

Wauconda voters are being asked to vote **YES** or **NO** on governing the Village by “Home Rule”

Why is Home Rule being considered now?

Our commitment to the Village’s long-term sustainability is key within our mission statement. As part of our budget planning processes, we are looking at a long-term revenue shortfall, especially as it relates to maintaining infrastructure.

What is Home Rule?

When approved by voters, Home Rule governance allows Illinois towns and villages with populations under 25,000 to enact **local solutions** for their **local challenges**, taking back some control from Springfield.



Wauconda population
14,084



54 miles of roads

What kind of **local challenges**?

Paying for maintenance of local roads is a particular challenge. Each year we have to resurface a portion of our **54 miles of Village roads** and we need about **\$1.5 million in additional funding on an annual basis to do so.**

What is meant by **local solutions**?

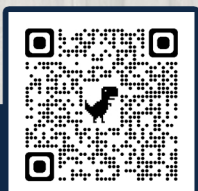
For instance, **84% of visitors** to Liberty Square, our largest shopping center, are non-residents who don’t pay our property taxes. **Home Rule would allow us to collect a new 1% sales tax, capturing dollars from visitors to our Village and reducing pressure on local property taxes.** Note that groceries, prescriptions, and vehicle sales would be exempt.



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Will Home Rule increase my property taxes?

No. In fact, our Village Board has passed an ordinance to abide by our current property tax limitations.












Mission Statement:

To deliver cost-effective services and make strategic investments that improve Wauconda’s quality of life and ensure long-term sustainability.

Wauconda is a full-service Village providing:

-  Police
-  Road maintenance
-  Snowplowing
-  Wastewater treatment
-  Water delivery
-  Community development
-  Code enforcement
-  Lake management
-  Community events

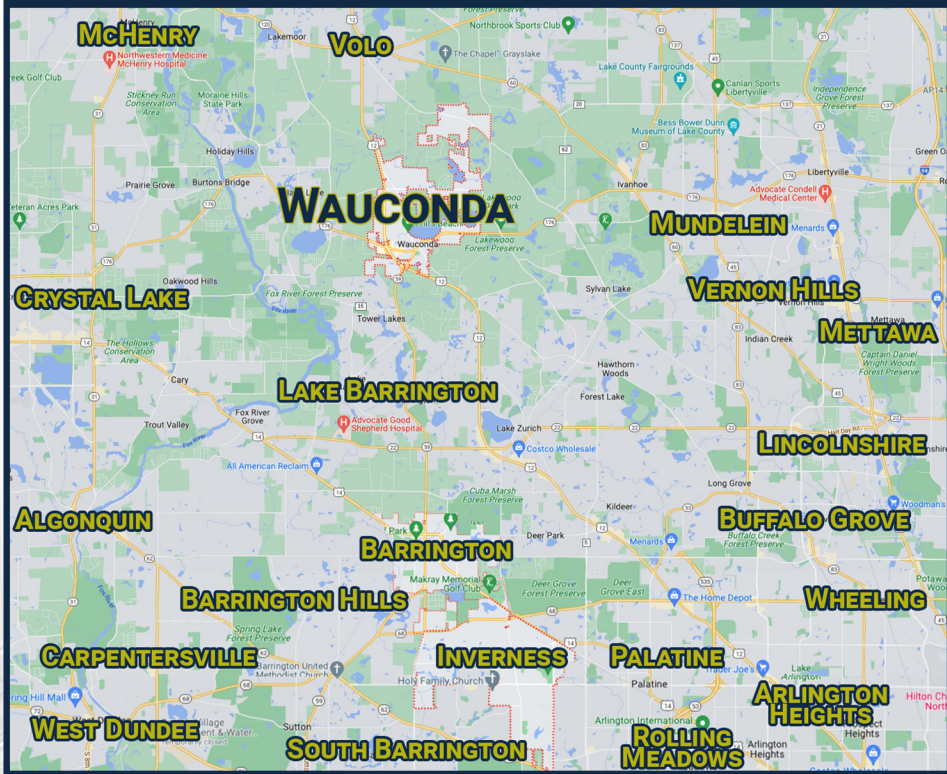
Infrastructure includes:

-  54 miles of local roads
-  Sidewalks
-  Bangs Lake
-  Water infrastructure
-  Wastewater services
-  Stormwater management
-  Village buildings
-  Technology
-  Vehicles

Who else already has Home Rule?

221 Illinois municipalities are Home Rule. Towns over 25,000 in population automatically qualify, but many under 25,000 have voted to approve Home Rule, including Volo, Lake Barrington and Barrington.

All yellow towns labeled are already Home Rule communities



Upcoming Public Information Sessions

Thursday, March 2, at 7 p.m.
Wauconda Village Hall

Saturday, March 11, at 9 a.m.
Wauconda Public Library

Thursday, March 23, at 7 p.m.
Register for Zoom link at
WaucondaHomeRule.com

