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*Commercial service and multi-family residential uses at the intersection of Harlem Avenue and Oak Avenue.*



*First Church of Christ - Small public/semi-public use along Harlem Avenue.*

As it is developed and exists today, the Harlem Avenue Corridor in River Forest is not a "commercial corridor". The Land-Use Plan for the Corridor reflects the existing land use pattern. Commercial areas remain commercial, residential areas remain residential, and public/institutional/open space areas remain as well.

With the exception of the Town Center south of Lake Street, commercial areas along the corridor are very small and consist of neighborhood convenience type uses. On the other hand, the residential areas are quite large and numerous, as are the institutional uses along the corridor. Because of this, commercial redevelopment is made even more difficult than it is along the Village's other perimeter corridors. Any extensive expansion or creation of new commercial development along the corridor would be extremely challenging. It is for these reasons that the Plan does not recommend any changes to the existing land use pattern.