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### **Planning Development Director Moves to Private Sector**

Village Manager Carl Swenson announced Friday that he had accepted the resignation of Planning & Community Development Director Dudley Onderdonk effective April 25. Onderdonk resigned to join a Wheaton-based firm that specializes in urban and environmental planning, landscape architecture and urban design.

“Dudley’s skills as a professional planner have been very valuable to the Village,” Swenson said. “His experience and knowledge have helped the Board and the community effectively address many complex urban planning issues.”

Swenson said Onderdonk’s selection to fill a senior position with an established professional planning and development company demonstrates the quality of staff managing the community’s municipal affairs.

“This is an excellent career step for Dudley. I am pleased that his experiences with the Village helped prepare him for this opportunity. Dudley’s selection demonstrates the respect private-sector organizations have for the level of professionalism among Village staff.”

During Onderdonk’s nearly six years with the Village, he has been involved in numerous major projects, including managing the Planned Development process, which ensures the impact of major projects are carefully evaluated, and shepherding the revamping of the Village’s commercial zoning code through its recent approval by the Village Board.

Onderdonk said he especially appreciated the backing he received from the Village Manager and Board as he dealt with numerous planning-related issues.

“The Manager and the Board have always given me tremendous support,” he said. “But I also want to thank the residents who got involved in the process and the developers who worked so diligently to fashion projects that would benefit the community.”

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In his new role as Director of Planning with Planning Resources Inc., Onderdonk said he will be involved in the environmental impact statement for the proposed high-speed rail corridor between Chicago and St. Louis, the Lake Calumet restoration plan and the DuPage County Forest Preserve District's preservation plan.

A search will begin immediately to find Onderdonk's replacement, according to Swenson. In the meantime, several employees will share Onderdonk's responsibilities until a successor is selected.

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