



VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN  
**COMMUNITY HEALTH  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**  
2025–2030



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# I. Executive Summary

The Village of Algonquin's **Community Health Improvement Plan** (CHIP) outlines a shared vision for fostering a healthier, safer, and more connected community. While Algonquin does not operate its own health department, the Village plays a critical role in supporting and carrying out McHenry and Kane County health strategies through the provision of municipal services. These efforts – spanning parks and recreation, public safety, environmental management, infrastructure, and community engagement – have a measurable impact on our community's overall well-being.

*"Algonquin is a great community — safe, friendly, and always finding new ways to improve the quality of life for residents."*

— Resident Survey Comment (2021)

The CHIP was developed to communicate and focus Village services through a public health lens, aligning local action with county-level health priorities and policies as outlined in the [McHenry County Community Health Assessment](#) and the [Kane County Community Health Assessment](#). By identifying clear priorities and strategies, the plan ensures that public health considerations are integrated into decision-making and operations.

**Five priority areas** guide this plan:



**Active Living & Recreation Access** – Expand and enhance opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities to engage in regular physical activity by improving parks, trails, and recreational facilities; promoting inclusive and adaptive programming; and creating year-round activities that encourage healthy, active lifestyles.



**Mental & Behavioral Health** – Strengthen community mental wellness by providing coordinated post-crisis follow-up, fostering supportive connections for youth, families, and seniors, and increasing awareness of available mental health resources through outreach, partnerships, and public education.



**Environmental Health & Resiliency** – Protect and restore the community's natural resources, improve water and air quality, expand tree canopy and green infrastructure, and prepare for the impacts of climate change through infrastructure planning, public engagement, and sustainable practices.



**Access to Care** – Improve residents' ability to obtain timely and affordable health services by promoting telehealth access, increasing awareness of local healthcare resources, supporting transportation options to medical appointments, and strengthening care navigation through partnerships with county and nonprofit providers.



**Community Safety & Connectedness** – Foster a safe, informed, and connected community by building trust between residents and Village departments, promoting property upkeep and code compliance, delivering seasonal safety and preparedness education, and encouraging volunteerism and civic engagement.

Implementation will rely on a hybrid approach – leveraging the Village's direct municipal services while collaborating with county agencies, nonprofit partners, and community organizations. The plan is intended as a living document, adaptable to evolving needs, and dependent on shared responsibility across all stakeholders. Detailed strategies, timelines, and lead responsibilities are provided in **Appendix A: Implementation Matrix**.

## II. Introduction & Background

Algonquin is a growing community located in both McHenry and Kane Counties in northern Illinois. Known for its vibrant neighborhoods, diverse recreational opportunities, and commitment to quality of life, the Village delivers a wide range of municipal services that influence public health outcomes—often in ways that extend beyond traditional perceptions of local government.

Public health functions such as communicable disease control, clinical services, and regulatory health inspections are managed at the county level by the McHenry and Kane County Health Departments. However, the Village recognizes that its services – such as maintaining safe parks and trails, enforcing property maintenance codes, managing stormwater, providing police social work support, and engaging residents in safety and wellness programs – are vital to advancing community health.

### Community Snapshot

**Population:** 29,700

**Median Age:** 41.3

**Race/Ethnicity:** 74% White, 14% Hispanic, 6% Asian

**Foreign Born:** 12%

**Languages:** 79% English Only, 10% Spanish, 3% Slavic

**With a Disability:** 9%

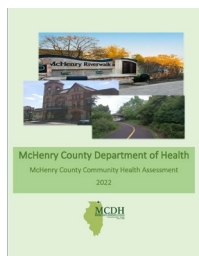
**Have Health Insurance:** 96%

**Have Access to Internet:** 96%

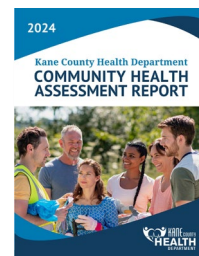
This Community Health Improvement Plan was developed to:

- Align local action with county health priorities to ensure consistency across jurisdictions.
- Highlight the Village's role in public health through services that support active living, mental wellness, environmental stewardship, access to care, and community safety.
- Integrate a public health perspective into the planning, delivery, and evaluation of municipal programs and infrastructure investments.
- Strengthen partnerships with counties, nonprofits, schools, and civic organizations to maximize collective impact.

County health improvement plans, specifically the [McHenry County Community Health Assessment](#) and the [Kane County Community Health Assessment](#), along with existing Village strategic documents, and ongoing feedback from community stakeholders, informed the five priorities outlined in this plan. Implementation of this plan will align with and complement existing county health programs and initiatives—including environmental health protection, community education and outreach, and countywide opioid response and substance use prevention efforts, ensuring coordinated action, maximizing local impact, and avoiding duplication of services while translating county-level goals into practical local outcomes for Algonquin residents. Learn more about the county Community Health Assessments below.



**McHenry County Community Health Assessment**



**Kane County Community Health Assessment Report**



### III. Community Health Assessment Summary

Algonquin is uniquely positioned at the intersection of McHenry and Kane Counties, meaning the priorities, resources, and trends in both jurisdictions shape local health needs. While the Village does not operate a health department, it plays a key role in supporting county-level strategies through municipal services, infrastructure, public safety programs, environmental initiatives, and community engagement. This summary distills relevant findings from the most recent county Community Health Assessments (CHAs), including the [McHenry County Community Health Assessment](#) and the [Kane County Community Health Assessment](#), to inform the Village's priorities and strategies.

#### Population & Demographics

- McHenry County has a population of ~312,000; Kane County has ~531,000. Algonquin's estimated population of 29,700 is split between the two.
- Both counties are experiencing a growing older adult population; by 2030, one in five residents is projected to be 65 years of age or older.
- Racial and ethnic diversity is increasing, especially in Kane County, where Hispanic/Latino residents make up over 34% of the population.
- Within Algonquin, the community reflects a blend of cultural identities, including substantial Hispanic and Polish populations, that enrich local heritage, languages, businesses, and community life.
- Key vulnerable groups in both counties include older adults living alone, individuals with disabilities, and households with limited English proficiency.
- Equity considerations in Algonquin include seniors living alone, households experiencing economic hardship, residents with limited English proficiency, and individuals with disabilities who may experience barriers to care, transportation, or social connection.

#### Social Determinants of Health

County assessments highlight the influence of economic stability, education, housing, and transportation:

- Median household income: \$105,000 (McHenry), \$91,000 (Kane), but disparities may occur across different races, ethnicities, and geographies.
- Transportation access remains a barrier for some populations, particularly older adults living alone, low-income households, and residents without personal vehicles.
- Housing affordability challenges are growing with rising rents and home prices affecting stability.
- Food access is limited in certain areas, with pockets of food insecurity documented in both counties.

#### Health Status Indicators

- Leading causes of death in both counties: heart disease, cancer, and unintentional injuries.
- Chronic disease prevalence is significant, particularly obesity, diabetes, and hypertension, driving the need for active living and nutrition initiatives.
- Mental health concerns are increasing; both counties cite rising rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide, especially among youth.
- Substance use and opioid-related overdoses remain a shared concern.

## Environmental Health

- Both counties prioritize water quality protection; the Fox River is a key natural asset but faces challenges from stormwater runoff and nutrient loading.
- Air quality is generally good but can be impacted seasonally by particulate matter and volatile organic chemicals.
- Flood risk affects low-lying areas, particularly along the Fox River and tributaries.
- Both counties are promoting climate resiliency through green infrastructure, urban forestry, and emergency preparedness.

## Community Input Findings

Public engagement for both county CHAs identified several overlapping concerns:

- Access to affordable healthcare, including dental and specialty care.
- More mental health resources and crisis support.
- Safe, well-maintained parks, trails, and public spaces.
- Programs to reduce isolation among seniors and connect residents to resources.
- Environmental stewardship and sustainability.

## County Priority Health Issues

While each county structures its priorities differently, there is significant alignment:

- Active Living & Healthy Eating (both counties)
- Mental Health & Substance Use (both counties)
- Access to Healthcare (both counties)
- Environmental Health & Climate Resilience (both counties)
- Community Safety & Connectedness (McHenry County)

## Implications for Algonquin:

Because the Village spans two counties, aligning with both sets of health priorities ensures local actions support regional strategies. Algonquin's five Community Health Improvement Plan priorities mirror shared county CHA themes - **active living, mental health, environmental health, access to care, and safety/connectedness** - while remaining tailored to the Village's municipal role.



*The Village of Algonquin creates opportunities for residents to connect and celebrate through special events like Art on the Fox, the Old Town Trick-or-Treat Trail, and Miracle on Main.*

## IV. Health Improvement Priorities & Goals

### Priority 1: Active Living & Recreation Access

#### 1. Enhance and Expand Parks, Trails, and Facilities

- Update playgrounds, athletic fields, and courts based on a rotating schedule and community trends.
- Complete missing trail links and add wayfinding signage.
- Add amenities that support accessibility and comfort for all ages and abilities, such as shade structures, benches, and water filling stations.

#### 2. Increase Access and Inclusion in Recreation

- Advance inclusion in recreation through Village initiatives and community partnerships, offering adaptive programs, accessible facilities, and inclusive equipment.
- Expand inclusive programs and events that accommodate a range of abilities and needs.
- Provide financial assistance opportunities to reduce participation costs for low-income households.

#### 3. Promote Year-Round Active Lifestyle Opportunities

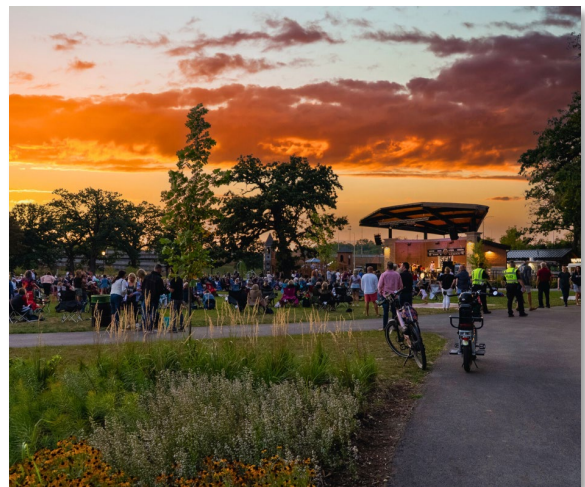
- Provide year-round active recreation programs and host an annual community event that encourages active participation.
- Activate parks and trails with interactive elements to encourage regular use.
- Expand recreational opportunities by offering equipment rentals for seasonal and outdoor activities.

#### 4. Support Active Transportation and Senior Engagement

- Improve, expand, and promote safe walking and biking routes.
- Expand access to wellness, enrichment, and social opportunities for older adults.
- Connect older adults with Village and partner programs, services, and resources that support mobility and social connection.



*The Village of Algonquin remains committed to providing high-quality spaces for active recreation, as seen with the newly renovated tennis and pickleball courts at Spella Park.*



*Algonquin fosters community connectedness through opportunities to gather and enjoy local traditions, such as the popular Summer Concerts at Towne Park.*

## Priority 2: Mental & Behavioral Health

### 1. Enhance Post-Crisis and Ongoing Support

- a. Conduct police social worker contact within 72 hours of every qualifying crisis call.
- b. Collaborate with county health, hospitals, and nonprofit providers for service continuity.
- c. Monitor client progress at 3, 6, and 12 months to measure reductions in police contact and improvements in functioning.

### 2. Strengthen Support for Youth, Families, and Seniors

- a. Provide police social worker-led support for youth behavior issues and family conflict, with referrals to counseling or skill-building programs.
- b. Conduct proactive outreach to seniors experiencing isolation or neglect, linking them with social programs and resources.
- c. Partner with schools, local agencies, and other community organizations to embed mental health and social support into existing services.

### 3. Increase Access and Awareness of Behavioral Health Resources

- a. Host police social worker meet-and-greet sessions, wellness fairs, and presentations at Village events.
- b. Maintain online and printed guides to local mental health, substance use, and housing services.
- c. Use Village communications to share wellness tips and promote available support.

## Priority 3: Environmental Health & Resiliency

### 1. Strengthen Stormwater and Flood Management

- a. Incorporate green infrastructure practices into capital projects and private development to support stormwater management.
- b. Upgrade drainage systems in older neighborhoods to reduce localized flooding.
- c. Promote the Adopt-a-Drain program to engage residents in clearing storm drains.

### 2. Protect and Enhance Water Quality

- a. Partner with watershed and river groups to monitor and improve Fox River water quality.
- b. Promote rain barrel programs and native landscaping incentives to reduce runoff.
- c. Expand Village initiatives that protect water quality, including targeted street sweeping and regular testing.

### 3. Expand Urban Forestry and Improve Air Quality

- a. Plant at least 250 public trees annually, prioritizing environmentally vulnerable areas, including those sensitive to urban heat and stormwater impacts.
- b. Prioritize native species that support pollinators and native fauna.
- c. Share air quality alerts and tips during poor air quality days.

### 4. Advance Climate Resiliency and Preparedness

- a. Integrate climate projections into infrastructure and capital improvement planning.
- b. Expand electric vehicle charging stations and energy efficiency upgrades in municipal facilities.
- c. Promote household flood readiness, cooling center locations, and volunteer environmental stewardship events.



## Priority 4: Access to Care

### 1. Support Virtual Care and Telehealth Access

- a. Support availability of telehealth services that provide access to general medical care and health navigation.
- b. Promote existing public spaces suitable for private telehealth use, such as Village facilities or those of partner agencies.
- c. Share telehealth “how-to” resources through the library, schools, and Village channels.

### 2. Improve Transportation to Health Services

- a. Collaborate with the counties or local transport providers to offer rides for medical appointments.
- b. Promote existing volunteer driver programs through nonprofits, faith groups, and county services.
- c. Share information on transportation assistance such as county ride vouchers and PACE services.

### 3. Enhance Care Navigation and Awareness

- a. Maintain and promote links to Kane and McHenry County Health Departments, Mental Health Boards, and other county-managed directories on Village platforms.
- b. Use police social worker and front-line staff to connect residents - especially seniors, families, and vulnerable populations - to appropriate services.
- c. Share health resource information through Village newsletters, social media, utility bill inserts, and community events.

## Priority 5: Community Safety & Connectedness

### 1. Build Relationships Through Existing Community Events

- a. Continue hosting and promoting Village events that foster resident interaction with police, code enforcement, and other departments (e.g., National Night Out), and collaborate with local organizations and businesses to enhance these events through community partnerships.
- b. Incorporate public safety and code compliance booths into Village festivals and gatherings.
- c. Use Village communications to highlight positive stories of cooperation and compliance successes.

### 2. Provide Safety, Preparedness, and Compliance Education

- a. Deliver safety messaging through Village channels and events, including seasonal tips, property maintenance reminders, and safety alerts from external partners.
- b. Promote Safe Routes to School maps and tips with local schools.
- c. Share emergency preparedness and property upkeep resources from Kane and McHenry County agencies.

### 3. Encourage Volunteerism and Civic Connection

- a. Promote volunteer opportunities through park cleanups, beautification projects, community events, and neighbor assistance.
- b. Recognize volunteers and groups that contribute to safety, upkeep, and community connectedness.

## V. Implementation Plan

### Purpose & Approach

The Village of Algonquin will implement this Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) over five years (2025–2029) with annual reviews to monitor progress and adapt to emerging needs. Priorities are broken into short-term (Years 1–2), mid-term (Years 3–4), and long-term (Year 5+) strategies. A complete listing of strategies, timelines, lead departments, funding approaches, and metrics is included in Appendix A: Implementation Matrix.

Each strategy has an assigned lead department responsible for coordination, supported by other Village divisions and community partners where applicable. Funding will be derived primarily from existing operating and capital budgets, with supplemental grant applications and external funding sought where feasible.

Progress will be tracked using measurable performance indicators, reported annually to Village leadership, and summarized periodically in Village communication channels.

### Funding Approach

Funding for implementation will be drawn from multiple sources. Core services and essential projects will be supported through existing departmental operating budgets and the Village's capital improvement program. To expand capacity and offset costs, the Village will actively pursue competitive grant opportunities such as the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program, Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Safe Routes to School, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) programs, Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) grants, and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) funding.

Additionally, external support will be sought through sponsorships, donations, and foundation grants to help deliver events, pilot programs, and other special initiatives that align with the plan's priorities.



*Algonquin enhanced recreation and community wellness through the \$6.74 million transformation of Presidential Park—made possible in part by OSLAD grant funding—to create a vibrant destination for play, fitness, and connection.*

### Tracking & Reporting

Progress will be monitored through an annual internal review conducted by department leads to assess the status of strategies and associated metrics. These reviews will help track achievements, identify areas for improvement, and inform resource allocation for the following year. The Village will share periodic updates through its newsletters, social media channels, and website to keep the community informed and engaged. In addition to program participation data, outcome-based measures such as behavioral health emergency response trends, emergency department utilization, and transportation access indicators will be incorporated into evaluation efforts where data is available.

## VIII. Acknowledgements

The Village of Algonquin extends its appreciation to the [McHenry County Department of Health](#), [Kane County Health Department](#), and the [McHenry County Sheriff's Office](#) Police Social Work Division for their valuable review, input, and ongoing data support during the development and implementation of this Community Health Improvement Plan.

The Village also thanks representatives from its municipal departments, community organizations, and other stakeholders who contributed ideas and feedback. Their perspectives helped ensure that this plan aligns with county-level health priorities while translating them into practical strategies that can be implemented through local government services.



*The Algonquin Police Department builds community connections through events like National Night Out, fostering trust and engagement with residents.*



*Algonquin encourages active living through outdoor fitness stations at Presidential Park and more than 30 miles of hiking and biking trails across the community.*



*The Village actively manages and restores over 400 acres of natural areas to protect local habitats, watersheds, and biodiversity.*



*The Village operates the Lions Armstrong Memorial Pool, offering swim lessons, lap swim, and family fun throughout the summer.*



## Appendix A: Implementation Matrix

### Priority 1: Active Living & Recreation Areas

Item	Strategy	Timing	Lead	Funding	Possible Metrics
1.1.a	Update playgrounds, athletic fields, and courts based on a rotating schedule and community trends.	Mid-Term	Recreation / Public Works	CIP funds; OSLAD grants	Facilities renovated/year; % residents satisfied with park quality
1.1.b	Complete missing trail links and add wayfinding signage.	Mid-Term	Public Works	CIP; CMAQ grants; ITEP	Miles of trail added; % increase in trail use
1.1.c	Add amenities that support accessibility and comfort for all ages and abilities, such as shade structures, benches, and water filling stations.	Short-Term	Recreation / Public Works	CIP; sponsorships	# Amenities installed
1.2.a	Advance inclusion in recreation through Village initiatives and community partnerships, offering adaptive programs, accessible facilities, and inclusive equipment.	Short-Term	Recreation / Public Works	Existing budget; sponsorships; partner in-kind support	# Inclusive programs offered; # participants served; % satisfaction rate
1.2.b	Expend inclusive programs and events that accommodate a range of abilities and needs.	Short-Term	Recreation	Existing budget; sponsorships	# Events/year
1.2.c	Provide financial assistance opportunities to reduce participation costs for low-income households.	Short-Term	Recreation	Existing budget; sponsorships	# Scholarships awarded; % of recipients returning to programs
1.3.a	Provide year-round active recreation programs and host an annual community event that encourages active participation.	Short-Term	Recreation	Existing budget; sponsorships	# Active programs/year; # event attendees; % satisfaction rate
1.3.b	Activate parks and trails with interactive elements to encourage regular use.	Short-Term	Recreation	Existing budget	# Activations/year; % increase in repeat visits
1.3.c	Expand recreational opportunities by offering equipment rentals for seasonal and outdoor activities.	Short-Term	Recreation	Existing budget; sponsorships	# Rentals/year; % of users new to activity
1.4.a	Improve, expand, and promote safe walking and biking routes.	Mid-Term	Public Works	CIP; SRTS grants	Miles improved
1.4.b	Expand access to wellness, enrichment, and social opportunities for older adults.	Short-Term	Recreation	Existing budget; senior program grants	# Programs/year; % reporting improved well-being
1.4.c	Connect older adults with Village and partner programs, services, and resources that support mobility and social connection.	Short-Term	Village Manager's Office	Existing budget	# Older adults connected; # partnership programs; % reporting improved access



## Priority 2: Behavioral & Mental Health

Item	Strategy	Timing	Lead	Funding	Possible Metrics
2.1.a	Conduct police social worker contact within 72 hours of every qualifying crisis call.	Short-Term	Police	Existing budget	% Crisis calls with follow-up; % reduction in repeat contacts
2.1.b	Collaborate with county health, hospitals, and nonprofit providers for service continuity.	Short-Term	Police	Existing budget; potential grants	# Collaborative cases; % successful warm handoffs
2.1.c	Monitor client progress at 3, 6, and 12 months to measure reductions in police contact and improvements in functioning.	Short-Term	Police	Existing budget	% Clients with improved functioning; % remaining connected to care
2.2.a	Provide police social worker-led support for youth behavior issues and family conflict, with referrals to counseling or skill-building programs.	Short-Term	Police	Existing budget	# Cases served; % resolved without further police contact
2.2.b	Conduct proactive outreach to seniors experiencing isolation or neglect, linking them with social programs and resources.	Short-Term	Police	Existing budget	# Seniors contacted; % linked to programs/services
2.2.c	Partner with schools, local agencies, and other community organizations to embed mental health and social support into existing services.	Mid-Term	Police / Recreation	Grants; partner in-kind	# Embedded programs; % participants accessing services
2.3.a	Host police social worker meet-and-greet sessions, wellness fairs, and presentations at Village events.	Short-Term	Police	Existing budget	# events/year
2.3.b	Maintain online and printed guides to local mental health, substance use, and housing services.	Short-Term	Village Manager's Office	Existing budget	# updates/year; pageviews/downloads
2.3.c	Use Village communications to share wellness tips and promote available support.	Ongoing	Village Manager's Office	Existing budget	# campaigns/year; engagement rate

### Priority 3: Environmental Health & Resiliency

Item	Strategy	Timing	Lead	Funding	Possible Metrics
3.1.a	Incorporate green infrastructure practices into capital projects and private development to support stormwater management.	Mid-Term	Public Works	CIP; IEPA Section 319; IDNR	Sq ft GI added; modeled runoff reduction
3.1.b	Upgrade drainage systems in older neighborhoods to reduce localized flooding.	Long-Term	Public Works	CIP; grants	# Projects completed
3.1.c	Promote the Adopt-a-Drain program to engage residents in clearing storm drains.	Short-Term	Public Works / Village Manager's Office	Existing budget	# Drains adopted
3.2.a	Partner with watershed and river groups to monitor and improve Fox River water quality.	Ongoing	Public Works	Existing budget	# Monitoring events; trends in water quality indicators
3.2.b	Promote rain barrel programs and native landscaping incentives to reduce runoff.	Short-Term	Public Works / Village Manager's Office	Grants; in-kind	# Participants; gallons stormwater diverted
3.2.c	Expand Village initiatives that protect water quality, including targeted street sweeping and regular testing.	Ongoing	Public Works	Existing budget	Lane miles swept; debris collected (tons); water quality tests
3.3.a	Plant at least 250 public trees annually, prioritizing environmentally vulnerable areas, including those sensitive to urban heat and stormwater impacts.	Ongoing	Public Works	Existing budget; Grants	# Trees planted; % canopy coverage increase
3.3.b	Prioritize native species that support pollinators and native fauna.	Ongoing	Public Works	Existing budget	% Native species of annual plantings; pollinator counts
3.3.c	Share air quality alerts and tips during poor air quality days.	Ongoing	Village Manager's Office	Existing budget	# Alerts; engagement rate
3.4.a	Integrate climate projections into infrastructure and capital improvement planning.	Long-Term	Public Works / Finance / Village Manager's Office	Existing budget	# Standards/specs updated; % CIP projects climate-aligned
3.4.b	Expand electric vehicle charging stations and energy efficiency upgrades in municipal facilities.	Mid-Term	Public Works / Community Development	Grants; CIP; utility incentives	# Chargers installed; % facility energy savings
3.4.c	Promote household flood readiness, cooling center locations, and volunteer environmental stewardship events.	Short-Term	Village Manager's Office / Public Works	Existing budget	# Events/resources

## Priority 4: Access to Care

Item	Strategy	Timing	Lead	Funding	Possible Metrics
4.1.a	Support availability of telehealth services that provide access to general medical care and health navigation.	Short-Term	Village Manager's Office	Existing staff time	% Residents aware of telehealth options
4.1.b	Promote existing public spaces suitable for private telehealth use, such as Village facilities or those of partner agencies.	Short-Term	Village Manager's Office	Existing staff time	# Facilities promoted; # bookings/uses reported
4.1.c	Share telehealth "how-to" resources through the library, schools, and Village channels.	Short-Term	Village Manager's Office	Existing staff time	# Resources distributed; help-desk inquiries resolved
4.2.a	Collaborate with the counties or local transport providers to offer rides for medical appointments.	Short-Term	Village Manager's Office	Existing budget; potential 5310/CMAQ	# Medical rides completed; appointment kept rate
4.2.b	Promote existing volunteer driver programs through nonprofits, faith groups, and county services.	Short-Term	Village Manager's Office	Existing staff time	# Programs promoted; resident referrals made
4.2.c	Share information on transportation assistance such as county ride vouchers and PACE services.	Short-Term	Village Manager's Office	Existing staff time	Pageviews/click-throughs; # inquiries assisted
4.3.a	Maintain and promote links to Kane and McHenry County Health Departments, Mental Health Boards, and other county-managed directories on Village platforms.	Short-Term	Village Manager's Office	Existing staff time	# Link updates/year; pageviews
4.3.b	Use police social worker and front-line staff to connect residents - especially seniors, families, and vulnerable populations - to appropriate services.	Ongoing	Police	Existing budget	# Referrals/year; % completed appointments after referral
4.3.c	Share health resource information through Village newsletters, social media, utility bill inserts, and community events.	Ongoing	Village Manager's Office	Existing staff time	# Campaigns/year; engagement rate

## Priority 5: Community Safety & Connectedness

Item	Strategy	Timing	Lead	Funding	Possible Metrics
5.1.a	Continue hosting and promoting Village events that foster resident interaction with police, code enforcement, and other departments (e.g., National Night Out), and collaborate with local organizations and businesses to enhance these events through community partnerships.	Short-Term	Police / Recreation	Existing budget; sponsorships	# Attendees
5.1.b	Incorporate public safety and code compliance booths into Village festivals and gatherings.	Short-Term	Police / Community Development	Existing budget	# Events with booths; # resident inquiries handled
5.1.c	Use Village communications to highlight positive stories of cooperation and compliance successes.	Ongoing	Village Manager's Office	Existing staff time	# Stories/year; social engagement
5.2.a	Deliver safety messaging through Village channels and events, including seasonal tips, property maintenance reminders, and safety alerts from external partners.	Ongoing	Village Manager's Office / Community Development	Existing staff time	# Messages; % voluntary compliance following outreach
5.2.b	Promote Safe Routes to School maps and tips with local schools.	Short-Term	Village Manager's Office	Existing budget; SRTS	# Materials distributed
5.2.c	Share emergency preparedness and property upkeep resources from Kane and McHenry County agencies.	Ongoing	Village Manager's Office / Community Development	Existing staff time	# Resources shared; web page views
5.3.a	Promote volunteer opportunities through park cleanups, beautification projects, community events, and neighbor assistance.	Ongoing	Public Works / Recreation	Existing staff time; donations	# Volunteer hours; # sites improved; # community events
5.3.b	Recognize volunteers and groups that contribute to safety, upkeep, and community connectedness.	Ongoing	Village Manager's Office	Existing staff time	# Recognitions/year; retention of volunteers