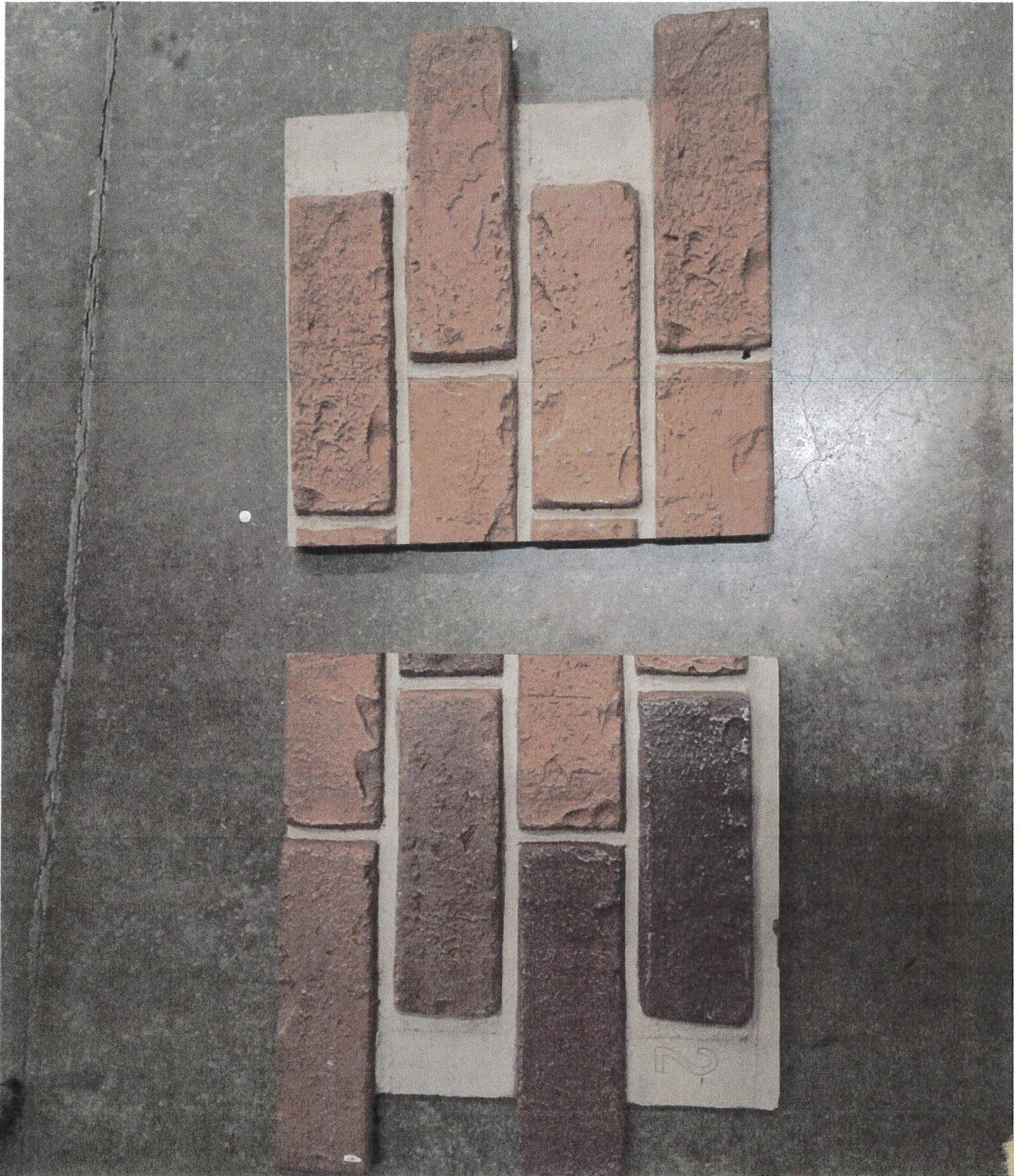
9/1/26

Jaci Hausinkrudt
Signed- Requesting Party

Thank you for your kind cooperation and consideration. You will be notified promptly of the date, time and location of the hearing on your Request.







City of Morrison, Illinois
200 West Main Street, Morrison IL USA 61270

Historic Preservation Commission
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE

Property Owner: Upcycle Junkie LLC - Melissa Hull
Address: 121 E. Main Street Morrison, IL 61270
Contact Number: 815-716-1870 Email Address: melissa-h@live.com
Common Name of Business (if applicable): Upcycle Junkie

This property is within the Morrison Historical District, but the planned improvements do not permanently alter the exterior architectural appearance of any building on such property within the meaning of the City of Morrison Municipal Code, Chapter 26, Historic Preservation. Accordingly, no Certificate of Appropriateness is required.

Nature of Improvements: Installation of new exterior storefront sign.
Sign will be painted Behr Vintage Teal and Behr Swiss Coffee. Lettering
Estimated Cost of Improvements: \$4568.75 with panels beneath windows painted Behr Vintage Teal

CERTIFICATION: To the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein is true, accurate, and correct. Any error, misstatement, or misrepresentation of material fact or expression of material fact, with or without intention, shall constitute sufficient grounds for the revocation or denial of participation.

Melissa Hull
Applicant's Signature

8/25/26
Date

For Office Use Only

Date Received: <u>8/27/26</u>
Date Reviewed by HPC: _____
Date Reviewed by City Council: _____
☐ Request Approved ☐ Request Denied
By: _____
Title: _____ Date: _____

City of Morrison, Illinois
200 West Main Street, Morrison IL USA 61270

Historic Preservation Commission
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE

Property Owner: Richard Klacko living Trust
Address: 1133 Josephine Court, Sebring Florida
Contact Number: 863-202-1175 Email Address: admin@solutionsonmain.com
Common Name of Business (if applicable): Solutions On Main LLC
204 E Main Street

This property is within the Morrison Historical District, but the planned improvements do not permanently alter the exterior architectural appearance of any building on such property within the meaning of the City of Morrison Municipal Code, Chapter 26, Historic Preservation. Accordingly, no Certificate of Appropriateness is required.

Nature of Improvements: NO Change to Structure - Cosmetic Only
Estimated Cost of Improvements: \$6,000

CERTIFICATION: To the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein is true, accurate, and correct. Any error, misstatement, or misrepresentation of material fact or expression of material fact, with or without intention, shall constitute sufficient grounds for the revocation or denial of participation.

Seanteo Webb
Applicant's Signature

7/9/2026
Date

For Office Use Only

Date Received:	<u>7/15/26</u>
Date Reviewed by HPC:	<u>8/4/26</u>
Date Reviewed by City Council:	_____
☐ Request Approved ☐ Request Denied	
By:	_____
Title:	_____
Date:	_____

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Actual Cost of Improvements: \$ 3,459.45

Amount Requested for Reimbursement: _____

A COPY OF PAID INVOICE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS REQUEST

CERTIFICATION: I, now request reimbursement according to the Building Improvement Program. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein is true, accurate, and correct. Any error, misstatement, or misrepresentation of material fact or expression of material fact, with or without intention, shall constitute sufficient grounds for the revocation or denial of any reimbursement.

Applicant's Signature

Date

For Office Use Only

Date Received: _____

☐ Request Approved

☐ Request Denied

By: _____

Reimbursed Amount: _____

Date Paid: _____

WALKER BROS CONSTRUCTION

Storefront Facade Completion Invoice

INVOICE

Date: August 14, 2026
Status: Project Completed

BILL TO

Solutions On Main
204 E Main Street
Morrison, IL 61270

PROJECT

Completion of storefront facade
204 E Main Street
Morrison, Illinois

Scope of Work

Labor and materials associated with completion of the exterior storefront facade, including surface preparation and exterior painting; installation and finishing of wood-look facade panels; stone facade/veneer elements; planter box construction and finish work; architectural trim and accent details; exterior door hardware; and related installation and finish work shown in the completed storefront.

Description	Qty / Hours	Rate	Amount
Construction labor - on-site storefront facade work	50 hrs	\$45.00/hr	\$2,250.00
Reimbursable project materials - receipts provided	1		\$1,209.45

Material Documentation

Supporting Material Receipt	Amount
Menards - facade/paint/stone/wood and related supplies	\$864.01
Amazon - exterior door hardware	\$72.31
Menards - paint/materials	\$206.38
Tractor Supply - planter/landscaping materials	~~\$66.75~~
Total Materials	\$1,209.45
Labor	\$2,250.00
Materials	\$1,209.45

TOTAL DUE

\$3,459.45

Note: Store signage and signage installation are being provided/quoted by a separate company and are not included in this Walker Bros Construction invoice.

- 66.75
Balance 3392.70

Barb King

From: SEANTAE WETZELL <admin@solutionsonmain.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2026 11:23 AM
To: Barb King
Cc: Barbara Bees; Dr. John Tomasino; Greg Kruse; Lynn Kenady; Ned J. Nesti Jr.; Melissa_h@live.com; oboykt@frontiernet.net; Brian Melton; Kevin Bruckner; Matt Tichler; Sara Dunne; Scott Vandermyde; Seth Buckwalter; Sidonna Mahaffey; Todd Schlegel; Vernon Tervelt; Jerry Lindsey; Sauk Valley News
Subject: Re: HPC Meeting

Im sorry It sent before I could finish , it was intended to say **\$2540.55 LESS** by doing by best to "budget shop" materials and labor.

On Fri, Aug 28, 2026 at 10:45 AM SEANTAE WETZELL <admin@solutionsonmain.com> wrote:
Good Morning,

I would like to clarify that the first page on my doc set was the original Estimate. I only attached that to show the amount of funds I was able to save from the time of estimate to the actual final cost of the work that has been done. I have not yet been able to replace my signs since I was asked to take the signs down that I had purchased and installed on my store front windows. I currently have no signage to represent my business. The cost of the upgrades to the storefront facade ended up being \$2540.55 by doing by best to "budget shop".

On Fri, Aug 28, 2026 at 10:14 AM Barb King <bking@morrisonil.org> wrote:

Good morning,

Attached is the agenda & packet information for the HPC Meeting to be held on 9/1/26. Hard copies will be available at the meeting.

Commission members, if you are unable to attend, please let me know before the meeting.

Thanks.

Barb King

The City of Morrison

200 Main Street

Solutions On Main LLC
204 E Main Street

Bill Date: 08/14/2026
Invoice #: 08142026

Due Date: 08/31/2026
Amount Due : \$864.01

Morrison, IL, 61270
8154417263

Bill To:
Seantae Wetzell
Solutions On Main
204 E Main St, Morrison Illinois

Additional Information
Menards Supplies
Solutions On Main , Morrison Illinois

Details

SKU	Description	\$/per unit	Units	Total
5634309	WL 3006 ULTRA CLEAR 10 OZ W11001010	\$6.99	3	\$20.97
5511982	PPS I/E PAINT SAMPLE NTL51-216-16 8 OZ.	\$5.98	1	\$5.98
5428700	GOLD GLITTER PAINT ADDITV115-0085-000	\$7.96	1	\$7.96
5612263	PAINT CAN SPOUT 61	\$1.25	2	\$2.50
5542030	ULTRA EXT SAT PAINT NUTRL41617XA PPS GAL	\$34.98	3	\$104.94
5542126	GD EXT PAINT SAT NEUTRAL 35-619XI-01 GAL	\$49.98	1	\$49.98
1467835	STACKED STONE PANEL SMOKE GRAY	\$19.79	8	\$158.32
5011998	BOURBON WOODS L-52-9300	\$39.99	4	\$159.96
	Tax	\$48.81	1	\$48.81
2140288	STORAGE BASKET - WHITE 16088048	\$0.99	4	\$3.96
5639151	HIGH TEMP MINI GLUE GUN YC280M	\$3.79	1	\$3.79
5639163	MINI GLUE STICK 100CT AN734	\$4.99	1	\$4.99
	Tax	\$3.43	1	\$3.43
5610388	PURDY 6.5" MINI WD KIT 14C810700	\$12.99	1	\$12.99
	Tax	\$1.14	1	\$1.14
1031311	1X10-8' 3 STANDARD BOARD	\$10.65	6	\$63.90
4174903	BASE CAP WM163 PINE 11/16X1-3/8X8'	\$10.66	6	\$63.96
2112685	BLACK SHELF BRACKET 11" HEAVY-DUTY	\$5.99	4	\$23.96
	Tax	\$13.28	1	\$13.28
5516957	RO PRO PAINT FLAT BLACK K7776402 VOCGAL	\$52.98	1	\$52.98
	Tax	\$5.67	1	\$5.67
2218706	PB PROJECT PACK TYLO 4-PC242T 3 CODE K2	\$46.47	1	\$46.47
	Tax	\$4.07	1	\$4.07

Total: \$864.01



Details for Order #114-1177113-6797824

Paid By: Solutions on Main
Placed By: SEANTAE WETZELL
Order Placed: August 14, 2026
PO number : frontdoorhandle
Amazon.com order number: 114-1177113-6797824
Order Total: USD 72.31

Not Yet Shipped	
Items Ordered	Price
1 of: TICONN Front Door Handle Set, Heavy Duty Square Door Lever & Single Cylinder Deadbolt Combo Reversible for Entrance Exterior Doors (Satin Brass) Sold by and invoiced on behalf of: TICONN US (seller profile) Seller Credentials: 889 Certification , Classified Small Business - SBA Standard Business Price Condition: New	\$66.49
Shipping Address: Solutions On Main 204 E MAIN ST MORRISON, IL 61270-2849 United States	
Shipping Speed: FREE Prime Delivery	

Payment information	
Payment Method: Visa Last digits: 6331	Item(s) Subtotal: USD 66.49 Shipping & Handling: USD 0.00
	Total before tax: USD 66.49 Estimated tax to be collected: USD 5.82
	Grand Total: USD 72.31

To view the status of your order, return to [Order Summary](#) .

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City of Morrison, Illinois

200 West Main Street, Morrison IL USA 61270

Permit No.: 26-06

STREET CLOSURE

& OTHER CITY SERVICES REQUEST

Name of Organization: Morrison Chamber of Commerce
Contact Person/Address: Callie Hamstra - 221 W Main St
Email: morrisonchamber@morrison.il.us Phone: 815 772 3151
Event: Christmas Walk & Parade
Street(s) to be Closed: Main St. - Clinton St → Orange St
Date(s) of Event: Saturday December 5th, 2026
Times of Closure: 2:00 pm To 8:00 pm

Additional City Services

- ☐ Electric Service on Genesee Street ☐ Electric Service on Base Street
☐ Picnic Tables – How many? _____ ☒ Main Street Audio System/Music/Microphone
☒ Refuse Receptacles – How many? 8 ☐ Water – Location(s)? _____
☒ Police Services Other/Specify: _____

The undersigned agrees to release, hold harmless, and defend the City of Morrison, its officers and agents against any and all claims for loss, damage, personal injury, or death occurring as a result of the event for which this permit is requested.

Proof of insurance is required. Insurance must name the City of Morrison as an additional insured.

Callie Hamstra
Authorized Signature

Chamber Director
Title

10/1/26
Date

STREET CLOSURE PERMIT

- ☐ Subject to the information contained in this Application, a permit is approved and thereby issued.
☐ Receipt of \$25.00 PERMIT FEE and/or the \$50.00 ELECTRICAL HOOK-UP CHARGE is hereby acknowledged. Fees are waived for non-profit organizations.

Date

City Clerk

City of Morrison, Illinois

200 West Main Street, Morrison IL USA 61270

Permit No.: 26-03
Date Issued: 10-13-26
Permit Expires 12 Months from Date Issued

PARADE PERMIT APPLICATION

Name of Organization: Morrison Chamber of Commerce

Contact Person/Address: Callie Hamstra - 221 W. Main St.

Email: mumchamber@mumchamber.org Phone: 815 499 4178

1. Event for which parade permit is requested: Christmas Walk & Parade

2. Parade Route: On Main St. Clinton St to Orange St.

3. Date of Event: Sat December 5th, 2026

4. Parade Line Up Time: 5:00pm Parade Start Time: 6:00pm

5. Support Services Requested: ☒ Police Escort/Traffic Control ☒ Barricades

☐ Street Sweeping ☐ Electric Service ☐ Sound System

Please specify: Police to start parade. Will go across 78/main

The undersigned agrees to release, hold harmless, and defend the City of Morrison, its officers and agents against any and all claims for loss, damage, personal injury, or death occurring as a result of the event for which this permit is requested. Proof of insurance is required. Insurance must name the City of Morrison as an additional insured.

Callie Hamstra Chamber Director 10/1/26
Authorized Signature Title Date

PARADE PERMIT

☐ Subject to the information contained in this Application, a permit is approved and thereby issued.

☐ Special Conditions: _____

Date

City Clerk

CITY OF MORRISON, ILLINOIS USA

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-20

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A VARIATION TO THE ZONING CODE
OF THE CITY OF MORRISON, WHITESIDE COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
VARYING THE SIDE AND REAR YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENTS
IN ARTICLE V, SEC. 62-142 (k-l) ENTITLED MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK (k)
AND MINIMUM REAR YARD SETBACK (l) FOR
406 WEST MAIN STREET**

ADOPTED BY THE

CITY COUNCIL

OF THE

CITY OF MORRISON

THIS 13th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

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406 WEST MAIN STREET**

WHEREAS, Larry Hahn of 406 West Main Street, City of Morrison, Illinois has petitioned the Planning & Zoning Board of the City of Morrison for a variance to Article V, Sec. 62-142 (k-l) of the Zoning Code which provides that the minimum side yard setback shall be 10 feet and the minimum rear yard setback shall be 25 feet; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner seeks a variation to reduce the side yard setback to 1 foot from 10 feet and the rear yard setback to 2 feet from 25 feet, for the construction of a garage in a R-2 General Residential District.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Board, in a Public Hearing convened in accordance with Article XV, Section 62-426 of the Morrison Zoning Code, has reviewed the facts pertaining to the Request for Variation; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Board has filed a Report of Findings and Recommended Action which recommends that the Request for Variation be granted; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it in the best public interest and the best use of the real estate located at 406 West Main Street, City of Morrison, Whiteside County, Illinois that the Request for Variation be granted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Morrison, Illinois that a variation to Article V, Sec. 62-142 (k-l) of the Morrison Zoning Code be granted to Larry Hahn, 406 West Main Street, providing for a variation of the minimum side yard and rear yard setback requirements. The variation shall apply to the property legally described and as provided in the petitioner's Request for Variation on file with City Administration of the City of Morrison; and that the City Clerk shall publish the Ordinance in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Morrison, Illinois on the 13th day of October 2026.

Scott D. Vandermyde, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Hemmer, City Clerk

Alderspersons Voting:

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CITY OF MORRISON, ILLINOIS USA

RESOLUTION NO. 26-06

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR
TO PAY CERTAIN BUDGETED UTILITY EXPENSES UPON RECEIPT**

ADOPTED BY THE

CITY COUNCIL

OF THE

CITY OF MORRISON

THIS 13th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-06

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PAY CERTAIN BUDGETED UTILITY EXPENSES UPON RECEIPT

WHEREAS, the City of Morrison, Illinois (the “City”), incurs recurring utility expenses necessary for the continued operation of City facilities, infrastructure, and municipal services; and

WHEREAS, such utility expenses may include, but are not limited to, electricity, natural gas, phone, cellular service, internet, telecommunications, fuel, refuse collection, and other similar recurring operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, these utility expenses are generally established by service agreements, published rates, usage charges, or other customary billing practices and are necessary and routine expenses of the City; and

WHEREAS, timely payment of utility bills is in the best interests of the City and may avoid late fees, penalties, service interruptions, or other unnecessary costs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopts an annual budget that provides appropriations for the City's operating expenses, including utility expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish an efficient procedure for the prompt payment of routine utility expenses that have been properly incurred, are within approved budget appropriations, and are otherwise lawful obligations of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Morrison, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Authorization

The City Administrator, or the City Administrator's designee, is hereby authorized to review and approve for payment, upon receipt, invoices for recurring utility and similar operating expenses of the City, provided that such expenses:

1. are for goods or services actually provided to the City;
2. are lawful obligations of the City;
3. are included within an appropriation or budgeted operating expense approved by the City Council;
4. are charged to the appropriate City account; and
5. are supported by sufficient documentation for accounting and auditing purposes.

Section 2. Scope of Authority

The authority granted by this Resolution is intended for routine and recurring utility and similar operating expenses and shall not constitute blanket authority for expenditures that are not budgeted, are not lawfully incurred, or otherwise require prior approval of the City Council under applicable law or City policy.

Section 3. Processing of Payments

Upon receipt of an eligible utility invoice, the City Administrator or designee may authorize payment in accordance with the City's established financial procedures, without waiting for the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, provided that sufficient funds are available within the applicable budget appropriation.

Section 4. Records and Financial Controls

All payments made pursuant to this Resolution shall be properly documented, recorded in the City's accounting records, and maintained in accordance with applicable law, City policy, and generally accepted municipal accounting practices. The City Administrator shall ensure that appropriate internal controls are maintained and that the City Council receives such reports of payments as may be required through the City's normal financial reporting procedures.

Section 5. Compliance With Law

Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to authorize any expenditure or payment in violation of applicable federal, State of Illinois, or local law, ordinance, resolution, appropriation, or contractual requirement.

Section 6. Repealer

All resolutions, motions, or parts thereof in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. Severability

If any section, paragraph, sentence, or provision of this Resolution is determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 8. Effective Date

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Morrison, Illinois.

ADOPTED this 13th day of October, 2026.

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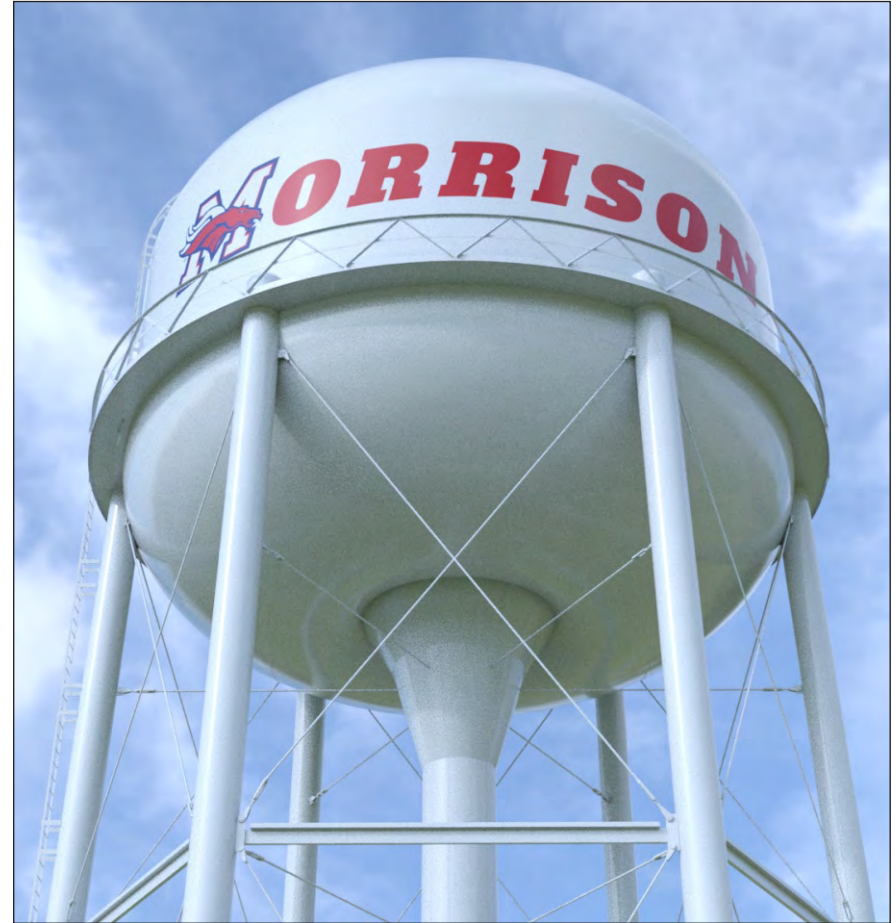
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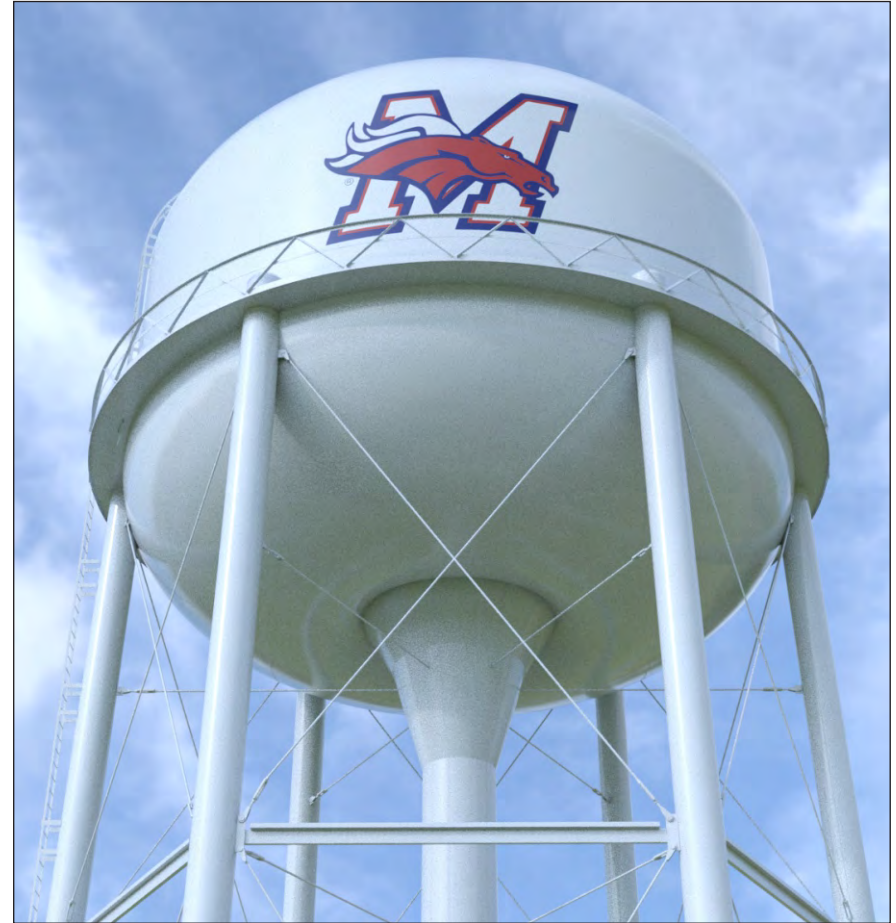
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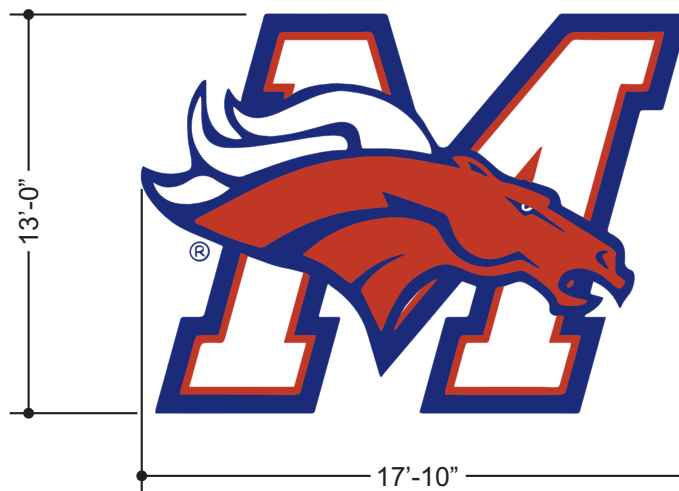
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CITY OF MORRISON, ILLINOIS USA

ORDINANCE NO. 23-04

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES

ADOPTED BY THE

CITY COUNCIL

OF THE

CITY OF MORRISON

THIS 10th DAY OF APRIL, 2023

Published by authority of the City Council of the City of Morrison, this 10th day of April, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-04

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES

WHEREAS, the City of Morrison, Whiteside County, Illinois, owns and operates its community water supply and waste water collection and treatment systems,

WHEREAS, the Community Water Supply and Waste Water Collection and Treatment Systems owned and operated by the City of Morrison need to be operated and maintained with infrastructure improvements and replacements, not only to provide these systems for the community, but to maintain compliance with USEPA and IEPA standards; and

WHEREAS, the City has conducted a water and sewer rate analysis to evaluate the financial requirements to operate, maintain, improve and replace water system infrastructure as well as the waste water collection and treatment system; and

WHEREAS, the City has established a five-phase plan to improve water infrastructure which includes the water main on Main Street, community-wide water meter replacement, water main loops for Milnes Drive to West Wall Street, Prairie View Court to Genesee Avenue, Maple Avenue to Elm Street, Carolyn Drive to North Jackson Street, Randall Drive to Hilltop Drive, and North Orange Street to North Genesee Street, water main for IL RT 78 South, and water tower improvements.

WHEREAS, based on the preliminary cost estimates for such a five-phase water infrastructure plan, the City Council determined that to pay for those improvements, water rates must be increased each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRISON THAT:

SECTION 1: The City previously declared, pursuant to a formally adopted five-phase plan to improve water infrastructure, that it has developed a rate plan to increase the water rates each year to raise sufficient revenue to pay for the water infrastructure improvements.

SECTION 2: The City establishes the following water rates;

Fiscal Year	2024	2025	2026	2027
Date Effective	May 15, 2023	May 15, 2024	May 15, 2025	May 15, 2026
Service Charge*	19.70	20.40	21.10	21.55
Usage Rate Per 1,000 gal	6.80	7.05	7.30	7.45
*Service Charge includes first 1,000 gal of usage				

SECTION 3: The City establishes the following sewer rates;

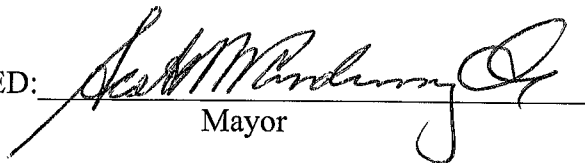
Fiscal Year	2024	2025	2026	2027
Date Effective	May 15, 2023	May 15, 2024	May 15, 2025	May 15, 2026
Service Charge*	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Usage Rate Per 1,000 gal	8.45	8.45	8.45	8.45
WWTP Charge	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
*Service Charge includes first 1,000 gal of usage				

SECTION 4: All ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

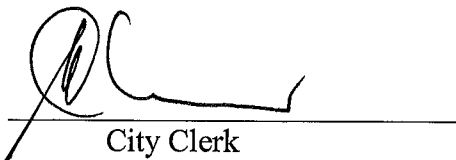
SECTION 5: The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance and record the same with the County Recorder.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Morrison on the 10th day of April, 2023.

SIGNED: 
Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 22-09

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN ELECTED OR APPOINTED
OFFICIALS COMPENSATION
(MAYOR, ALDERPERSONS, TREASURER, CLERK)**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Morrison, Whiteside County, Illinois, has reviewed and evaluated the current compensation structure of individuals who serve, or will serve in the future as Mayor, Alderpersons, City Clerk, and Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the amounts remitted to the Mayor, Alderpersons, and City Treasurer was last increased in 1992, with City Clerk being increased more recently; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/3.1-50-10, the salaries of individuals elected as Mayor, Alderpersons or other elected and/or appointed officials may not be increased during their term and must be fixed at least 180 days before the beginning of the terms of the officers' whose compensation is to be fixed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Morrison desires to increase the salary amounts designated for the Mayor, Alderman, City Clerk, and Treasurer effective with the term of office for each respective Office next following expiration of the present terms, *i.e.* those terms beginning or on after the next municipal election in April of 2023 and April of 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Morrison, Whiteside County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The recitals set forth in the Preambles to this Ordinance are true, and correct, and incorporated herein as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

Section 2. The salary for office of **Mayor**, beginning at the next term of office following adoption of this Ordinance shall be increased to the annual amount of three thousand dollars (**\$3,000.00**).

Section 3. The salary for the office of **Alderpersons**, beginning at the next term of office following adoption of this Ordinance, shall be increased to the annual amount of one thousand eight hundred dollars (**\$1,800.00**).

Section 4. The salary for the office of **City Clerk**, beginning at the next term of office following adoption of this Ordinance, shall be increased to the annual amount of two thousand dollars (**\$2,000.00**).

Section 5. The salary for office of **City Treasurer**, beginning at the next term of office following adoption of this Ordinance, shall be increased to the annual amount of one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (**\$1,250.00**).

Section 6. The salary for office of **Board Chair of the Cemetery**, beginning at the next term of office following adoption of this Ordinance, shall be increased to the annual amount of three hundred dollars **(\$300.00)**.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Section 9. The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

Passed this 13th day of June, 2022.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Terms Expiring April 30, 2027

**City Clerk Hemmer
Sidonna Mahaffey
Todd Schlegel
Vernon Tervelt
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Terms Expiring April 30, 2029

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CITY OF MORRISON

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROPOSAL

Presented to

Brian Melton
City Administrator
City of Morrison



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October 2, 2026

Brian Melton, City Administrator
City of Morrison
200 West Main Street
Morrison, IL 61270

RE: Proposal to Prepare a Comprehensive Plan

Dear Mr. Melton:

Thank you for the opportunity to present this proposal to assist the City of Morrison in preparing a Comprehensive Plan. The proposal outlines how Northern Illinois University's Center for Governmental Studies can help Morrison address the following needs:

- Enable the City to determine its desired future land use allocations and characteristics of different areas of the community
- Develop goals, objectives and strategies for realizing that future
- Prepare a future land use plan including a future land use map
- Provide an implementation plan for the City to use in making the plan a reality

This proposal also includes descriptions of relevant projects completed by NIU-CGS along with references and staff backgrounds.

Thank you for considering this proposal to assist the City of Morrison with this important project. Please contact us with questions or to discuss revisions to this proposal. We would be happy to meet with Morrison's leadership team or present this proposal at a meeting of City officials.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Miriam L. Evans'.

Miriam "Mim" Evans
Senior Research Associate
Strategic Management, Policy, and
Community Development

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Melissa M. Henriksen'.

Melissa "Mel" Henriksen
Assistant Director
Strategic Management, Policy, and
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WHY PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

Northern Illinois University's Center for Governmental Studies (NIU-CGS) recently assisted the City of Morrison in preparing a Strategic Plan to guide municipal management. Land use and growth initiatives are important themes in that plan and a Comprehensive Plan and the zoning code are key tools to address these themes. Since the three documents are related, the following chart summarizes how they differ and the function of each, as shown below.

Strategic Plan	Comprehensive Plan	Zoning Code
Planning process focuses on input from elected officials and staff and may include input from external stakeholders such as residents, businesses, and partners to guide community priorities.	Internally guides policies and projects and externally informs development applications and resident expectations. In addition to those providing input in the Strategic Plan, input from residents, businesses and stakeholders is often a prominent and significant factor.	Internal implementation and enforcement tool whose preparation is largely guided by the Comprehensive Plan. External guide to land use regulation for use by the public, property owners, investors, and developers.
Addresses key issues and policies across many aspects of municipal management.	Broadly addresses land use elements including the built environment, open space, and related public services.	Provides specific rules for development within the planning area.
Some of the plan's themes are activated and expanded upon in the Comprehensive Plan.	A guide for expanding upon and implementing sections of the Strategic Plan; an expression of the community's desired future; basis for zoning.	The legal tool used to implement the Comprehensive Plan.
No state requirements regarding content.	State statute lists categories of land use to be included.	Legal expectations for topics to be covered.
Does not have legal standing	Does not have legal standing	Has legal standing
No prescribed review process. Adopted and changeable at will by municipal officials.	Prescribed formal review process including public hearing and board adoption. Changeable through formal amendment process.	Prescribed formal review process including public hearing and board adoption. Changeable through formal amendment process.

In addition to the function of a Comprehensive Plan described in the table, there are additional reasons to prepare an updated Comprehensive Plan:

- **A Comprehensive Plan is an essential feature of long term planning, creating a broad, long-term vision** for future land uses and the built environment and a framework of goals and objectives to guide policy decisions.
- **Undertaking comprehensive planning results in more than a document.** The process of creating the plan is a community building experience, generating support, enthusiasm and volunteerism among residents. It also is an effective way to establish positive relationships with stakeholders such as property owners, businesses, special interests, and area organizations.
- **A Comprehensive Plan contains a map of future land uses for an entire planning jurisdiction** (1 ½ miles beyond municipal limits), addressing all physical elements in the area, for a long time (usually around 20 years). Because it extends beyond current municipal limits, it also guides potential annexation.
- **A Comprehensive Plan is a public document** that informs potential investors, builders, entrepreneurs, and residents of the intentions of the community, its assets, and level of professionalism.
- **A Comprehensive Plan is required to qualify for some grant funds** and can be a plus in applying for others.

The recently completed Strategic Plan will be an excellent resource in preparing the Comprehensive Plan. The priorities and initiatives presented in the Strategic Plan will provide a starting point for Comprehensive Plan discussions and the completed Comprehensive Plan and the Strategic Plan can be cross referenced for ease of use and clear direction.

This proposal includes the scope of work, estimated fees and timing to prepare the Comprehensive Plan. Costs are provided for the main tasks and several options. These costs reflect use of material gathered during the strategic planning process, where appropriate. The project team's qualifications to complete the Comprehensive Plan are also included in this package.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN APPROACH

Preparing a Comprehensive Plan is a significant time and financial commitment. The final document, including amendments over time, will serve the community for many years. Unlike plans with shorter anticipated lifespans, the Comprehensive Plan will provide guidance to multiple local administrations through varying circumstances, both within and beyond the community. Therefore, the Comprehensive Plan should be firmly grounded in the current and anticipated future needs and desires of the community, the unique characteristics of Morrison, and the economic opportunities of the broader region.

The Strategic Plan identifies four strategic priorities. These are summarized in the following table, along with how the Comprehensive Plan can address each.

Relationship between Strategic Plan Priorities and the Comprehensive Plan

Strategic Plan Priorities	How the Comprehensive Plan Addresses Priorities
Economic Growth and Development	The comp plan identifies where growth can occur and the type of growth to achieve the desired balance of land uses. It includes strategies for downtown, the east side and growth that may be appropriate elsewhere. The comp plan will be coordinated with the TIF study findings.
Organizational and Infrastructure Enhancements	Infrastructure can both encourage and control growth. The plan will include an overview of infrastructure adequacy and suggest improvements to achieve desired future land use.
Community Character and Engagement	The community engagement incorporated into the planning process generates growth in resident buy-in and levels of volunteering, valuable implementation tools. Community input ensures that the plan reflects desired community character, preserving and enhancing what makes Morrison special.
Parks and Recreation	Recreation opportunities enhance resident quality of life and attract new residents and visitors. The plan will recommend where new opportunities may be located including coordinating housing with parks and recreation. Other factors such as a changing resident age profile and an expressed interest in the arts will be considered.

A scope of work to prepare a Comprehensive Plan meeting Morrison’s needs is outlined on the following pages. The scope of work is presented in six sections:

1. Project Kick-Off
2. Community Profile
3. Community Engagement
4. The City Plan
5. Implementation
6. Final Report and Approval Process

While we believe the scope of work that follows addresses the City’s needs, it is flexible and can be adjusted through discussions between the City and the project team.

Task 1. Project Kick-Off

Task 1.1: Virtual Kick-off Meeting

Prior to beginning work, the project team will hold a virtual kick-off meeting with City staff who will provide administrative and logistics assistance. This kick-off meeting is an opportunity to discuss the expectations, project timeline, address questions and components, and make needed adjustments. At this meeting, the project team will collect or learn of existing information that may be helpful in developing the plan. This includes:

- GIS, CAD, or other mapping files
- Specialized data sets relevant to Morrison
- Past studies and plans
- Ongoing plans for key development areas
- Other relevant graphics and documents that may be helpful to carry out this project

The kick-off meeting will include discussing forming a project task force. A task force composed of residents, business owners, stakeholders, and community leaders is an effective way to bring the community into the process, hear from voices that might not otherwise be heard, and promote community buy-in to the planning process and completed plan. The role of the task force is summarized below:



Represent
different
voices in the
community



Develop
vision,
goals and
objectives



Assist
with
project
outreach



Review draft
documents



Bridge from
planning to
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The project team can help identify potential task force members. Any local stakeholders whose input would be particularly valuable or with whom the city would like to establish a strong working relationship can be considered. The task force will meet 3–4 times over the course of the project, with a mix of virtual and in-person options. Task force meetings are highly participatory and task force members often become strong proponents of the new plan.



Task 2. Community Profile

Task 2.1: Inventory of Existing Land Uses and Public Assets

This task includes a comprehensive inventory of Morrison's existing land uses. The project team will assess the community through field reconnaissance, examining Morrison's neighborhoods, commercial areas, employment centers, parks and open spaces, community facilities, transportation networks, visitor attractions, and environmental features. While most existing conditions will be physical in nature, field reconnaissance will provide an opportunity to understand the character, history, and development trends that shape the community. Attention will be paid to emerging patterns of development, economic conditions affecting demand for different land use types, and sustainability of the natural and built environment. Characteristics and growth of nearby and/or comparable communities will be considered. A City staff member or other local expert will be asked to arrange a detailed site visit and accompany the project team. Special attention will be given to the ongoing Route 30 improvements and the anticipated impact on the surrounding area.

This task will also include an inventory of existing public assets and any plans for expansion or contraction. City staff or contacts suggested by the City will be interviewed on the following topics:

- Public and institutional uses, parks, open space
- Transportation network
- Utilities and infrastructure
- Environmental conditions
- Natural areas and conservation interests

Task 2.2: Demographic Analysis

This task will provide data and analysis of the present and potential future population of the community and relevant surrounding areas including the number of and growth in households, household size, age, income, commuting patterns, migration, employment, and other factors. This population profile will help the City understand the opportunities and challenges that directly impact the amount and types of development and related services that may be needed.

Task 2.3: Evaluation of the Economy

Understanding the area economy is necessary to assess Morrison's development opportunities and position in the areawide economy. Thus, this task will address trends in employment and growth in demand for residential, commercial, industrial and other types of facilities. The potential TIF district currently being studied will factor in this analysis. Available findings from the TIF study will be integrated into the economic development aspects of the plan.

Task 2.4: Housing

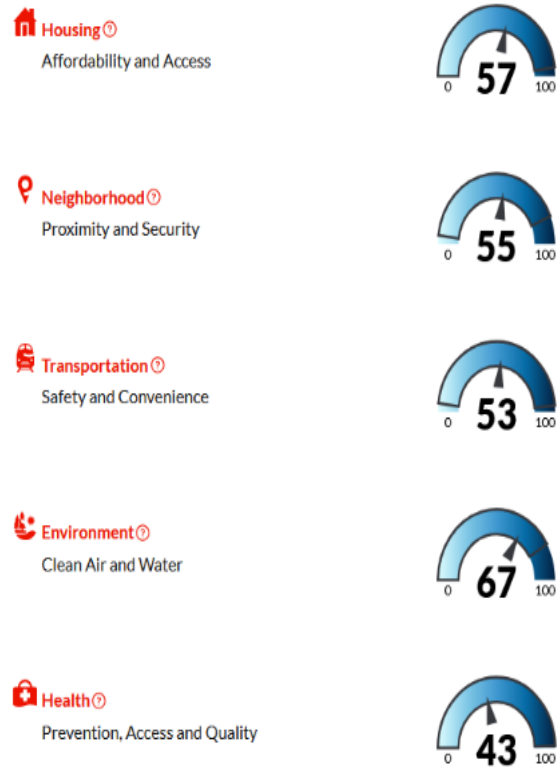
One of the City's priorities is to increase the mix of housing available to current residents wishing to change their housing and to prospective residents. By indicating the type and location of different types of housing, the Comprehensive Plan can help the City better meet the needs of current residents, attract new residents, and guide developers so proposed projects are a good fit for the community's desires and

needs. Information will be gathered on the general status of housing supply and demand and foreseeable changes during the planning period. A complete housing study can be prepared as an additional option, if desired.

Task 2.5: Community Comparison

Morrison will be compared to other communities with whom it may compete for new development, businesses, residents, and visitors. This comparison can help point out areas to work on and those to advertise. It also can help the City identify niches it might fill within the areawide market. City officials and staff will suggest comparable communities and the project team will add others that may be relevant. Direct comparisons on demographic and economic factors such as age and income trends, vacancy rates, school performance, crime, and tax levies will be investigated.

When available, indexes will be used to get a snapshot of Morrison's strengths and challenges. This kind of data is useful for evaluating Morrison its own and for comparing to other communities and the county. The example to the right is Morrison's scores on a portion of AARP's livability index, with 0 being the lowest and 100 the highest.



Task 2 Deliverables

The project team will present findings to staff and discuss possible implications for comprehensive planning. The following items will be provided in summary form:

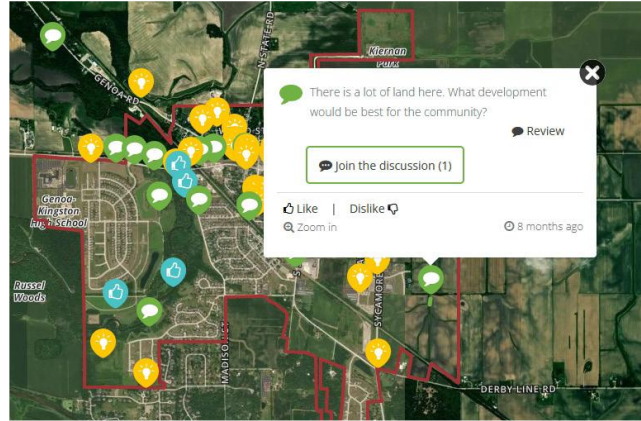
- Inventory of existing land uses and public assets
- Demographic profile
- Economic profile
- Housing profile
- Morrison's relationship with the surrounding area

Task 3. Community Engagement

Engaging the community in the planning process is critical to developing a plan that reflects residents' needs and desires. The input from officials, staff, and additional stakeholder focus groups during the recently completed strategic planning process will be useful in preparing the Comprehensive Plan. The project task force will also be an excellent forum for community engagement. A description of additional engagement methods follows.

Community Engagement Methods

- **Project Website:** A project website available to the public creates a space to inform residents of progress in the planning process, share key documents, and publicize public input opportunities. A popular feature of the website is an interactive map where the public can identify specific locations and share thoughts on issues, desired improvements and ideas for future use.



- **Resident Opinion Survey:** A resident opinion survey was conducted during the strategic planning process. This survey can also be used in the comprehensive planning process. If there are a few key questions that were not included in the strategic planning process, they can be asked through the project website.
- **Business Community Input:** The thoughts of the business community are important to key areas of the plan such as economic development. Input from this group can be obtained through a separate survey based on a list of businesses provided by the City and by interviewing key business leaders. Businesses can also be represented on the project task force.
- **Focus Groups:** The focus group findings gathered during the Strategic Plan will be helpful during the comprehensive planning process. One or two additional focus groups may be held, as needed, to gather input from specific groups not well represented in either the survey or the prior focus groups.
- **Meeting the Public:** Meeting directly with the public generates valuable insights, increases visibility for the planning project, and encourages public support for the final plan. Meeting with the public can include the following:

- **Idea Boards and Maps at Public Events:**

These activities are a fun and quick way to engage residents of all ages and varying interests. They also can be used to gather input from visitors. Potential locations for these informal input opportunities are community events, meetings of local organizations such as the school board or chamber of commerce, and heavily trafficked locations such as the public library, sports games, and shopping areas. Up to two informal events are typically included in the scope of work. These activities can be hosted by NIU-CGS staff, City staff, or volunteers.



- **City Officials Workshop:** City Council members and planning and Zoning Board members will be invited to a joint workshop to share their land use planning thoughts. This may include a discussion of current issues and marking up maps to show where challenges and opportunities are located. This joint workshop is appreciated by officials as an unusual opportunity for the Council and Board to share a direct conversation.



- **Open House:** An open house is an effective way to share the draft plan with the community before the public hearing. It can consist of display boards with an opportunity for residents to talk with staff or consultants. The display boards can be supplemented with a brief formal presentation of the plan's main concepts, if desired. An open house can identify issues that can then be addressed before the public hearing, often helping the review process move ahead more smoothly.

Community engagement through press releases, posting on the City website, and social media is encouraged and materials can be provided by the project team.

Task 3 Deliverables

A summary of community engagement opportunities and findings will be prepared.

Task 4. The City Plan

The City plan will consider all information obtained in earlier tasks and the input of the project task force. Over the course of 3–4 meetings, the task force will, with assistance from the project team, complete or review the following tasks.

Task 4.1: Vision Statement

Expanding upon the vision discussion held during the strategic planning process, the task force group will develop a vision statement specifically tailored for the Comprehensive Plan. This statement will be what the City aspires to and reflect both the strengths of the community and growth and improvements desired. Developing the vision statement is an important starting point for identifying the goals and objectives in Task 4.2.

Task 4.2: Goals and Objectives

Based on the information collected in all previous tasks and the draft vision developed in Task 4.1, goals and objectives specific to the Comprehensive Plan will be suggested. These goals and objectives will be presented to the task force in draft form for discussion and refinement. This discussion is an opportunity for a deeper exchange of ideas regarding the community's future.

Task 4.3: Major Plan Elements

The task will help prepare broad strategies for the following plan elements:

- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Office, research, and light industrial
- Mixed use
- Community facilities
- Flood plain and natural areas

These elements are recommended in state statute but can be modified to fit Morrison's unique needs. Recommendations will be based on task force discussions, City staff input, and project team expertise. Significantly, annexation is being considered by the City, and a TIF study is underway. These ideas will be considered as potential growth strategies and incorporated into the plan.

Task 4.4: Future Land Use Plan

The project team will work with the task force to create the City's future land use plan and map to ensure it reflects the current type of development, land use distribution, and desired future uses within municipal planning limits and in the extended 1 ½ mile planning area. The future land use map will be reviewed with the task force and City staff.

Task 4.5: Flexibility and Longevity of the Plan

While the future land use plan presents the desired future and considers future needs, there are often unanticipated changes that lead to questions concerning land use plan elements. The future land use plan will include indicators of changing circumstances and suggest how the Comprehensive Plan might be amended. These indicators will provide additional guidance for City officials and make the future land use plan more flexible, extending its useful life.

Task 4 Deliverables

- Draft of vision, goals and objectives
- Draft future land use map

Task 5. Implementation

While the future land use map will be an extensively used tool for the City, the implementation plan is critical to whether the City succeeds in meeting its goals and objectives. The project team will prepare an implementation plan to enable the City to effectively transition from long-range planning to active implementation. The implementation plan will include:

Task 5.1: Prioritized Objectives

Prioritizing objectives assists decision makers allocating limited resources. The objectives will be prioritized based on factors such as feasibility, community interest, and potential impact on the community. The task force will be asked to suggest priorities, which can later be reviewed by staff and officials.

Task 5.2: Strategies

Actionable strategies for each objective will be presented in the implementation plan. These strategies can be the basis for detailed work programs for staff or committees assigned to work towards a specific objective.

Task 5.3: Timing

Short- and long-term initiatives will be suggested. Where possible, these timeframes will be coordinated with those in the Strategic Plan.

Task 5.4: Resources

The implementation plan will provide resources that can direct first steps in implementing strategies included in the plan. These resources may include where to find additional information, examples of similar projects, potential funding sources, and potential partners that may help implement the plan. Resources will be provided as active links to locations where the information can be found.

Task 5.5: Cross-reference with Strategic Plan

The Comprehensive Plan will be coordinated with the City's Strategic Plan. The objectives included in the Comprehensive Plan will reference objectives in the Strategic Plan, making for easy use of both documents.

Task 5 Deliverable

The implementation plan will be presented in a matrix format with accompanying explanations where needed. The example below shows how goals, objectives, and strategies are supported by resources. The example below also shows cross referencing to the community's Strategic Plan and the priority level assigned to the objective.

2: Economic Development

GOAL: Oakbrook Terrace will have a vibrant, diverse, and growing economy based on supporting existing businesses and industries and attracting new employers.



#	OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES	RESOURCES
2.1	Promote existing programs and policies and develop new ones that facilitate business continuation and growth. PRIORITY: ● HIGH <i>Aligns with Objective ST2 from the 2024 Strategic Plan</i>	- Connect with local colleges and public agencies that provide technical assistance to businesses. - Solicit input from businesses on what assistance they seek. - Ensure parking requirements are not overly burdensome to small businesses including surveying businesses on parking needs and monitoring usage of existing spaces. - Identify opportunities for city officials to promote Oakbrook Terrace at events held by ICSC, Illinois Municipal League, etc. - Post information on available sites/spaces in an easily accessible location. - Include transportation assets, traffic counts, and other key site data in promotional material.	- Property Tax Abatement Program - SBA District Office - College of DuPage Small Business Development Center - Example: Fargo, ND, Parking Study - Parking Reform Network - International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) - Illinois Municipal League (IML) - IDOT Traffic Counts - Example: West Chicago Now Economic Development Portal
2.2	Attract new businesses to the city. PRIORITY: ● HIGH	- Consult realtors to learn what prospective tenants are seeking. - Market the city as a business location.	
2.3	Position the city so it can adapt to changing needs of business owners, workers, customers, and visitors. PRIORITY: ● HIGH <i>Aligns with Objective ST2 from the 2024 Strategic Plan</i>	- Work with the Chamber of Commerce to assess business needs. - Conduct a counter survey of customers at local businesses. - Coordinate visitor survey findings (Objective 2.4). - Facilitate a focus group with local offices and major employers to understand how their office space, employment, and operating needs have changed and what they need to adapt.	- Greater Oakbrook Chamber of Commerce - Illinois DCEO Workforce Development - WIOA Works Illinois
2.4	Support local visitor attractions. PRIORITY: ● MEDIUM	- Conduct a visitor survey. - Gather social media data from local attractions. - Contact marketing staff at local attractions and ask to share social media data. - Work with local attractions to survey visitors either as they purchase tickets or at the venue.	
2.5	Work with property owners to modernize their sites, including steps like high-speed internet, higher covered ceilings, etc.	Conduct a business or office space audit to understand current usage and identify areas to modernize or improve.	- Guide to Office Space Planning - Workplace Optimization Audit - Illinois Office of Broadband

Task 6. Final Report and Approval Process

Task 6.1: Draft Land Use Plan and Report

The draft Comprehensive Plan will be provided to City staff for review and comments. The task force and City officials may also informally review the draft at this stage. The report and map will be revised to address comments as needed.

Task 6.2: Public Hearing and Board Adoption

The project team will present the plan and answer questions at a public hearing held by the planning and zoning board and, if desired, at the adoption meeting of the City Council.

Task 6.3: Final Report

Upon adoption, NIU-CGS will provide the City with an electronic copy of the plan in pdf format suitable for printing, posting online, and distributing electronically.

COSTS AND TIMING

The total cost for the services described in tasks 1-6 of the scope of work is \$39,900, with the exceptions noted below. This fee includes staff time, task force, City staff, and joint Board/Council meetings, report preparation, attendance at the public hearing and Board adoption meeting, anticipated travel costs, and other incidental costs.

Items with additional costs are:

1. Business survey: \$3,200
2. Additional Focus groups: Up to two focus groups are included in the base fee. The fee for each additional focus group is \$600–\$1200, depending on whether it is in person or virtual.

The estimated time to complete the scope of work *excluding* the formal review process (Task 6.2) is ten months. Options selected may lengthen the time frame. This estimate is dependent on receiving timely responses to inquiries, the scheduling of meetings with staff, task force, or others whose input is needed, and turnaround for the review of interim documents and the draft plan.

Scheduling and holding the public hearing and council adoption meeting typically add two months to the overall process depending on local council and Board meeting calendars. Modifications to the schedule or budget will be mutually agreed upon by the City of Morrison and the project team.

MISSION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF NIU-CGS



Since 1969, the Center for Governmental Studies has provided expertise to help decisionmakers throughout Illinois implement efficient, sustainable, and cost-effective approaches to social, economic, land use, and information management issues.

This expertise is provided to governmental entities at all levels, private enterprises, public-private partnerships, and institutions of higher education. As part of Northern Illinois University's Division of Outreach, Engagement, and Regional Development, NIU-CGS fulfills its outreach and engagement mission through public service, applied research, technical assistance, and public policy development activities that are supported by interdisciplinary teams.

NIU-CGS is part of an academic institution. Our approach asks, "what do you need and how can we help you come to a useful decision?" That means that what we do in each project depends on what the organization needs, rather than what we have done many times before. Our main interest is to bring the University's resources, skills, and commitment to public service to help Morrison make smart choices and investments that yield desired outcomes. The types and depth of analyses will probably differ from what we did in the previous project or do in the next one, and we often do not recover all expenses, calling it public service.

A key NIU-CGS asset is access to an extensive array of public and proprietary data resources. Federal data sources include the Bureau of the Census, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. State sources include the Illinois Department of Employment Security and the Illinois Department of Revenue. A variety of published and proprietary sources contain data for hundreds of demographic, economic, and socioeconomic variables for various geographies in a variety of formats including electronic, internet, print, and thematic maps that can be used in this project.

Located in DeKalb, NIU-CGS clients include urban and rural communities throughout northern Illinois. NIU-CGS staff have been involved in several projects that will inform us about the proposed work in Morrison. Over the past few years, CGS has completed community development or comprehensive plans for over 20 communities. These plans generated an in-depth look at the status and potential of each community, providing ideas that may apply to Morrison's future growth. These plans are often combined with other kinds of plans, including Strategic Plans, economic development strategies, and housing studies.

SELECTED PROJECT EXAMPLES

The projects listed below have elements that are relevant for Morrison. All are relatively recent and some of the same staff will work on Morrison's Comprehensive Plan.

City of Morrison 2024–2027 Strategic Plan

The City of Morrison Strategic Plan is particularly relevant. Information gathered by NIU-CGS during that planning process will be useful in preparing the comprehensive plan. NIU-CGS staff's knowledge of the community and familiarity with the findings will save time and costs, and the comprehensive plan will be grounded in the city's strategic priorities.

City of East Dundee Comprehensive and Strategic Plan

East Dundee is a community similar in size to Morrison. It also aspires to economic growth and is considering annexation as a strategy. Additionally East Dundee is working to increase opportunities in the arts and outdoor recreation. In addition to having prepared the comprehensive and strategic plans, NIU-CGS is currently helping East Dundee prepare an arts master plan to address resident desires and spur economic growth.

Reference: Interim City Administrator, Franco Bottalico, fbottalico@eastdundee.net | (847) 426-2822

Right click to view plan: [East Dundee Comprehensive Plan](#)

City of Genoa Comprehensive Plan, Strategic Plan, and Housing Study 2024

Genoa is a rural community similar in size to Morrison. The comprehensive plan focused on balancing economic growth while retaining the small-town character of the community. Housing was viewed as critical to retaining and attracting residents and growing the workforce. Therefore, in addition to incorporating housing into the comprehensive plan, a separate and more detailed housing study was prepared.

Reference: City Administrator, Alyssa Seguss, aseguss@genoa-il.com | (815) 784-7106

Right click to view plan: [Genoa Comprehensive Plan](#)

Right click to view plan: [Genoa Housing Study](#)

Boone County Comprehensive Plan

This comprehensive plan combines preservation of agriculture, exurban residential growth, environmental concerns, and economic development. Many different interest groups participated in preparing the plan and multiple iterations of the future land use map were prepared to accommodate all interests.

Reference: Land Planner Jessica Roberts, jroberts@boonecountyil.gov | (815) 547-6698

Right click to view plan: [Boone County Comprehensive Plan 2025](#)

Analysis and Recommendations for DeKalb County Rural Communities

Approximately ten years ago, the DeKalb County Community Foundation provided funds for every community in DeKalb County to prepare a community development plan. NIU-CGS prepared these plans. Last year, the Foundation asked NIU-CGS to revisit each community to determine how helpful the plans had been and recommend next steps. The report *The Community Economic Development Grant Program: Its Impact and Options for the Future* presents the findings. The ideas in the report are helpful to communities outside of the county as they consider their future. The report has served as one of the building blocks for the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation's program to encourage growth and vitality in its rural communities.

Reference: Executive Director Dan Templin, dan@dekalbcountyfoundation.org | (815) 748-5383

Right click to view report: [DeKalb County Rural Economic Development Program](#)

MEET YOUR TEAM

The proposed project team will consist of specialists and researchers with extensive experience conducting strategic planning, data assessments, stakeholder input, and economic analysis.



MIRIAM “MIM” EVANS, MS

Team Leader

Ms. Evans is a Senior Research Associate in community and economic development and has been with NIU-CGS for thirteen years. Mim focuses on rural and suburban communities working to maximize growth in their economies and quality of life while protecting their unique identities and environments.

Recent and ongoing work includes comprehensive plans for Sycamore, Cortland, Dwight, Genoa, Oregon, Oakbrook Terrace, East Dundee, Bannockburn, and North Riverside, IL; Woodstock, Illinois' award-winning Age Friendly Livable Community Action Plan; housing studies for Monmouth, Genoa and Monticello, IL, arts master plans for Woodstock and East Dundee, IL, and economic development strategies for Bannockburn and Dwight, IL. She is a regular speaker on trends in community development and leads professional development classes on planning and economic development.

Prior to joining NIU-CGS, Mim was executive director of Genoa Main Street and has eight years of hands-on rural downtown revitalization experience including building rehabilitation, supporting existing businesses, recruiting new businesses, event planning, incubator development, and public space improvements. She also has nine years' experience as a consultant with a national firm specializing in determining the feasibility of a variety of public and private real estate development projects. She has a BS in urban planning from Michigan State University and an MS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in urban and regional planning. Mim is a member of the Geneva, IL Plan Commission, and served on the Geneva Downtown Zoning Task Force and several public advisory groups related to community development. She helped found and co-chaired DeKalb County Community Champions, a grass roots group of leaders from communities across DeKalb County focused on community development and collaboration.



PAULA FREEZE

Paula Freeze joined NIU-CGS in 2017. Prior to that, she was employed as an urban planner with the city of Chicago, Knight Engineers & Architects, Metra and as a self-employed consultant. At the Center for Governmental Studies, Paula works with the Association Management and the Community and Economic Development teams.

Through CGS, she serves as the Executive Director of the American Planning Association - Illinois Chapter (APA-IL), a statewide professional association for urban planners with over 1,500 members. Paula holds a B.A. in urban and regional planning from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Master of Urban Planning and Public Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago.



ANDY BLANKE

Mr. Blanke joined CGS in 2011 and holds an MPA from Northern Illinois University. Mr. Blanke specializes in data analysis and mapping and has been involved in several statewide data projects, including the DCEO 5-year Strategic Plan, 2014 and 2021 Illinois Community College Board Economic Impact Studies, the Enterprise Zone Data Assistance Program, and the Statistical Adjustment Model used for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act performance negotiations. He manages updates for the Municipal Price Index and has been published in Community Development and the Illinois Municipal Policy Journal.



DAWN WUCKI-ROSSBACH

Ms. Wucki-Rossbach, Public Management and Local Government Specialist, is a graduate of NIU's MPA program and most recently served as Interim City Manager of Kenilworth, Illinois. Dawn has held a variety of positions during her 25-year local government management career.

From 1999 to 2010 she held multiple positions in the City Manager's office of Carpentersville including Interim City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Community Development Director. She also served as the Business Manager for the Lake County Sheriff's Office, City Administrator of Maple Park, Illinois, and Interim Public Works Director positions in three suburban communities. Dawn has experience in personnel management, board relations, operations, risk management, strategic planning, and budgeting. Dawn's positions during her career have called on her well-rounded professional insight to direct budget and finance functions, oversee purchasing and capital budgeting, undertake grant writing, administer zoning and long-range plans, navigate union negotiations, and direct public works and utility operations. Dawn completed her undergraduate work at Augustana College, attended the Leadership Institute at Harvard Law and earned her ICMA Credentialed Manager designation in 2006.



KATIE MCLAUGHLIN

Katie is the founding principal of Locality Studio. Locality Studio is a design firm rooted in community planning. They provide mapping services, website design, community outreach materials, and document preparation for clients throughout the Midwest. Katie will work with the project team on mapping, community engagement, and the final plan document.



ALLI AISTON

Mrs. Aiston specializes in guiding local governments and organizations through comprehensive planning processes. Her expertise includes designing and implementing stakeholder engagement strategies, analyzing data, and translating findings into actionable priorities that support long-term organizational success.

Alli leads the stakeholder feedback and engagement phases of NIU-CGS projects, including survey research, focus groups, interviews, and co-facilitates workshops. She is recognized for her skill in data analytics, report preparation, and strategic communication, ensuring that complex information is presented in ways that are both accessible and decision-focused. In addition, she plays an active role in the action planning and implementation launch phases, helping organizations transition from vision-setting to measurable, sustainable outcomes.