



2023-24 VISION, MISSION, VALUES, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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VISION

The Village of Lake Orion is a desirable, vital, vibrant, safe, sustainable small community that cherishes its local culture, heritage and history as it moves forward into the future. Encouraging innovation and continuous improvement promoted by the diversity of its citizens and businesses through their involvement in local governance who understand their responsibility for protecting its special natural resources creating a unique place by which its citizens and businesses are proud to call "home".

MISSION

The Mission of the Village of Lake Orion is to foster the reemergence of our community with a vibrant downtown and a high quality of life that is enhanced by our historic character, trails and waterway features.

CORE VALUES

- **Trust.** We will maintain the highest levels of transparency, honesty, integrity, truthfulness, and ethical conduct.
- **Quality.** We will strive for excellence, professionalism, quality, and pride from public officials in the conduct of our work and the provision of our programs and services.
- **Innovation.** We will encourage and support new, creative ideas and reasonable risk taking, take advantage of unique and beneficial opportunities that advance our community.
- **Respect for all individuals.** We will respect individuals, embrace tolerance and diversity, treat all citizens fairly, and seek involvement and participation from individuals from all levels of the village government and from the community at large.
- **Teamwork.** We recognize and value the importance of working together to accomplish community goals.
- **Effective Service.** We strive to be trendsetters and value timely, courteous, cooperative, responsive, efficient, and effective public service.
- **Future Orientation.** We make decisions that stand the test of time, that help us to control our own destiny, that cultivate and sustain family heritage while encouraging intergenerational connection, that promote the viability and sustainability of our community for the long term, and provide a place that all citizens and businesses are proud to call "home".

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- **Goal 1: Promote Sound and Prudent Financial Management**
 - **Objective 1.1: Identify, classify and determine use of all Village owned properties**. Consider possible license agreement options including use agreements with property owners on the lake for the Village owned right-of-way properties. Review Village owned properties to determine if any could be sold, licensed, or leased.
 - **Objective 1.2: Address parking needs of the downtown**, including pay to park- meters on street and a parking structure. Signage for employee parking areas. Consider Lumber Yard, parking deck and grants.
 - **Objective 1.3: Review Infrastructure Projects and Water and Sewer Rates Review**- Review the water and sewer rates based on the four-year step increases from 2022-2026 compared to current and future costs including infrastructure improvements of water and sewer system including the lift/pump stations.

- **Goal 2: Promote Proper Management of Capital Assets and Infrastructure**
 - **Objective 2.1: Water System Improvement Program - Phases 3/4**- Continue water main replacement program of the remaining old (1940) and undersized (>8") mains. \$3,090,000 authorized bond balance (\$10,000,000 total) in 2018. Design engineering needs to be completed and grants/loans financing secured. This would include the lead goose neck/galvanized service lines as well.
 - **Objective 2.2: Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Program** – Prioritize a comprehensive sanitary sewer system improvement and funding plan, including repair and rehabilitation of pump/lift stations. SAD (special assessment district) option for sanitary sewer system improvements.
 - **Objective 2.3: DPW Yard site renovation plan** – Prepare a DPW Building improvement/replacement plan and provide funds for future needs. Prepare a DPW Yard site plan proposal.
 - **Objective 2.4: Create a comprehensive sidewalk improvement plan**
 - **Objective 2.5: Promote a comprehensive capital improvement plan and look for sustainable methods for funding**
 - **Objective 2.6: Replacement of Children’s Park Pedestrian Bridge** – The pedestrian bridge at Children’s Park to be replaced with bridge structure previously purchased.

- **Goal 3: Promote Quality Recreation Services and Environmental Stewardship**
 - **Objective 3.1: Paint Creek Stream Bank Stabilization** – Obtain grant funding to complete necessary improvements to the Paint Creek stream banks.

- **Objective 3.2: Review lake drawdown** – Lake lowering every five years - next 2027; structures issues; approval of EGLE/DNR; public input on value of continuing. Infrastructure spillway issue that goes under private property. Reevaluate engineering/repair of structures or abandon. Have hydrological study conducted on options. DNR cold water bottom draw down evaluation. Consider impact of further erosion of Paint Creek, consider deferring drawdown until bank is stabilized.

- **Goal 4: Promote a Positive Community Image**
 - **Objective 4.1: Increase/Promote clear & frequent communication from Village Council to residents & businesses:**
 - Newsletter (quarterly or more often)