

An aerial photograph of a watershed area. A large river flows from the top right towards the center. A dense network of smaller tributaries is highlighted in blue and green, branching out across the landscape. The terrain is a mix of green and brown, suggesting a mix of forest and open land. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

Plan Development Environment and Natural Resources

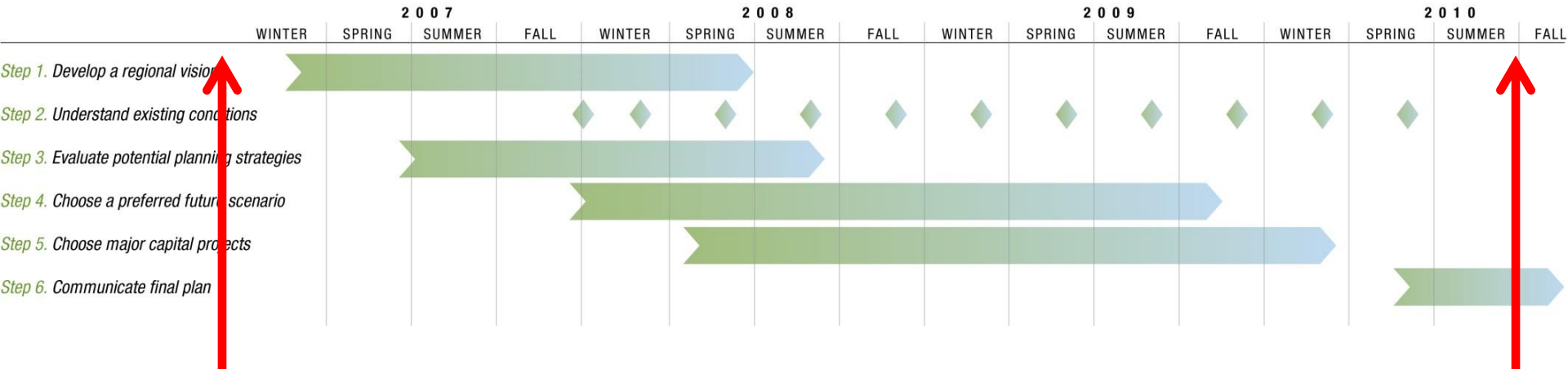
November 2014

Didn't we just update the plan?

- GO TO 2040 was adopted in 2010
- 2014 update met federal requirements
- Next plan will be successor to GO TO 2040
 - robust outreach process
 - reexamine GO TO 2040 topics
 - deeper dive into some GO TO 2040 topics

Timeline

GO TO 2040 Plan Timeline



We are here

2018

Exploratory topics

- transportation
- land use
- housing
- economy
- human and community development
- **environment and natural resources**

Objectives

- CMAP activities since GO TO 2040
- Issues that require further attention
- Should new plan go beyond GO TO 2040?
- Staff, tools, and resources needed
- Regional stakeholders to engage
- Implications on land use and transportation

Current Activities

- Develop process for creating the next plan
- What we know about the topic
 - GO TO 2040
 - LTA program
 - policy analysis
- Research and national best practices
 - other regional agencies
 - regional partners, projects, and programs

Current Activities

- Understand agency needs
 - analytical tools
 - data resources
 - outreach tools

ENR Committee

- Provide input to staff on several topics:
 - Water Resources
 - Green Infrastructure
 - Resiliency and Adaptation
 - Other

Water Resources

- Water supply: groundwater, conservation, management, Lake Michigan
- Water quality: watershed planning, wastewater planning, Lake Michigan
- Stormwater: management, flooding, alternatives (green infrastructure)
- Waterways: Chicago area waterways system (including Lake Michigan)

Green Infrastructure

- Conservation landscapes: land & water resource habitats, landscapes, coastal zone
- Working landscapes: agriculture and local food
- Urban landscapes: community parks, urban forestry, greening the urban landscape
- Trails and greenways

Resiliency and Adaptation

- Climate mitigation / air quality
- Climate adaptation and resiliency

Others

- Energy
- Waste

Next Steps

- Continue research and exploration
- Return to ENR for more discussion in January

Discussion

- Questions?
- In which areas should we be doing more and why?
- What regional stakeholders should we engage?
- What studies can we draw from?
- What tools / analytical methods are you aware of?