

NORTHERN LAKESHORE TRAIL CONNECTIVITY PLAN



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Context

Waukegan Washington Street Corridor Plan (2014)

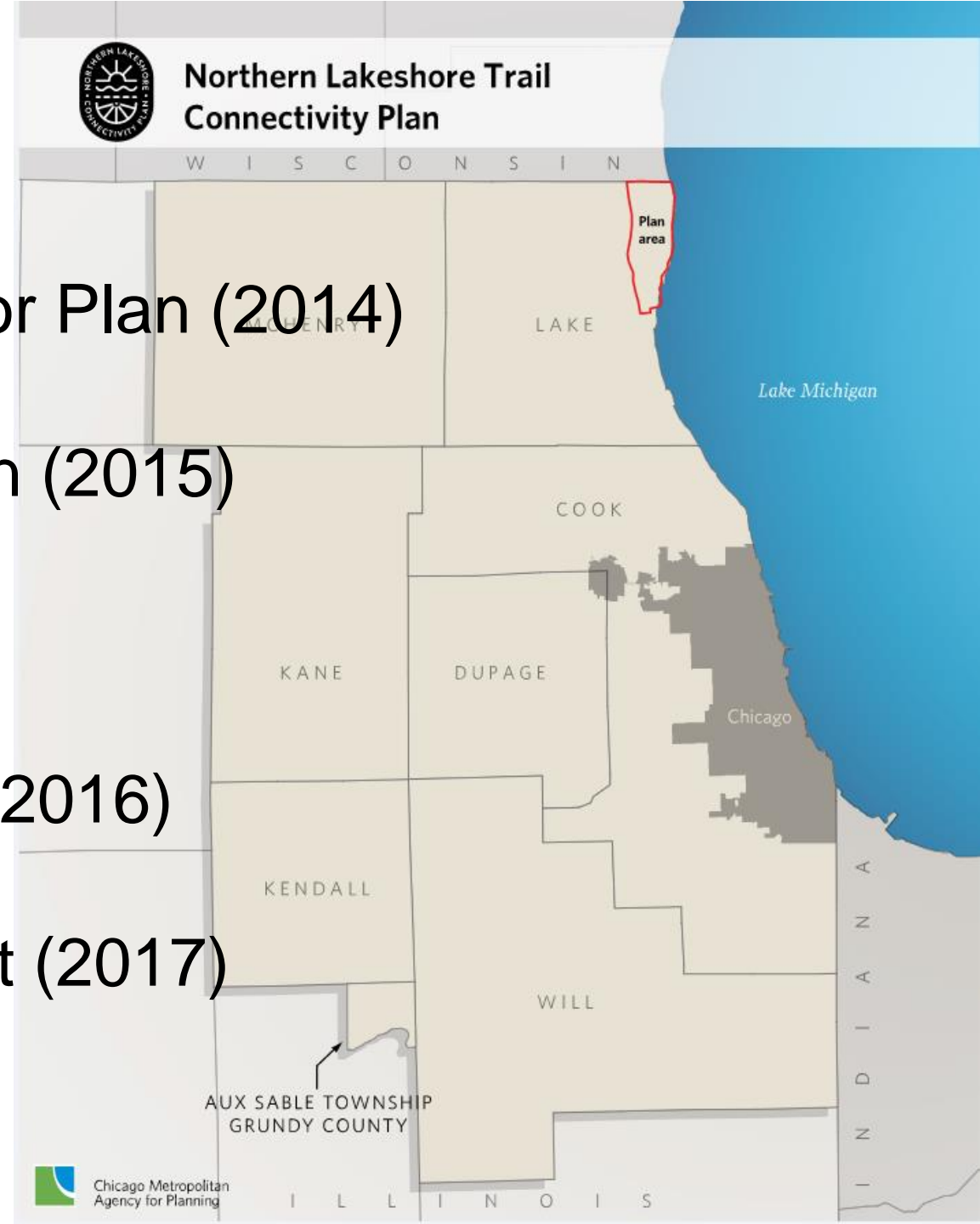
Winthrop Harbor Comprehensive Plan (2015)

Zion Comprehensive Plan (2015)

North Chicago Comprehensive Plan (2016)

Beach Park Planning Priorities Report (2017)

IDNR Coastal Management Program



Partners

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

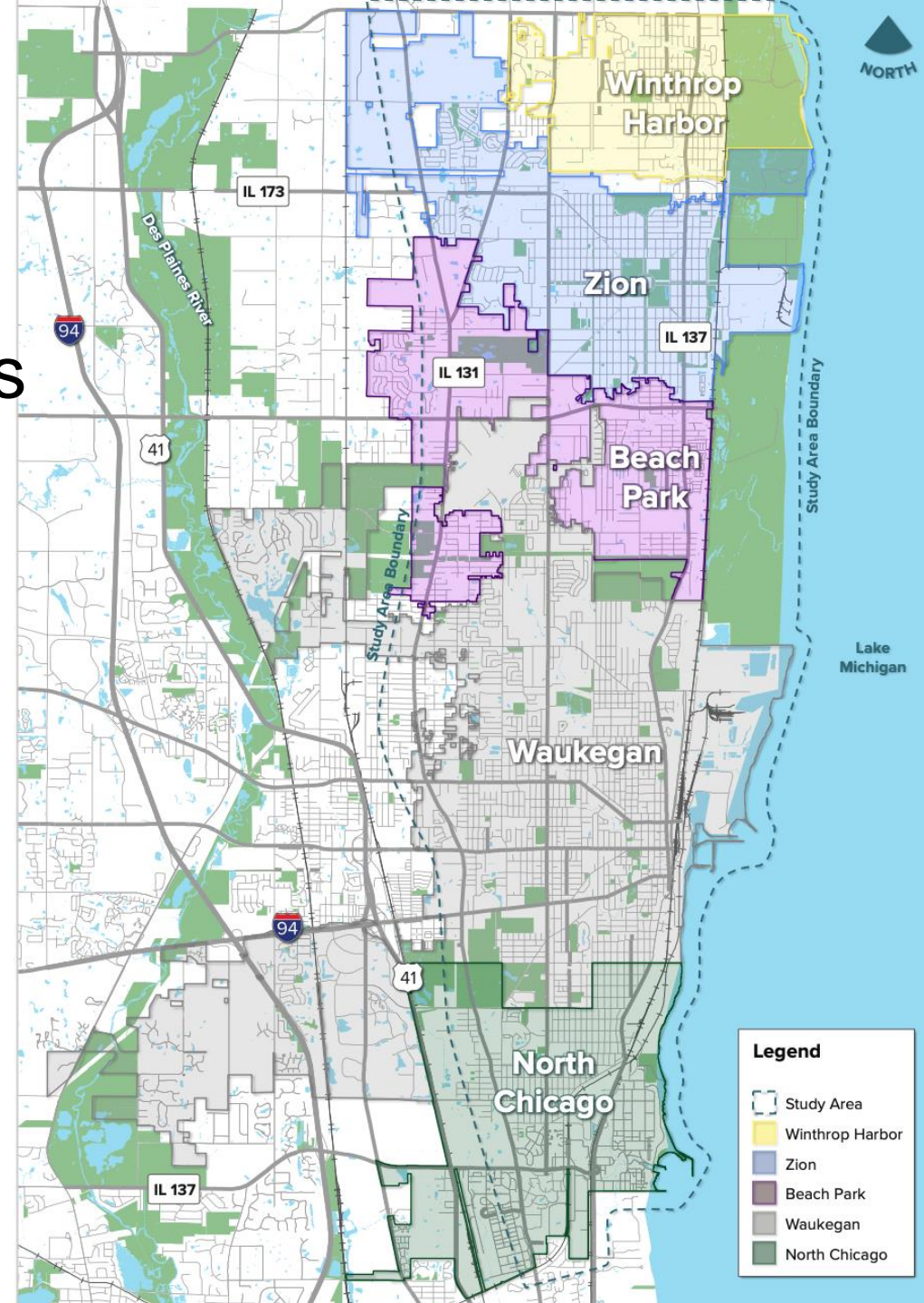
Village of Winthrop Harbor

City of Zion

Village of Beach Park

City of Waukegan

City of North Chicago



Vision + purpose

Improve walking and bicycling connections between and among the five northern lakeshore communities

Identify potential bicycle and pedestrian routes that better connect these communities to Illinois Beach State Park, regional trail networks, and the Lake Michigan shoreline

STUDY AREA AT A GLANCE

103 miles of trails connecting **5** municipalities, **6** forest preserves, and **89** municipal parks. Home to approximately **14** miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, **83%** of the population of the study area lives within **1/2** mile of a trail.

1/3 of the study area's parks are connected to the trail network.

10% of the study area's residents live within **1/2** mile of the Lakeshore, home to

4,160 acres of high-quality, managed nature preserve and open space in

1 of Illinois' most visited state parks welcoming more than

1,300,000+ annual visitors.

Goals

SAFE &
ACCESSIBLE



HEALTHY



CONNECTED



GROWING



Engagement





PROGRAMMING PREFERENCES

Parks and trails throughout the Northern Lakeshore should be utilized year round. Review available and potential programs for these amenities for each season and mark the programs you'd like to see more of with the stickers provided.

SPRING

EXISTING PROGRAMS:

- Fast Friday Open Streets
- Trail Clean Up
- GO Water Walk
- Go Bike Fast
- MO Story Walk
- SPRING BIKES
- Beach Clean Up
- Walking and Bicycling

POTENTIAL PROGRAMS:

- Robert McCreary Park Parade
- Schools out Ride Home
- Learn to Ride Program
- Elle Mez "Ribbon Cutting" Opening
- Walk or Bike to Work Week



PROGRA

Parks and trails throug round. Review availa season and mark the

FALL

EXISTING PROG

- Mourning Dove
- GO Waukegan
- GO Waukegan
- GO Zion Walk



The communities of Beach Park, North Chicago, Waukegan, Winthrop Harbor, and Zion have a strong base of walking and biking amenities, active Metro ridership, robust sidewalk networks, and pedestrian-friendly, downtown commercial and business districts. These municipalities are also well on their way to leading the Chicagoland area in bicycle and pedestrian-welcoming destinations for residents and visitors.

Los comunidades de Beach Park, North Chicago, Waukegan, Winthrop Harbor y Zion tienen una base sólida de servicios para caminar y andar en bicicleta, afluencia activa de Metro, robustas redes de aceras, y distritos comerciales y de negocios en el centro para peatones. Estas municipalidades también están avanzando el área de Chicago en destinos para ciclistas y peatones para residentes y visitantes.

With the support of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), these municipalities are engaging in a planning process that will involve residents, businesses, trail users, and other stakeholders in working towards safer, greener, healthier, connected, and vibrant communities. With your help, the process will result in a connectivity plan that capitalizes on the resources of the area and provides an experience that is unique to the northern lakeshore.

Con el apoyo de la Agencia Metropolitana de Planificación de Chicago (CMAP), estas municipalidades están involucradas en un proceso de planificación que involucrará a los residentes, empresas, usuarios de senderos, y otras personas para trabajar hacia más seguros, más verdes, más conectados y vibrantes comunidades. Por último, el proceso resultará en un plan de conectividad que capitaliza los recursos del área y proporciona una experiencia que es única a la orilla norte del lago.

EXPLORE THE WEBSITE & INTERACTIVE MAP THROUGH THE PROJECT IPAD
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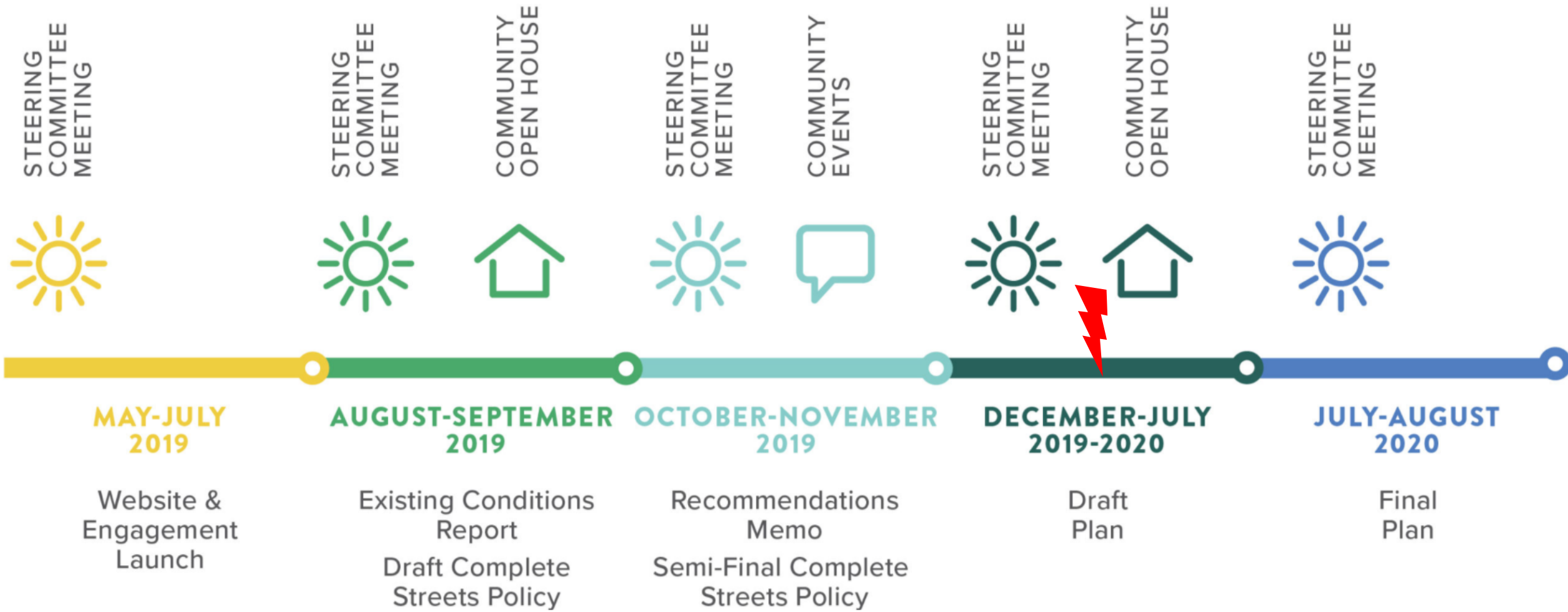
JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
September 19, 2019 - 6-8pm
Jack Benny Center for the Arts, Waukegan

ÚNASE A NOSOTROS PARA UN TALLER COMUNITARIO
19 de Septiembre, 2019 - 6-8pm
Jack Benny Center for the Arts, Waukegan

Visit the project website - www.ConnectTheNorthernLakeshore.com - to learn more!
Visita el sitio web del proyecto - www.ConnectTheNorthernLakeshore.com - para aprender más!



PROJECT TIMELINE





VIEW THE DRAFT NORTHERN LAKESHORE CONNECTIVITY PLAN *IN THE WILD*

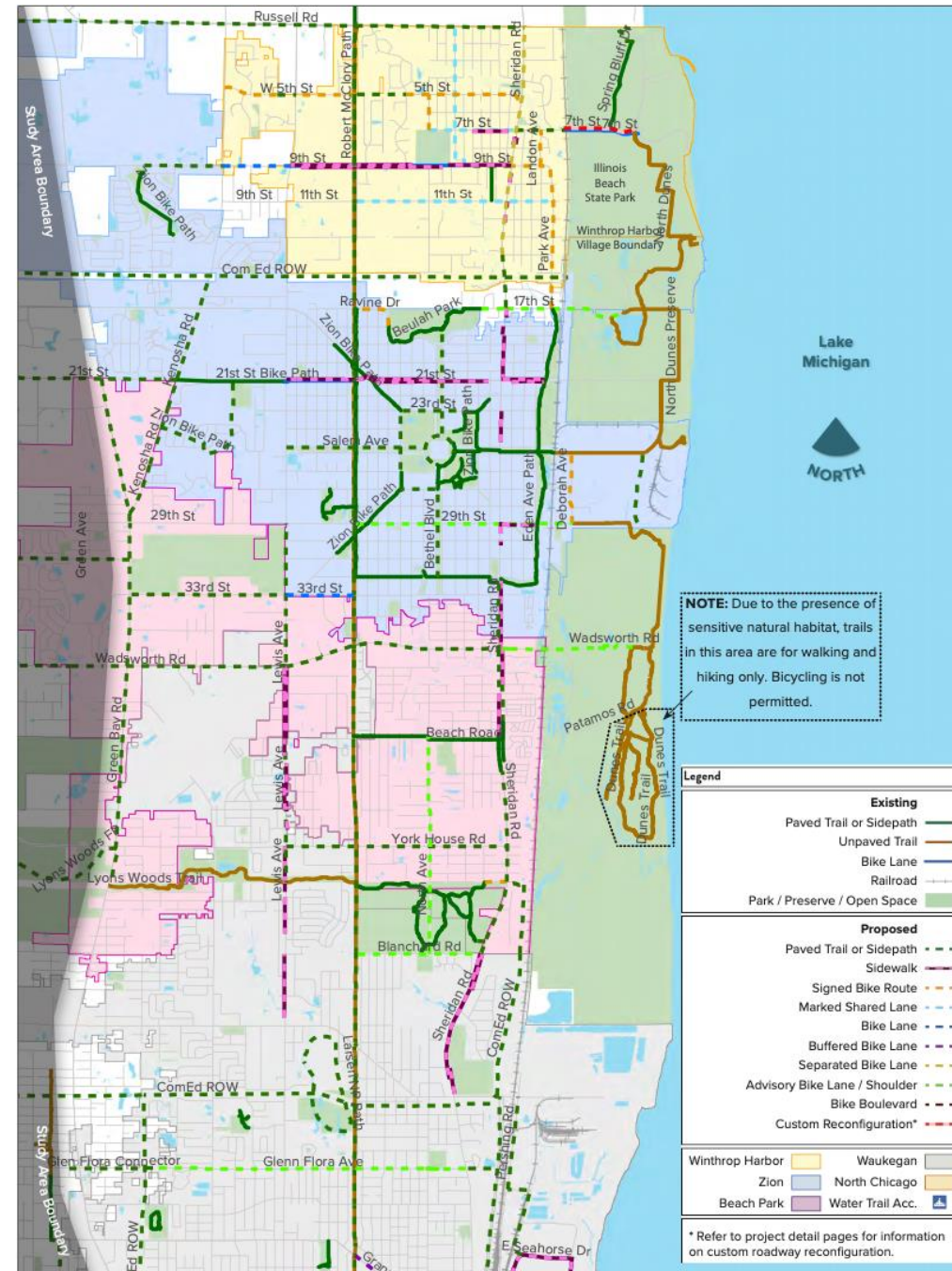
Winthrop Harbor Village Hall, North Point Marina, Beach Park
Village Hall, Waukegan Village Hall, and North Chicago Village Hall

Recommendations



Connected network

Figure 3.1. Recommendations Overview Map North



INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK



- **5 municipalities + 1 state park**
- **\$116+** million regional investment
- **100+** miles of network improvements
 - Railroad Overpasses (2)
 - Paved Trails
 - Bike Lanes, Shared Lanes
 - Sidewalks
 - Signalized intersection improvements
 - Bus stops + shelters
 - Crosswalks + curb ramps
 - Bike parking (covered parking + conventional racks)
 - Wayfinding + other signage

Legend

Existing	
Paved Trail or Sidepath	
Unpaved Trail	
Bike Lane	
Railroad	
Park / Preserve / Open Space	

Proposed	
Paved Trail or Sidepath	
Sidewalk	
Signed Bike Route	
Marked Shared Lane	
Bike Lane	
Buffered Bike Lane	
Separated Bike Lane	
Advisory Bike Lane / Shoulder	
Bike Boulevard	
Custom Reconfiguration*	
Bus + Shelter Upgrade	
Bike Rack	
Covered Bike Parking	
Reduce Turning Radius	
Improved Crosswalk + Curb Ramps	
Midblock Crossing	
Trail or Pedestrian Crossing Sign	
New Traffic Signal	
Trail Bridge over Railroad	
Ramp or Bike Facility Transition	
Directional Street Sign	
Directional Wall Sign	
Freestanding Sign	
Trail Marker Sign	

Winthrop Harbor		Waukegan	
Zion		North Chicago	
Beach Park		Water Trail Acc.	

Design guidelines



Figure 3.12. Beach Park + IDNR Custom Roadway Reconfiguration



Beyond infrastructure

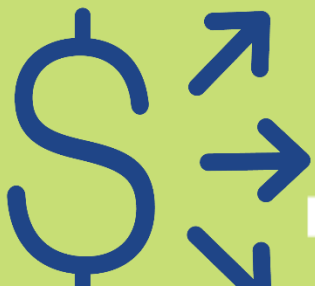
Policies

Education

Promotion + events



Implementation

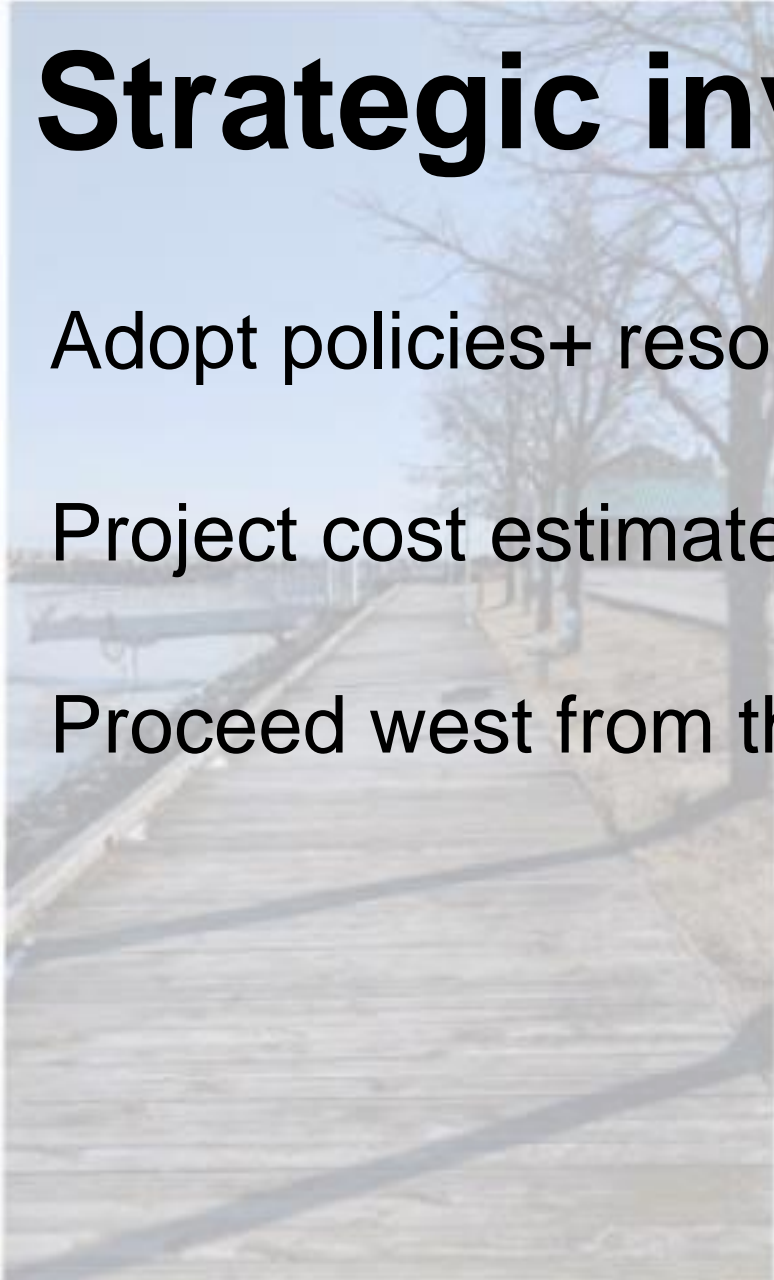


Strategic investment

Adopt policies+ resolutions

Project cost estimates

Proceed west from the lakefront



10 months later

Complete streets policies

Resolutions supporting specific projects

Grant applications

Project funding + design



Highlights

Honorable Mention
2019 Innovation Award
Lake County Municipal League

Hybrid public engagement

Multi-jurisdictional collaboration

Early implementation



Discussion



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