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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: Bob Dean, Deputy Executive Director for Local Planning

Date: February 2, 2011

Re: Local Technical Assistance Program

In December 2010, the Board discussed the development of a local technical assistance program designed to advance the implementation of GO TO 2040. A call for projects was initiated that month, with applications for assistance due on January 28, 2011. Over 130 applicants responded, submitting more than 220 distinct projects for consideration. This level of response far exceeded the expectations of CMAP staff, demonstrating that there is tremendous interest as well as need for technical assistance among local governments. More detail on the applicants and projects are included in the attached summary report.

This call for projects focused on **staff assistance**. While small amounts of grant funding are available, the program primarily involves assigning CMAP staff, including the ten new staff supported through the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant program, to work directly and closely with communities to accomplish projects. (An additional program of grants to local governments is being administered separately, with a call for projects beginning in April 2011; this program was described at the January Board meeting.)

During the next several weeks, staff will follow up with communities to collect additional information needed to fully understand the proposed project. Projects will be reviewed using the following criteria, which were published as part of the call for projects:

- 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 local nongovernmental groups.
- Input from relevant Counties and Councils of Government (COGs).
- Geographic balance.

In February, staff will review the applications with the working committees as well as other technical assistance providers and funders. Following these discussions, staff will identify

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projects to be immediately pursued and will initiate work on them in March. It is likely that some projects will be fully scoped and ready to begin immediately, while others will be in an earlier stage of development and will need to be further scoped before they can begin. Through March and the following months, sponsors of applications that showed promise but could not be pursued immediately will be scheduled for future allocation of resources, or will be advised on ways that their applications could be improved and resubmitted. It is also possible that some projects that CMAP cannot pursue immediately could be initiated or funded by other organizations.

For the initial round of applications, staff believes that this process meets the goals of having a defensible, open, and criteria-based process; directing resources to where they have the most benefit; beginning to undertake projects quickly; and allowing staff sufficient flexibility to customize projects to local needs. For future applications, this process will likely be revised to reflect lessons learned in the initial round.

ACTION REQUESTED: Informational

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Summary – Local Technical Assistance Applications
DRAFT by CMAP staff for Board and Committee review
February 2, 2011

This report describes requests for technical assistance received by CMAP during its call for projects which ended on January 28, 2011. It consists of three main parts:

- A brief summary of the number of applications received and some key characteristics
- Two-sentence descriptions of applications received, organized by type of applicant
- A map showing the distribution of applications received

These requests for assistance will be evaluated during February, with work on high-priority and ready local projects expected to begin in March and continuing through the following months. Additional calls for projects are expected to be held later in 2011.

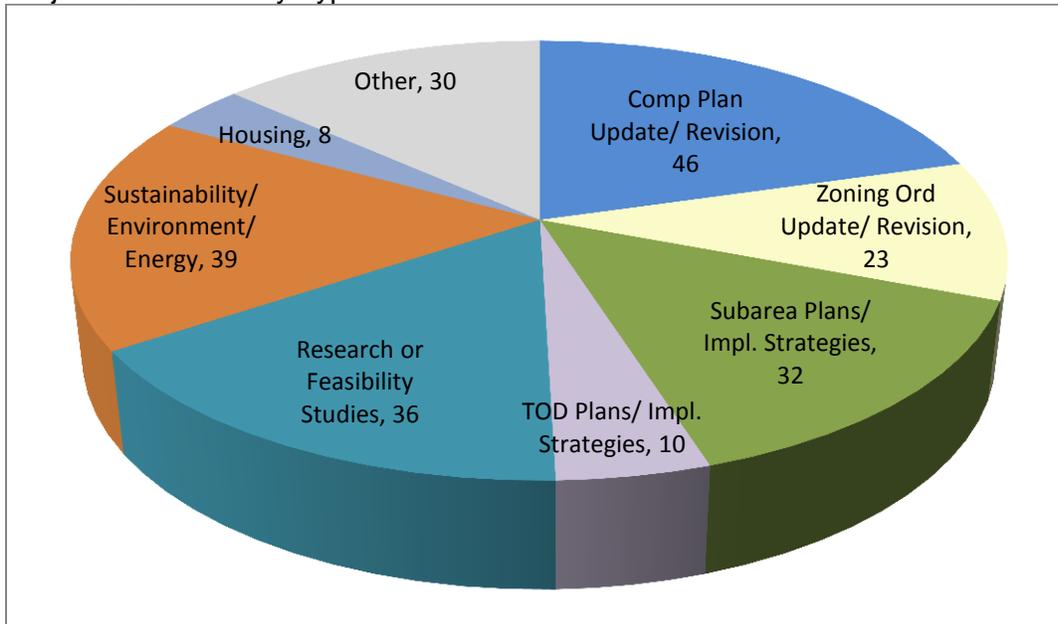
Please note that all statistics and descriptions below are based on an initial review of the applications, and some modifications are likely as a more detailed review takes place and a better understanding of projects is developed.

Summary

Applications were received from 135 individual applicants. Of these, most (over 100) were municipalities and counties; this matches the focus on the program on providing assistance to local governments. More than 20 applicants were nonprofit groups, who worked in collaboration with local governments to submit project ideas. Other types of applicants included councils of government, housing authorities, forest preserve districts, and park districts.

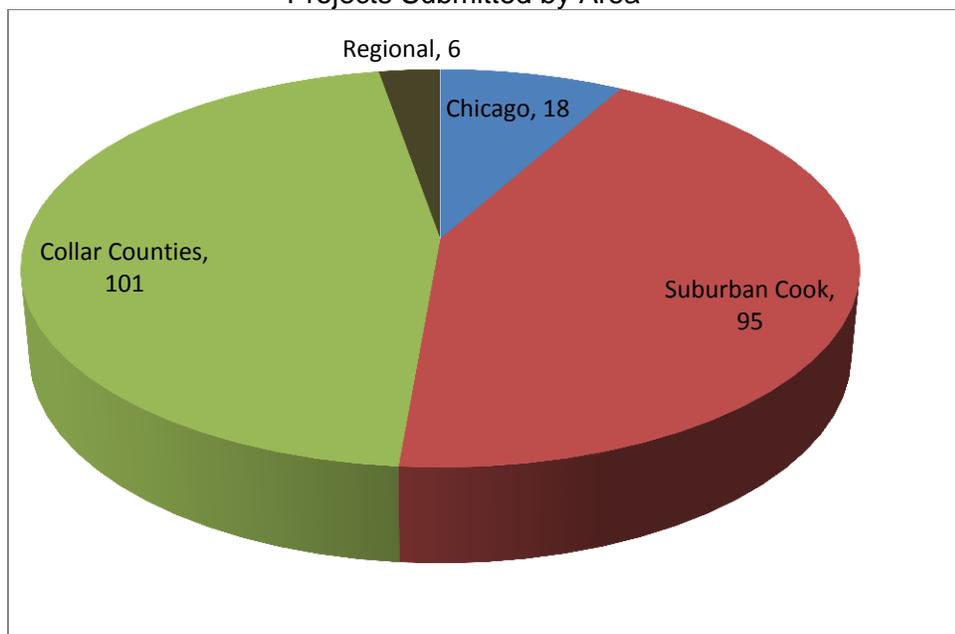
Several applicants submitted more than one project idea, with over 220 total project proposals received. (The most applications came from the Village of Fox Lake, which submitted nine, followed by the City of Waukegan, with eight.) The single most common type of project was an update or revision to a local comprehensive plan, with 46 applications submitted for this type of project. Beyond this, applications for zoning ordinance updates or revisions, sub-area plans, projects related to sustainability and the natural environment, and research or feasibility studies of a variety of types were also common; more than 20 applications were submitted for each of these project types. The following chart shows the breakdown of project types.

Projects Submitted by Type



Projects were received from across the region, with approximately equal numbers submitted from the collar counties and from suburban Cook County. A smaller number of projects were submitted from Chicago, which was expected because of the requirement that the appropriate local government participate in the application; these projects also tended to be larger in size. A few projects were submitted that were regional in nature or that crossed county boundaries. The below chart shows this breakdown.

Projects Submitted by Area



Project descriptions

Projects are organized by type of applicant, beginning with municipalities and then covering counties, other government agencies, and interjurisdictional or nongovernmental groups. Please note that not all projects below are entirely consistent with the purpose of the staff assistance program, and more information is needed to fully understand many of them; project proposals are described regardless of eligibility and completeness.

Municipalities

Addison

- Creation of new comprehensive plan (adopted in 1992), with focus on the numerous unincorporated areas lying within and on the borders of the Village, as well as residential and industrial tear downs. Interested in innovative means of engaging public participation in the preparation of the new comprehensive plan.

Algonquin

- Analysis of land use opportunities (including residential and commercial districts, open space areas, and access/connectivity between Prairie Trail Bike Path and historic Towne Park), in light of upcoming Illinois Route 31 Algonquin Western Bypass. The Village is partnering with IDOT, McHenry County Division of Transportation, and McHenry County Conservation District.

Alsip

- Update zoning ordinances to support implementation of 2008 Pulaski Road Corridor study.

Antioch

- Develop corridor plan, forming an East to West Regional Greenbelt connection and “lifestyle corridor” through the Village, from the Chain of Lakes to the Des Plaines River and Millennium Trail systems, including connecting the natural amenities of the area with the Village’s Metra station.
- Develop “source book” illustrating context sensitive adaptive reuse of historic family homes along the Village’s Main Street to supplement the Village’s Form Based Code for the area.

Barrington

- Create strategic plan for environmental preservation and sustainability.
- Analysis of parking and traffic in Village Center, in support of the current update of the Village Center Master Plan (adopted in 1999).

Bartlett

- Update of zoning ordinance (adopted in 1978), following up on assessment of needed revisions by Teska Associates and drafting of five of twelve chapters by Village planning staff.

Bensenville

- Create stormwater management plan for non-roadway stormwater improvement initiatives.
- Feasibility study for incorporation of a Stormwater Utility within the Village.
- Assistance developing a Quiet Zone along the CPRR rail line, mirroring the Municipal Guide for Creating Quiet Zones as developed by the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference.
- Conversion of GPS field data of existing storm sewer system into GIS for future engineering and system studies.

Berwyn

- Update comprehensive plan (adopted in 1993) as well as zoning ordinance. Project is a partnership between City and Berwyn Development Corporation (contracted to work on economic development and urban planning matters for the City).

Big Rock

- Update comprehensive plan (adopted in 2003) as well as zoning ordinance.

Blue Island

- Create (first) comprehensive plan, based on the planning priorities established in the City's existing adopted plans, such as the Blue Island Plan for Economic Development (2005), including facilitation of public participation process.

Buffalo Grove

- Develop zoning tools and design guidelines for transit oriented development, in support of the Village's RTA-funded Transit Station Area Study (2006).

Burr Ridge

- Update comprehensive plan (last updated in 2005), including preparation of a detailed sub-area plan for the Village Center.

Campton Hills

- Replace comprehensive plan and ordinances largely adopted from Campton Township and Kane County. Provide oversight, coordination, research, writing and staff assistance to the volunteer committees responsible for writing the comprehensive plan for Illinois' newest municipality. Develop zoning and subdivision codes, formed around the Village's green infrastructure system.

Carpentersville

- Creation of an “Action Plan” for the Village’s historic Old Town area, including a parking study, brownfield inventory, and identification of potential recreation opportunities related to the presence of the Fox River Trail bike path.

Cary

- Analysis and review of the Village’s current parking policies for its downtown area.

Chicago

- Department of Cultural Affairs: Create new Cultural Plan (last created in 1980), aimed at defining a regional strategy to develop cultural policy and minimum standards for access to the arts, to improve the livability of communities and improve upon the discussion of housing, land use planning, and economic development. Partners include Arts Alliance Illinois, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (potentially), University of Chicago Cultural Policy Center (potentially).
- Department of Environment: Creation of green infrastructure vision (GIV) and implementation plan for the City of Chicago.
- Department of Environment: Assistance with implementation and oversight of the Adaptation strategy of the Chicago Climate Action Plan (launched in 2008 to reduce and prepare for the impacts of climate change) by identifying implementation gaps, leveraging resources, and gauging climate change preparedness success.
- Department of Housing and Economic Development: Assistance with implementation of City’s “Green and Healthy Chicago” plan, focusing on two geographic clusters: one made up of Englewood, West Englewood, and New City; and one made up of Washington Park and Woodlawn. Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is a partner/co-applicant.
- Chicago Housing Authority: Create transit oriented development and LEED-ND plans for the public housing community of LeClaire Courts, as well as coordinating stakeholders that include Metra, RTA, south suburban mayors, Midway Airport, local community development corporations, and others. Submitted by the Chicago Housing Authority, in partnership with the City of Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development, Metra, and the RTA.

Countryside

- Update comprehensive plan (adopted in 2004).

Crete

- Update comprehensive plan (adopted in 1997), in light of pressure for change brought on by increased airport development discussions, the approval of the CenterPoint Crete Intermodal Facility and the potential construction of the Illiana Expressway.

Crystal Lake

- Review of newly-updated comprehensive plan, with a focus on consistency with *GO TO 2040*.
- Creation of rain barrel incentive program.

Darien

- Drainage ditch improvement program.

Des Plaines

- Feasibility analysis of new Metra station located in the area around Lee Street and Oakton Street (North Central Line), including facilitating discussions with Metra.
- Design assistance for streetscape improvements to areas around the Cumberland and Downtown Des Plaines Metra Stations including streetscape design and coordination in facilitating shared parking agreements.
- Financial analysis of potential development sites in the “Sims Bowl” block across from the Downtown Des Plaines Metra Station.

Downers Grove

- Seeks CMAP’s assistance with creating a hybrid code for the Village’s Downtown, combining form-based and traditional zoning principles, as part of the Village’s anticipated update of its zoning ordinance (adopted in 1965) to be consistent with updated comprehensive plan (adopted in 1965, but currently undergoing an update to be completed in 2011).

Elburn

- Update comprehensive plan (adopted in 1990).

Elgin

- Creation of corridor plan for Dundee Avenue, focused on development and redevelopment of land along a primary gateway into the city, connecting I-90 to downtown Elgin (Kimball Street).

Elmwood Park

- Update comprehensive plan (last updated in 1995).
- Build local planning capacity through training so to not rely as heavily in the future on external vendors.

Evanston

- Analysis of “true housing costs” and financial barriers to living in Evanston.
- Develop a way-finding plan, creating an efficient and effective signage system to aid all modes of transportation users to reach the transit stations and other regional destinations in the city, in coordination with the City, RTA, Metra, CTA, and Pace.

- Creation and implementation of a comprehensive water conservation plan that balances the City's revenue stream, water and sewer rate structure, and the environmental benefits of water efficiency in the Great Lakes region.
- Assistance with implementation of Evanston Multi-Modal Transportation Plan (2009), including determining cost of implementation and potential funding sources, as well as facilitating meetings between the City and stakeholders such as Metra, CTA, and Pace, along with the Active Transportation Alliance and Evanston's cycling community.
- Development of Cultural Arts Master Plan for Evanston.

Evergreen Park

- Update comprehensive plan (last updated in late 1990s)

Fox Lake

- Review of comprehensive plan
- Assistance with developing "green" ordinances for wind and solar energy.
- Parking study of business district.
- Develop flood plain strategies/plan.
- Planning for bicycle and pedestrian traffic along vehicular transportation corridors.
- Planning to determine best locations for future public parks.
- Planning for municipal public piers.
- Funding for topography surveying to determine exact locations of flood plain delineation.
- Stormwater plan.

Glen Ellyn

- Update of Village's downtown zoning district regulations.
- Visioning and zoning amendments for an historic commercial intersection in the village known as "Stacy's Corners."
- Creation of Glen Ellyn Bicycle Facilities Plan.

Glendale Heights

- Update comprehensive plan (last update in 1995).

Glenview

- Review and revision of ordinances, with focus on natural resource concerns.
- Facilitation of public participation process for community review of village's local biodiversity plan.

Hanover Park

- Assist the Village's work with Harper College, College of DuPage, and Elgin Community College to establish an Illinois workNet Career Center in the Village, help conduct Employer Needs Assessment study, and create a Hanover Park workNet Center Accessibility and Marketing Plan.

- Support the redevelopment of Irving Park Road, assist with development of Infill Redevelopment Plan, Retail Market Study, Small Business Assistance Program, and Multi-Cultural Corridor Strategy (to capitalize on the unique concentration of Latino and Asian businesses in the area).
- Assistance with developing strategies “for recruiting and developing a business park” in a largely vacant area in the center of the Village which may be impacted by undetermined West Extension of the Elgin-O-Hare Expressway.
- Assistance with developing a Foreclosure Response Plan or a Housing Stabilization Funding Program.

Harwood Heights

- Village is currently updating its comprehensive plan and zoning code with funding from an FAA Grant, but may request assistance if any additional planning is required.

Hawthorn Woods

- Update of comprehensive plan (last updated in 2004).

Hazel Crest

- Update zoning ordinance
- Review and update TOD/TIF plan.

Highland Park

- Develop a “Complete Streets” policy.
- Comprehensive urban design and development potential analysis of “B4 Triangle” and “RO” districts in the City’s downtown, as part of implementation of Central District Master Plan Update.
- Analysis of potential streetscape enhancements and wayfinding improvements, particularly in relation to primary gateways to City’s downtown, also related to Central District Master Plan Update.

Hoffman Estates

- Update zoning and development codes, with a focus on consistency with the “Livability” section of *GO TO 2040*.
- Create long-term sustainability plan, the lack of which has been an obstacle in some grant opportunities, which anticipate such a plan as a precursor to the award of a grant for sustainability projects.
- Create Industry Cluster Workforce Development Strategy that identifies the needs and resources of involved organizations and coordinates efforts to organize and create programs available to employers and area agencies for education and workforce development. Includes as partner the Golden Corridor Manufacturing Group, and letters of support from Elgin Community College and the Village of Schaumburg.
- Implement a scheduled public transportation program (submitted by resident).

Homer Glen

- Update of Conservation Overlay Ordinance (enacted in 2006, but faces legal issues which must be resolved).
- Corridor study for 159th Street from I-355 to Will-Cook Rd.

Homewood

- Analysis of parking in Central Business District and update of Village parking ordinance.

Huntley

- Update comprehensive plan (last updated in 2005).

Itasca

- Update comprehensive plan (last updated in 1994), including addressing the Elgin O'Hare Expressway and western access to O'Hare.
- Update zoning ordinance (no major update since 1986).

Joliet

- Assistance with land use planning and re-development of the Old Joliet Prison Site and surrounding area.
- Identification of suitable sites for mixed income housing in the City, including a feasibility study of each potential site. Submitted by the Housing Authority of Joliet, with government partners the City of Joliet and Will County.

Justice

- Update comprehensive plan (currently a "zoning only" comprehensive plan).

La Grange

- Update zoning ordinance (last updated in 1991), following on the new comprehensive plan/BNSF Railroad Corridor Plan (adopted in 2005).
- Study of parking and transportation issues, including shared parking, in one business district within transit corridor. Facilitation of community meetings related to this update of the ordinance.

Lake Bluff

- Update comprehensive plan (adopted in 1997). The Village is currently working with an outside contractor to assist in updating its Comprehensive Plan.
- Update zoning code.
- Assistance with commercial development study of Waukegan Road (IL Route 43) corridor.

Lake in the Hills

- Update of sub-area plan related to the Lake in the Hills Airport and surrounding area, focused on “industry clusters” potential.

Lake Zurich

- Create a Water Resource Management Team that will advise Lake Zurich on water management, developing a comprehensive needs assessment, a written report, examples of best practices in the region / nation, and final recommendations. Metropolitan Planning Council and the Center for Neighborhood Technology are partners in this project.

Lakemoor

- Update comprehensive plan (last updated in 2003).
- Update zoning ordinance.

Lansing

- Update comprehensive plan (adopted in 1995).

Lemont

- Update comprehensive plan (adopted in 2002), with a particular focus on the plan’s housing and transportation elements. Also, train members of Lemont’s Planning & Zoning Commission on regional planning in general and *GO TO 2040* in particular.

Libertyville

- Following anticipated adoption of new historic preservation ordinance (in spring 2011), assist the Village’s new Historic Preservation Commission with design of historic preservation survey of the community.
- Update comprehensive plan (adopted in 2005).

Lindenhurst

- Corridor plan for Grand Avenue (Route 132, from Munn Road to Sand Lake Road), to create identifiable corridor through use of streetscape and other improvements.

Lisle

- Guide research on feasibility of new campus of satellite/small museums—land use, development costs, potential sales revenue, etc.
- Develop more-detailed implementation bicycle plan (focusing on route along East Branch DuPage River, as well as better connecting bicyclists taking Metra to the Morton Arboretum). Partners include DuPage County, IDOT, Illinois Tollway Authority, Morton Arboretum, and Corporetum Development Company.

Lynwood

- Update comprehensive plan to reflect upcoming transportation improvements.

Maywood

- Update of comprehensive plan (adopted in 2008), via amendment that addresses the Roosevelt Road, 1st Avenue, and Madison Street commercial corridors.
- Update of RTA-funded Maywood Station Area Plan (2004), assistance with funding, and coordination of work with stakeholders (including Metra, Union Pacific, Pace, and CTA).
- Assistance with planning to address the Village's high foreclosure rate, including developing a model green residential building program for vacant properties (over 100 of which are owned and maintained by the Village).
- Assistance with working with key stakeholders (including ComEd, Cook County, IDOT, and the RTA) on large scale planning activities for large redevelopment site located along I-290, commonly referred to as the ComEd site, located along I-290 and 1st Avenue (County Road 171).

Midlothian

- Update of comprehensive plan (adopted in 2001), with focus on pedestrian and bicycle traffic (in collaboration with Midlothian Park District).
- Implementation of RTA funded transit oriented development plan (Phase I – 2005, Phase II – 2008).
- Creation of hazard mitigation plan to resolve flooding issues, in partnership with the Village of Tinley Park and the City of Oak Forest.

Morton Grove

- Prepare an Industrial Areas Plan, to complement planning already completed for other areas—covered in the Village's comprehensive plan (1999) and previous targeted plans focused on commercial areas, corridors, and redevelopment opportunities.

New Lenox

- Create detailed plan for U.S. Route 30 corridor, including facilitation of meetings with local stakeholders and identification of potential funding sources.

Niles

- Create TOD plan in conjunction with planned PACE Arterial Rapid Transit (ART) along the Milwaukee Avenue corridor from Jefferson Park CTA to Golf Mill Mall in Niles. This would assist Niles as it begins to create a new "Niles 2030" comprehensive plan (the current plan is over 100 years old).
- Review and recommend amendments aimed at "greening" Village Codes and Land Use Regulations to be consistent with the new comprehensive plan.
- Assist with economic development planning to encourage redevelopment of Niles' business corridors and industrial area.

Norridge

- Create (first) comprehensive plan.
- Update zoning ordinance.
- Create stormwater management plan.

Northfield

- Cost/benefit analysis of various green infrastructure options—such as rain gardens, permeable pavements, and other Best Management Practices—as credits towards a Stormwater Utility which would create a fee structure that would encourage environmentally sound stormwater management practices.

Northlake

- Update comprehensive plan (adopted in 1995).

Oak Forest

- Assistance with implementing the near-term policies identified in Oak Forest’s recently-developed Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, including a Complete Streets Policy, Distracted Driver Ordinance, Bicycle Parking Ordinance, and the installation of bicycle parking and bicycle network route signage. Seek to combine staff assistance from CMAP with funding recently received via the Mini-Model Communities Pilot Grant Program through the Cook County Department of Public Health.

Oak Lawn

- Update comprehensive plan (last updated in 1997).
- Update sign ordinance.
- Assistance with Phase II of the Village’s transit oriented development – expansion of the existing TOD: Oak Lawn Metra Station, Town Center Mixed-Use Development, and Village Green.

Oak Park

- Create a comprehensive village-wide water conservation strategy/plan, aimed at encouraging water conservation and efficiency throughout all building types and uses, including supporting sites and operations, while also considering the needs and financial capacity of low-to-moderate income families.
- Update comprehensive plan (1990). (Note: “The Village’s 2011 approved budget includes funding for a consultant(s) to complete the update,...[but CMAP staff assistance] could assist with a wide range of tasks/responsibilities that would potentially reduce our staff burden and/or direct costs paid to consultants.”)

Olympia Fields

- Update comprehensive plan (last updated in 1997) as well as zoning ordinance (last “significant” update in 1981).

Orland Park

- Update of comprehensive plan (adopted in 1991, with limited update in 1997).
- Develop comprehensive (integrated) Water Resources Code, including local version of CMAP Model Water Conservation Ordinance.

Oswego

- Update zoning ordinance, along with other policies and guidelines, for consistency with the Downtown Framework Plan (adopted in 2009).
- Create matching grant program for the replacement of business signage with signs that are consistent with design guidelines intended to maintain the historical character of the Village's downtown area.

Palatine

- Create plan for the Dundee Rand Hicks sub-area, intended to become an amendment to Palatine's comprehensive plan (adopted in 1990), currently being updated by the Village.

Palos Park

- Comprehensive stormwater management study of several areas of the Village that experience moderate to severe flooding multiple times each year.
- Following up on request for annexation that would more than double the incorporated acreage of the Village—and more than double the population at ultimate build out—assist with a three phase planning process, including update of comprehensive plan, fiscal impact studies of alternative scenarios, and helping to set up a routine planning and budgeting function for capital improvements (or replacement utilities, roads, and other public facilities).

Park Forest

- Creation of Sustainability Master Plan, to support the Village's comprehensive plan and update its decades old development ordinances.

Plainfield

- Update comprehensive plan (adopted in 2002).

Port Barrington

- Shoreline stabilization along Fox River.
- Replanting of potential parkland with planting and flowers native to Illinois.

Prospect Heights

- Update comprehensive plan (adopted in 1996).

Richton Park

- Update comprehensive plan (last updated in 2005).
- Update zoning ordinance (last updated in 1991).
- Create revitalization plan for several neighborhoods in Village.
- Assist with capacity building for upcoming 10-year Master Park Plan, including identification of potential funding sources for land acquisition, increasing level of park maintenance, and replacement/enhancement of park amenities.

Riverdale

- Assistance with planning for redevelopment of waterfront property located on south east side of Halsted and the Cal Sag Chanel, formulating strategies for overcoming obstacles to redevelopment and formulating a market strategy to attract committed developers to redevelop this underperforming location.
- Assistance with planning to redevelop and update our drinking water and sewer system to be more compatible with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District plans for going green over the next 25 years.
- Assistance with developing housing plans for low to moderate income households to rent or own renovated vacant properties and village owned properties in Riverdale.

Riverside

- Create new comprehensive plan. Also, review zoning ordinance, review 2006 TOD plan, and provide guidance on stormwater management.

Round Lake Heights

- Update comprehensive plan (last updated in 1983).

Skokie

- Main Street infrastructure and streetscape planning for bicycle lanes, pedestrian amenities, façade improvements, and on-street parking. Supporting entities include the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) and the Active Transportation Alliance.
- Downtown transportation enhancement and living planning for multi-modal and business employment access for low/moderate-income households. Supporting entities include the Active Transportation Alliance, Illinois Science & Technology Park, Oakton Community College, Independent Merchants of Skokie, and the Housing Opportunity Development Corporation.

Sugar Grove

- Assisting with establishing a framework for the creation of a Unified Development Code, combining the zoning and subdivision regulations currently used by the Village into one “user friendly” document which would guide all aspects of the built environment.

Tower Lakes

- Assistance with completing the application process for an IEPA low interest loan to replace 2" and 2.5" water mains still existing in the village.
- Assistance with analysis of the Tower Lake's stormwater system to see where the Village can make improvements to it and "tie in" private stormwater systems.

University Park

- Update comprehensive plan (adopted in 2007).
- Creation of street lighting plan.

Warrenville

- Completion of the City's stalled Route 59/Route 56 subarea planning project, which focuses on 240 acres that contain numerous flood plain and wetland areas, as well as the largest number of significant and actively marketed potential redevelopment and vacant land development opportunities remaining in the City of Warrenville.

Waukegan

- Further the implementation of the City's award-winning Lakefront-Downtown Master Plan (prepared by Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill in 2003), the City requests assistance with phased plan involving relocation of the Union Pacific and the Canadian National rail yards, the relocation of the Metra commuter station and coach yard, and the realignment of several rail lines in the area.
- Assistance with expansion of the City's work on several area-based plans for the utilization of CDBG resources allowing for a strategy-based approach to code compliance.
- Coordination of the various agencies and stakeholders needed to further the Lakefront and Neighborhood Open Space Implementation Plan (a key component of the City's Master Plan), created by the Trust for Public Lands.
- Coordination of economic development efforts with North Chicago, Zion, Beach Park and other neighbors.
- Assistance with identified opportunities for "green" development demonstration projects.
- Update comprehensive plan (into more cohesive document).
- Update zoning ordinance, with focus on green zoning codes for clean and sustainable development, and design a strategy for public roll-out.
- Feasibility study examining the potential of an additional commuter line that would also provide an Amtrak station along the west side Canadian Pacific line on which Amtrak already runs.

Westchester

- Create (first) comprehensive plan.

West Dundee

- Update zoning and subdivision ordinances, which have not been updated on comprehensive scale since the late 1980s, with focus on making them consistent with the Village's comprehensive plan (adopted in 2005).

Westmont

- Assistance to perform full rewrite of comprehensive plan (last prepared in 1998).
- Review of zoning ordinance following adoption of new comprehensive plan within next two years.

Wheaton

- Assistance with a comprehensive review of past planning efforts relative to its Downtown in order to provide an analysis as to whether or not the recommendations contained in those plans reflect current Best Practices and community desires as well as changes in market conditions that have occurred due to the downturn in the economy.

Wilmette

- Update of zoning ordinance to allow for the implementation of the new Village Center Master Plan (adopted January 25, 2011). Form based zoning and other approaches will be considered.

Winfield

- Update comprehensive plan (last update in 2001)
- Assist with data gathering, outreach, and securing funding for proposed program of buy-out/flood proofing of homes in floodplain. Also, update watershed plan for Winfield Creek, working with neighboring Wheaton and Carol Stream.

Winthrop Harbor

- Update of comprehensive plan (last updated in 1995).
- Update (and creation) of ordinances intended to guide future development, including parking, landscaping lighting, and building materials.
- Review of 2005 TOD plan (funded by RTA), whose implementation has stalled since downturn of economy.
- Develop a plan for Winthrop Harbor's 1.5 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, currently under the control of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Wood Dale

- Update comprehensive plan (last updated in 2003).
- Review of stormwater management practices and policies.

Woodridge

- Assistance with creation of "Public Transportation Improvement Plan," including designing and conducting a transportation market analysis to determine current public

transit needs of residents; identifying needed transit improvements and funding opportunities; and helping with coordination with PACE, Metra, RTA, other municipalities, and others.

Counties

Cook County

- Department of Economic Development: Create comprehensive 20 Year Plan for Economic Empowerment, focused on the municipalities of Dixmoor, Ford Heights, Harvey, Phoenix, and Robbins.

DuPage County

- Planning Division: Update Unincorporated DuPage County Land Use Plan (adopted in 1990).
- Stormwater Division: Identification and analysis of sensitive aquifer recharge areas within DuPage County, to assist with development of watershed plan and outreach efforts by the County.

Kane County

- Department of Transportation: Facilitate and execute the short term items included in Kane County's Long Range Transit Plan's Implementation Action Plan (to be considered for adoption by the County Board in March/April 2011). The Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors Transit Committee [composed of municipal representatives, CMAP, Kane County, RTA, Pace, and Metra] would most likely be the steering committee for the development of any policies or action items from the Transit Plan.
- Department of Development and Community Services: Create a decision and process framework that shows land planners how to inventory vacant or farmed parcels within municipal limits, if the parcel characteristics create an opportunity for a community garden, commercial urban agriculture, or hybrid development (such as co-housing centered around a common garden).

Kendall County

- Create a county-wide economic development plan that will target key areas in the County, with a primary focus on areas within the County that contain key transportation corridors that are vital locations for growth in a vast array of industries. Partners include the Village of Minooka, Oswego Economic Development Corporation, Yorkville Economic Development Corporation, Plano Economic Development Corporation, City of Plano, and the Montgomery Economic Development Corporation.

Lake County

- Develop sustainability plan/addendum to the Lake County Regional Framework Plan (2004).

- Update of the County's land use map (last updated in 2005), to be current with 2010 Census and latest aerial photography.

McHenry County

- Sub-area plan for unincorporated areas along major water bodies, helping to implement elements of the recently adopted 2030 comprehensive plan and guide the current revision of the county's zoning, subdivision, and other ordinances into a unified development ordinance.

Will County

- Creation of sub-area plan, including implementation, for the unincorporated Fairmont area (located between Lockport and Joliet).

Other government agencies

Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

- Complete a planning and corridor study of the East Branch DuPage River Greenway Trail segment known as East Branch North (which includes the trail corridor extending from Army Trail Road on the north to North Avenue on the south).
- Complete a planning and corridor study of the West Branch Regional Trail (which provides a major trail connection through the western portion of DuPage County, following the West Branch of the DuPage River).

Grayslake Community Park District

- Creation of a Natural Area Management Plan, to help with the future stewardship of the Park District's natural and undeveloped lands, which have not traditionally been the focus of the Park District. This proposal is supported by the Village of Grayslake.

Nunda Township

- Research and analysis of groundwater volume necessary to sustain and restore the diverse hydrological landscape features in Nunda Township, determining the relationship between groundwater and wetlands, streams and large expanses of drained hydric soils. Invited members of interjurisdictional group include: Village of Prairie Grove, Village of Bull Valley, City of McHenry, City of Crystal Lake, Village of Oakwood Hills, Village of Holiday Hills, Village of Lakemoor, Village of Island Lake, and McHenry County.

Interjurisdictional projects and nongovernmental organizations

Barrington Area Council of Governments

- Assistance and funding for a matching grant challenge (from the Donnelley Foundation) in support of project working to study groundwater science and develop policies for local governments to use towards aquifer protection, land conservation, and natural

area protection. Interjurisdictional group includes Village of Barrington, Village of Barrington Hills, Village of Deer Park, Village of Lake Barrington, Village of North Barrington, Village of South Barrington, Village of Tower Lakes, Barrington Township, and Cuba Township.

Beverly Improvement Association

- Assistance with planning for a bike/pedestrian trail along the Rock Island Metra right of way, from downtown Chicago to the south and southwest suburbs. Partners include City of Chicago and Cook County.

Blacks in Green

- Assistance with organization's efforts to provide education on the principles of sustainability for communities of color. Initial areas of focus will include the Woodlawn and Washington Park communities in Chicago.

Bronzeville neighborhood (several applications from separate community groups)

- Bronzeville Alliance: Create retail corridor plans utilizing transit-oriented development on 43rd, 47th, and 51st Streets. Partners include the City of Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development, Alderman Pat Dowell (3rd Ward), and Alderman Shirley Newsome (4th Ward).
- Bronzeville Community Development Partnership. Assistance with completion of National Heritage Area Feasibility Study for submission to the National Park Service. Submitted on behalf of the Black Metropolis National Heritage Area Commission, in partnership with the City of Chicago's Community Development & Landmarks Commission, and with support from Cook County, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA), and the National Park Service (Midwest Region office).
- Bronzeville Urban Development: Urban agriculture/ aquaculture project (the EARTHSEED) to engage the community and provide healthy local food and revitalize a 5-acre brownfield as a potential national model for inner-city brownfield reclamation.
- Center for New Horizons. Assist with survey research to aid development of strategy to improve the community's food and recreation environment, including: mapping of availability of fresh food (vs. "junk food") and opportunities for active play in community; analysis of grocery stores in Bronzeville as compared with those in other communities; and analysis of school lunch menus in community. Submitted by the Center for New Horizons, in partnership with Alderman Pat Dowell (3rd Ward), along with the Bronzeville Alliance and the Bronzeville Healthy Initiative Partnership.

Developing Communities Project

- Assistance with advancing the campaign to extend the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Red Line rapid transit rail to the city limit on Chicago's Far South Side, including guidance on transit oriented development, facilitating public participation, coordination with public agencies and institutions, and support for the extension through the Federal New Starts program. Local government partners include the CTA, the City's

Department of Transportation and Department of Housing and Economic Development, Chicago Housing Authority, and Aldermen Carrie Austin (34th Ward) and Anthony Beale (9th Ward).

Diversity, Inc.

- Assistance and funding to create a unitary housing market for the south suburban area and promote greater regional equity. Municipal members of this interjurisdictional group (which is an affiliate of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association) include the City of Calumet City, City of Chicago Heights, City of Country Club Hills, City of Kankakee, Village of Calumet Park, Village of East Hazel Crest, Village of Glenwood, Village of Lynwood, Village of Olympia Fields, Village of Orland Hills, Village of Riverdale, Village of Sauk Village, Village of South Chicago Heights, Village of South Holland, and Thornton Township.

Edgewater Community Council

- Create comprehensive neighborhood master plan for Edgewater community in Chicago. Submitted with support from Alderman Mary Ann Smith (48th Ward) and State Representative Harry Osterman.

Independent consultant

- Funding to support CMAP's private sector partnerships by facilitating more effective interaction with the agriculture industry through targeted outreach to Farm Bureau staff/leadership in northeastern Illinois.

Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs

- Address housing issues in the northern suburbs, including assisting north suburban municipalities to affirmatively further fair housing, engaging and involving immigrants in local government, assisting with public participation related to challenging local affordable housing projects, and helping to bring about north suburban support for regional equity initiatives, such as school funding reform. Local government partners include 16 northern suburbs and the Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Liberty Prairie Conservancy

- Update master plan for Liberty Prairie Reserve (adopted in 1991), with aim of the creation of a large-scale sustainable local food economy in Lake County, with development of a model planning area in central Lake County at the Liberty Prairie Reserve. Local government partners include Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, and Libertyville Township.

Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

- Continue and expand Homes for a Changing Region project, analyzing housing supply and demand for several south suburban communities. Central partners include the

selected communities, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, and Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative.

Morton Arboretum

- Assistance with project quantifying the extent of lands held within and managed by homeowner associations (HOAs), analyze the character of HOA held lands, and develop sustainable landscaping practices with the HOAs. This would serve as a model for successful local tree preservation ordinances. Listed partners include the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, US Forest Service, IDNR, and dozens of communities.

Near NorthWest Arts Council

- Define a process and approach that begins the conversation about land use issues that affect culture and art in community development, focusing on barriers created by zoning, taxation, and finance. Activities could include focus groups, public participation and analysis of existing models (employing such strategies as adaptive reuse of existing storefronts in commercial districts and adjacent areas for work/live and work space). The organization is based in Chicago but the application is not location-specific. May partner with Arts Alliance Illinois.

Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative

- Assistance with the cluster's condominium foreclosure strategies and multi-family preservation efforts and to conduct a *Homes for a Changing Region* analysis (i.e., a future housing supply and demand analysis) for its five participating communities: Village of Arlington Heights, Village of Buffalo Grove, Village of Mount Prospect, Village of Palatine, and City of Rolling Meadows.

Openlands

- Assist with assessment of Chicago's achievement of park accessibility goals for 2010 included in "CitySpace: An Open Space Plan for Chicago" (adopted in 1988). Local government partner is the City of Chicago's Department of Housing and Economic Development, and other partners/co-applicants include NeighborSpace, Friends of the Parks, and the Trust for Public Land.

River Valley Workforce Investment Board

- Create comprehensive strategic plan for the workforce needs of Kane, Kendall, and DeKalb Counties. Kane County is the primary local government partner.

Riverside Brookfield Pedestrian Bridge Committee

- Coordination of multiple stakeholders involved in effort to build a bridge over a heavily trafficked state highway at a dangerous pedestrian crossing, which would provide a connection serving students, residents, and users of the Salt Creek Trail. Local partners include the Village of Riverside and Cook County.

Six Corners Association

- Feasibility study and/or a land-use study to determine if transit oriented development is possible on the Milwaukee District North Line at Irving Park Road in Chicago. Submitted by Six Corners Association, with the City of Chicago as the local government partner (Metra and Amtrak are also listed as partners).

South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association

- All projects below relate to implementation of parts of the Chicago Southland Economic Development Strategy, called the Green TIME Zone. Partners include Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative and the Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation (CSEDC). Other requests beyond technical assistance were also made in the application but not listed here.
- Financial analysis and sustainable development consulting for Transit Oriented Development and Cargo Oriented Development sites.
- Planning for Logistics Park Calumet.
- Implementation of best practices in TOD zoning and design standards, ordinances, and entitlement procedures in the south suburban area.
- Project selection and ranking process for the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative and SSMMA Investment Fund.
- GIS consortium start-up.

Spring Creek Watershed Partnership

- Provide technical assistance (and funding if possible) as part of in-kind match to IEPA Section 319 grant for approximately \$91,000 supporting development of watershed plan. Partners include Barrington Area Council of Governments, Barrington Township, Village of Barrington, Village of Barrington Hills, Dundee Township, Village of Fox River Grove, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, McHenry County Conservation District, North Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and others.

Upper Des Plaines River Ecosystem Partnership

- Assistance with review of local policies, ordinances, and plans to identify opportunities to encourage green infrastructure both as retrofits and in new development design, as well as assisting with outreach to local communities wishing to integrate green infrastructure practices into their communities. Partnership includes representatives from the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, North Shore Sanitary District, Lake County Forest Preserve District, Village of Lincolnshire, and the Des Plaines Watershed Team.

West Central Municipal Conference

- Assist the WCMC as it seeks to follow up on its extensive research and analysis project conducted with the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT), which identified dozens of opportunities for transit oriented development (TOD) near west Cook transit

station areas and bus routes, as well as for cargo oriented development (COD) on industrial land located near major freight transportation assets. This could include facilitating charrettes and other public participation activities, providing land use planning expertise, conducting financial analyses, and guidance on potential funding for implementation.

West Cook County Housing Collaborative

- Create a transit oriented development strategy that encompasses all five municipal members (Berwyn, Bellwood, Forest Park, Maywood, and Oak Park), assisting with demographic analysis; comparative review of zoning ordinances near TOD sites; supply and demand analysis for affordable housing, retail, business services and social services; and public planning outreach with community stakeholders (e.g., meetings, charrettes, surveys). Submitted on behalf of the Collaborative by IFF.

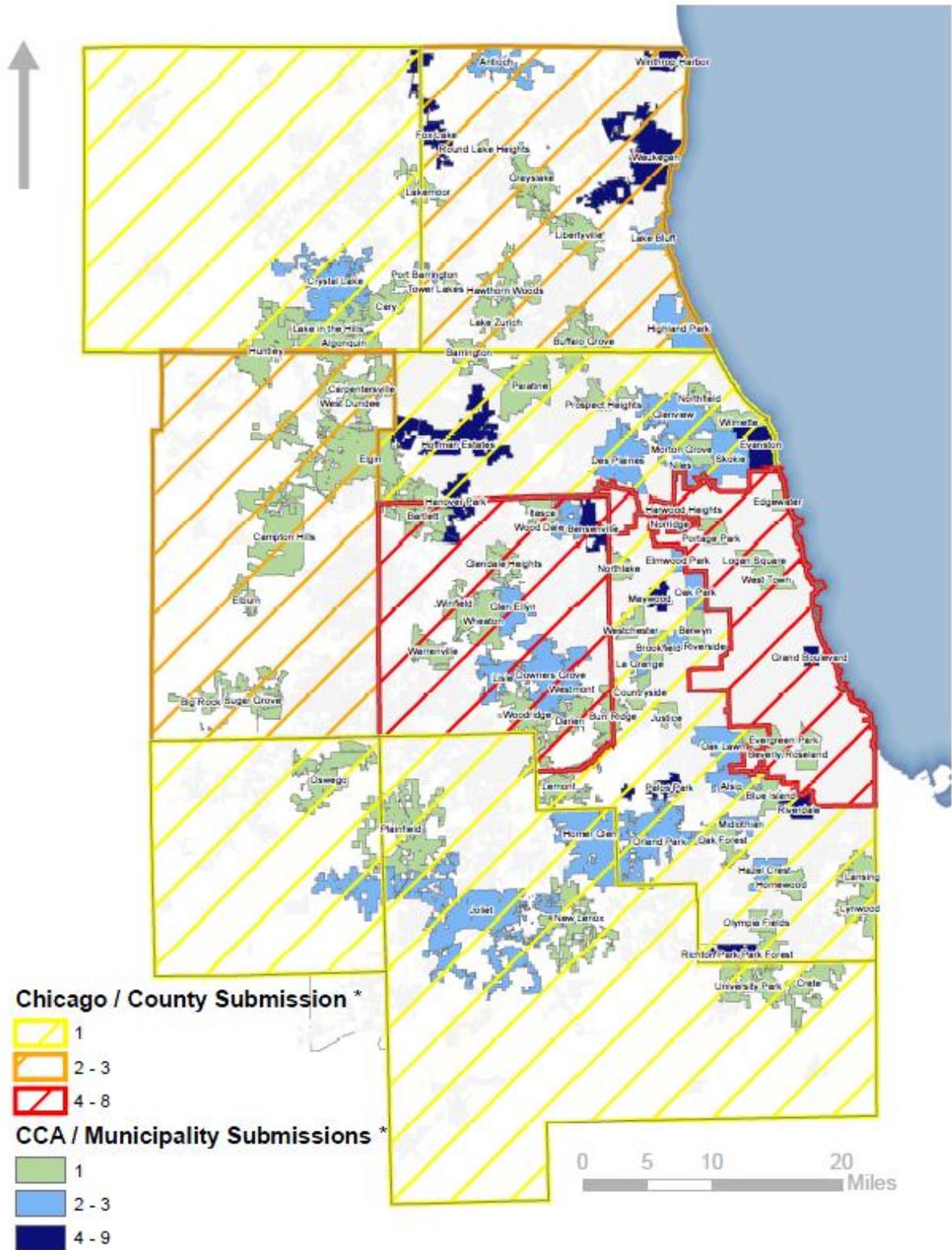
Wicker Park-Bucktown Chamber of Commerce

- Analysis of potential conflicts between the Wicker Park-Bucktown Chamber of Commerce's Master Plan (adopted in 2009) and existing zoning in the Chicago neighborhood to inform future recommendations for zoning changes.

Project map

A map of project proposals is included on the following page. Please note that several interjurisdictional projects which affect multiple communities are not currently shown on the map; an updated map will be produced once the geographic scope of these projects is clearer.

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*Seventeen inter-jurisdictional projects are not represented on the map.