



Local Coordinating Committee
Annotated Agenda
Wednesday, October 9, 2013—9:00 a.m.

DuPage County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois

- 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions** 9:00 a.m.
- 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes – August 14, 2013**
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 4.0 Introduction of New Committee Members**
Since the August meeting of the Local Coordinating Committee, two new members have been added, both representing the City of Chicago on the CMAP Board. The new members will be asked to introduce themselves.
ACTION REQUESTED: Information
- 5.0 Project Selection Recommendations**
A memo is attached describing the staff recommendations for new projects to be pursued through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. The Local Coordinating Committee is requested to recommend approval of these projects to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee.
ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation for approval
- 6.0 External Resource Development**
CMAP continually looks for opportunities to apply for external grants to support the LTA program, and submits applications when relevant. Recently, three grants to CMAP were announced from federal, state, and philanthropic sources. The attached memo describes these and also covers CMAP's overall strategy for seeking external resources.
ACTION REQUESTED: Information

7.0 LTA Program Update

The Board receives monthly updates on the status of each active project within the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. Staff will briefly review the current update and will also briefly describe the program for the benefit of new committee members.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

8.0 Other Business

9.0 Public Comment

Public comment is encouraged throughout the meeting. The Chair will recognize non-committee members as appropriate. Non-committee members wishing to address the Committee should so signify by raising their hand in order to be recognized by the Chair. The Chair will have discretion to limit discussion.

10.0 Next Meeting: December 11, 2013

11.0 Adjournment

Local Coordinating Committee Members:

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MEMORANDUM

To: Local Coordinating Committee

From: Bob Dean, Deputy Executive Director for Local Planning

Date: October 2, 2013

Re: Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Project Selection

Attached to this memo is a document that describes staff recommendations for selection of Local Technical Assistance (LTA) projects. This document describes the rationale for the staff recommendations, lists the recommended projects, and provides basic information about project distribution across communities.

The LTA applications have been discussed with a variety of groups, including working committees, transit agencies, county representatives, COGs and COMs, and nongovernmental partners, as well as with the Local Coordinating Committee itself. The staff recommendations reflect staff's evaluation of the merits of each project as well as comments received from these groups.

The Local Coordinating Committee is asked to recommend that the CMAP Board approve the recommended list of LTA projects at its meeting on October 9.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend approval by CMAP Board.



**Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program:
Recommendations for Project Selection
September 13, 2013**

Following the adoption of GO TO 2040, CMAP established the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program to direct resources to communities to pursue planning work that helps to implement GO TO 2040. During the most recent call for projects, which ended on June 26, CMAP received 67 applications for assistance. A list of all applications received is available in this [August 7 memo](#) to the CMAP Local Coordinating Committee.

The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee will be asked to approve the staff recommendations for the LTA program at their joint meeting on October 9. Prior to the Board and MPO Policy Committee meeting, the Local Coordinating Committee will be asked to recommend approval by these groups. The Transportation Committee will also be asked to recommend approval at their meeting on September 20.

The purpose of this memo is to present CMAP staff recommendations for the treatment of each application received. It is divided into three sections:

- Staff recommendations for projects to be undertaken through the LTA program.
- Basic statistics concerning the projects recommended for selection.
- Evaluation process.
- Full lists of projects that are recommended and not recommended.

LTA recommendations

In total, 32 new projects are recommended to be pursued through the LTA program. These projects were selected by applying CMAP's selection criteria: alignment of the project with the recommendations of GO TO 2040; local need for assistance; feasibility and ability to implement; collaboration with other groups, including neighboring governments and nongovernmental groups; input from relevant Counties and Councils of Government (COGs); and geographic balance.

Additionally, as CMAP has completed LTA projects, the implementation of completed projects has become an increasing priority. Several of the applications received helped to implement projects that had previously been undertaken through the LTA program, and many of these projects are recommended for selection.

This year, a few projects were recommended "conditionally" – while they are good projects and of interest to CMAP, the agency does not have existing funding sources that would allow us to

work on them. They are recommended for selection, but starting work on them depends on CMAP receiving additional funding that is suitable to support this type of work.

For organizational purposes, recommended projects are presented below in groups. First, projects that involve multijurisdictional collaboration, a priority for CMAP, are described. Second, projects that involve follow-ups to previous LTA projects are described. Finally, the remaining recommended projects are covered, grouped by project type.

Multijurisdictional projects

CMAP was clear in the application process that multijurisdictional projects would be prioritized during the selection process, and applicants responded by submitting many good proposals that crossed municipal boundaries. Two multijurisdictional groups submitted applications for “Homes for a Changing Region” housing studies, and both of these are recommended to be pursued. These include one in DuPage County, covering *Glendale Heights, Hanover Park, and West Chicago*, and one in Lake County, submitted in partnership with the Lake County Community Foundation, which covers *Hainesville, Round Lake, Round Lake Beach, Round Lake Heights, and Round Lake Park*.

Several recommended projects were submitted by existing multijurisdictional groups. Two projects were submitted by the *South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association* – one involving green manufacturing and workforce development, and one involving bicycle and pedestrian planning – and both are recommended. Another project submitted by the *West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry* involving transit oriented development, cargo oriented development, and bicycle and pedestrian planning is recommended.

Several applicants also formed multijurisdictional coalitions around specific projects, and the following projects of this type are recommended to be selected. In Kendall County, *Montgomery, Oswego, and Yorkville* requested assistance with sub-regional coordination and shared services. In Cook and Will Counties, *Governors State University* led a coalition of groups in a sub-regional green infrastructure plan that also involved *Monee, Park Forest, University Park, and the Forest Preserve District of Will County*. And in Kane and McHenry Counties, a study of the Fox River corridor was submitted by *Algonquin, Carpentersville, the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, and the McHenry County Conservation District*.

A few multijurisdictional projects were not recommended. In these cases, projects are typically good concepts but may not be fully ready to begin – either additional time may be needed to gather consensus from participating jurisdictions, or other ongoing work in the affected communities should be completed before new projects are begun.

Projects implementing past LTA plans

As CMAP has begun completing significant numbers of LTA projects, implementing them has become an increasing priority. Many LTA plans resulted in recommendations for further work, such as zoning revisions to translate a comprehensive plan into development regulations, or specific follow-up studies. The following recommended projects help to advance completed or ongoing plans.

Two applications from *Campton Hills* and *Westchester* requested CMAP to update zoning ordinances to implement recently adopted comprehensive plans. In *Joliet*, a corridor plan for Chicago Street in the community's downtown will help to facilitate bicycle and pedestrian connections, which supports a previous plan for the redevelopment of the prison and U.S. Steel site. A bicycle and pedestrian plan in *Park Forest* helps to advance the sustainability plan for this community. And in *Berwyn*, a capital improvement plan will help to align infrastructure investments with the community's comprehensive plan.

Other projects, grouped by type

Eight comprehensive plans are recommended to be part of this year's LTA program, in the communities of *Carol Stream*, *Crete*, *Franklin Park*, *Harvard*, *North Chicago*, *Pingree Grove*, *Winthrop Harbor*, and *Zion*. These communities were selected based on a combination of need, age of their existing comprehensive plans, and geographic balance.

In addition to the two zoning projects noted above, a zoning update in *South Elgin* is also recommended. This application was notable for the community's interest in form-based codes, which supports a toolkit on this subject recently released by CMAP.

Several projects that focus on transportation improvements are also recommended. Two projects in *Park Forest* and *SSMMA* have already been mentioned; in addition, projects focused on bicycle and pedestrian improvements are recommended in *Arlington Heights*, *Barrington Hills*, and *Crystal Lake*. A study submitted by the *Chicago Department of Transportation* focusing on parking is also recommended.

Several projects that involve comprehensive planning for an area smaller than an entire municipality are also recommended. A neighborhood plan for the West Pullman community area submitted by the *Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development* is recommended. Nearby, *Riverdale* requested assistance with a corridor plan; CMAP learned through the scoping process that the community had recently received an Ike grant from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for a similar project and will be helping *Riverdale* to successfully use their Ike grant rather than conducting a separate project.

Finally, many good applications were received for projects that do not fit neatly into the above categories; some have already been mentioned, and the projects noted below are also recommended. *Cook County* requested assistance to prepare one document that functions as both a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which is a requirement of the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA), and link this with an ongoing project to update their Consolidated Plan, which is required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); this project is recommended due to its ability to meet multiple federal requirements in a single document. *Kane County* submitted a request to work jointly with CMAP to conduct a Health Impact Assessment (HIA), an emerging planning tool that links public health and physical planning. Finally, *Glenview* requested assistance with several linked projects related to sustainability and green infrastructure.

Conditional selection

A few projects noted above cover topics that are outside the funding resources that CMAP currently has available; these generally include projects that do not have strong links to transportation or land use planning. CMAP proposes to recommend selection of these projects on the condition that external funding be found to support them. In other words, CMAP would contact these applicants to inform them that their projects have been identified as priorities but work cannot begin until additional resources are secured; if these resources have not been secured within a year, the projects will be dropped from the program.

Projects that are within this category include the Glenview and Governors State University projects, which are heavily focused on natural resources with little relevance to transportation, as well as the SSMMA project involving green manufacturing and workforce development.

Projects that are not recommended

Projects were considered lower priority for LTA assistance for a number of reasons, described further below.

- Priority for assistance was given to communities that had lower incomes or were smaller in size, meaning that more prosperous or larger communities were less likely to receive assistance. Lower-need communities generally had to present an innovative project or one that aligned well with a specific CMAP priority in order to be recommended.
- Some applicants are currently undertaking planning projects which should be completed before next steps are taken. Montgomery and Oak Park, both of which are currently creating new comprehensive plans, requested projects that may be good follow-ups but should be resubmitted once the comprehensive plans are complete.
- Some projects were good concepts but would benefit from further development by the project sponsor. In particular, unsuccessful applicants within Chicago are encouraged to work more closely with City staff on project development. In other cases, additional multijurisdictional partners would give a project a greater chance of success.
- In general, applicants that submitted multiple projects had only one project recommended to be pursued. The additional projects will be suggested to be reconsidered as later phases. (In one exception to this, two projects sponsored by SSMMA have been recommended.)
- Some projects were simply not a good fit for the local technical assistance program, as they were focused on unconstrained major capital projects, did not demonstrate the full support of affected local governments, or did not demonstrate alignment with the recommendations of GO TO 2040.
- Finally, a number of projects beyond the list of 32 recommended in this memo are positive and viable projects, but were beyond available resources this year. CMAP will encourage communities who submitted projects that were just outside resource constraints to resubmit in future years, in some cases with modifications that will improve their chances of selection.

A full list of applicants that are not recommended to receive assistance is included at the end of this document.

Statistics of recommended projects

In the following section, basic statistics are provided for the distribution of projects by geography and community need.

Geographic distribution

In the design of the local technical assistance program, an effort was made to identify projects to be pursued in many different parts of the region. In the following table, the distribution of higher priority projects by geography is summarized. Projects may be reported in multiple geographies, and these are noted below the table.

	Chicago	Cook total*	N and NW Cook	W Cook	SW Cook	S Cook	Collar total	DuPage	Kane	Kendall	Lake	McHenry	Will	Total
Selected applicants	2	15	4	4	0	6	20	4	7	1	4	4	4	32
Total applicants	7	27	6	10	1	9	40	7	10	4	10	7	6	67

* The Cook County total includes the CEDS, which is county-wide rather than directly affecting any of the County's sub-areas.

Recommended projects included in multiple geographies are:

- Algonquin river corridor (Kane and McHenry)
- Barrington Hills bicycle plan (NW Cook, Kane, and McHenry)
- Crete (S Cook and Will)
- Hanover Park, as part of Homes for a Changing Region (NW Cook and DuPage)
- Governors State University (S Cook and Will)
- Montgomery (Kane and Kendall)
- Oswego, Montgomery, and Yorkville (Kane and Kendall)
- Park Forest (S Cook and Will)

As the above table shows, projects were relatively well-distributed throughout the region, with a few exceptions. Southwest Cook County submitted only one project, and it was not a good fit for the LTA program, so no projects are being recommended in that geography. Kendall County has only one project recommended; the other projects from Kendall County are good concepts, and with some small modifications or further development can be good applications in a future year.

The most significant geographic imbalance involves the low number of projects in the City of Chicago. Both projects submitted by City departments are recommended, but the other five applications, all submitted by nongovernmental organizations, were not sufficiently developed or did not have the full support of City staff. Over the coming year, CMAP intends to work closely with the City to encourage more good projects to be submitted during the next application cycle.

Community need

An important factor in the review process was the need of the community for assistance. The program is meant to prioritize projects in communities that have limited resources and would not have the ability to undertake the project without CMAP's assistance. This is also consistent

with the stated goal of HUD’s grant to focus on providing assistance to disadvantaged groups, including lower-income residents, residents of public housing, and minorities, among others.

Communities were divided into five categories based on these factors, ranging from “very high” to “low” need. Many communities in the “low” and “moderate” need category submitted excellent projects and could still certainly benefit from assistance, but priority was given to communities with lower median incomes and tax bases, as well as to smaller municipalities. The following table and chart summarize the distribution of recommended projects by community need.

	Very high need	High need	Moderately high need	Moderate need	Low need	Total
Selected applicants	5	6	7	7	7	32
Total applicants	7	14	14	16	16	67

Regionwide, approximately 22% of the region’s communities are classified as “very high” or “high” need communities; these communities are recommended to receive 34% of the projects in this year’s LTA program. This indicates that the LTA program is directing resources to higher-need communities, but also provides opportunities for lower-need communities to participate if they submit innovative or multijurisdictional applications.

Evaluation process

To evaluate each project, staff reviewed the applications and other background materials and also scheduled phone calls with each applicant to discuss their ideas. Questions for the applicants focused on consistency with GO TO 2040, internal and external support, and the project’s overall feasibility.

Applications were also reviewed with a variety of groups between mid-July and late August. Each working committee discussed the LTA applications on each least one occasion, and several working committee members provided follow-up comments; the Local Coordinating Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee also reviewed and discussed the applications. Special meetings were also held with transit agencies, county planning directors, staff from the City of Chicago, and technical assistance providers. Councils of Government (COGs) and Councils of Mayors (COMs) were encouraged to submit comments via email, and several of them did. Comments and expressions of support from these groups were used in part to determine the recommendations for selection.

Project listing

Recommended:

Sponsor	Project
Algonquin (with Carpentersville)	river corridor study
Arlington Heights	bicycle-pedestrian plan
Barrington Hills	bicycle-pedestrian plan
Berwyn	capital improvement plan
Campton Hills	zoning
Carol Stream	comprehensive plan
Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)	downtown parking policy
Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development (DHED)	West Pullman neighborhood plan
Cook County	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
Crete	comprehensive plan
Crystal Lake	transportation plan
DuPage County	sustainability plan
DuPage multijurisdictional housing group	Homes for a Changing Region
Franklin Park	comprehensive plan
Glenview**	natural resources plan
Governors State University**	green infrastructure plan
Harvard	comprehensive plan
Joliet	Chicago Street corridor plan
Kane County	Health Impact Assessment
Lake multijurisdictional housing group	Homes for a Changing Region
North Chicago	comprehensive plan
Oswego (with Montgomery and Yorkville)	shared services study
Park Forest	bicycle-pedestrian plan
Pingree Grove	comprehensive plan
Riverdale	land use plan
South Elgin	zoning
South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA)**	workforce study
South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA)	bicycle-pedestrian plan
Westchester	zoning
Winthrop Harbor	comprehensive plan
West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WSCCI)	transit oriented development (TOD) and cargo oriented development (COD) plan
Zion	comprehensive plan

** Selection is conditional on finding suitable external funding to pursue these projects.

Not recommended:

Sponsor	Project
Algonquin	downtown redevelopment
Algonquin	unincorporated area plan
Braidwood	comprehensive plan
Broadview	corridor plan
Bronzeville Urban Development	brownfield site redevelopment
Brookfield	comprehensive plan
Chicago State University	presidential library
Developing Communities Project (DCP)	transit oriented development (TOD) plan
DuPage County	North Avenue corridor plan
Gilberts	comprehensive plan
Glen Ellyn	bicycle-pedestrian plan
Kendall County	financial assessment
LaGrange Park	Tax Increment Financing (TIF) analysis
Lake County Stormwater Management Commission	wetland restoration plan
McHenry County	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
Montgomery	subdivision ordinance
Montgomery	transit oriented development (TOD) zoning
Northbrook	bicycle-pedestrian plan
Northbrook Park District	wayfinding signage
Oak Park	bicycle-pedestrian plan
Oak Park	zoning
Old Mill Creek	sewer plan
Park Forest	market analysis
Prairie State College	environmental management plan
Round Lake Beach	bicycle-pedestrian plan
Southside Broadband Expansion Collaborative	community mapping
Thornton	comprehensive plan
Urban Innovation Center	transit oriented development (TOD) and cargo oriented development (COD) plan
Waukegan	bicycle-pedestrian connectivity
Waukegan	downtown and lakefront plan
Waukegan	lakefront connectivity
Wayne	zoning
West Central Municipal Conference (WCMC)	bicycle-pedestrian plan
Woodridge	youth community needs
Worth Township	roadway plan



MEMORANDUM

To: Local Coordinating Committee

From: Erin Aleman, Principal Planner

Date: October 2, 2013

Re: External Resource Development

The purpose of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program is to provide assistance to local governments with planning activities that advance the implementation of GO TO 2040. The funding source that primarily funds the LTA program, a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), expires at the end of 2013. This has been a flexible funding source that has allowed the LTA program to pursue a wide range of projects.

CMAF's primary funding source is the Unified Work Program for transportation planning, which is funding through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), with matching from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). This funding is sufficient to cover most of CMAF's activities, specifically those that relate closely to transportation.

However, some of the recommendations of GO TO 2040 address topics that are less related to transportation, such as climate change, economic and workforce development, food, health, housing, open space, and water resources. Fully addressing these requires additional resources beyond transportation funding. For the past several years, the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant has been able to cover all of these topical areas. In preparation for the end of this grant, CMAF has been working to secure funding from a variety of sources to allow the LTA program to maintain its broad scope.

In the past few months, three grants totaling \$600,000 have been secured that provide diverse funding for the LTA program. These include:

- Illinois Attorney General: National Foreclosure Settlement Funding. CMAF received \$450,000 to support the Homes for a Changing Region program, which includes subcontracts with the Metropolitan Planning Council and Metropolitan Mayors Caucus; CMAF's share is approximately \$250,000.

- Chicago Community Trust: Systemic Change through Sustainable Development Policy and Practice. CMAP received a grant of \$150,000 from the Trust to support elements of the LTA program that are more difficult to fund through CMAP's traditional funding sources.
- Economic Development Administration: Local Technical Assistance Program. CMAP expects to receive a grant of \$200,000 to cover economic development activities in disinvested communities across the region.

In addition to these successes, CMAP has submitted applications to several funding sources, is in the process of preparing applications for others, and has begun discussions with several other public and philanthropic funders. The issue areas covered in these applications include housing, climate change adaptation, natural resources planning, stormwater and disaster preparedness, and local food. Updates on these applications will be provided at future meetings of the Local Coordinating Committee.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information.

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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and Committees
From: CMAP Staff
Date: October 2, 2013
Re: Local Technical Assistance Program Update

The CMAP Board and committees receive regular updates on the projects being undertaken through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, including those receiving staff assistance and grants. To date, 112 local projects have been initiated. Of these, 46 projects have been completed, 57 are fully underway, and 9 will get actively underway in the near future. Projects that appear in this document for the first time are noted and highlighted in italics.

Further detail on LTA project status can be found on the attached project status table.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

Projects Currently Underway

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Alsip zoning revisions	Jake Seid	Sept. 2013- Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	Resolution was approved by the Village Board on September 3. Project kick-off meeting is scheduled for October 9.
Antioch greenway plan (see website)	Jason Navota	Apr. 2012 – Nov. 2013	Staff assistance	Draft plan is currently being formatted for final Village and partner review. Approval process is anticipated to begin in October.
Bensenville comprehensive plan (see website)	Sam Shenbaga	Mar. 2013 - Feb. 2014	Staff assistance	Existing Conditions Report submitted to Village staff in early September. Staff OKed report and forwarded to Steering Committee. Existing conditions presentation to Steering Committee on September 23. Report also distributed to Pace, Metra, DuPage County. Visioning workshop scheduled for October 3 at Village Hall. Community outreach underway.
Berwyn parking study	Lindsay Bayley	Oct. 2013- Sept. 2014	Staff assistance	Project scoping underway.
Berwyn zoning revisions (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Jan. 2013 - Apr. 2014	Staff and consultant assistance	Project team has completed a recommendations memo, which was submitted to staff and the project's Steering Committee for review. The project team will meet with staff and the Steering Committee in October to respond to questions and establish drafting direction on major issues.
Big Rock comprehensive plan (see website)	Trevor Dick	Feb. 2013 - Jan. 2014	Staff assistance	The County and CMAP staff are working together on the draft plan. A draft plan is expected to be reviewed by Big Rock staff this fall.
Calumet City comprehensive plan	Jack Pflingston	June 2013- May 2014	Consultant assistance	First steering committee meeting held September 5. In addition to discussing project timeline and deliverables, Teska shared some preliminary results from the data collection effort and stakeholder interviews. Data collection continues as project proceeding toward an existing conditions draft.
Centers for New Horizons local food survey	Sef Okoth	Nov. 2012 – Oct. 2013	Staff assistance	Staff reviewed initial draft report, which was revised to incorporate comments received from senior staff. An updated report has been submitted for internal review.
Chicago "Green Healthy Neighborhoods" in Pilsen and Little Village	Evy Zwiebach	Oct. 2013- Mar. 2015	Staff assistance	Project scoping is ongoing; selection of contractors to assist with outreach is complete. Health Impact Assessment for the Fisk and Crawford sites, an associated but independent project, is underway.

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Chicago Heights comprehensive plan (see website)	Kendra Smith	Apr. 2013-Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	Existing conditions analysis is underway, with a draft expected early October. Steering Committee Meeting and Community Visioning Session tentatively scheduled for the first and second weeks of November.
Chicago Housing Authority LeClaire Courts redevelopment	Sef Okoth	Aug. 2012-Oct. 2013	Consultant assistance	Consultant submitted a final draft of the LeClaire Courts Transportation Study report, which was reviewed by CMAP and the transit agencies and comments submitted to URS. CMAP and CHA met with consultants on September 27 to discuss and provide feedback on the draft report.
Chinatown neighborhood plan (see website)	Stephen Ostrander	Apr. 2013-Apr. 2014	Staff assistance	Draft existing conditions report underwent internal CMAP review. Worked with community partners to complete concluding components of main public engagement phase (ending on October 14), continued processing submitted community feedback surveys, and began overall analysis of public input. Met with representatives from CDOT and DHED to discuss LTA project and be briefed on recent and anticipated planning for Chinatown. Began developing design for upcoming community-wide event, expected in November, which will help define overall community priorities and identify potential strategies. Met with supervisors and students associated with architecture studio focused on Chinatown, sponsored/led by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.
Cicero comprehensive plan	Jonathan Burch	Jan.-Dec. 2014	Consultant assistance	RTA initiated a transit station area study for the Town of Cicero. Project scoping placed on hold until January 2014 to build on the RTA study results.
Cook County consolidated plan	Jonathan Burch	Apr. 2013 - Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	Letters have been sent to each COG to determine project representatives. Staff has begun initial data gathering and analysis. A public kickoff event has been scheduled for the morning of October 24.
Cook County Forest Preserve District trail counts and policy report	Trevor Dick	Apr.-Nov. 2013	Staff assistance	The survey results have been incorporated in the CCFPD's Draft Trail Master Plan. CCFPD staff is currently reviewing the second part of the project, which are the local connection case studies.
Des Plaines neighborhood plan (see website)	Berenice Vallecillos	May 2013-Apr. 2014	Consultant assistance	The public kickoff meeting was held on September 26. Des Plaines staff is working with the Steering Committee to implement the outreach plan including distribution of the survey and smartphone application. The

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
				project team is currently analyzing results from public engagement and beginning to work on the draft plan. A Recommendations Memorandum will be prepared and a meeting will be set up with CMAP staff to review the initial recommendations in November.
DuPage County Homes for a Changing Region project	Kendra Smith	Sept. 2013-Apr. 2014	Staff assistance	All four communities have passed resolutions supporting Homes for a Changing Region. Initial data analysis and steering committee meeting scheduled for October 9.
DuPage County unincorporated areas plan (see website)	Jack Pfingston	Oct. 2012-Oct. 2013	Consultant assistance	Open House held for Lake Street draft plan on September 18, with good attendance reported; Open House for Roosevelt Road draft plan held September 25. Steering committees for both corridors will meet in October to consider revised final drafts (with Open House input).
DuPage Water Commission water conservation project	Erin Aleman	Feb.-Nov. 2013	Staff and consultant assistance	MPC, CMAP, and the DuPage Water Commission met with the Village of Westmont to discuss what water conservation implementation activities would be most helpful for the Village. It is anticipated that the team will select and implement the program beginning in October.
Elgin Dundee Avenue corridor study	Samantha Robinson	TBD	Staff assistance and small grant	Due to staff changes at ULI and CMAP, as well as questions about ideal project timing, this project has been pushed back from its expected start in early 2013 to later in the year.
Elgin sidewalk gap and transit stop study	Lindsay Bayley	June 2012-Dec. 2013	Grant funds	Project on hold. No updates at this time.
Evanston bicycle plan	Jack Pfingston	June 2013-Mar. 2014	Grant funds	Data collection continues. First steering committee meeting took place September 26.
Ferson-Otter watershed plan implementation	Nora Beck	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Met with steering committee to review draft report on September 13; revisions underway. Finalized report planned for October. Report envisioned to complement City's Comprehensive Plan update that is now underway.
Franklin Park industrial areas plan (see website)	Nicole Woods	Apr. 2013-Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	CMAP staff is currently completing the existing conditions report. In October, the report will undergo internal review and be sent to Franklin Park staff for their review.
Hinsdale parking study (see website)	Lindsay Bayley	Nov. 2012-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Draft Recommendations Memo sent to Village staff and steering committee members. Next steering committee meeting scheduled for October 17.

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Hoffman Estates workforce development project	Annie Byrne	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Communications and marketing plan being revised based on feedback from steering committee. Staff developing organizational structure sustainability plan.
IDNR, Office of Water Resources, permittee water loss evaluation project	Tim Loftus	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Site visits with select permittees are underway and will continue in October. Survey data analysis is ongoing.
Kane County local food project	Jessica Simoncelli	Nov. 2012- Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Project partners have drafted criteria for selecting public lands on which to conduct agricultural production in Kane County. Internal development of final draft of criteria and corresponding GIS analysis occurring, with help from Kane County staff. Consultation with farming experts to review the final criteria will occur in late October, and final products will be used by County in relation to their new local food production program.
Kane County transit plan implementation	Trevor Dick	July 2012- Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Staff is currently working on the draft plan. The draft plan is expected to be provided to County staff in October/November for their review.
Kane County / Carpentersville Homes for a Changing Region project (see website)	Jonathan Burch	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	The project team received comments from municipalities on the draft recommendations and made edits accordingly. Meetings to present the recommendations have been scheduled for October and early November. The subregional essay is currently being drafted. Visualization work is being coordinated with the consultant.
Kane County / Geneva Homes for a Changing Region project (see website)	Drew Williams-Clark	July 2013- Feb. 2014	Staff assistance	Kane County staff have completed capacity analyses for all communities. The project steering committee met on October 3. Data and capacity analyses will be presented to boards and commissions in October for feedback. Public workshops have been scheduled for November. A MetroQuest website will be available for online input in November as well.
Kedzie Avenue (Garfield Park) corridor plan	Samantha Robinson	July 2013- June 2014	Consultant assistance	The Steering Committee met for the first time on September 18. Members shared their expectations for the plan and reviewed maps for land use, transportation and vacant lots and buildings. Consultant is drafting existing conditions report and market study. The Steering Committee will meet next on November 5.

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Lake County Route 53/120 land use plan	Jason Navota	Nov. 2013- Dec. 2015	Staff and consultant assistance	Funding has been secured from Tollway and Lake County through UWP process. Consultant proposals are being reviewed. Municipalities within the IL53/120 corridor have been contacted and invited into the planning process. First BRAC meeting was held on September 17.
Lake County sustainability plan (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Mar. 2012 – Nov. 2013	Staff assistance	The project team is awaiting edits to the draft document from County staff.
Lan-Oak Park District master plan	Trevor Dick	Oct. 2013- June 2014	Staff assistance	The first Steering Committee kick-off meeting will be held October 2. CMAP staff met with CCDPH staff to discuss roles and deliverables. CMAP staff has also visited each of the District's 25 parks and documented existing conditions.
Lansing comprehensive plan (see website)	Sam Shenbaga	Oct. 2012- Dec. 2013	Consultant assistance	Consultant is creating a draft of the Vision, Goals, and Objectives to share with CMAP and Village staff by second week of October. Outreach to neighboring communities and NW Indiana underway.
Lincolnwood Devon Avenue corridor study	Liz Panella	June-Nov. 2013	Staff assistance and small contract	This project involved a Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) convened by ULI on September 10-11. CMAP and ULI staff will present the final report to the public in October.
Lynwood comprehensive plan (see website)	Samantha Robinson	Oct. 2012- Dec. 2013	Consultant assistance	Consultant is drafting the comprehensive plan. The Steering Committee is expected to meet at the end of October to discuss the draft plan.
Lyons comprehensive plan (see website)	Sef Okoth	July 2013- June 2014	Staff assistance	Staff presented on the project to the Village Board was on September 18. Steering Committee kick-off meeting was held on September 26. Existing conditions analysis is underway
Markham comprehensive plan	Erin Aleman	July 2013- June 2014	Staff assistance	Markham held its first steering committee meeting on August 28. The consultant is presently working on the existing conditions report. CMAP will continue to be available to review and comment on draft plan documents as needed.
Morton Grove industrial areas plan (see website)	Nicole Woods	Feb. 2012- Nov. 2013	Staff assistance	Morton Grove staff began to review the industrial areas plan in September and will continue their review into early October. CMAP staff will conduct final revisions in October and distribute plan to the steering committee this fall for further discussion.

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Niles multimodal transportation plan	Jack Pfingston	Mar. 2013-Feb. 2014	Consultant assistance	Vision, Goals, and Objectives memorandum submitted and reviewed by CMAP staff. Public outreach conducted at the "Bike Niles" event September 14 (125 attended the event). Meeting with CMAP staff to review materials will take place October 10.
<i>North Aurora comprehensive plan</i>	<i>Jack Pfingston</i>	<i>Nov. 2013-Aug. 2014</i>	<i>Consultant assistance</i>	<i>Newly added to monthly report. Scoping underway, with RFP expected to be released in October.</i>
Northwest Municipal Conference Des Plaines River trail access plan (see website)	Lindsay Bayley	May 2013-Apr. 2014	Consultant assistance	Project website is up and running. Steering Committee meeting rode part of the trail to evaluate conditions and talk about initial findings. Web mapping tool is collecting data from stakeholders, key stakeholder interviews are scheduled for October. Media kit sent to municipal representatives on Steering Committee.
Northwest Water Planning Alliance drought preparedness / strategic planning	Tim Loftus	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Strategic planning is ongoing with endorsement of plan goals, objectives, and strategies expected at the November Executive Committee meeting. An implementation matrix is currently under development and expected to be finalized in the fall.
Oak Lawn 95 th Street corridor study (see website)	Jake Seid	Jan. 2013-Jan. 2014	Consultant assistance	Consultant prepared draft Corridor Plan; prepared economic development methodology for development sites; prepared roadway right of way options; prepared 3D models for site plan concepts; coordinated Oak Lawn High School concepts with Village; attended "Fall on the Green" event (September 7) and documented community input; coordinated crash data between police department and Village engineers; monitored project website and Facebook page.
Olympia Fields zoning ordinance update	Drew Williams-Clark	Apr. 2013-Mar. 2014	Consultant assistance	CMAP has reviewed initial market analysis and alternatives diagrams. Presentations of these interim deliverables to the Village and Steering Committee are anticipated in October.
Openlands local food policy	Jason Navota	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Discussion draft of a scope of work for the Regional Food System Study is complete and being used as framework for discussing project with funders, academics/researchers, and local "industry representatives" working in the food system space.
Oswego economic development plan	Trevor Dick	Mar. 2013-Jan. 2014	Staff assistance	Staff is currently working on the Draft Report with consultant assistance from Valerie Kretchmer Associates. This Draft Report is expected to be presented to the Advisory Committee in October/November.

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Park Forest zoning revisions	Kristin Ihnchak	June 2013-Sept. 2014	Staff and consultant assistance	Stakeholder interviews were held at the end of August. The project team is reviewing existing conditions and scheduling a public meeting for October 29. The project team will develop a MetroQuest site to facilitate public outreach. An RFP to select a consulting firm to provide advice during the zoning update process was released in late September.
Prospect Heights comprehensive plan	Jack Pfingston	Aug. 2013-July 2014	Consultant assistance	SCB was selected as project consultant. Project initiation meeting held on September 19; timeline, data needs, and deliverables were discussed.
Regional immigrant integration toolkit	Ricardo Lopez	Jan.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Steering Committee will meet on October 15 to review the Language Access and Housing chapters of Toolkit. Staff will refine chapters to incorporate input. Drafts of remainder five chapters are expected by December.
Richton Park comprehensive plan (see website)	Kendra Smith	Aug. 2012-Nov. 2013	Consultant assistance	Consultant finalizing working draft of vision, goals, and objectives for review by CMAP and village staff. Outlining of village wide plans and preliminary drafting of Comprehensive Plan will take place through October.
<i>Richton Park zoning revisions</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Dec. 2013-Sept. 2014</i>	<i>Consultant assistance</i>	<i>Newly added to monthly report. Following the completion of the comprehensive plan, the consulting firm will update Richton Park's zoning ordinance to be consistent with the newly adopted plan.</i>
Rosemont comprehensive plan	Sam Shenbaga	June 2013-May 2014	Staff assistance	Community tour conducted in early September. Existing conditions analysis and data collection underway. Project meeting with Steering Committee scheduled for October 7.
Round Lake Heights comprehensive plan (see website)	Jonathan Burch	May 2012-Oct. 2013	Staff assistance	The Plan Commission and the Village Board will both be meeting on October 8 to consider adopting the plan.
Silver Creek watershed plan implementation	Nora Beck	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Draft reports have been reviewed by steering committees and revisions are underway; workshop with elected officials and other community leaders from Crystal Lake, Prairie Grove, Oakwood Hills, and McHenry is scheduled for October 9.
South Elgin bicycle and pedestrian plan (see Facebook page)	John O'Neal	July 2013-June 2014	Consultant assistance	Consultant team conducted initial field visit and began GIS data collection. Project Facebook webpage created. First Steering Committee meeting took place September 17, focusing on 1) the development of a vision statement and 2) SWOT analysis of existing conditions in photographs from locations around Village, and discussion of how

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				these conditions might hinder or accommodate walking and cycling. Stakeholder interview and online survey questions were drafted and being reviewed by Village staff.
SSMMA interchange land use planning (see website)	Jessica Simoncelli	July 2012- Nov. 2013	Consultant and staff assistance	The steering committee met in September to discuss key redevelopment sites to inform plan recommendations. Consultants are meeting with municipal leaders and conducting targeted community engagement to get feedback on the selected redevelopment sites. A next steering committee to review the draft plan will be held in November.
<i>Summit comprehensive plan</i>	<i>Nora Beck</i>	<i>Dec. 2013- Nov. 2014</i>	<i>Staff assistance</i>	<i>Newly added to monthly report. Project scoping is underway.</i>
UIC multimodal transportation plan (see website)	Lindsay Bayley	June 2013- Sept. 2014	Staff assistance	Draft existing conditions report undergoing final revisions. Website is live. Over 50 students and staff completed surveys at the UIC Transportation Fair. MetroQuest website design under development, stakeholder interviews are scheduled for late September / early October.
Waukegan subarea plan (see website)	Stephen Ostrander	Oct. 2012- Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	CMAP staff finished draft of project's key recommendations memo, intended to guide recommendations in the upcoming commercial corridor plan. Draft was reviewed internally by CMAP staff, to be followed by City approval of memo and writing of plan.
Westchester comprehensive plan (see website)	Samantha Robinson	Nov. 2011- Nov. 2013	Staff assistance	Village staff is working to organize the Plan Commission for a public hearing this fall. Comprehensive Plan was sent to Plan Commission in September.
Wicker Park-Bucktown parking study (see website)	Lindsay Bayley	Jan. 2013- Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	Draft existing conditions report undergoing final revisions. Steering Committee meeting to discuss findings planned for early October.
Will County brownfield prioritization	Jake Seid	June 2013- Apr. 2014	Staff assistance	Completed outreach to Will County municipalities to facilitate identification of brownfield sites in incorporated areas. Completed mapping potential brownfield sites identified by the USEPA and IEPA. Began identifying potential renewable energy developers to facilitate site prioritization.
Worth planning prioritization report	Stephen Ostrander	Oct. 2013- May 2014	Staff assistance	Scope of work was officially approved by Village. CMAP staff met with Village to discuss timeline and identify wide variety of key stakeholders to be interviewed in October.

Completed Projects with Active Implementation*

* Some projects do not have active implementation steps, or are being implemented through a follow-up project listed above; these projects are not listed below. A full list of completed projects is available at www.cmap.illinois.gov/lta.

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Addison comprehensive plan (see website)	Sam Shenbaga	Jan. 2013	Staff assistance	Follow-up Homes for a Changing Region project has been initiated.
Alsip comprehensive plan (see website)	Sam Shenbaga	Apr. 2013	Staff assistance	A follow-up project to update the zoning ordinance to be consistent with the comprehensive plan has begun. Also, the Cicero Avenue corridor study underway, as recommended in Comprehensive Plan, and CMAP is participating on the steering committee.
Berwyn comprehensive plan (see website)	Sam Shenbaga	Oct. 2012	Staff assistance	Year-long zoning ordinance revision project has been initiated.
Blue Island comprehensive plan (see website)	Sam Shenbaga	June 2012	Staff assistance	CMAP is assisting City staff in selecting candidate to help with Plan implementation. Mayor and City staff have been invited to participate in a one-day workshop on community investment in the Chicago metropolitan area, organized jointly by the CCT and CMAP. CMAP is serving in an advisory role in a waterfront planning project. CMAP attended a workshop on September 24 and shared its findings from the Comprehensive Plan.
Bronzeville Alliance Retail corridor study, phase 2 (see website)	Sef Okoth	July 2013	Staff assistance	CMAP staff discussed with the City, QCDC and the Bronzeville Alliance strategies for implementing the Plan recommendations. The Alliance will convene a meeting of neighborhood groups in October to discuss implementing the Plan.
Campton Hills comprehensive plan (see website)	Jason Navota	Aug. 2012	Staff assistance	Plan Commissioner training complete. Coordination meeting of water utilities and Village administration with CMAP water experts occurred in May 2013. Implementation plan under review by the Village in parallel with their internal prioritization process. CMAP has reviewed and provided feedback on Campton Hills' first subdivision proposal after adoption of comprehensive plan.
Carpentersville "Old Town" Area Action Plan (see website)	Trevor Dick	July 2012	Staff assistance	During the last quarter, the Village contracted with UpLAnd Design who created a landscape plan for Carpenter Park that included its extension to the River as recommended in the Old Town Plan. The

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				Village has submitted this project to the IDNR for a potential OSLAD grant. The Village has also put in \$2000 in their budget to install two pedestrian brick paver crosswalks on Main Street (as recommended). Work is scheduled to coincide with Maple Avenue reconstruction in 2014. A new "OTR Old Town Residential" zoning district was created for residential areas just outside of the Old Town study area and a new "OTM Old Town Mixed Use" district is planned to be created in 2014 (as recommended). The Village is currently working with ComEd to decide upon a screening solution for the substation within the Old Town area. And lastly, the Village has begun to meet with major land owners along the river to pursue property acquisitions or easements to create more public open space.
Chicago "Green Healthy Neighborhoods" plan for Englewood, Woodlawn, and Washington Park (see website)	Jason Navota	Mar. 2013	Staff assistance	CMAP-led draft land use policy chapters were conveyed to City of Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development in February, and final public open house was held on March 27. Plan is currently being written and formatted by the City. Southeast Chicago Commission received CCT funding to begin plan implementation.
Elmwood Park comprehensive plan (see website)	Nicole Woods	Apr. 2013	Staff assistance	Village has begun implementing plan recommendations such as redeveloping Grand and Harlem Avenues, forming an economic development commission, and identifying concerns with the zoning ordinance. CMAP staff will lead a zoning review for Elmwood Park this winter.
Fairmont neighborhood plan (see website)	Trevor Dick	Apr. 2012	Staff assistance	A number of recommendations have been completed over the past quarter and some are underway including: 1) Will County staff has completed the historic documentation of Fairmont and is currently determining if any buildings in the community would qualify for Landmarks Illinois status; 2) The community garden was a tremendous success and they expect it to be even larger next spring with more gardeners and plots; and 3) The County and the Township are working together to address flooding concerns -- \$30,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding has been secured to conduct

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				a study of the flooding area and provide recommendations for improvement and presently a RFQ with a Scope of Work is being drafted to hire an engineering firm to conduct the study.
Hanover Park corridor study (see website)	Stephen Ostrander	Dec. 2012	Staff assistance and small grant	The report for the ULI Chicago Technical Assistance Panel (studying the Irving Park Road corridor) was released in early December.
Homes for a Changing Region in northwest Cook (see website)	Jonathan Burch	Jan. 2013	Staff assistance	Staff approved a targeted senior needs study with Valerie Kretchmer Associates.
Joliet "Old Prison" redevelopment (see website)	Trevor Dick	May 2012	Staff assistance and small grant	Representatives from the Forest Preserve District of Will County, the City of Joliet, Openlands, and the Joliet Park District are continuing to work together to acquire the east side. Currently an environmental study is being conducted for the east side which will ultimately include potential clean-up costs.
Lakemoor comprehensive plan (see website)	Nora Beck	Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Village has purchased 10 acres of shoreline property along Lily Lake, which will help implement the Comprehensive Plan's vision for an expanded shoreline trail. Village submitted an ITEP grant application to execute portions of bike trail network identified in Comprehensive Plan.
Liberty Prairie Conservancy local food system plan (see website)	Jessica Simoncelli	June 2013	Staff assistance	The Lake County Forest Preserve District Board unanimously passed a resolution approving the Principal Conclusions and Recommendations of the Liberty Prairie Reserve Master Plan on June 11. The Lake County Local Food Working group has met throughout the summer and early fall, with the goal of carrying forward the recommendations from the Lake County Sustainable Local Food Systems Report. Lake County Board is having a public hearing on October 17 to consider local food amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance. The project has garnered local press coverage including interest from the Daily Herald editorial board.
Niles environmental action plan (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	The LTA program is providing funding for a bicycle and pedestrian plan, which will help to implement many of the EAP's transportation-related recommendations. In addition, Niles is beginning a zoning

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				ordinance revision; CMAP staff will provide feedback as needed on how to translate related EAP recommendations to effective regulations. CMAP staff will continue to forward relevant grant opportunities.
Norridge comprehensive plan (see website)	Trevor Dick	Oct. 2012	Staff assistance	The Village of Norridge continues to work towards implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. During the last quarter, the Village has received an OSLAD grant for acquisition of a new park site (as recommended in the Comp Plan). The HIP (Harlem-Irving Park) Plaza has expanded north (recommended in the Comp Plan) and new stores are opening this fall.
Norridge zoning revisions	Jake Seid	July 2013	Staff assistance	Village completed review of CMAP's recommendations memo and annotated ordinance. CMAP expects to assist staff and the ZBA with various sections of the Ordinance as they begin to make revisions based on CMAP's comments.
Northlake comprehensive plan (see website)	Trevor Dick	May 2013	Staff assistance	CMAP staff has discussed an implementation strategy with the Mayor. Since the plan was adopted, the City has entered into an easement agreement with ComEd to extend the Midland Trail North (as recommended). Construction of the bike trail is expected in 2015.
Park Forest sustainability plan (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	May 2012	Staff assistance	The Chicago Community Trust's grant to Park Forest directly implements the recommendations of this project. A new LTA project to update the zoning ordinance was initiated in June. Staff will continue to forward potential grant opportunities to advance other plan priorities. Staff assisted in developing a charter award application for Illinois APA in the sustainability category, which Park Forest won. The Village will be recognized by Illinois APA on October 4.
Red Line livability project (see website)	Kendra Smith	Nov. 2012	Staff assistance	DCP, CMAP and CTA will utilize project materials during future Community Education and Visioning sessions as well as in interaction with elected officials. DCP recently received CCT funding for continued work on TOD/Red Line Extension work. Implementation work for the coming quarter will focus on community TOD outreach and presentations through CNU and Loyola University to interested stakeholders

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Regional arts and culture toolkit (see website)	Stephen Ostrander	June 2013	Staff assistance	Toolkit has been released and discussions continue with key partners in the region to determine future outreach efforts to encourage and support municipalities interested in engaging in arts and culture planning as described in the toolkit.
Regional climate change adaptation toolkit (see website)	Jesse Elam	June 2013	Staff assistance	Toolkit has been released, and CMAP is presenting its findings to interested groups and seeking external funding to support working with interested local governments to apply the process described in the toolkit.
Riverside Central Business District plan (see website)	Nora Beck	Apr. 2013	Staff assistance	Village Commissions have submitted self-evaluations to Board to outline steps for streamlining review process. Village installed gateway signs at 1 st Avenue and Forest and is in discussion with Berwyn to add gateway signs at Harlem Avenue and Burlington; key recommendations of the CBD Plan.
SSMMA housing investment prioritization (see website)	Nicole Woods	June 2012	Staff assistance	The organization continues to use the tool to assess projects in various Southland communities. The housing investment tool was brought online this past summer and was selected as one of four winners in the Illinois Open Technology Challenge.

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