



FEEDBACK SUMMARY

This Feedback Summary provides highlights of the input received throughout the initial public engagement for the **Cedar Lake Vision 2040 Comprehensive Plan**. So far, over 700 comments have been recorded from:

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IN-PERSON PUBLIC MEETINGS

1

ONLINE SURVEY

3

FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS

2

TOWN STAFF MEETINGS

TOWN IDENTITY

Participants were asked to describe the **Identity of Cedar Lake**.

"Small town moving to modernize."

"Lakeside tourism with small town feel."

"A beautiful lake town for families but not a walkable community."

"Cedar Lake is a growing residential lake town, with just enough shopping and dining variety, without the clutter of Big Box stores."

"Historic lake community, summer vacationing spot with small-town feel where you are still connected to nature but near shopping needs."

"Cedar Lake has historically been a resort community with a unique character. The town has a great sense of small town America."

"A small town with an actively growing community, groups and engagements which transcend from its long history in recreation and development."

TOWN FOCUS

Participants were asked to rank the following statements on a scale from **"Agree"** to **"Disagree"**.

The Town of Cedar Lake should build a complete sidewalk network throughout town.



Cedar Lake needs more starter housing options for new graduates, young families, and emerging professionals.



The Town of Cedar Lake needs more entertainment options including activity experiences, libraries, and museums.



The Town of Cedar Lake should prioritize redevelopment and infill over new development.



The Town of Cedar Lake needs more multi-family housing options which include apartments, or condominiums.



The Town of Cedar Lake should embrace growth.



Cedar Lake should prioritize utility upgrades and expansions.



The Town of Cedar Lake needs more recreational amenities such as playgrounds, trails, and programmable space.



Cedar Lake needs more single family neighborhoods and homes.



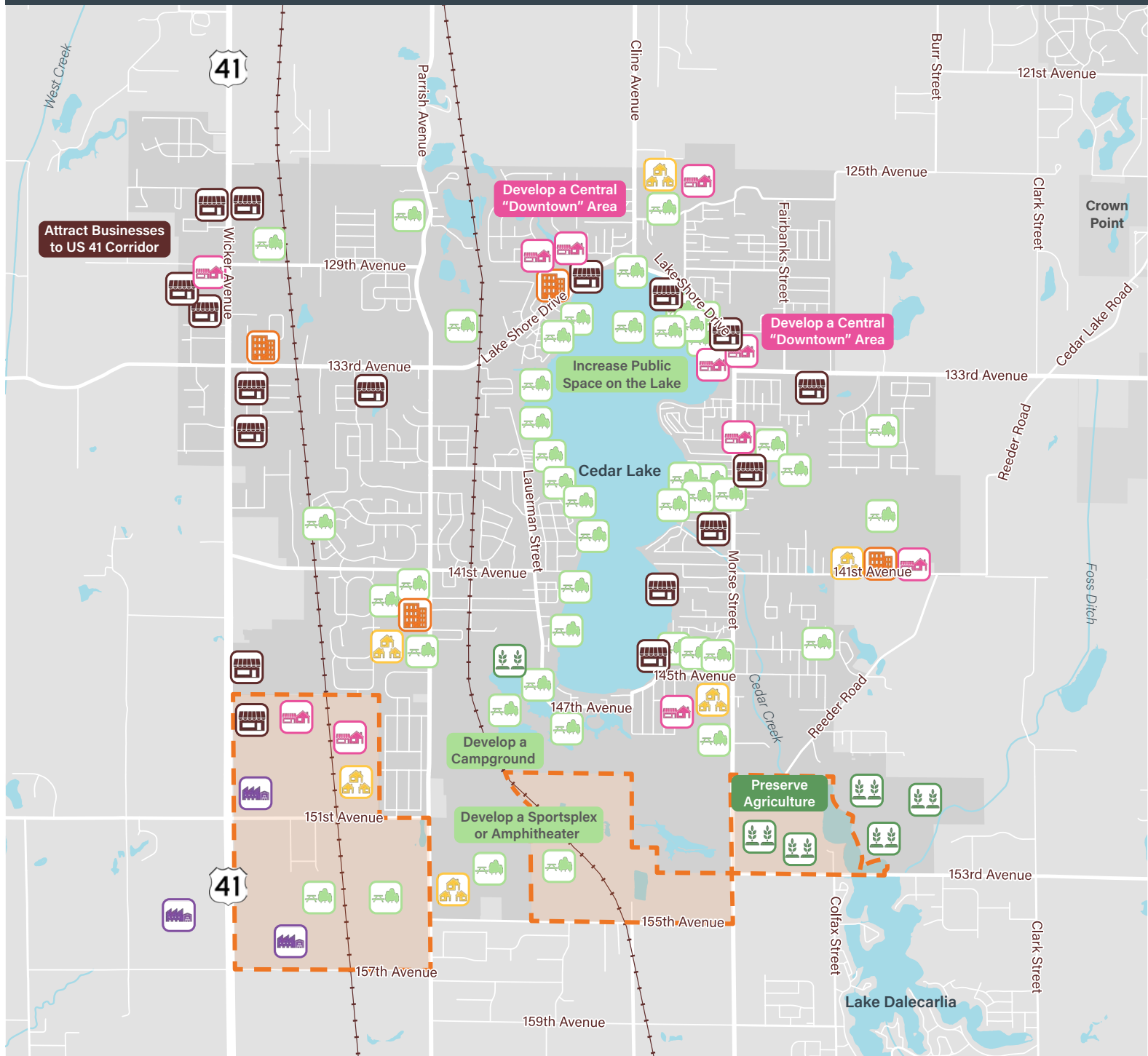
Cedar Lake needs more commercial development in the form of business parks, and employment centers.



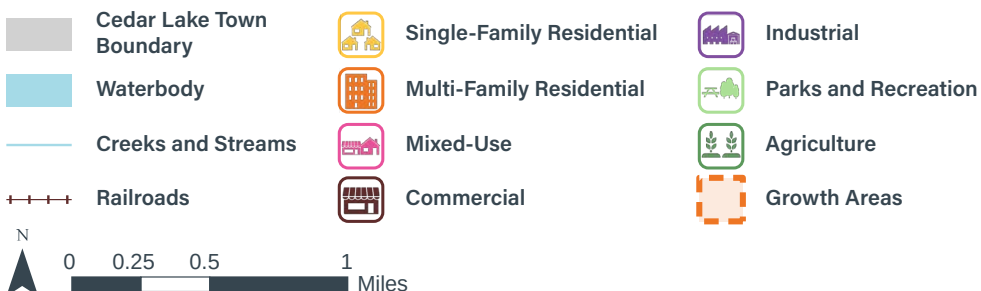
Cedar Lake needs more restaurants, retail shops and businesses geared towards residential needs/services.



PUBLIC INPUT MAP - LAND USE



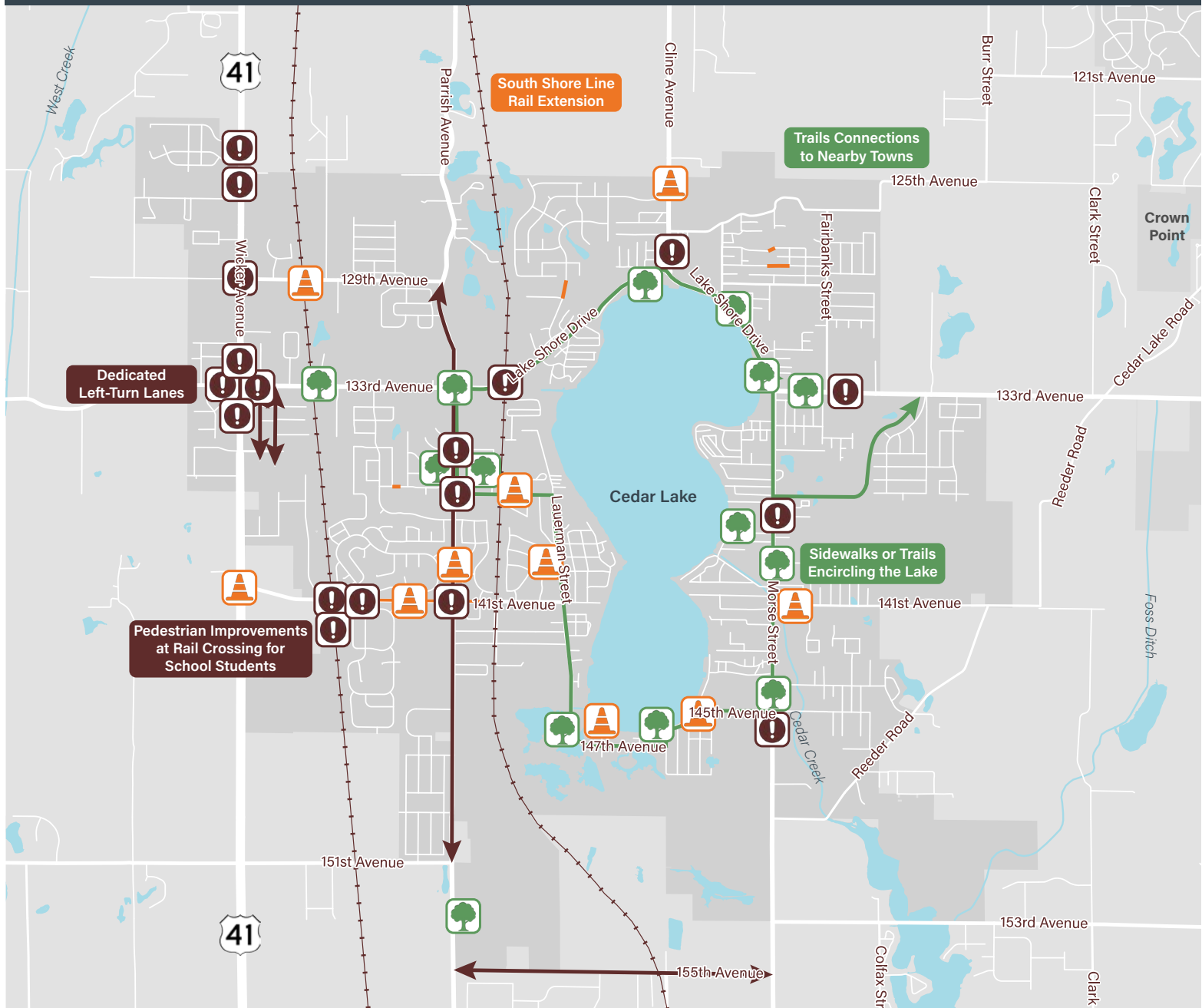
Public Input - Land Use



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Cedar Lake does not have a cultural "downtown" area
- There are few opportunities for recreation along the lake shore.

PUBLIC INPUT MAP - TRANSPORTATION



Public Input - Transportation

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| Cedar Lake Town Boundary | Intersection Safety Improvements (i.e. traffic signals, roundabouts, etc.) |
| Waterbody | Intersection Conditions Improvements (i.e. repaving, etc.) |
| Creeks and Streams | Beautification Improvements (i.e. street trees, planters, banners, etc.) |
| Railroads | Roadway Safety Improvements (i.e. road widening, center turn lane, etc.) |
| | Roadway Conditions Improvements (i.e. paving, repaving, etc.) |
| | New Sidewalks or Trails |



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Overall, the town's sidewalk network is disconnected, particularly on Lake Shore Drive, Morse Street, and Lauerman Street.
- It is difficult for pedestrians to cross the railroad tracks on 141st Avenue near Hanover Central Middle School.
- Road safety concerns are primarily at major intersections such as US 41 and 133rd Avenue.

FOCUS GROUP INPUT

Input was collected from a variety of stakeholders at three Focus Group Meetings. Each meeting was followed by an online survey that was shared with all Focus Group invitees to provide an opportunity for those who could not attend the meetings to participate.



UTILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Ensure adequate and reliable water and wastewater service throughout the town
- Provide safe drinking water
- Unify the separate water systems on the east and west sides portions of the town



LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT

- There is potential to attract returning youth to Cedar Lake by providing starter housing
- Attract more businesses to the town
- Protect wetlands and preserve green space
- Cedar Lake has no defined downtown or cultural center



TRANSPORTATION & CIRCULATION

- Expand upon the town's sidewalk network
- Improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Provide multi-use trails within the community
- Connect to other communities with trails
- Strengthen pedestrian connections to Lemon Lake County Park
- Encircle the lake with an uninterrupted network of pedestrian infrastructure



PLACEMAKING & IDENTITY

- Provide new types of recreation activities and programming
- Expand upon recreation activities, especially along the lake
- Increase public access to Cedar Lake
- Develop a sportsplex or similar facility
- Develop a larger outdoor performance space



COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- Strengthen partnerships with local schools and community institutions
- Cedar Lake has few places for residents of all ages to gather together for social activities

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The town's current water and wastewater service capacity is limiting new development.
- Many residents and stakeholders feel updating the utility systems should be a high priority.
- Much of Cedar Lake lacks connected sidewalks or trails, including safe places to walk or bike.
- Residents would like Cedar Lake to increase recreation opportunities in the community.
- Overall, residents and stakeholders see Cedar Lake as a small town that is tied to its lake and its history as a resort community.
- Public access to Cedar Lake and to lakeside areas is limited.
- The town does not have strong partnerships with public agencies, local schools, and community organizations/institutions.