The Village of Orland Park, Illinois takes pride in its abundance of open spaces, not only through preservation and restoration sites, but also through larger lot sizes, which create low density and spaciousness in neighborhoods. These considerations are based around the idea of further identifying the community, such deliberations are crucial ingredients to having a ‘sense of place’ in a community. The village’s unique characteristics derive from its focus on providing traditional single-family suburban housing surrounded by considerable amounts of open space. However, recognition and self-awareness of these spaces can be further executed through community connectivity and education.

**Sense of Place**

   Sense of place should be prevalent in the community, it should build upon the best assets of the community and promote development for all ages. Whether it’s streamlined through the building of connection to the backdrop of the community environment, it should be clearly perceived through the public realm. While surveys indicate that Americans continue to desire single-family homes, they also reveal an extraordinary demand with what Noll & Branch refer to as the rest of the suburban package. The suburban package (landscaping, referents to the emphasis on auto-oriented transportation versus pedestrian mobility, bland site design, isolated subdivisions, etc.) A successful community consists of the combination of well-located land uses, networked together through open spaces that may include parks or inspiring public places mixed with a functional transportation and infrastructure system.

**Education**

   Sustainability, preservation, natural systems and recreational activities are common themes the general public would benefit from learning about. These issues are all drawn from the open space infrastructure system that Orland Park takes pride in.

**Preservation**

   The preservation of land can greatly benefit the surrounding areas. The preservation of existing natural connections and features such as wetlands, passive restoration zones, and floodplains will contribute to wildlife and native plant habitats.

**Connectivity**

   Connecting residents of the community is a vital component of a successful village and should be a top priority. As Orland Park moves forward with the progression of the Village, the next goal should be consistent with the inputs and benefits of the town.