



Elmhurst



Rendering of Wilder Crossing (Photo Credit: Village of Elmhurst)

The [Elmhurst Downtown Plan](#), completed with RTA funding in 1999 and updated by the City in 2006, established a vision of Elmhurst as a vibrant center of activity with diverse housing options and small town character. The study recommended ways to improve vehicle, pedestrian and transit access to the downtown Metra station, enhance downtown signage and wayfinding as well as ways to encourage and evaluate future development.

Implementation Highlights

The City built a new public library, improved signage and wayfinding throughout downtown and updated their zoning ordinance to incorporate transit-supportive regulations during the 2000s. Between 2010 and 2014 the City completed construction of parking garages at First Street and Larch Avenues as well as at Addison Road and Adelaide Street to serve downtown patrons, commuters and employees. In 2014, the City earmarked funding for a new parking deck at Addison Avenue and Second Street that will include ground-floor retail. By building these parking decks, the City has been able to consolidate downtown parking to fewer locations and create additional development opportunities by vacating underutilized parcels of land. Parking decks encourage users to park once and walk to multiple destinations, minimize traffic by directing cars to a specific parking location, and allow for shared parking situations off-street.



Rendering of Elmhurst 255 (Photo Credit: Morningside USA)

Elmhurst 255, a 192-unit rental residential rental project, located at North Avenue and York Street, was approved in 2014. This project will include 12,000SF of retail space and a public plaza with a bandshell.

Additionally *Wilder Crossing*, a 6-story, 31-unit condominium project including ground-floor retail located at 195-197 N. Addison Avenue was approved in 2014. Both projects are expected to begin construction in Spring 2015 for early 2016 occupancy.