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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Local Coordinating Committee

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Date:** August 7, 2013

**Re:** Local Technical Assistance Program Update

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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, 108 local projects have been initiated. Of these, 44 projects have been completed, 55 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.

CMAP staff will provide brief descriptions of several projects at the August 14 Local Coordinating Committee meeting. The project descriptions are meant to illustrate the variety of project types and partnerships that have characterized the LTA program. Projects that will be briefly described for the Committee include:

- Workforce development planning for the “Golden Corridor” in Hoffman Estates and surrounding communities in northwest Cook County (ongoing, page 4)
- Housing planning through the *Homes for a Changing Region* program in eight communities in Kane County (ongoing, page 5)
- Strategic planning for the Northwest Water Planning Alliance (ongoing, page 6)
- Preparation of a new zoning ordinance for the Village of Park Forest (ongoing, page 7)
- Neighborhood planning through the *Green Healthy Neighborhoods* program on Chicago’s south side (completed, page 10)
- Comprehensive planning for the Village of Elmwood Park (completed, page 10)

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	Aug. 2013- Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	Project will build on recently-completed comprehensive plan with scope completed in August so project can get underway in September.
Antioch greenway plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Jason Navota	Apr. 2012 – Oct. 2013	Staff assistance	Draft plan was presented to the public on July 22 at the Taste of Antioch, and is currently being revised and formatted for final Village review. Approval process is anticipated to begin in September.
Bensenville comprehensive plan	Sam Shenbaga	Mar. 2013 - Feb. 2014	Staff assistance	Existing conditions analysis underway. Senior citizens survey conducted on July 2 with 29 participants. Existing conditions report draft to be completed in August.
Berwyn zoning revisions (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Kristin Ihnchak	Jan. 2013 - Apr. 2014	Staff and consultant assistance	Public meeting, stakeholder interviews, and meetings with Berwyn business associations have been held. Project team is drafting a recommendations memo for internal review, to be completed by mid-August.
Big Rock comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Trevor Dick	Feb. 2013 - Jan. 2014	Staff assistance	The County and CMAP staff are working together on the Draft Plan. A successful visioning workshop was held on July 8 with nearly 40 residents.
Bronzeville national heritage area feasibility study (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Sef Okoth	July 2012 - Aug. 2013	Staff assistance	A draft of the NHA Feasibility Study Report and a Memo outlining the next steps were completed and reviewed internally. The documents were revised based on comments received from senior staff. The documents are currently being reviewed by the Steering Committee. The committee will meet on August 5 to discuss the report and next steps.
Calumet City comprehensive plan	Jack Pfingston	June 2013- May 2014	Consultant assistance	Steering Committee being formed with initial meeting expected in mid-late August; data collection proceeding; stakeholder interviews underway in early August.
Centers for New Horizons local food survey	Sef Okoth	Nov. 2012 – Aug. 2013	Staff assistance	Initial draft report was produced and reviewed internally. The report is being modified to reflect comments made by senior staff. Transcription of the focus group discussions is still underway.
Chicago “Green Healthy Neighborhoods” in Pilsen and Little Village	Evy Zwiebach	Oct. 2013- Mar. 2015	Staff assistance	Project scoping and selection of contractors to assist with outreach are ongoing.
Chicago Heights comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Kendra Smith	Apr. 2013- Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	The kick off public meeting was held July 24. Business Community Focus Group is scheduled for August 6. Existing conditions analysis is underway, with a completed draft expected the end of August.
Chicago Housing Authority LeClaire Courts redevelopment	Sef Okoth	Aug. 2012- Sept. 2013	Consultant assistance	URS gave a status update to CHA executive staff on July 18, where market analysis, transportation improvements, and feasible development options for the site were discussed. URS is putting together a draft study report.

				Staff is working with URS and CHA on a closeout outreach strategy to the aldermen and the community.
Chinatown neighborhood plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Stephen Ostrander	Apr. 2013- Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	Steering Committee met on July 22. Moved toward completion of draft Existing Conditions Report. Conducted more key person interviews with a variety of stakeholders in Chinatown and City government. Held first community engagement activity with members of St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church. Planned upcoming workshops with over 700 ESL students at the Pui Tak Center, to be led by teachers trained by CMAP staff and community partners. Canvassing survey used by community volunteers at Dragon Boat Race festival, yielding over 70 responses. Met with Chicago Public Art Group to discuss opportunities for Chinatown's many viaducts. On July 16 held presentation of work from summer graduate architecture student studio, led by Skidmore Owings & Merrill, focused on urban design of Chinatown.
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	County and CMAP staff met with Cook County COG staff to discuss regional representatives for the steering committee. Continuing discussions on the possible expansion of project scope to also include a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for submittal to EDA.
Cook County Forest Preserve District trail counts and policy report	Trevor Dick	Apr.-Nov. 2013	Staff assistance	Staff is currently analyzing the almost 1,000 completed questionnaires (both in the field and online). Staff is also now focusing on completing Forest Preserve Case Studies for future trail connections.
Des Plaines neighborhood plan	Berenice Vallecillos	May 2013- Apr. 2014	Consultant assistance	Existing conditions analysis underway. Stakeholder interviews were conducted on July 2. A kickoff steering committee was held on July 22. The second steering committee meeting is scheduled for August 28. The first public meeting is expected in early September. A phone application designed to gather public input is expected to be launched in mid-September.
Downers Grove bicycle and pedestrian plan	Jack Pfingston	Mar. 2012- Aug. 2013	Grant funds	Adoption expected in early August.
DuPage County Homes for a Changing Region project	Kendra Smith	Sept. 2013- Apr. 2014	Staff assistance	All four communities will have resolutions supporting Homes for a Changing Region adopted by September 3. Initial data collection and analysis currently underway with initial community data presentations tentatively scheduled for late September.
DuPage County unincorporated areas	Jack Pfingston	Oct. 2012- Sept. 2013	Consultant assistance	Draft plans have been reviewed by CMAP and the County. Steering committee is scheduled to meet in mid-to-late August to review documents,

plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )				followed by a public workshop.
DuPage Water Commission water conservation project	Erin Aleman	Feb.-Nov. 2013	Staff and consultant assistance	MPC, CMAP, and the DuPage Water Commission developed a four-part series of workshops exploring tools for water conservation. Workshop three was held on July 31. The final workshop will occur in August, after which a pilot community will be selected for water conservation implementation assistance.
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-Sept. 2013	Grant funds	Project on hold. No updates at this time.
Evanston bicycle plan	Jack Pfingston	June 2013-Mar. 2014	Grant funds	TY Lin chosen as project consultant; project to be kicked off in early August.
Ferson-Otter watershed plan implementation	Nora Beck	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Draft review of relevant development codes has been sent to water resource engineer for review. Draft report underway; goal is to share with steering committee in August.
Franklin Park industrial areas plan	Nicole Woods	Apr. 2013-Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	In July, CMAP staff conducted a public meeting with industrial businesses and held various stakeholder interviews. Staff also toured manufacturing facilities and visited the intermodal facility adjacent to the study area. The existing conditions report is currently being drafted and is scheduled for internal review in late August or early September.
Hinsdale parking study (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Lindsay Bayley	Nov. 2012-Oct. 2013	Staff assistance	Existing conditions report available for download, report sent to various committees and the Village Board for review. Educational poster under development.
Hoffman Estates workforce development project	Annie Byrne	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Existing conditions report complete. Staff working with steering committee on communications and marketing strategy and long-term sustainability and action plan.
IDNR, Office of Water Resources, permittee water loss evaluation project	Tim Loftus	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Survey data has been collected from 107 respondents. Ten permittees with chronic water loss have been contacted with a request for on-site visits and discussion during August. Three to five permittees that are doing an above average job managing water loss will be similarly contacted in the fall.
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 partner and stakeholder input in August. Final products will be used by County in

				relation to other local food production efforts.
Kane County transit plan implementation	Trevor Dick	July 2012-Oct. 2013	Staff assistance	The existing conditions report was presented to the Steering Committee on July 23. Staff is now working on the draft plan.
Kane County / Carpentersville Homes for a Changing Region project (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Jonathan Burch	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	MetroQuest site is operational and CMAP outreach staff is coordinating distribution of the link with each municipality. Staff is finalizing data and analysis in preparation for the development of municipal recommendations in August.
Kane County / Geneva Homes for a Changing Region project	Drew Williams-Clark	July 2013-Feb. 2014	Staff assistance	Kane County and CMAP are working together to provide local technical assistance to this group of municipalities. County staff have completed data acquisition and initial analysis. The first steering committee meeting took place in July.
Kedzie Avenue (Garfield Park) corridor plan	Samantha Robinson	July 2013-June 2014	Consultant assistance	Teska has been selected as the consultant for the project and a kickoff meeting will occur in August.
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. RFP for consultant assistance released on August 2. Contacting affected municipalities to commit to process will begin in August.
Lake County sustainability plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Kristin Ihnchak	Mar. 2012 – Aug. 2013	Staff assistance	The project team is awaiting edits to the draft document from County staff.
<i>Lan-Oak Park District master plan</i>	<i>Trevor Dick</i>	<i>Oct. 2013-June 2014</i>	<i>Staff assistance</i>	<i>Park District Board of Commissioners has approved the MOU and Scope of Work. Staff is currently working on creating the project team and estimated timeline to begin the project. In addition to CMAP staff, the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) has expressed interest in being a part of the project team. The CCDPH would like to create a strong connection between parks and health. The Park District is excited to have the CCDPH on board.</i>
Lansing comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Sam Shenbaga	Oct. 2012-Nov. 2013	Consultant assistance	Steering Committee meeting held on July 8 to discuss existing conditions report. Visioning workshop to be held on July 30.
Lincolnwood Devon Avenue corridor study	Liz Panella	June-Nov. 2013	Staff assistance and small contract	This project will involve a Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) convened by ULI in September. CMAP and ULI staff have begun preparing the Briefing Book to be used by TAP participants. Outreach activities are planned for mid-August.
Lynwood comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Samantha Robinson	Oct. 2012-Nov. 2013	Consultant assistance	Consultant is revising existing conditions report based on feedback provided by CMAP staff. The Steering Committee will review the report on August 14. The community visioning workshop will also take place on August 14.
Lyons comprehensive	Sef Okoth	July 2013-	Staff	Kickoff meeting was held in Lyons on July 18. The meeting was attended by

plan		June 2014	assistance	heads of departments and the Village Manager. Project webpage was created. CMAP is working with the Village to create a Steering Committee. Staff began drafting the Existing Conditions Report.
Markham comprehensive plan	Erin Aleman	July 2013- June 2014	Staff assistance	Markham finalized the consultant contract in July. CMAP will continue to be available to review and comment on draft plan documents as the comprehensive planning process gets underway.
Morton Grove industrial areas plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Nicole Woods	Feb. 2012- Sept. 2013	Staff assistance	In July, CMAP internally reviewed and revised a draft of the industrial areas plan. A public workshop for industrial businesses was held on July 11. Approximately 55 people attended the meeting including industrial businesses, property owners, brokers and other stakeholders. Staff intends on submitting the plan to Morton Grove staff for their review in August.
Niles multimodal transportation plan	Jack Pfingston	Mar. 2013- Feb. 2014	Consultant assistance	Pop-up meetings held; stakeholders interviews (including with IDOT) completed; Open House will take place August 7. Preliminary draft existing conditions report sent to CMAP and Village; revisions being made before it goes to the Steering Committee in late August.
Northwest Municipal Conference Des Plaines River trail access plan	Lindsay Bayley	May 2013- Apr. 2014	Consultant assistance	Interactive webmap developed, initial survey sent to Steering Committee members. Existing conditions analysis under development.
Northwest Water Planning Alliance drought preparedness / strategic planning	Tim Loftus	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Strategic planning is progressing with agreement on goals/objectives/strategies, and mission and vision statements. An implementation matrix is currently under development and expected to be finalized in the fall. Staff is working iteratively with both the Tech. Adv. Committee and Executive Committee. Annual water use data by members has been collected from the Illinois Water Inventory Program.
Oak Lawn 95 <sup>th</sup> Street corridor study	Jake Seid	Jan. 2013- Jan. 2014	Consultant assistance	Prepared draft site plans for six development sites. Coordinated plan concepts with transportation and economic development subconsultants. Prepared draft bike plan. Prepared draft wayfinding/signage plan. Phone call with Oak Lawn Magazine reporter to provide project information for August article. Monitored project website and Facebook page.
Olympia Fields zoning ordinance update	Drew Williams-Clark	Apr. 2013- Mar. 2014	Consultant assistance	A Goals and Objectives memo was reviewed by CMAP and was delivered to the Village. Market analysis began in July. A second steering committee meeting is anticipated in August.
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 now working on the Existing Conditions Report.
Park Forest zoning revisions	Kristin Ihnchak	June 2013-Sept. 2014	Staff assistance	Steering Committee kick-off meeting occurred on July 16 and stakeholder interviews are being scheduled for the end of August. Project team is reviewing existing conditions.
Prospect Heights comprehensive plan	Jack Pfingston	Aug. 2013-July 2014	Consultant assistance	Proposal scoring by CMAP and the City completed; four firms chosen for interviews, which will be completed by mid-August.
Regional immigrant integration toolkit	Ricardo Lopez	Jan.-Oct. 2013	Staff assistance	The toolkit's Language Access chapter draft has been completed and an August 2 working meeting is scheduled for review with MMC and the Latino Policy Forum. Staff will proceed with writing of remainder chapters and expect a complete Toolkit draft to be available for internal review in early October 2013.
Richton Park comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Kendra Smith	Aug. 2012-Oct. 2013	Consultant assistance	Community Visioning session was held July 18. Consultant is currently preparing draft vision, goals and objectives through August and village wide and subarea plans through September.
Rosemont comprehensive plan	Sam Shenbaga	June 2013-May 2014	Staff assistance	Project kick-off meeting with Zoning Board scheduled tentatively for August 12. Existing conditions analysis to begin in early August.
Round Lake Heights comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Jonathan Burch	May 2012-Aug. 2013	Staff assistance	Open house completed in the past month. Staff has edited the plan and submitted the draft document to CMAP communications for review. Village and staff will coordinate a date for plan commission public hearing and board adoption in the upcoming month.
Silver Creek watershed plan implementation	Nora Beck	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Met with relevant staff of the cities of McHenry and Crystal Lake to discuss findings of draft report reviewing comprehensive plans and relevant development codes. Review of Prairie Grove and Oakwood Hills is underway; goal to share with their staff in August.
South Elgin bicycle plan	John O'Neal	July 2013-June 2014	Consultant assistance	Interviews completed; Sam Schwartz Engineering chosen as project consultant. Project will be kicked off in early August.
SSMMA interchange land use planning	Jessica Simoncelli	July 2012-Nov. 2013	Consultant and staff assistance	The full steering committee will meet again in August to review the consultant's final existing conditions draft as well as a draft of site-specific recommendations. The consultants continue to conduct targeted community engagement through August and September.
UIC multimodal transportation plan	Lindsay Bayley	June 2013-Sept. 2014	Staff assistance	Public outreach strategy developed, Steering Committee members identified, first meeting scheduled for August. Mapping, data collection, and writing continue for the Existing Conditions Report. Draft report expected in early August.
Waukegan subarea plan	Stephen	Oct. 2012-	Staff	CMAP staff reviewed findings from Existing Conditions Report and June

(see <a href="#">website</a> )	Ostrander	Dec. 2013	assistance	Community Visioning Workshop in preparation of the project's key recommendations memo, intended to guide recommendations in the upcoming commercial corridor plan.
Westchester comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Samantha Robinson	Nov. 2011-Sept. 2013	Staff assistance	More than 40 residents attended the public open house held on July 16. In an effort to gather more community input, posters about the comprehensive plan were placed at the Village Hall, Library and Park District for a week after the open house. Staff is currently revising the draft comprehensive plan based on all feedback. Village staff is working to organize the Plan Commission for a public hearing in late August.
Wicker Park-Bucktown parking study (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Lindsay Bayley	Jan. 2013-Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	Occupancy data collection complete, Existing Conditions Report under development. MetroQuest survey initial comments posted on webmap, over 500 visits in first month (survey ends 8/25/13).
Will County brownfield prioritization	Jake Seid	June 2013-Apr. 2014	Staff assistance	Toured potential brownfield sites with Will County staff (July 2). Coordinated brownfield identification with Will County Center for Economic Development. Outreach to Will County municipalities to facilitate identification of brownfield sites in incorporated areas.
Worth planning prioritization report	Stephen Ostrander	Oct. 2013-May 2014	Staff assistance	<i>Newly added to monthly report.</i>

## 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/ta](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/ta).

Project	CMAP lead	Completion date	Assistance type	Recent implementation progress
Addison comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Sam Shenbaga	Jan. 2013	Staff assistance	Scoping of technical assistance for Homes for Changing Region study, to begin in summer of 2013, is underway.
Alsip comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Sam Shenbaga	Apr. 2013	Staff assistance	Cicero Avenue corridor study underway, as recommended in Comprehensive Plan. CMAP staff on project's steering committee and attended project kick-off meeting on April 23 at Alsip Village Hall. Zoning assistance will be provided by CMAP beginning later in 2013.
Berwyn comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Sam Shenbaga	Oct. 2012	Staff assistance	Year-long zoning ordinance revision project has been initiated.
Blue Island comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Sam Shenbaga	June 2012	Staff assistance	CMAP staff along with representatives from MPC and CNT met with the new mayor on July 19. The mayor is eager to implement the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan especially the conversion of Western Avenue to a two-way street. Following the meeting, on July 22,

				CMAP staff participated in a meeting with representatives from IDOT, DCEO, and IEPA to request the conversion of Western Avenue from a one-way to two-way street. Also, CMAP and MPC reviewed the City's job description for the position that is funded through the Chicago Community Trust's grant. This position will focus on implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, especially the conversion of Western Avenue.
<i>Bronzeville Alliance Retail corridor study, phase 2 (see <a href="#">website</a>)</i>	<i>Sef Okoth</i>	<i>July 2013</i>	<i>Staff assistance</i>	<i>Newly completed. The Land Use Plan and its recommendations were presented to the public on July 13 at the Bronzeville Retail Initiative (BRI) community forum. Staff also presented the Plan to the Aldermen. The feedback received was incorporated into the Plan and CMAP's communications team is now formatting the Final Plan for publication.</i>
Campton Hills comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	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 <a href="#">website</a> )	Trevor Dick	July 2012	Staff assistance	CMAP staff will be meeting with village staff to provide advice on how the village can conduct their own annual parking survey in the Old Town area. An annual parking survey was a recommendation of the plan that will help the village plan for current and future parking/public transit needs.
Chicago "Green Healthy Neighborhoods" plan for Englewood, Woodlawn, and Washington Park (see <a href="#">website</a> )	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 <a href="#">website</a> )	Nicole Woods	Apr. 2013	Staff assistance	Plan was unanimously adopted by the Village Board on April 1. Staff and Village are discussing priority and phasing of implementation steps. Zoning assistance will be provided by CMAP beginning later in 2013.
Fairmont neighborhood plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Trevor Dick	Apr. 2012	Staff assistance	A community garden is up and running by the Fairmont community center (a joint effort by the County, Park District and Openlands). Openlands is currently in discussions with the School District to add another garden for students at Fairmont School. County staff has also completed a "historical documentation" of the community.
Hanover Park corridor study (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Stephen Ostrander	Dec. 2012	Staff assistance	The report for the ULI Chicago Technical Assistance Panel (studying the Irving Park Road corridor) was released in early December.

			and small grant	
Homes for a Changing Region in northwest Cook (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Jonathan Burch	Jan. 2013	Staff assistance	Staff approved a targeted senior needs study with Valerie Kretchmer Associates.
Joliet “Old Prison” redevelopment (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Trevor Dick	May 2012	Staff assistance and small grant	CMAP and Openlands will be meeting with the Mayor of Joliet and his staff on August 6 to discuss the recommendations of the ULI/CMAP report and how the groups can work together to implement the vision for the property – especially the east side which calls for parks and recreation.
Lakemoor comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Nora Beck	Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Village is hiring Community Development director to help implement Comprehensive Plan; staff will refine implementation matrix for new Village staff to review.
Liberty Prairie Conservancy local food system plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	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 met in July and will meet again September, with the goal of carrying forward the recommendations from the Lake County Sustainable Local Food Systems Report.
Niles environmental action plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Kristin Ihnchak	Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Plan was adopted in February. An Implementation Matrix has been reviewed with Village staff and edited per their comments. 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 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 <a href="#">website</a> )	Trevor Dick	Oct. 2012	Staff assistance	A meeting was held with City staff on July 9 to review the implementation strategy. Following the meeting, CMAP provided examples of complete streets ordinance language for their review and consideration. Also, a map of current trails within and near the adjacent Forest Preserve was provided to staff to assist in determining where they believe trail connections would best fit – this is part of the current Forest Preserve District of Cook County Trails project.
Norridge zoning revisions	Jake Seid	July 2013	Staff assistance	<i>Newly completed. 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.</i>

Northlake comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Trevor Dick	May 2013	Staff assistance	Adopted by the City in May. Staff is currently working on an implementation strategy which will be followed by a meeting with the Mayor.
Park Forest sustainability plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	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; a Smart Growth America workshop to kick-off this zoning project took place April 18-19. 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.
Red Line livability project (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Kendra Smith	Nov. 2012	Staff assistance	The Red Line Livability Project community brochure, technical report, webpage and video have been completed and are available at <a href="http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/red-line">www.cmap.illinois.gov/red-line</a> . DCP, CMAP and CTA will utilize 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.
Regional arts and culture toolkit	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	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 <a href="#">website</a> )	Nora Beck	Apr. 2013	Staff assistance	Village Board has tasked various village commissions to outline work plans and timelines for achieving strategies within the CBD Plan. Village is pursuing grant opportunities to implement green infrastructure and streetscaping improvements. 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 strategic plan category.
SSMMA housing investment prioritization (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Nicole Woods	June 2012	Staff assistance	Recently, SSMMA has teamed up with a consulting firm and brought the housing investment tool online. The web-based housing investment tool was selected in June as one of four winners in the Illinois Open Technology Challenge. Overall the organization continues to use the tool to assess projects in various Southland communities.