

# Huntley to create plan to guide development in I-90, Route 47 area

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[HUNTLEY](#) – With recent interest in development around Huntley’s Interstate-90/Route 47 interchange, the village is looking to update its comprehensive plan to reflect changes in the area.

The \$61 million interchange, in which the village invested about \$6 million, opened in 2013. However, the village’s comprehensive plan does not reflect the finished interchange, or the [recent closing of the Huntley Outlet Center](#), Huntley Assistant Village Manager Lisa Armour said.

“Obviously with our investment in the interchange, we want to make sure we get the best development that we can there,” Armour said.

At Thursday’s Village Board meeting, trustees unanimously voted to approve a professional services agreement with Houseal Lavigne Associates to create a subarea plan for the area around the interchange, Armour said. The cost for the plan is \$28,700, village documents show, and would come out of the Development Services Department’s budget.

Once complete, the subarea plan would be adopted as an amendment to the village’s comprehensive plan, according to village documents, and would be composed of three components: land use and development, urban design and transportation.

The final plan would provide recommendations to give guidance on land-use decisions, according to the agreement.

One property developers have shown interest in is farmland near the southwest corner that has an annexation agreement expiring this month, Armour said.

“We just want to be sure that we’re set to respond to that interest in a way that works for the village and the property owner to attract the kind of development we’d all like to see there,” Armour said.

What the village would like to see are businesses that create jobs in the area and will be

able to withstand industry changes, Armour said. The village is continuing to work with owners of the outlet center property on a redevelopment agreement, she said.

The plan will be finished in four to six weeks, according to the agreement, and after that would come before the Village Board for approval.

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