

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM 2009-2013**  
ELIZABETH, ILLINOIS



The Village of Elizabeth was selected for a \$2,000 Blackhawk Hills Capital Improvement Planning Incentive Program Grant through the Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development Council to assist in the preparation of a capital improvements plan. This plan was to be all inclusive of the various components typically included in a capital improvements program. These could include transportation/traffic, water and/or sewer, drainage and stormwater, publically owned building, recreation or maintenance of parks and recreation facilities, or a variety of other improvements important to the community. The community leaders and Village staff were interviewed to determine which projects each thought was important to complete in the next five years. Once the list was determined, each group was asked to rank each project by the year it should be completed. This set the importance for each project. Only then were opinions of cost determined so as not to influence the priority list.

It is the intent of the document to be a tool to guide the current and future community leaders in understanding the projects that were important at the time the document was prepared with priorities for each project by the year each was to be considered, and an opinion of the costs, both hard and soft costs, that the improvements was anticipated to cost during the year it was to be done. This document was intended to focus the leaders on the larger projects as it becomes easy to be directed to immediate needs that may not be as important in the bigger picture. The leaders can direct the community to this document to understand that the immediate concern may not be as significant as having the projects listed in the CIP. It should also be understood by the leaders that this document must be reviewed at least annually to determine if some of the projects may need to move up or down in the list of priorities or maybe be removed from the list while others may need to be added. A good time to review the list is while to budget for the coming year is being prepared.

**Services Provided:**

- Prepared Opinion of Construction and Soft Costs pertaining to the various street, water, wastewater, drainage, stormwater and miscellaneous improvements further described in the CIP.

This project reflects Firm  
and Staff experience.