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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board and Committees  
**From:** CMAP Staff  
**Date:** September 4, 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, 109 local projects have been initiated. Of these, 46 projects have been completed, 54 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.

Further detail on LTA project status can be found on the attached project status table.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion.

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## Projects Currently Underway

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Alsip zoning revisions	Jake Seid	Sept. 2013-Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	Scope was completed in August and introduced to the Village Board. A vote on the resolution is scheduled for early September. Project will get underway in mid to late September.
Antioch greenway plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Jason Navota	Apr. 2012 – Nov. 2013	Staff assistance	Draft plan is currently being formatted for final Village and partner review. Approval process is anticipated to begin in September or October.
Bensenville comprehensive plan	Sam Shenbaga	Mar. 2013 - Feb. 2014	Staff assistance	Draft existing conditions report completed and being internally reviewed at CMAP. Report to be submitted to staff in early September. Steering Committee meeting to discuss existing conditions report scheduled for September 23. Visioning workshop scheduled for September 26 at Village Hall.
<i>Berwyn parking study</i>	<i>Lindsay Bayley</i>	<i>Oct. 2013-Sept. 2014</i>	<i>Staff assistance</i>	<i>Newly added to monthly report. Project scoping underway.</i>
Berwyn zoning revisions (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Kristin Ihnchak	Jan. 2013 - Apr. 2014	Staff and consultant assistance	Project team has completed a recommendations memo, which has been submitted to staff and the project's Steering Committee for review.
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 draft plan is expected to be reviewed by Big Rock staff in October.
Calumet City comprehensive plan	Jack Pfingston	June 2013-May 2014	Consultant assistance	Steering committee formed but first meeting was delayed; expected to meet in mid-September. Data collection is underway and key stakeholder interviews have been held.
Centers for New Horizons local food survey	Sef Okoth	Nov. 2012 – Sept. 2013	Staff assistance	Staff summarized the focus group discussions and refined the draft study report. External review of the draft report is expected in September.
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. Health Impact Assessment for the Fisk and Crawford sites, an associated but independent project, is underway.
Chicago Heights comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Kendra Smith	Apr. 2013-Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	Existing conditions analysis is underway, with a draft expected mid-September.
Chicago Housing	Sef Okoth	Aug. 2012-	Consultant	URS is winding up a draft study report to be reviewed by CMAP, CHA and

Authority LeClaire Courts redevelopment		Sept. 2013	assistance	transit agencies in September. A schedule for project closeout activities has been developed that includes meetings to review the report.
Chinatown neighborhood plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Stephen Ostrander	Apr. 2013- Apr. 2014	Staff assistance	Completed draft existing conditions report. Conducted more key person interviews with stakeholders in Chinatown. Held several workshops with English as a Second Language students at the Pui Tak Center; over 300 students (representing a wide variety of backgrounds, ages, economic status, and educational attainment) provided feedback on a comprehensive range of topics through Chinese language questionnaire prepared by CMAP. Interactive online Chinese language questionnaire created. Shorter canvassing questionnaire continued to be used by community volunteers to survey the general public on the street in Chinatown. Detailed survey prepared for interviews with business merchants during September.
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	Staff continues to work with the County on project kickoff, including initial data gathering and analysis. Steering committee members are being solicited from the COGs, following up on a meeting in July.
Cook County Forest Preserve District trail counts and policy report	Trevor Dick	Apr.-Nov. 2013	Staff assistance	Staff has provided CCFPD staff with a draft report which analyzes the survey results and one of the future trail connection case studies. Once the format of the first case study has been reviewed, CMAP staff will begin the remaining case studies.
Des Plaines neighborhood plan	Berenice Vallecillos	May 2013- Apr. 2014	Consultant assistance	Existing conditions report was submitted to the City. Second Steering Committee held on August 28, and resident outreach using survey tools has begun. The public kickoff meeting is scheduled for September 26.
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 5. Initial data collection and analysis currently underway with initial community data presentations tentatively scheduled for late September.
DuPage County unincorporated areas plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Jack Pfingston	Oct. 2012- Sept. 2013	Consultant assistance	Steering committees for both corridors met August 9 to consider draft recommendations and plans. Meetings with by key property owners in focus groups held with positive results. Revisions to draft plans completed. Open house will be held in mid-September.
DuPage Water Commission water	Erin Aleman	Feb.-Nov. 2013	Staff and consultant	MPC, CMAP, and the DuPage Water Commission recently completed a four-part educational workshop series for water conservation managers and

conservation project			assistance	others interested in water conservation. The team selected the Village of Westmont as the recipient of water conservation implementation assistance. MPC, CMAP, the DuPage Water Commission, Westmont will work together in September to determine the goals and activities for this pilot program.
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-Oct. 2013	Grant funds	Project on hold. No updates at this time.
Evanston bicycle plan	Jack Pfingston	June 2013-Mar. 2014	Grant funds	Kickoff meeting held August 8; steering committee being formed and data collection underway. First steering committee meeting expected in mid-September.
Ferson-Otter watershed plan implementation	Nora Beck	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Draft report being reviewed by steering committee; meeting to discuss recommendations set for September 13.
Franklin Park industrial areas plan	Nicole Woods	Apr. 2013-Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	In August, staff conducted final stakeholder interviews as well as refined data and analysis for the existing conditions report. The report is currently being drafted and is scheduled for internal review in September.
Hinsdale parking study (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Lindsay Bayley	Nov. 2012-Nov. 2013	Staff assistance	Minor corrections made to maps in the existing conditions report per Village comments. Educational "Parking Ideas" poster completed and available on the website. Strategy memo under development.
Hoffman Estates workforce development project	Annie Byrne	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Draft of communications and marketing plan complete. Staff researching organizational structures and models of sustainability.
IDNR, Office of Water Resources, permittee water loss evaluation project	Tim Loftus	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Site visits with select permittees are underway and will continue in September.
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 final products to be used by County in relation to other local food production

				efforts.
Kane County transit plan implementation	Trevor Dick	July 2012- Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Staff is currently working on the draft plan. The draft plan is expected to be provided to County staff in October for their review.
Kane County / Carpentersville Homes for a Changing Region project (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Jonathan Burch	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	The project team completed a review of the MetroQuest site results. Draft municipal recommendations for each community were circulated at the end of the month and the project team will present these recommendations to local officials at the end of September or beginning of October.
Kane County / Geneva Homes for a Changing Region project	Drew Williams-Clark	July 2013- Feb. 2014	Staff assistance	Kane County staff have completed data analysis and housing market forecasts. CMAP and the County have also completed initial discussions with each municipality's staff and officials. Capacity analyses will be complete in September as well as the second project steering committee meeting.
Kedzie Avenue (Garfield Park) corridor plan	Samantha Robinson	July 2013- June 2014	Consultant assistance	Teska has been selected as the consultant for the project. CMAP, Teska and Chicago staffs met to discuss project administrative details. Data for the corridor is being collected. The Steering Committee is being formed, and the group's first meeting is scheduled for September 18.
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. Municipalities within the IL53/120 corridor have been contacted and invited into the planning process.
Lake County sustainability plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Kristin Ihnchak	Mar. 2012 – Nov. 2013	Staff assistance	The project team is awaiting edits to the draft document from County staff.
Lan-Oak Park District master plan	Trevor Dick	Oct. 2013- June 2014	Staff assistance	The first Steering Committee kick-off meeting will be held in September. CMAP staff met with CCDPH staff to discuss roles and deliverables. CMAP staff has also visited each of the District's 25 parks and documented existing conditions.
Lansing comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Sam Shenbaga	Oct. 2012- Nov. 2013	Consultant assistance	Visioning workshop held on August 15, with over 90 attendees. Consultant compiling comments received at workshop and also starting to draft recommendations memo.
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 on September 10-11. CMAP and ULI staff are currently finalizing the details of the panel itself and the Briefing Book materials to be distributed to panelists.

Lynwood comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Samantha Robinson	Oct. 2012- Nov. 2013	Consultant assistance	Consultant met with the Steering Committee on August 14 to review the existing conditions report, which is complete. The Community Visioning Workshop was also held on August 14. Using the feedback of more than 40 residents, the consultant is drafting the plan's vision, goals and objectives as well as recommendations.
Lyons comprehensive plan	Sef Okoth	July 2013- June 2014	Staff assistance	Mapping and existing conditions report are underway. Steering Committee kick-off meeting scheduled for September 12. CMAP staff presentation to the Village Board will be on September 18.
Markham comprehensive plan	Erin Aleman	July 2013- June 2014	Staff assistance	Markham began working with Teska and Associates to develop their comprehensive plan. The first steering committee meeting will occur in September. The consultant participated in the annual Markham Festival to ask residents about their vision for the City. CMAP will continue to be available to review and comment on draft plan documents as needed.
Morton Grove industrial areas plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Nicole Woods	Feb. 2012- Sept. 2013	Staff assistance	Staff internally reviewed and refined the plan in August. The plan has been submitted for Morton Grove staff review and is scheduled to be distributed to the steering committee in September for further discussion.
Niles multimodal transportation plan	Jack Pflingston	Mar. 2013- Feb. 2014	Consultant assistance	A charrette, followed by a walking tour of Milwaukee Avenue, took place August 7. Revisions to draft existing conditions report sent to steering committee, which met on August 22 to discuss both the draft report and the results from the outreach effort.
Northwest Municipal Conference Des Plaines River trail access plan	Lindsay Bayley	May 2013- Apr. 2014	Consultant assistance	Field work completed to assess on-site trail and access conditions. Existing conditions report is underway, and web mapping tool is collecting data from stakeholders.
Northwest Water Planning Alliance drought preparedness / strategic planning	Tim Loftus	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Strategic planning is ongoing with endorsement of plan goals, objectives, and strategies expected at the September Executive Committee meeting. An implementation matrix is currently under development and expected to be finalized in the fall.
Oak Lawn 95 <sup>th</sup> Street corridor study	Jake Seid	Jan. 2013- Jan. 2014	Consultant assistance	Consultant met with Village staff to review draft materials on August 1 and revised draft materials per staff comments thereafter. Consultant prepared draft corridor plan (economic development strategies, land use / zoning recommendations, transportation and transit recommendations, streetscape recommendations, design guidelines recommendations) and met with Pace to review draft recommendations on August 21. Consultant coordinated public outreach activity for "Fall on the Green" event and monitored project

				website.
Olympia Fields zoning ordinance update	Drew Williams-Clark	Apr. 2013-Mar. 2014	Consultant assistance	The project consultants have been working on market analysis and alternatives diagrams in August. CMAP expects to review draft interim deliverables in September.
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	Preliminary analysis was presented to the Advisory Committee on August 22. Staff is now working on completing the existing conditions report with consultant assistance from Valerie Kretchmer Associates.
Park Forest zoning revisions	Kristin Ihnchak	June 2013-Sept. 2014	Staff assistance	Stakeholder interviews were held at the end of August. The project team is reviewing existing conditions and scheduling a public meeting for October.
Prospect Heights comprehensive plan	Jack Pfingston	Aug. 2013-July 2014	Consultant assistance	Interviews have been conducted and selection is expected during the week of September 2.
Regional immigrant integration toolkit	Ricardo Lopez	Jan.-Oct. 2013	Staff assistance	Creation of toolkit's chapters is underway. A complete draft of all chapters should be available for internal review in early October of 2013. Staff met with Latino Policy Forum and Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to review Language Access chapter, which is now being reviewed by expert group.
Richton Park comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Kendra Smith	Aug. 2012-Oct. 2013	Consultant assistance	Consultant completed working draft of vision, goals, and objectives for review by CMAP and village staff. Outlining of village wide plans and preliminary drafting of Comprehensive Plan will take place through September.
Rosemont comprehensive plan	Sam Shenbaga	June 2013-May 2014	Staff assistance	Project kick-off with Zoning Board moved back to October at mayor's request. Existing conditions analysis and data gathering underway. Community tour scheduled tentatively for September 4.
Round Lake Heights comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Jonathan Burch	May 2012-Sept. 2013	Staff assistance	The Plan Commission and the Village Board will both be meeting on September 17 to consider adopting the plan.
Silver Creek watershed plan implementation	Nora Beck	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Draft reports sent to Villages of Prairie Grove and Oakwood Hills for their review. Met with relevant staff of Prairie Grove on August 22 to discuss findings; scheduling meeting with Oakwood Hills. Planning underway for September workshop for all four participating communities.
South Elgin bicycle and	John	July 2013-	Consultant	Team kick-off meeting took place on August 12. Review of scope and

pedestrian plan	O'Neal	June 2014	assistance	project schedule, administrative details, steering committee representation, data needs, and outreach approach were all discussed. Consultant has outlined the outreach strategy in brief memo. The Village is currently inviting members of steering committee and setting up the first steering committee meeting.
SSMMA interchange land use planning	Jessica Simoncelli	July 2012-Nov. 2013	Consultant and staff assistance	The full steering committee is submitting comments on the Existing Conditions Report, and will convene on September 12 to discuss key redevelopment sites to inform plan recommendations.
UIC multimodal transportation plan	Lindsay Bayley	June 2013-Sept. 2014	Staff assistance	Draft existing conditions report undergoing final revisions. Public outreach event at UIC Transportation Fair for September 19. Survey questions under development, MetroQuest website design under development.
Waukegan subarea plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Stephen Ostrander	Oct. 2012-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	CMAP staff continued drafting 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-Oct. 2013	Staff assistance	Village staff is working to organize the Plan Commission for a public hearing this fall. Comprehensive Plan will be sent to Plan Commission in September.
Wicker Park-Bucktown parking study (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Lindsay Bayley	Jan. 2013-Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	MetroQuest survey complete, analysis of results and existing conditions report drafting underway.
Will County brownfield prioritization	Jake Seid	June 2013-Apr. 2014	Staff assistance	Completed outreach to Will County municipalities to facilitate identification of brownfield sites in incorporated areas. Completed mapping potential brownfield sites identified by the USEPA and IEPA. Began identifying potential renewable energy developers to facilitate site prioritization.
Worth planning prioritization report	Stephen Ostrander	Oct. 2013-May 2014	Staff assistance	Project scoping is underway.

### 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 (updated quarterly)
Addison comprehensive	Sam	Jan. 2013	Staff	Scoping of technical assistance for Homes for Changing Region study, to



plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Shenbaga		assistance	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.
Bronzeville Alliance Retail corridor study, phase 2 (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Sef Okoth	July 2013	Staff assistance	The Plan was completed and conveyed to key stakeholders including community groups, DHED, CTA and the aldermen. Staff presented the Plan to CHA's Central Advisory Council. The City, in collaboration with CHA, is using the Plan as a basis to apply for HUD's Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant for Bronzeville.
<i>Bronzeville national heritage area feasibility study (see <a href="#">website</a>)</i>	<i>Sef Okoth</i>	<i>Aug. 2013</i>	<i>Staff assistance</i>	<i>Newly completed. A draft Feasibility Study Report was completed and reviewed by all project partners. A memo outlining the recommended next steps was submitted to the Black Metropolis National Heritage Area Commission (BMNHAC). The Project Advisory Committee (PAC) discussed and endorsed the report on August 5. The draft report was refined to incorporate comments received from PAC members, BMNHAC and the City.</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.
<i>Downers Grove bicycle and pedestrian plan</i>	<i>Jack Pfingston</i>	<i>Aug. 2013</i>	<i>Grant funds</i>	<i>Newly completed.</i>
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 scheduled to prioritize implementation steps in early September. 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. Staff is currently determining if any buildings in the community would qualify for Landmarks Illinois status.
Hanover Park corridor study (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Stephen Ostrander	Dec. 2012	Staff assistance and small grant	The report for the ULI Chicago Technical Assistance Panel (studying the Irving Park Road corridor) was released in early December.
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 met with the Mayor of Joliet and his staff including State Senator Pat McGuire on August 6 to discuss the recommendations of the ULI/CMAP report. On August 27, a meeting was held with reps from the Forest Preserve District and the Joliet Park District to discuss their interest in potential ownership of the property.
Lakemoor	Nora Beck	Feb. 2013	Staff	New Community Development director has started, working to refine

comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">website</a> )			assistance	implementation matrix. CMAP staff has provided resources: model conservation design ordinances and RFP examples for town center market analysis.
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. The project has garnered local press coverage.
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 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	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.
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 as well as an application for MPC's Burnham Award.
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. CMAP staff is currently creating implementation strategy.
Regional arts and culture toolkit	Stephen Ostrander	June 2013	Staff assistance	Toolkit has been released (at <a href="http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/arts">http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/arts</a> ), 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 submitted grant application to implement green infrastructure and streetscaping improvements. Village Board has tasked various village commissions to outline work plans and timelines for achieving strategies within the CBD Plan.
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.