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Ever wonder how your community might look decades from now?

Visit www.goto2040.org/sugargrove/ to view new illustrations that reflect how residents, local officials, and business leaders have envisioned the future of downtown Sugar Grove with help from designers at Teska Associates Inc., and planners at the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

The visualizations are part of its "GO TO 2040" comprehensive regional plan, which will guide investment and development decisions for Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties. "GO TO 2040" addresses land use, transportation, and other quality-of-life issues such as the environment, economic development, housing, education, health care, and other social services.

On Wednesday, July 15, residents can have their say in a "GO TO 2040 Invent the Future" workshop from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Waubonsee Community College's Academic and Professional Center, Room 110 D, Route 47 at Waubonsee Drive, Sugar Grove. Advance registration is appreciated by calling Joey-Lin Silberhorn at (312) 386-8814 or e-mailing jsilberhorn@cmap.illinois.gov.

Also during this summer's "Invent the Future" public-input phase, residents can weigh in at www.goto2040.org, where they can use fun, interactive tools to create, share, and compare their own future scenarios.

Drop by the new Sugar Grove Public Library at 125 S. Municipal Drive when it opens in August to see posters with the visualizations of downtown Sugar Grove in the year 2040.

Coinciding with centennial celebrations of the 1909 Plan of Chicago, the agency worked with municipalities like Sugar Grove and firms like Teska Associates to add a visual dimension to the "GO TO 2040" plan. In communities large and small, urban, suburban, and rural, the agency has sought to visually answer the following: "If we choose this path over the coming decades, what might this community look like in 2040?"

"We are excited to invite residents from throughout northeastern Illinois to have their say in planning the future of our region," said Randy Blankenhorn, executive director. "With interactive activities that are engaging and compelling, residents are now able to imagine their future and explore how choices today will impact the lives of generations to come, just as Daniel Burnham did 100 years ago."

By engaging residents in "GO TO 2040," the agency will collect public opinions that it will use in developing a "preferred scenario" by the end of 2009. Over the winter, the agency will flesh out the scenario by identifying major capital projects that require investment. In the spring of 2010, the agency will communicate a draft of the full plan to its partners and the public, with adoption of a final plan in the fall of 2010.

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