# ON TO 2050 Visual Assets and Web Design

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# **Printed vs Online**

- Accessible designed to meet Level AA accessibility guidelines
- Interactive highly visual and with features savvy web users expect
- Responsive in the last year, 30% of visitors used mobile device



# Steps

- Two channels one for CMAP and one for ON TO 2050
- Upgraded website platform, stripped content to essential info
- Found the right partners to develop visual assets



# Visual Assets

Photography

Architectural renderings

Info and data graphics



# Photography

7 counties, summer and winter, strategic locations

Ground and drone, including video

Tagged and searchable







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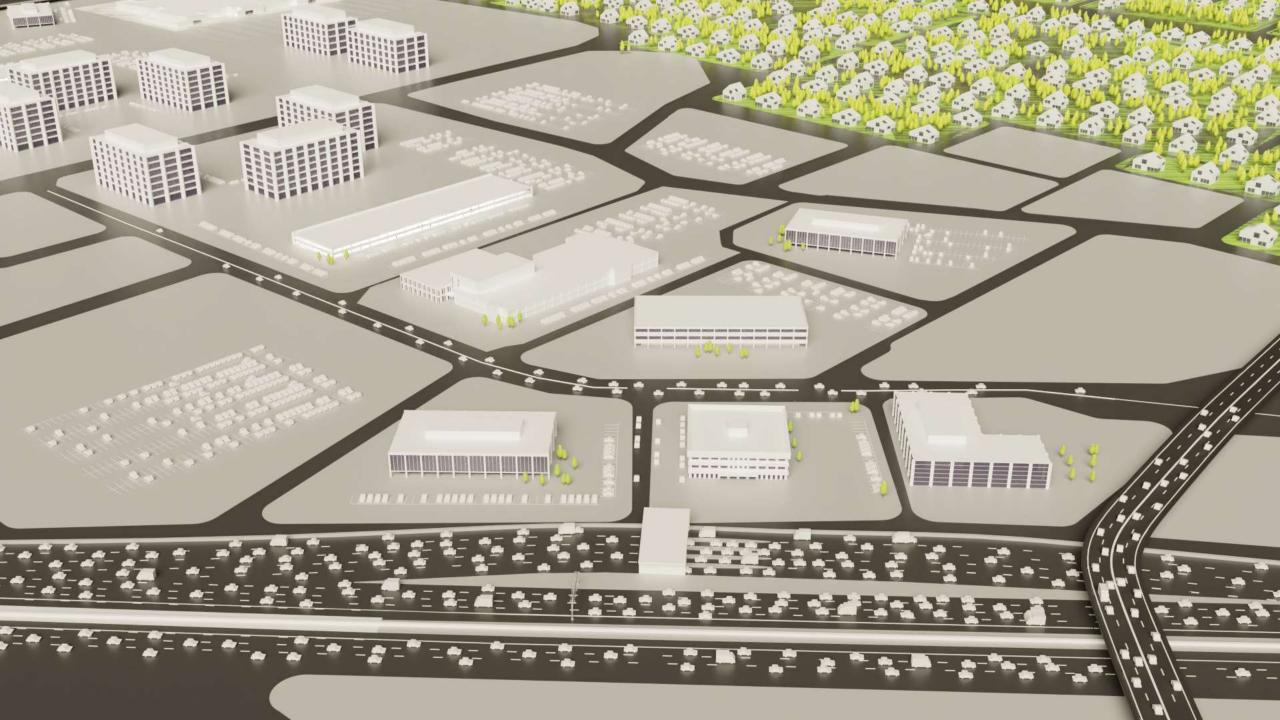
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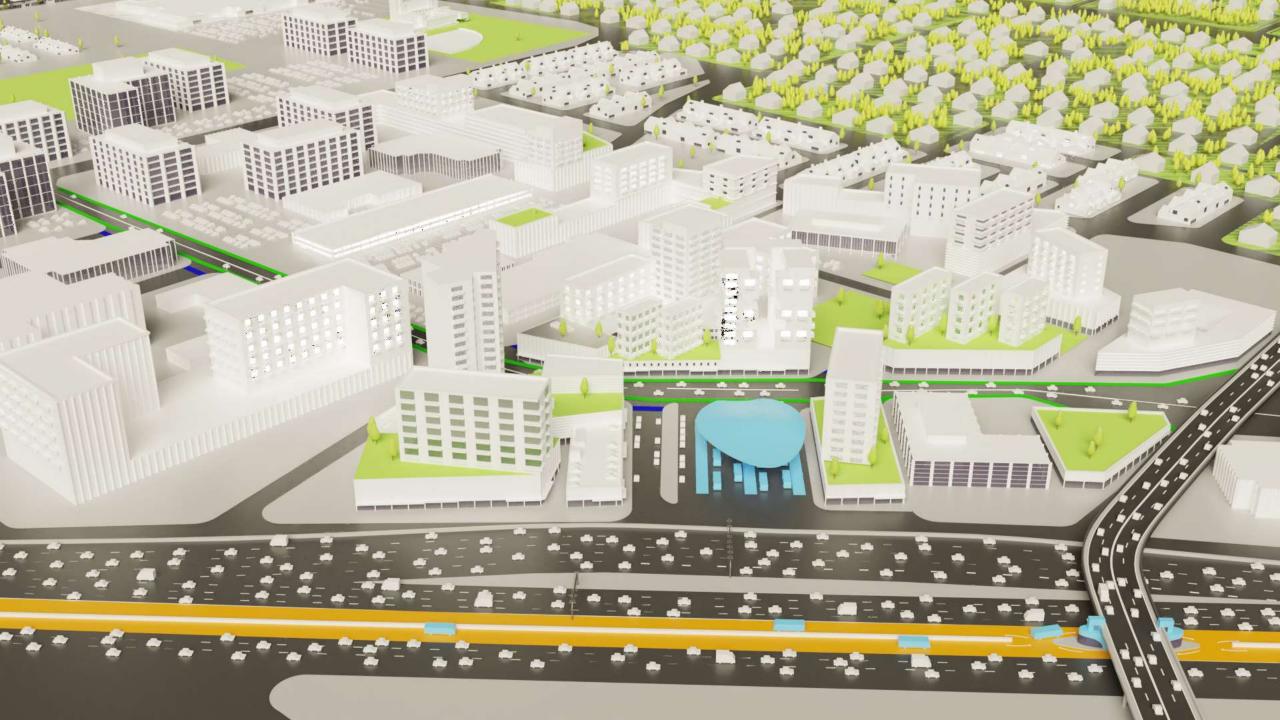
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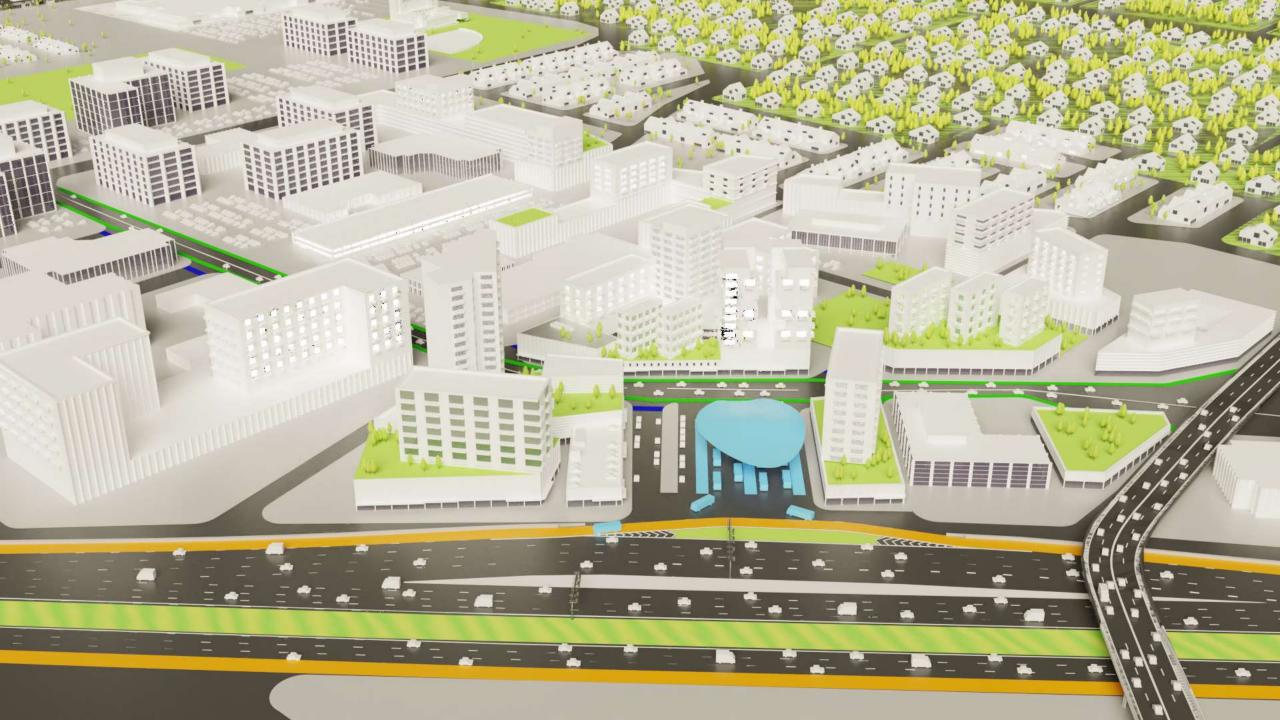
# Architectural renderings

Show how interventions might work in real settings

See change over time





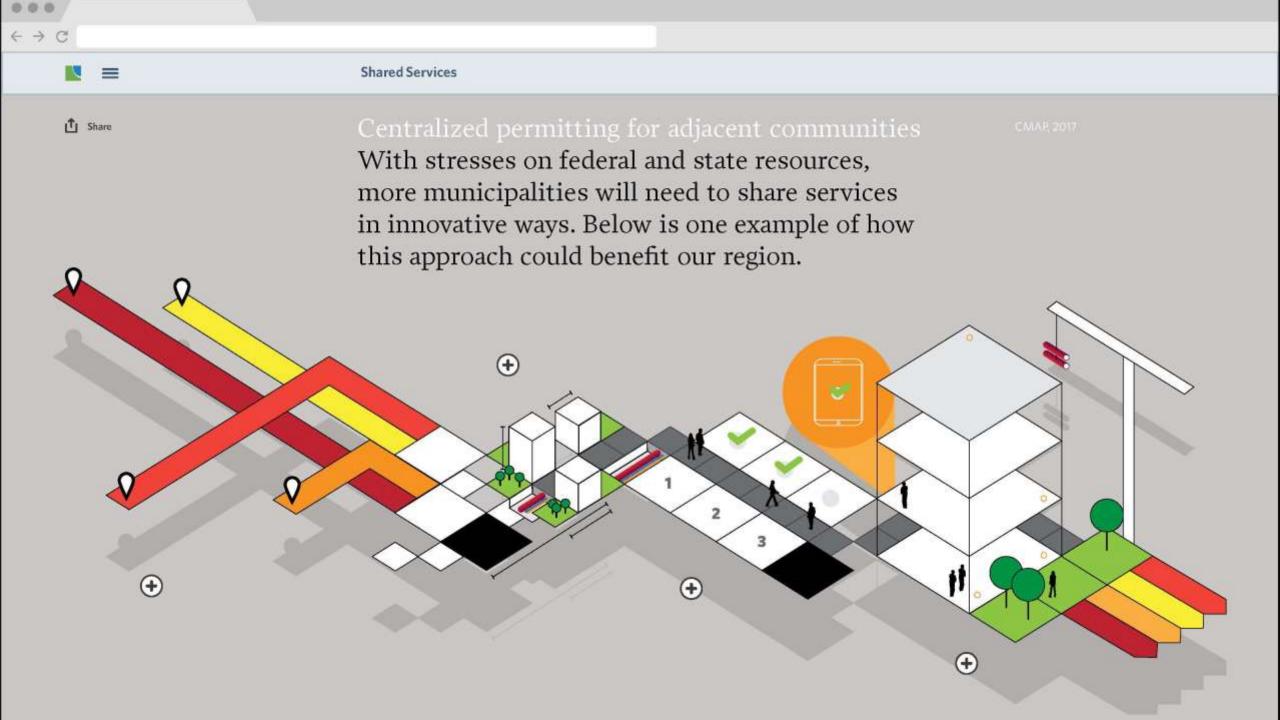


# Infographics

Add clarity to complex concepts

Interactivity that users expect







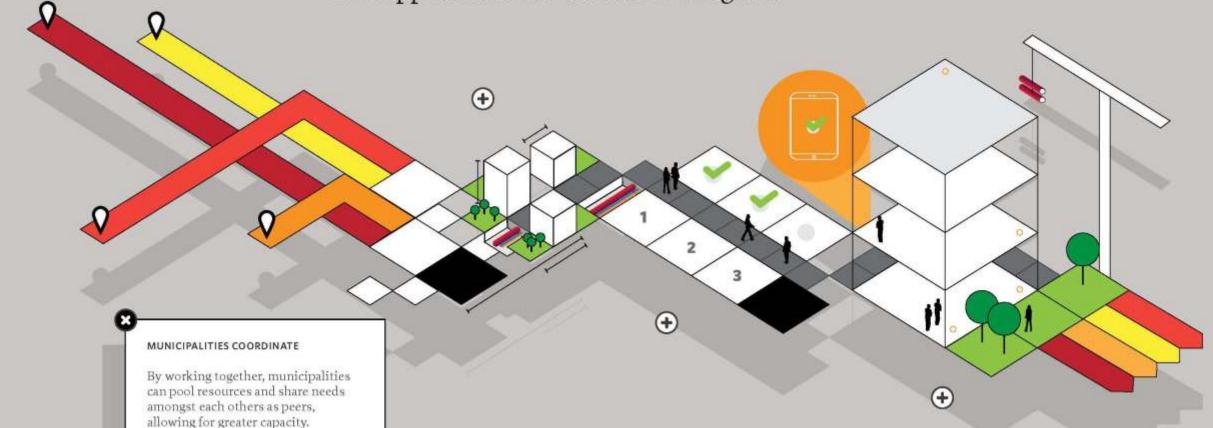


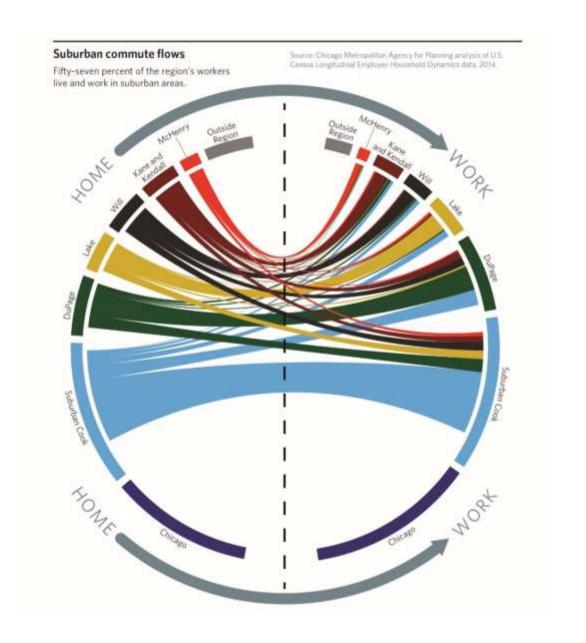
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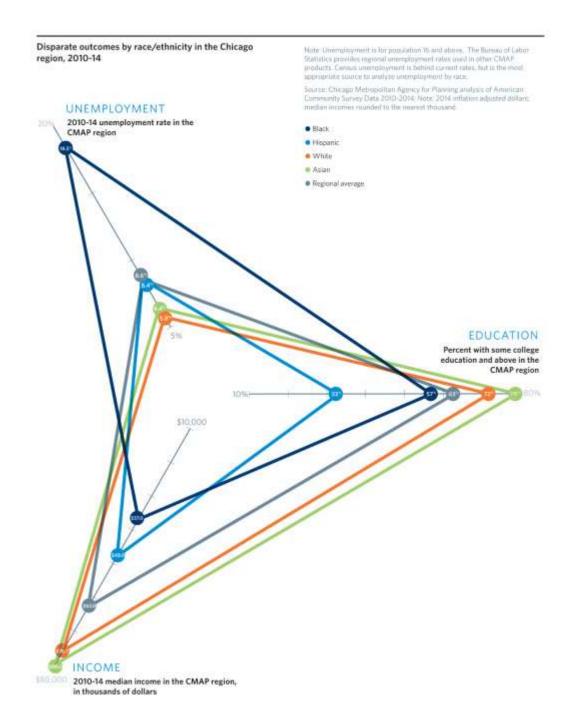


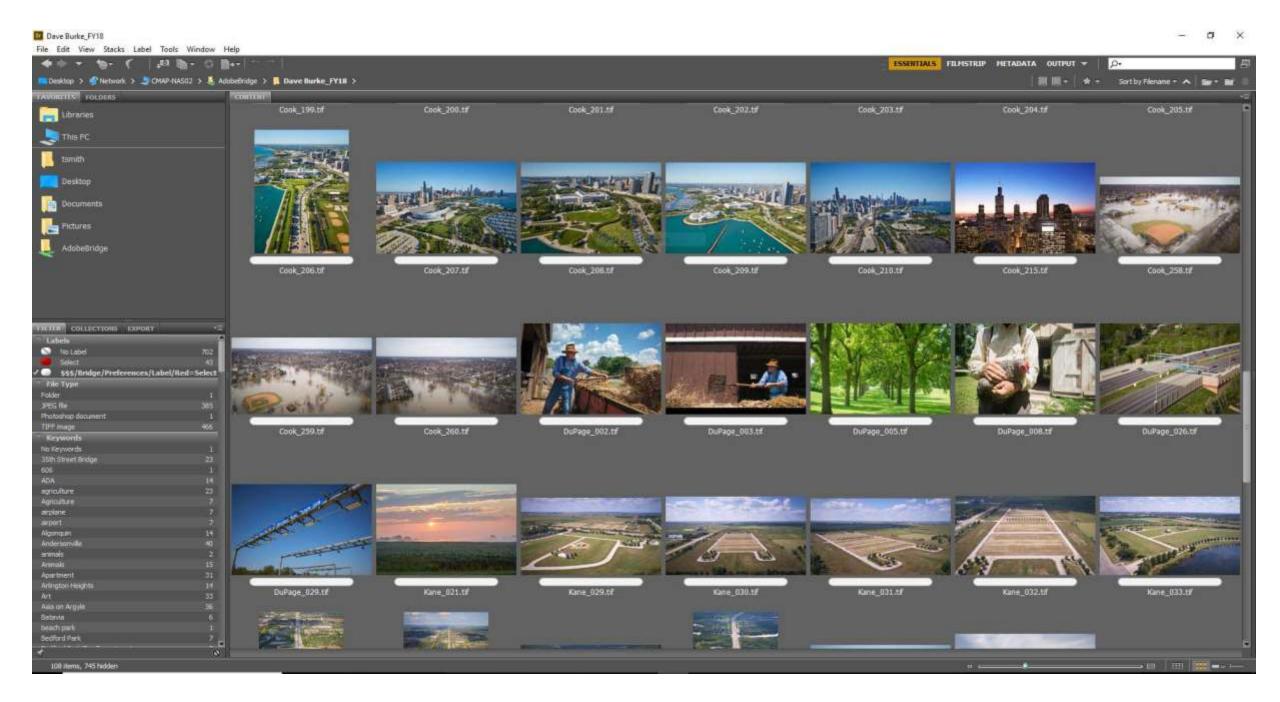
# Centralized permitting for adjacent communities

With stresses on federal and state resources, more municipalities will need to share services in innovative ways. Below is one example of how this approach could benefit our region. CMAP 2017





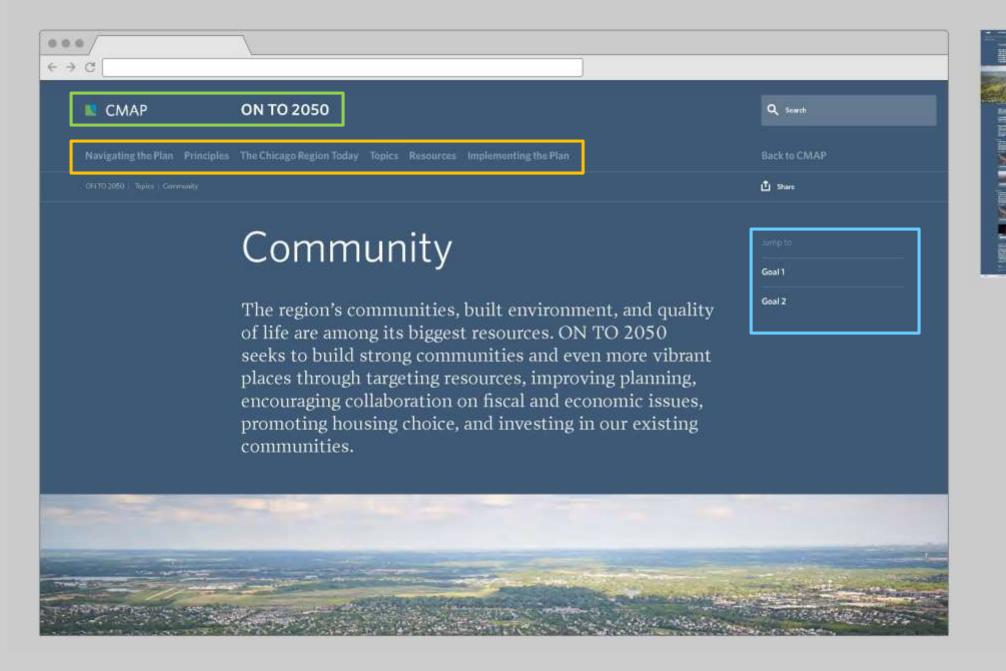




# Web content

- Chapter landing page
- Recommendation page
- Local strategy maps
- Profiles
- Glossary
- Endnotes



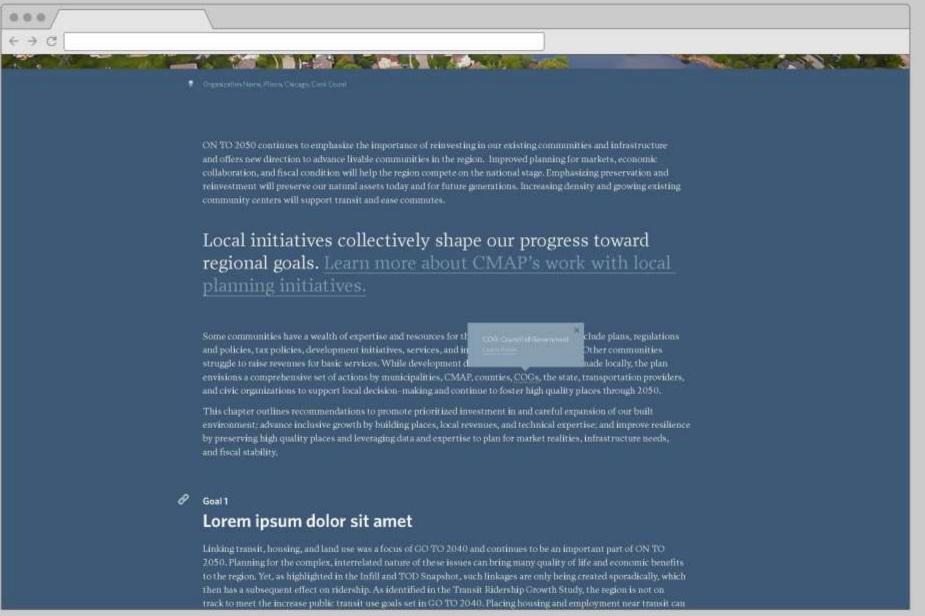




promoting housing choice, and investing in our existing communities.









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## Recommendations



Focus reinvestment in Targeted Reinvestment Areas



Align local economic development planning with regional goals



Target preservation and stewardship efforts to key conservation and agricultural areas



Develop tax policies that support successful communities and regionally beneficial land uses







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Match regional and local housing supply with the type of housing that residents want









Support development of compact, walkable communities



Incorporate market and fiscal feasibility into planning and development processes

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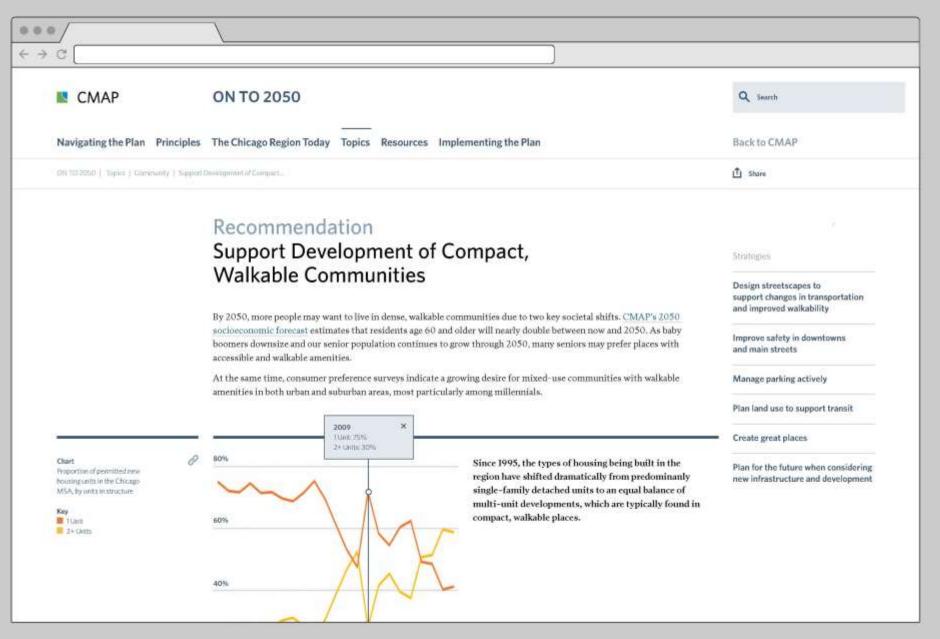
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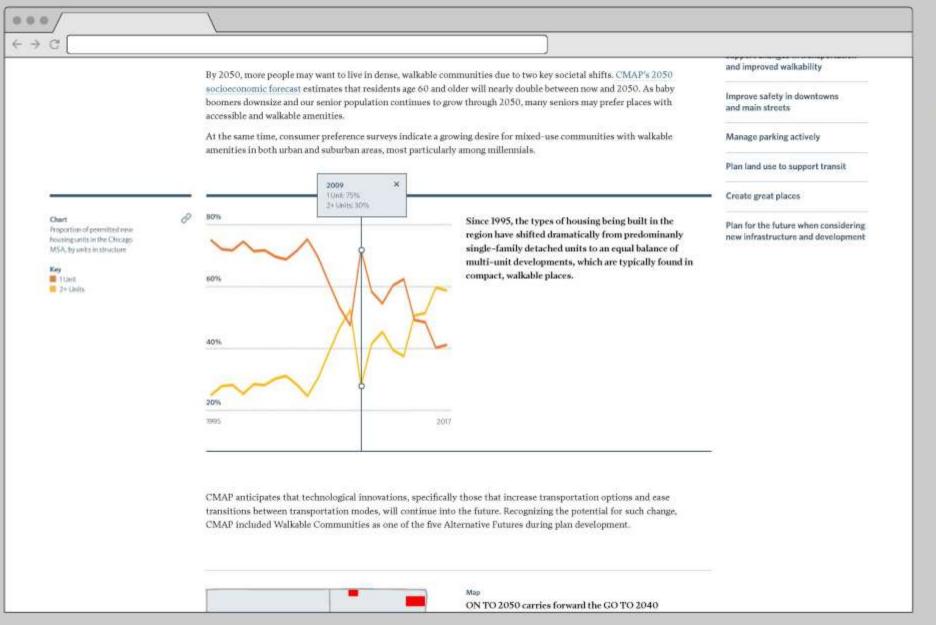








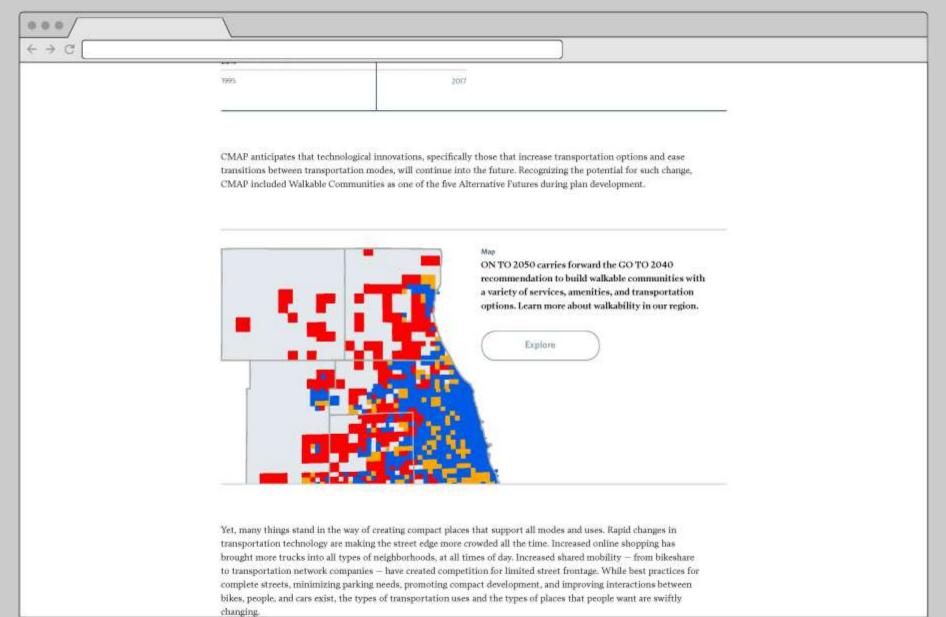








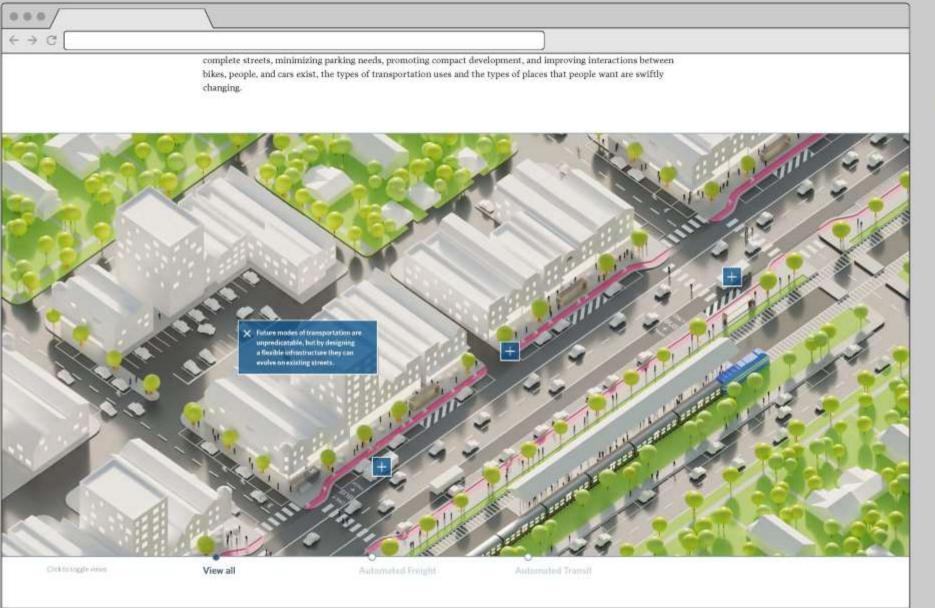




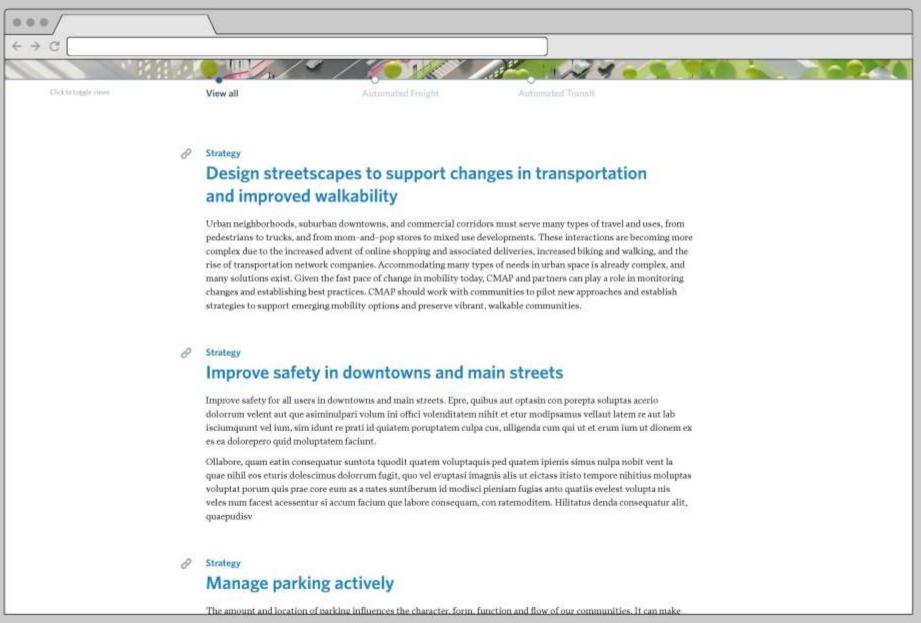




















## Strategy

# Manage parking actively

The amount and location of parking influences the character, form, function and flow of our communities. It can make walking and bicycling unpleasant and unsafe, it can add to flooding and pollution problems, and it can make housing more expensive. At the same time, in many places, parking is necessary to support a community's local businesses. Planning for parking needs and pricing parking to manage demand can support business needs, raise local revenues, and help create compact, walkable communities.

Recognizing its importance, CMAP has assisted plans and developed best practices in parking management. The CMAP toolkit Parking Strategies to Support Livable Communities, identifies the value of parking management, encouraging communities to consider a wider array of solutions than just adding more parking to address parking issues. Valuable interventions include pricing on-street parking to manage demand in dense areas, reducing or eliminating minimum parking requirements, and setting maximum parking limitations in some locations. CMAP has helped Berwyn, Hinsdale, and Wicker Park- Bucktown identify and implement the right parking management practices for their neighborhoods through the LTA program.

Actions include:

### Revisit parking requirements

Municipalities should reduce or eliminate minimum parking requirements, or set maximum parking limitations in some locations.

### Prioritize parking studies

CMAP should prioritize parking studies in the LTA program.

### Manage demand in dense areas

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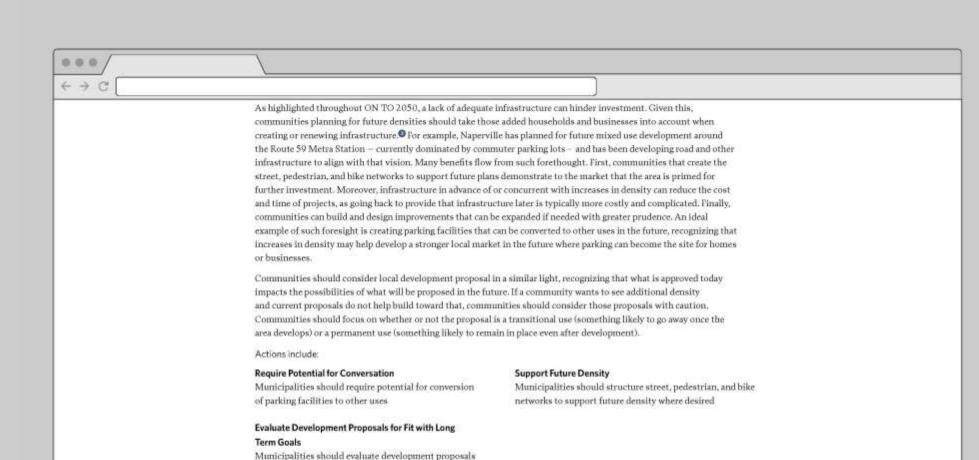
# Plan for transit-supportive land uses

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Given these trends, municipalities in the region need to plan for transit-supportive land uses, thereby leveraging ediction transit service, while also setting the stage for future exiten exponsions or service level increases. Communities







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for fit with long term density goals in walkable areas











ON TO 2050 continues to emphasize the importance of reinvesting in our existing communities and infrastructure and offers new direction to advance livable communities in the region. Improved planning for markets, economic collaboration, and fiscal condition will help the region compete on the national stage. Emphasizing preservation and reinvestment will preserve our natural assets today and for future generations. Increasing density and growing existing community centers will support transit and ease community.

Local initiatives collectively shape our progress toward regional goals. Learn more about CMAP's work with local planning initiatives.

Some communities have a wealth of expertise and resources for the contract of the contract of

This chapter outlines recommendations to promote prioritized investment in and careful expansion of our built environment; advance inclusive growth by building places, local revenues, and technical expertise; and improve resilience by preserving high quality places and leveraging data and expertise to plan for market realities, infrastructure needs, and fiscal stability.



# Goal 1

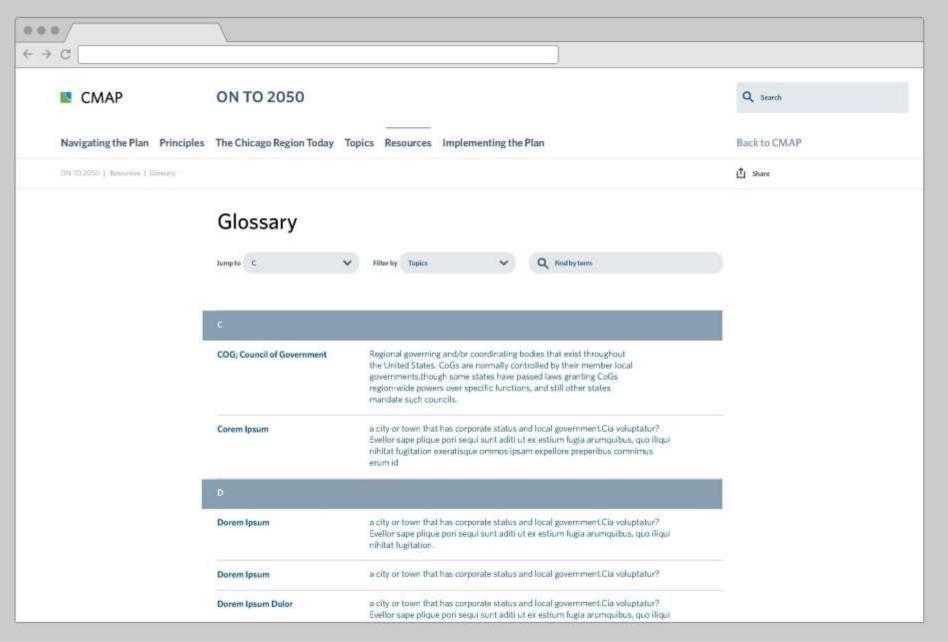
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Recommendations



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benefit is multiplied when placemaking is inclusive, creating a space or event in which all can participate. The best examples of placemaking were innovative, providing something unique that helps set apart a place and create a destination. Finally, the best examples of placemaking were continuous, places that open year round and which had a strong long-term plan for the placemaking effort to continue through programing and funding. Communities in the region should use these best practices when undertaking their own placemaking efforts.



### Strategy

# Plan for future density when approving near term infrastructure and development proposals

As highlighted throughout ON TO 2050, a lack of adequate infrastructure can hinder investment. Given this, communities planning for future densities should take those added households and businesses into account when creating or renewing infrastructure. For example, Naperville has planned for future mixed use development around the Route 59 Metra Station — currently dominated by commuter parking lots—and has been developing road and other infrastructure to align with that vision. Many benefits flow from such forethought. First, communities that create the street, pedestrian, and bike networks to support future plans demonstrate to the market that the area is primed for further investment. Moreover, infrastructure in advance of or concurrent with increases in density can reduce the cost and time of projects, as going back to provide that infrastructure later is typically more costly and complicated. Finally, communities can build and design improvements that can be expanded if needed with greater prudence. An ideal example of such foresight is creating parking facilities that can be converted to other uses in the future, recognizing that increases in density may help develop a stronger local market in the future where parking can become the site for homes or businesses.

Communities should consider local development proposal in a similar light, recognizing that what is approved today impacts the possibilities of what will be proposed in the future. If a community wants to see additional density and current proposals do not help build toward that, communities should consider those proposals with caution. Communities should focus on whether or not the proposal is a transitional use (something likely to go away once the area develops) or a permanent use (something likely to remain in place even after development).

Actions include:

### Require Potential for Conversation

Municipalities should require potential for conversion of parking facilities to other uses

# Evaluate Development Proposals for Fit with Long Term Goals

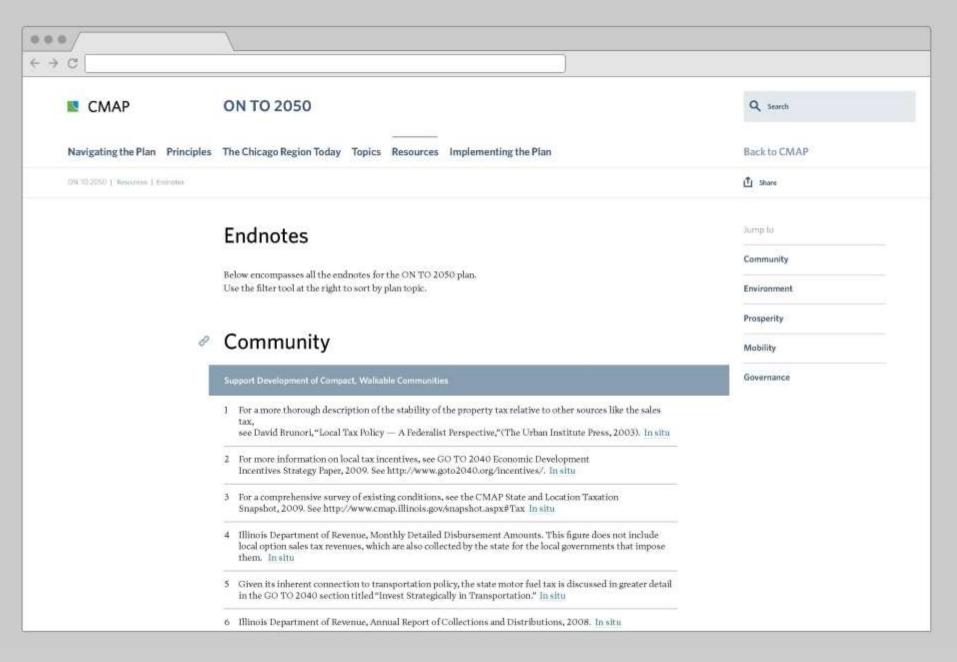
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### Support Future Density

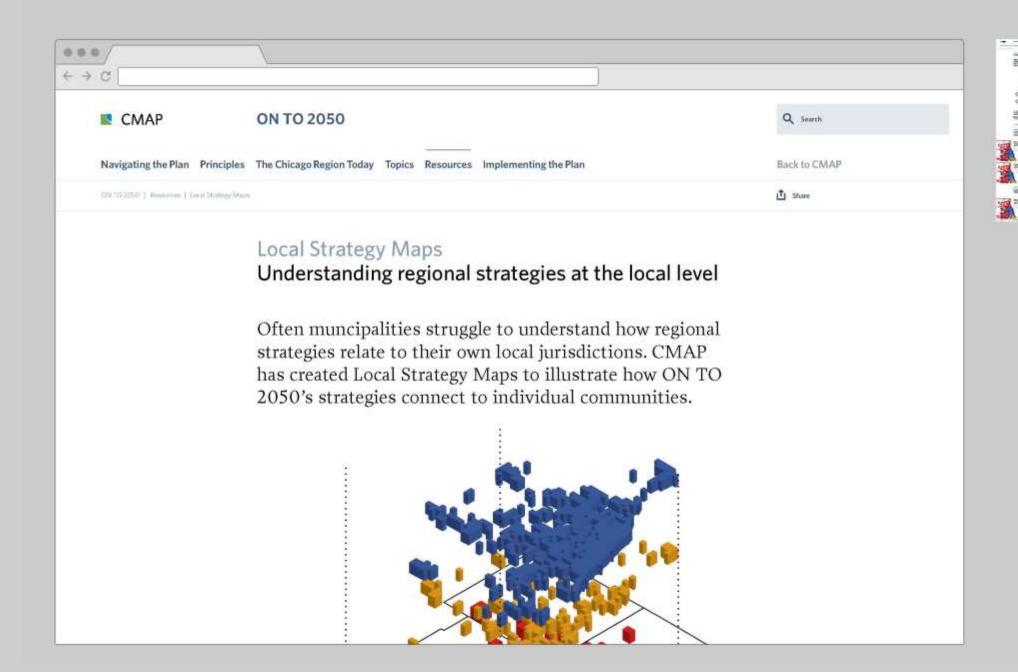
Municipalities should structure street, pedestrian, and bike networks to support future density where desired

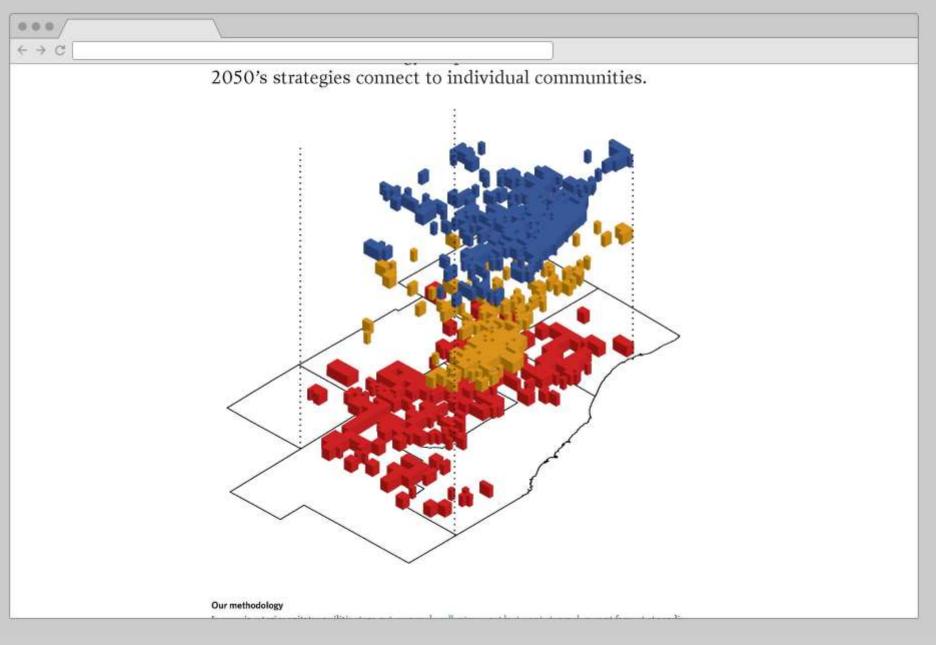


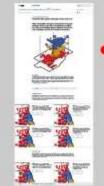
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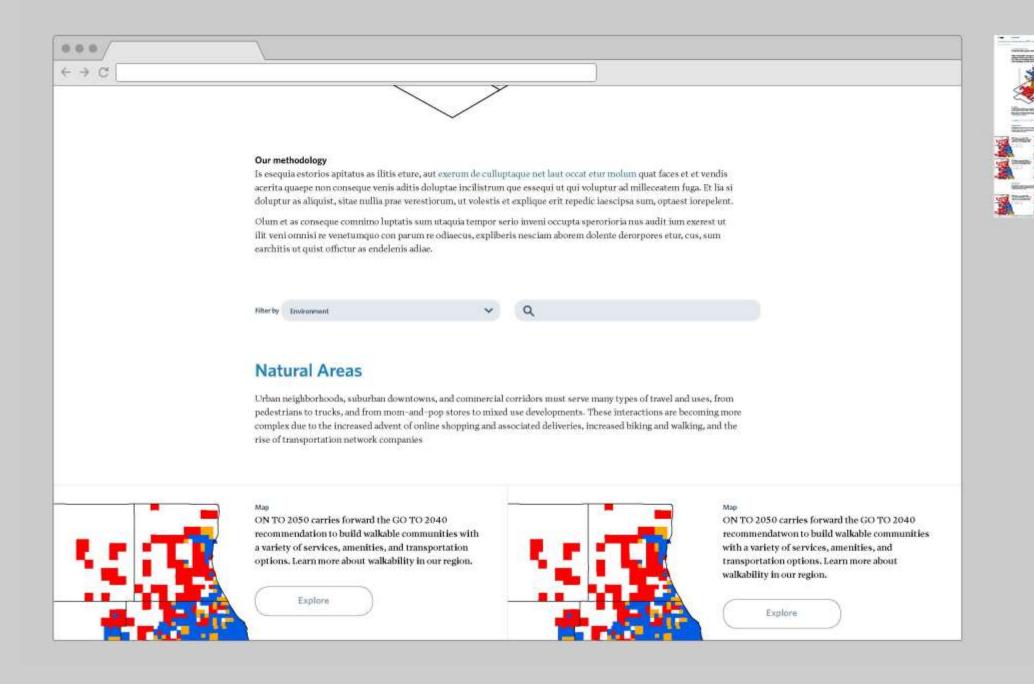


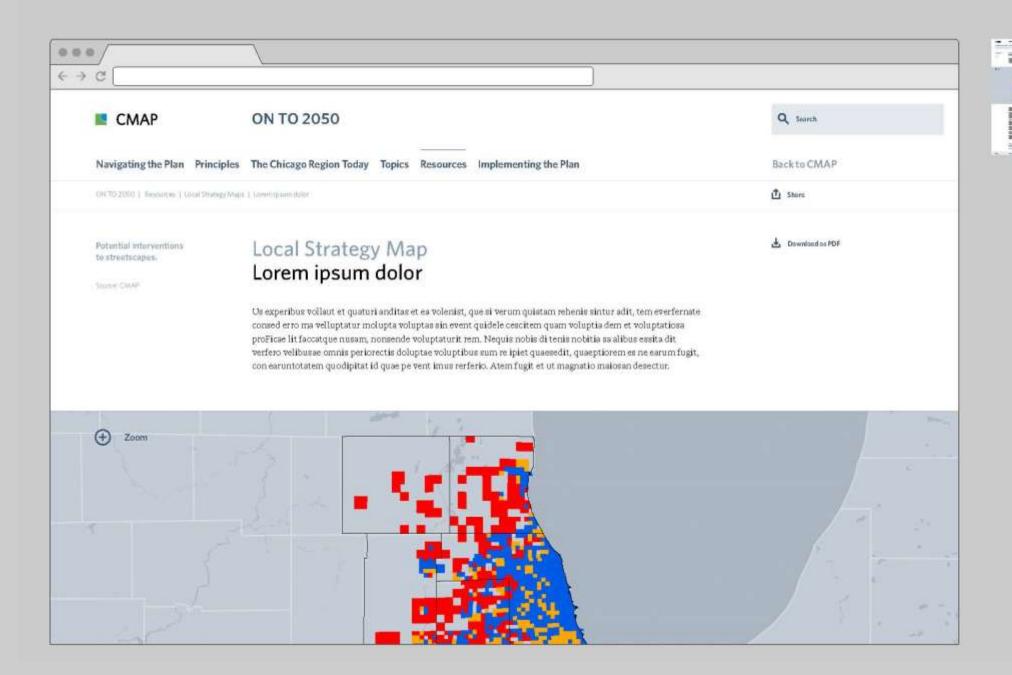


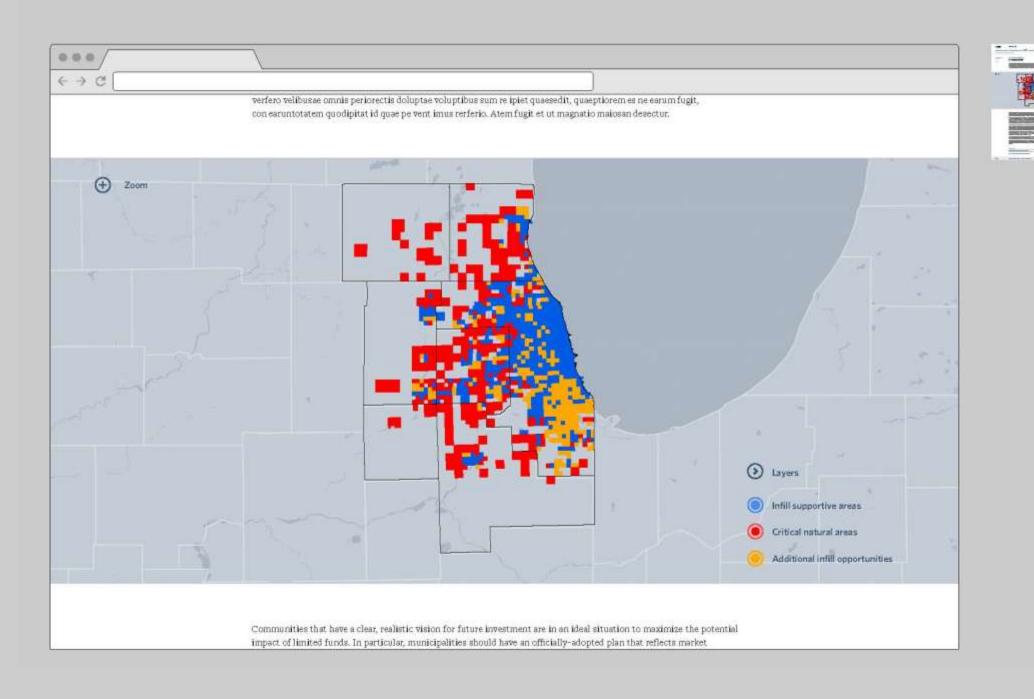


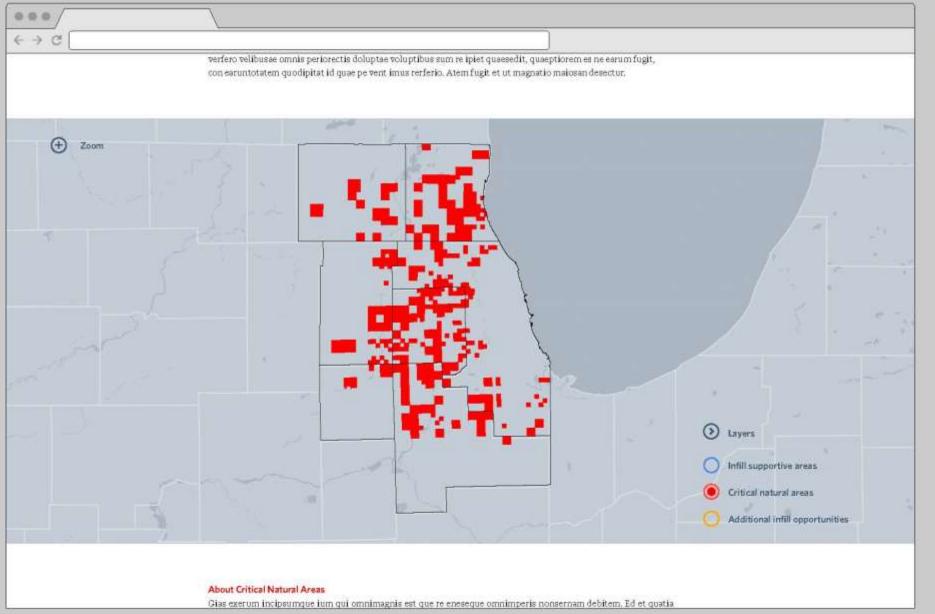














Layers Function

Communities that have a clear, realistic vision for future investment are in an ideal situation to maximize the potential impact of limited funds. In particular, municipalities should have an officially-adopted plan that reflects market conditions, development regulations that align with the recommendations of that plan, and a capital improvement program of needed infrastructure investments to accomplish this vision. While aligning plans and regulations is important, it does not always attract reinvestment by itself, especially to infill sites. Infill sites, even vacant ones, can pose problems for developers. The complexity of the early stages of project development can be a deterrent to investors; the tasks of assembling multiple small parcels with fragmented ownership, developing land under multiple regulatory jurisdictions, and remediating environmental contamination all present costly and complicated barriers. With the additional need to coordinate with existing neighbors who will be affected by the redevelopment, infill development can be complex and costly, leaving many communities unable to attract private investment.

Reinvestment can become more feasible when multiple agencies coordinate diverse technical knowledge and funding sources. For example, using affordable housing funds to rehabilitate multifamily housing can make such redevelopment. more financially feasible and have an even greater positive impact if transportation agencies improve nearby transit service and pedestrian facilities at the same time. Such coordinated investment can provide quality housing options for lower-income residents while boosting transit ridership, meeting the goals of each funding agency. Similarly, making multi-agency investments related to industrial development - such as reconstruction of an intermodal truck corridor while targeting nearby brownfields for environmental remediation and addressing localized flooding problems through construction of green infrastructure - would be more likely to spur successful industrial or logistics development than would any of these investments in isolation.

A regional effort to increase reinvestment demands an approach that is customized to the Chicago region, with its strong tradition of local land use control and multitude of public, nonprofit, and private interests. In concert with partners, CMAP should create a process for locally-designated areas that are a focus for infill, infrastructure, affordable housing, and other types of assistance and funding. This should include principles to be incorporated into the diverse planning and infrastructure funding processes with which stakeholders are currently familiar. The aim is not to replace effective systems, but to adopt changes appropriate to each process to maximize the impact of their investment. decisions.

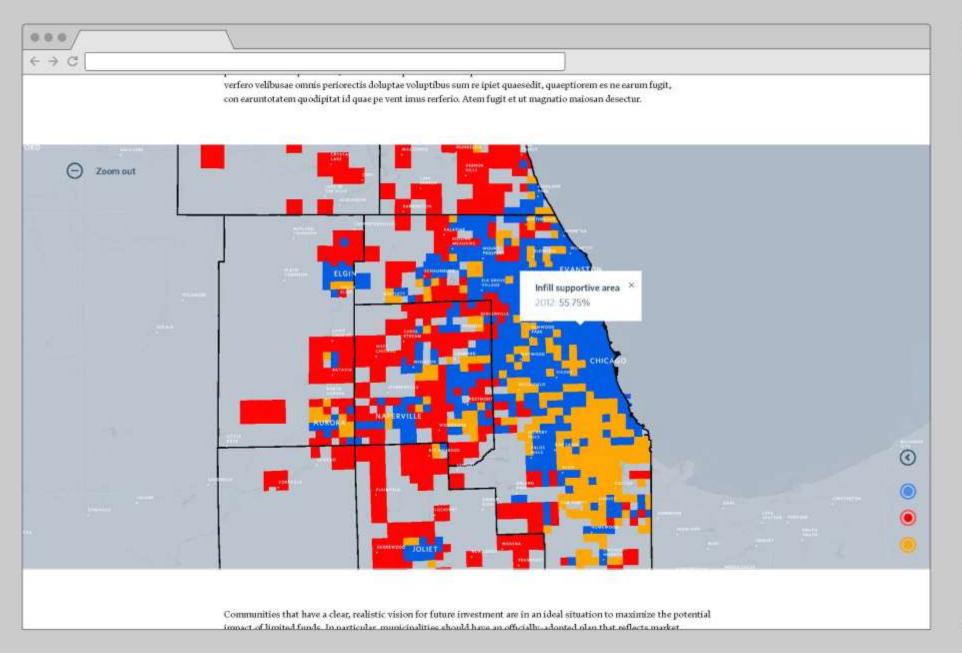
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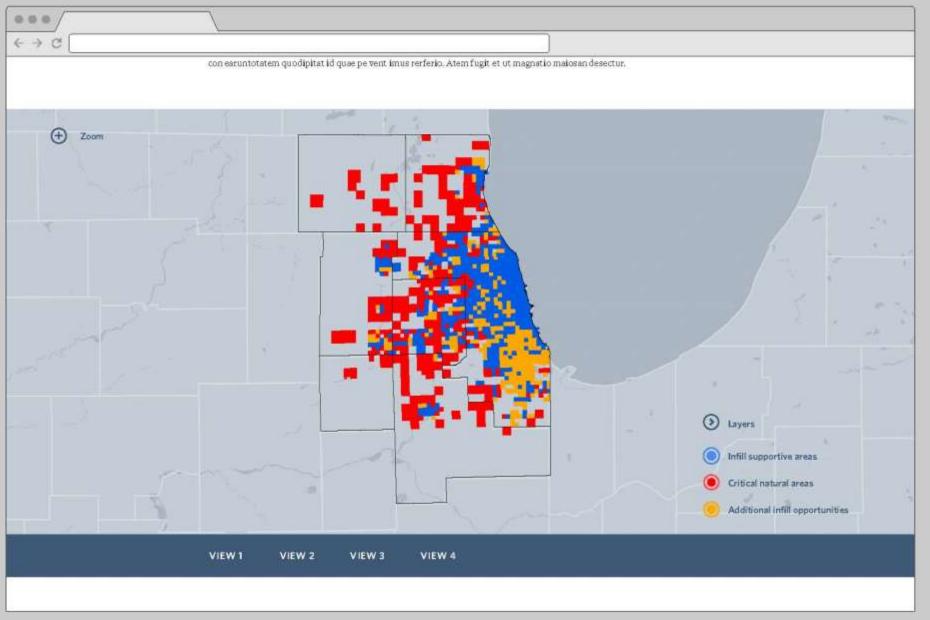
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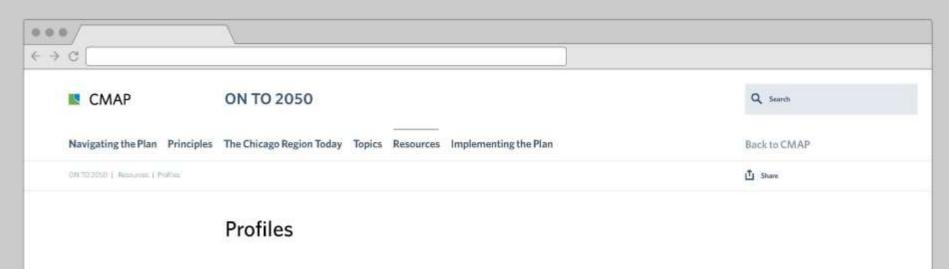




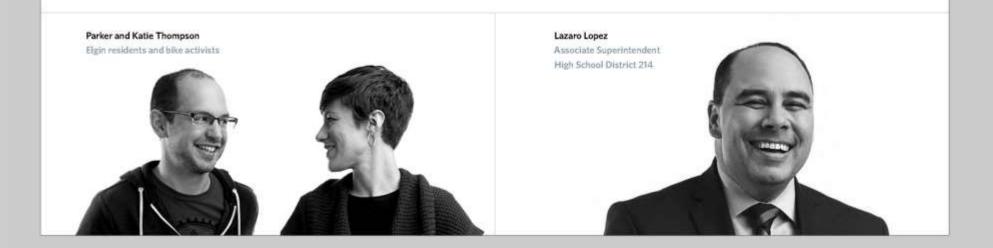




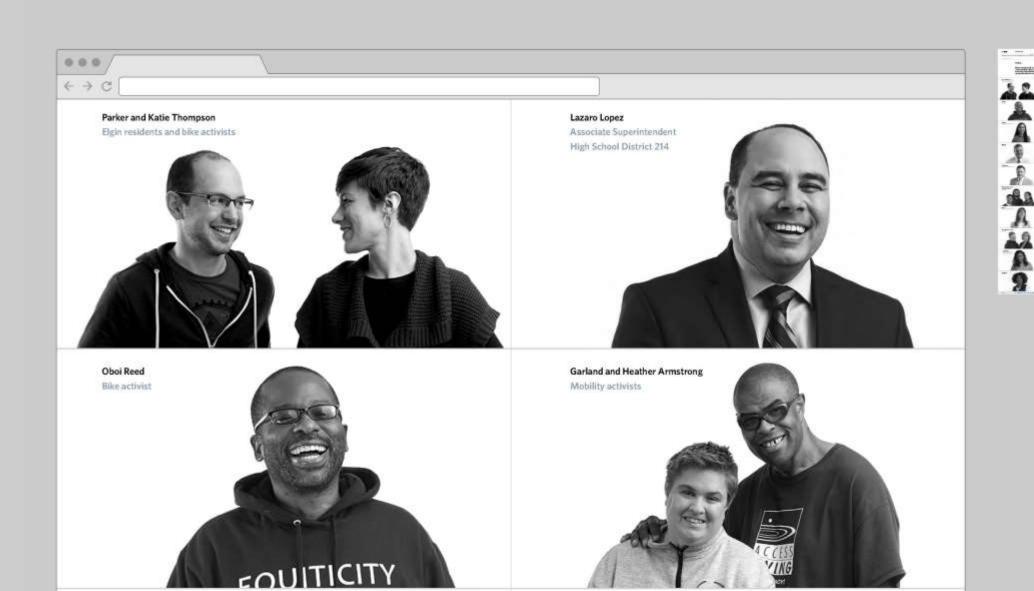




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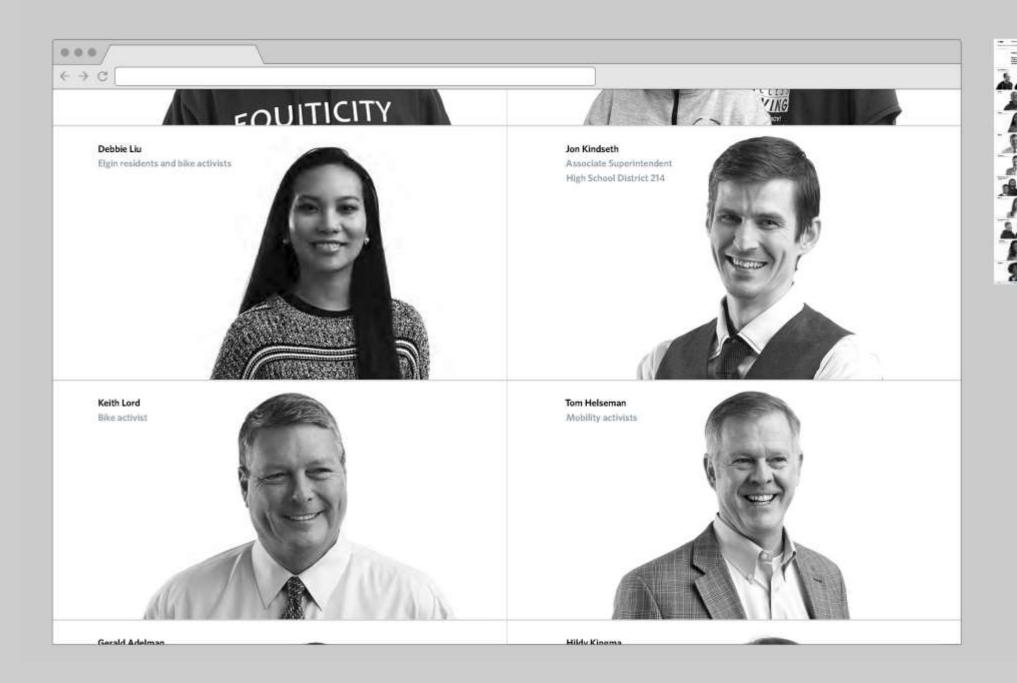


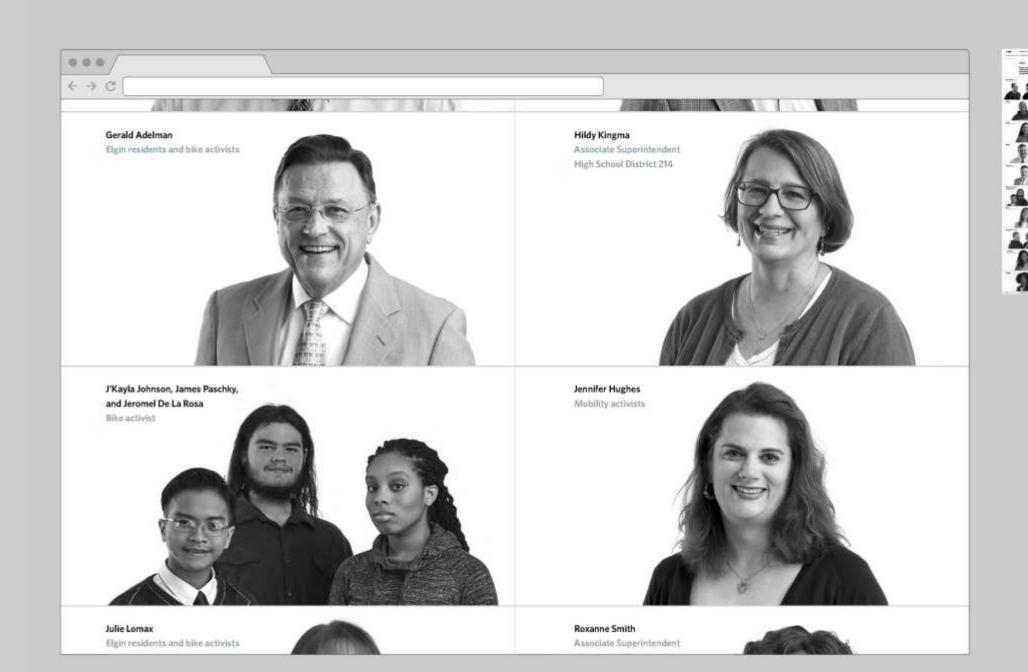
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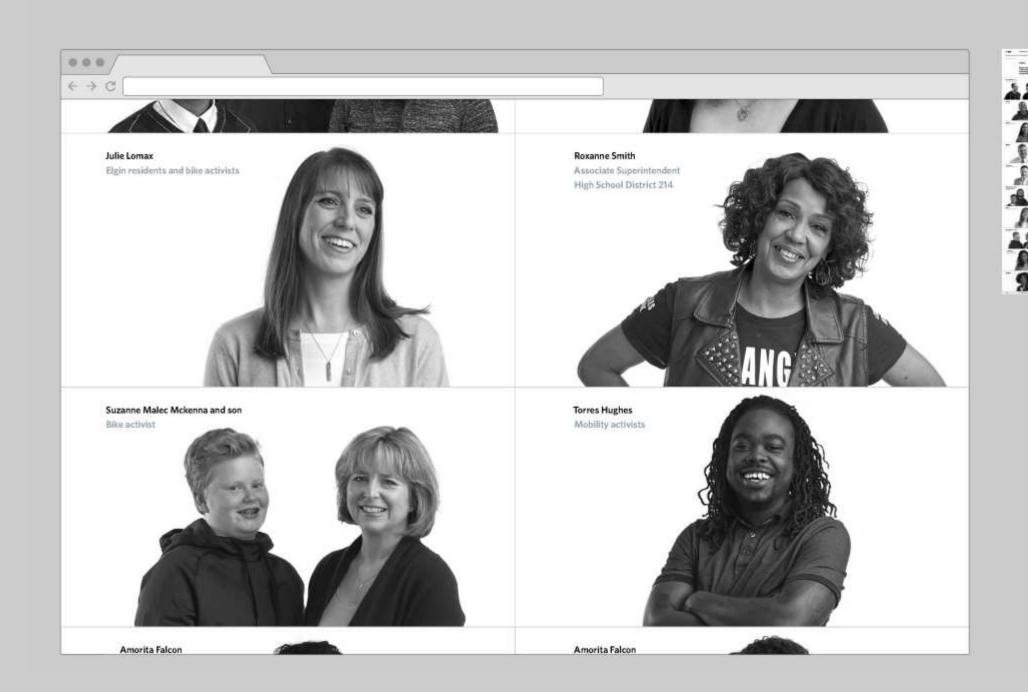


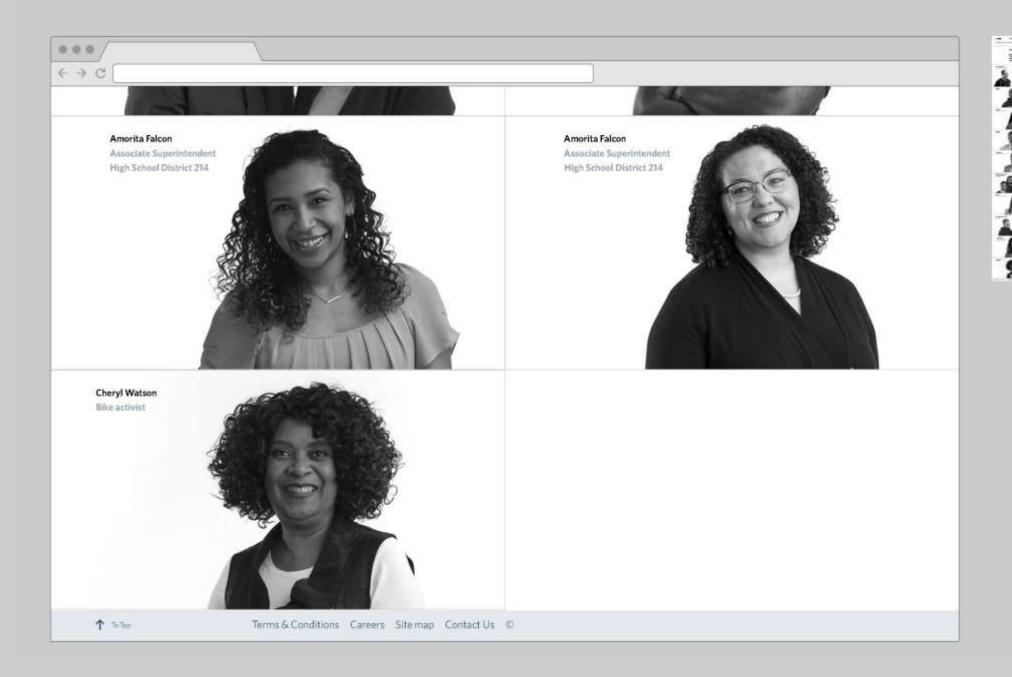


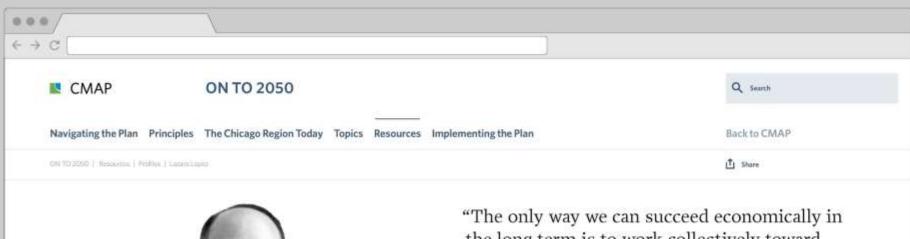














"The only way we can succeed economically in the long term is to work collectively toward the same goal. We need to stop putting institutions first and put students first."

## Lazaro Lopez

Associate Superintendent High School District 214





When Lazaro Lopez was principal of Wheeling High School he met with local manufacturers to discuss what kind of jobs they were struggling to fill and how high schools could help create skilled workforce for our region.

Now, as associate superintendent of Northwest Suburban High School District 214 he oversees the districts career pathways program that works with more than 900 partners to provide internships, work and educational opportunities to the district's 12,000 students, each of whom select a career cluster pathway to prepare them for their future career. To prepare students for tomorrow's economy though, requires more than just schools or industry working on their own.

Whether that means allowing students to obtain both bachelor's degrees and adult workforce training at the same community college, or bringing college and certificate opportunities to high school students, Lopez said all actors need to be open to new ideas. Especially in ways that will provide opportunity to all the region's residents.

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## Draft vs Final Plan

- The draft for public comment will be published online, but will not feature these graphics or interactivity
- Development for final plan will be complete by end of June
- Communications materials in October will also include long and short printed versions of the plan



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