Place-Based Planning Strategies

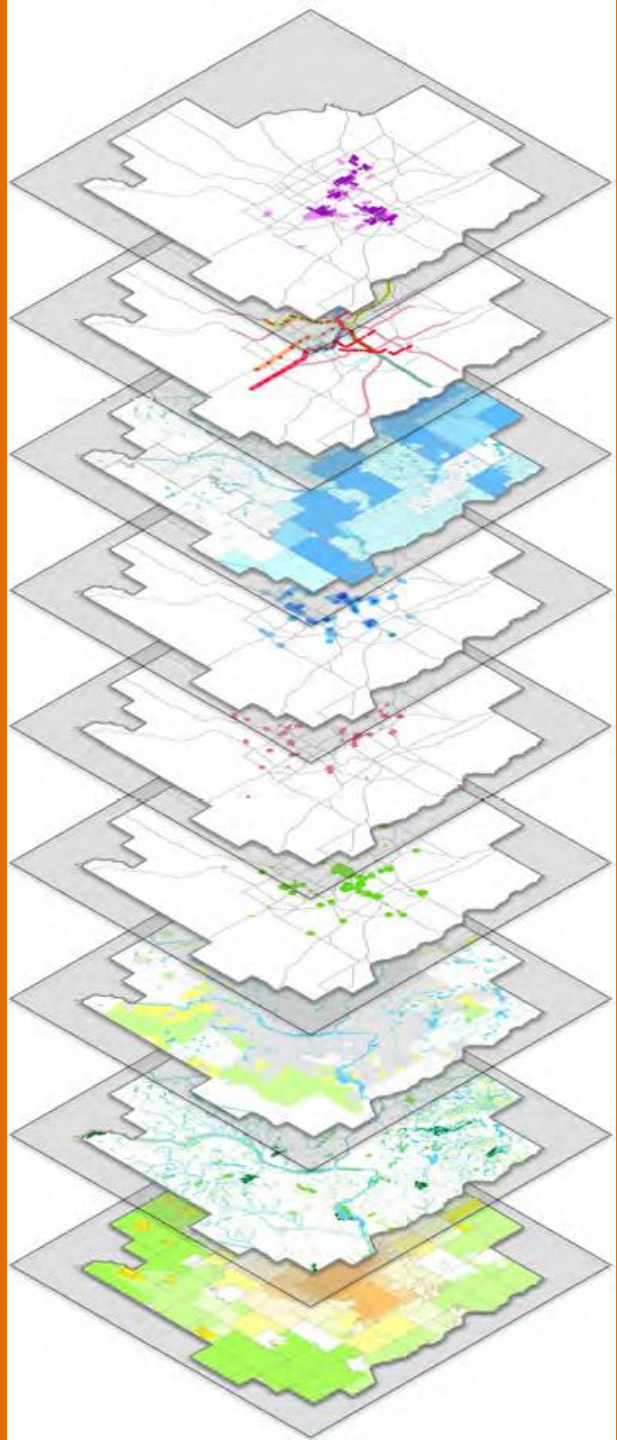
Layers Approach

Layers Overview

- Place-based analysis to inform locally appropriate recommendations
- Mapping of regional trends to identify spatial patterns
- Economic, demographic, environmental, and infrastructural features
- Help subregional entities identify plan topics and recommendations relevant to their areas

Pilot Layers

- Locally Identified Priority Reinvestment Areas
- High Quality Natural Resource Areas

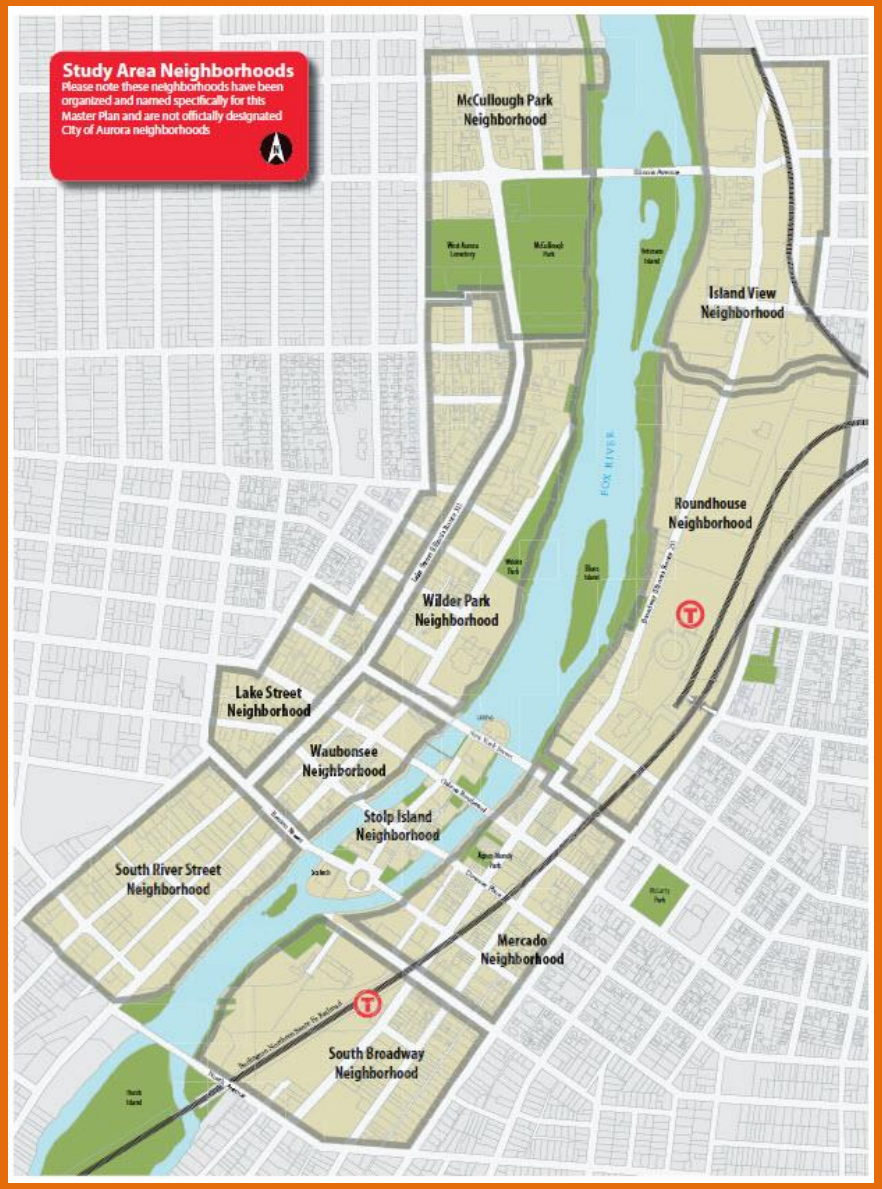


Pilot Layer: Reinvestment Areas

Scope: Winter-Summer 2016

- Review existing local plans to identify locally defined priority areas
- Compile data
- Develop screening criteria based on policy goals
- Create draft map of reinvestment areas
- Consider how map could be used to inform next regional plan

Reinvestment Area Type: Mixed-Use Center



Downtown Aurora

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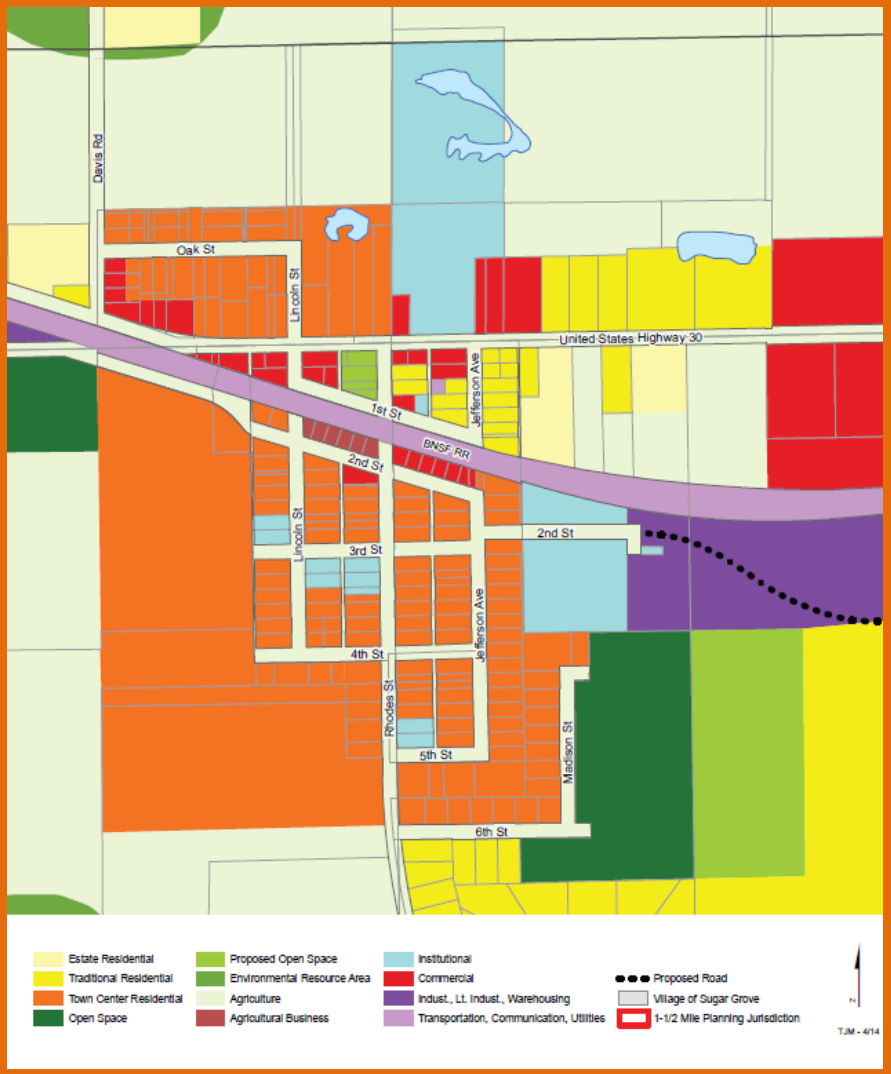
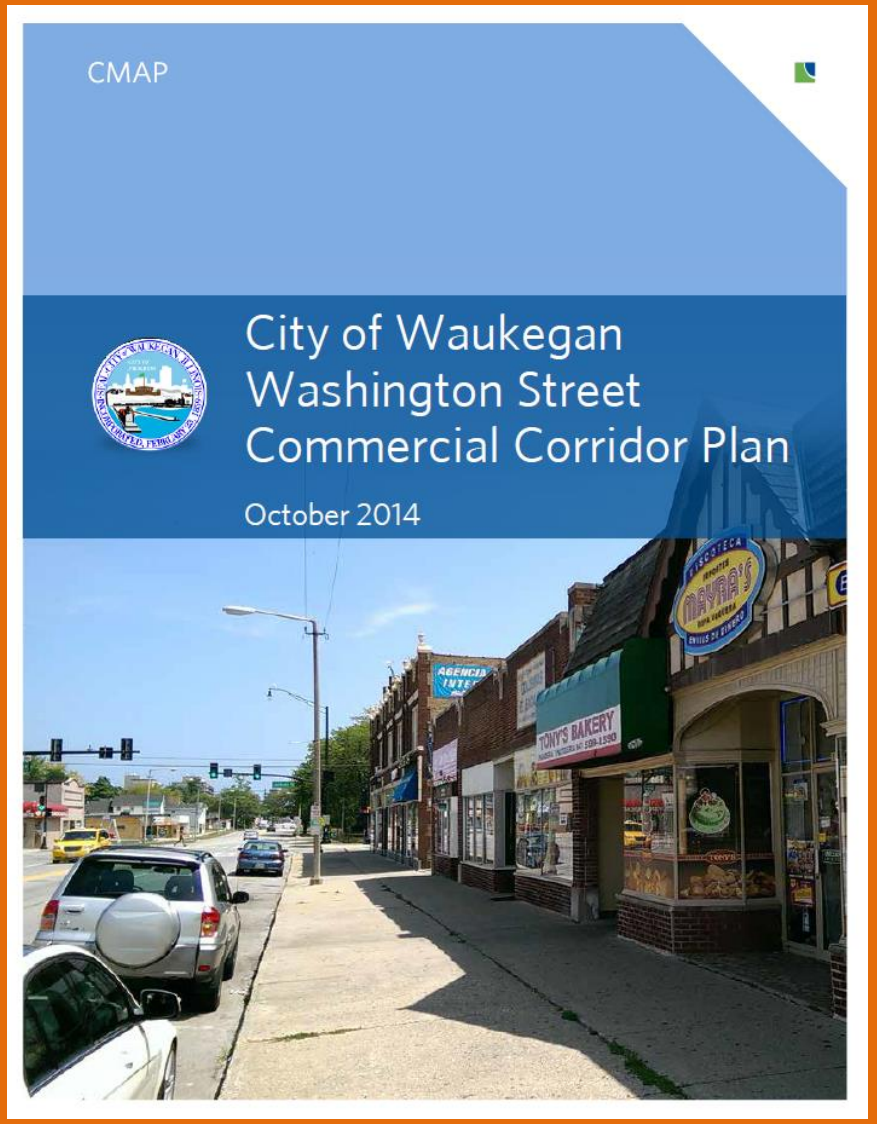


Big Rock, Kane County

Reinvestment Area Type: Transit Hub

Worth, Cook County

Reinvestment Area Type: Commercial Corridor



Waukegan, Lake County

Pilot Layer: Natural Areas

Scope: Winter-Summer 2016

- Review existing county green infrastructure plans to identify local priorities
- Compile data from updated natural resources inventory, IDNR, conservation groups
- Develop screening criteria based on policy goals and available data
- Create draft map of high quality natural resource areas
- Consult partners and counties to discuss how map reflects local and subregional priorities
- Consider how map could be used to inform next regional plan

Natural Area Types

- Surface water bodies
- Key wildlife habitat
- Groundwater recharge areas
- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Drinking water sources
- Oak ecosystems

Natural Area Layer: GIV Updates and Input Data

- Natural Resources Inventory
  - Updated data sources underlying Green Infrastructure Vision
  - Curated selection of additional natural resource datasets
  - Available on CMAP website: http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/livability/sustainability
- Expanded data on tree cover, conservation land, areas of ecological importance
- Enhanced data on flowpaths and stormwater

Next Steps

- Scan existing plans in region for examples
- Review available spatial data
- Translate policy goals into criteria to narrow focus
- Brainstorm universe of potential layers beyond pilot layers

Discussion Questions

- Are these area types consistent with the ways you have seen municipalities, counties, state agencies, and advocates identify priorities?
- Are these the right areas the plan should focus on?
- What examples from plans in the region should we look at?