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TO: Evanston City Council
    and Citizens of Evanston

FROM: The Members of the Evanston Plan Commission

Years of work are required to produce a Comprehensive Plan. It draws upon many other reports, a vast array of data, carefully defined problems and analyses of many kinds. To assemble all of the basic documentation, data and exploration of problems dealing with a wide range of topics produces a very large document such as this Source Book. Yet, in spite of its size and its detail, this book cannot do complete justice to each of the many complex subjects covered. Any one topic, such as the environment, is complex enough to justify its own substantial report. Comprehensive planning can do no more than touch upon many of these subjects in a general way, examine trends, define problems, present data, demonstrate interrelationships and suggest policies to follow.

The Source Book of the Comprehensive General Plan was the document from which the basic objectives and policies for the Comprehensive General Plan evolved. It contains additional detail for those wishing more information and should serve as a valuable reference for interested citizens and the City Council. Because of its size and detail, however, it is not being forwarded to the City Council with a recommendation that it be adopted as a part of the Comprehensive General Plan. Instead, the Source Book will serve as a companion to the Comprehensive General Plan. Its status is that of a document endorsed by the Plan Commission and commended for the reading of all interested persons.

The Comprehensive General Plan Source Book is a compendium of three separate volumes: Land Use, Transportation, and Public Facilities. A copy of the Comprehensive General Plan accompanies this Source Book either in the front pocket of the loose leaf notebook version or is inserted inside the cover of the bound version.

Respectfully submitted,

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