



Open House: Overlay District plan for downtown Peotone

The Village of Peotone will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, January 21st, 2026 from 5 pm to 6 pm, prior to the regularly scheduled Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. Both the open house and PZC meetings will be held in the Village Board Chambers – 208 E. Main Street, Peotone.

The public is invited to stop by for the open house to learn more about what an Overlay District is and what this means for the downtown area of Peotone.

What: **Open House to present Overlay District concept**

When: **Wednesday, January 21, 2026**
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Where: **Village Board Chambers**
208 E. Main Street, Peotone, IL

The key goals of creating an overlay district are preserving and enhancing the historical character of central downtown Peotone by preserving the original structures while accommodating compatible new developments through implementation of a set of design guidelines and standards aimed at upholding historical integrity, elevating design quality, and maintaining the human-scale development characteristics of downtown Peotone.

The historical character and small-town feel and charm of downtown Peotone, which features a diverse array of building types and architectural styles spanning many decades, is an important characteristic of the Village which should be nurtured and protected.

As noted in the Village's comprehensive plan, those characteristics are defined by the following contributing qualities: rich history, accessibility, strong community identity and sense of community, size, empathy, independently owned businesses, locally controlled, and safe law enforcement presence. Infill development in downtown creates unique challenges for property owners, the design community and the Village.