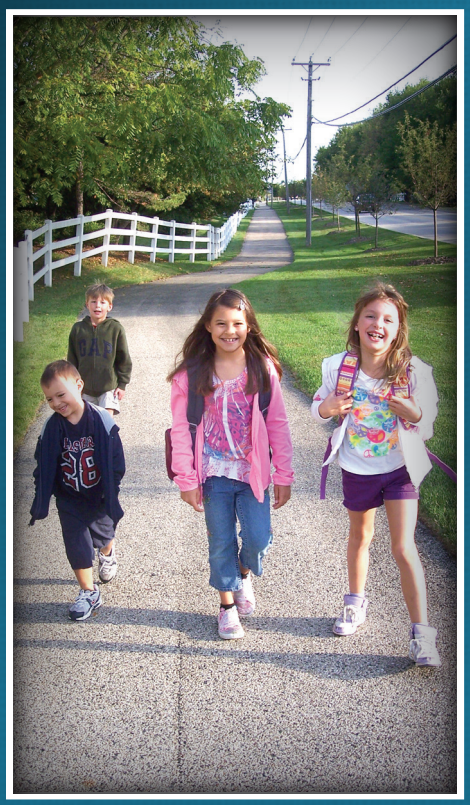
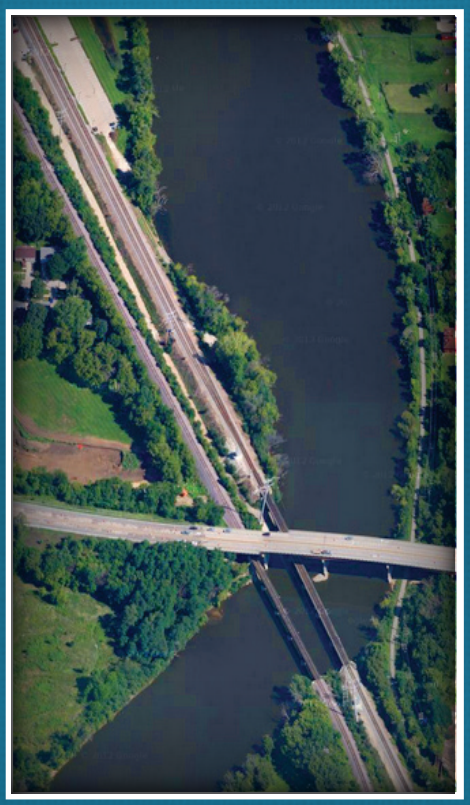
KANE COUNTY

2040 PLAN

Opportunities for future generations.





Quality Of Kane

Healthy People, Healthy Living, Healthy Communities-
It's about Quality of Life

A Shared Vision

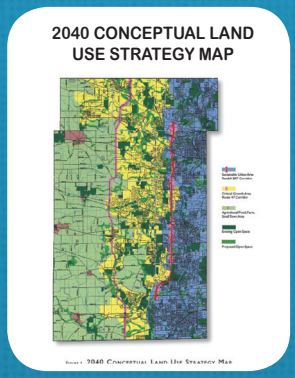
Healthy People, Healthy Living, Healthy Communities

Kane County's 2040 Plan proposes vision and direction for the Kane County Board and the County's 30 municipalities to plan for growth and to improve our quality of life. The 2040 Plan is part of the Quality of Kane initiative. It responds to the challenges that need to be addressed and integrates the planning efforts for land use, transportation and health. It reaffirms the County's commitment to Healthy People, Healthy Living and Healthy Communities so that Kane County can continue to hold promise and opportunities for our future generations.

The plan focuses on strengthening the prized qualities of Kane County, and the shared values commonly held by our residents, so that we can build upon them and continue to improve the Quality of Kane:

- Dedication toward maintaining valuable open space
- Exceptional health care, hospitals, and community planning that promotes healthy living
- Strong neighborhoods to raise families with quality jobs and schools
- A countywide trail network that is second to none providing opportunities for exercise, transportation and community connectivity
- A County where residents enjoy the beautiful Fox River as part of their community – for biking, walking trails, and other recreational activities such as fishing and kayaking
- A sense of history from the preserved downtowns along the Fox River to the historic neighborhoods, small towns and rustic roads
- Livable cities with community design and urban spaces that provide a sense of place and pride – where people visit and gather
- A viable economy with thriving businesses and a competitive workforce
- A network of forest preserves capturing the scenic quality of the Midwest
- Local opportunities for personal growth, higher education and first-class scientific exploration
- A County where every resident can enjoy the benefits of the gently rolling countryside, fertile farmland and local fresh farm products
- A County with a growing and diverse population; where residents, its most valued asset, are proud to call Kane County "home"

Keep 50% of Kane County land as agriculture and open space.



2040 PLAN: CHALLENGES

Although we have a pause in the rapid growth of the past decades, population projections show that approximately 270,000 more people, 94,000 more households and 144,000 more jobs are coming to Kane County by 2040.

- **Water Supply**
- **Mobility and Connectivity**
- **Safe, Affordable & Diverse Housing**
- **Healthy Population**

Coordinated Integration

Planning for the healthiest residents in Illinois.

"Kane County's integration of health, transportation and land use places Kane County at the leading edge of planning in the region and is the most effective way to plan for the future."

Randy Blankenhorn, Executive Director, CMAP (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning)

The **Kane County 2040 Plan** is the first Kane County plan to integrate planning for community health with land use and transportation issues and is recognized as the only County in Illinois to integrate health into a comprehensive plan. The 2040 Plan envisions Healthy People, Healthy Living, Healthy Communities in Kane County by advocating for a future where:

- The built environment promotes, rather than restricts, physical activity and mobility for residents of all ages
- All residents have convenient access to safe public parks, active recreation opportunities and open space areas
- Access to healthy food choices and a safe water supply is not restricted because of where people live or social/economic factors
- Planning for healthy results is standard practice for local governments
- Healthy living is a part of our local culture and current trends in obesity and diseases have been reversed
- Kane County's residents are the healthiest people in Illinois

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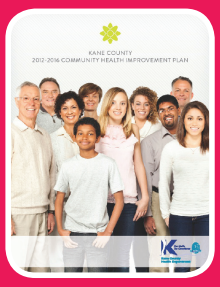
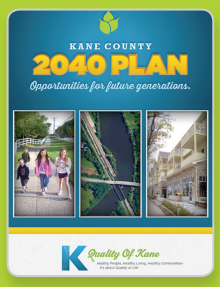
Transportation



Community Health



Land Use

2040 Transit Plan

IL 47 Corridor Planning Study

Bus Rapid Transit Study

Route 529 Study

2040 Transportation Plan

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Fit Kids 2020 Plan

2012-2016 Community Health Improvement Plan

Healthy Places Coalition

Community Gardens

Local Coalitions

2040 Conceptual Land Use Strategy

IL 47 Corridor Planning Study

2040 Energy Plan

Water Resources

Farmland Preservation and Local Foods

Local Planning Coordination / Assistance

KANE COUNTY 2040 PLAN

Kane County Planning Cooperative

Broad-based, continuing cooperation in implementing the goals of the 2040 Plan is absolutely critical if we are to maintain an exceptional Kane County, with Healthy People, Healthy Living and Healthy Communities.

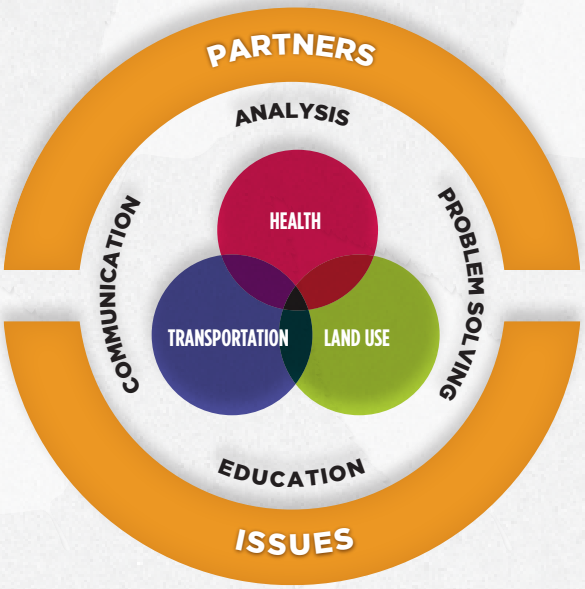
The Kane County Planning Cooperative

- Is the central core of the 2040 Plan Implementation
- Integrates planning: health, transportation and land use
- Fills gaps in local planning resources
- Provides education and information on critical issues
- Partners include all agencies involved in planning
- Open to elected and appointed officials, planning commission members, staff, private sector planners

Cooperation = Increased Access to Funding

Local projects integrating health, transportation and land use have the greatest funding opportunities. Kane County is already a leader in this area, so partners can benefit from County successes. Federal, state and private foundation grants are becoming more and more competitive, limiting awards to projects which are clearly tied to adopted plans and involving collaboration.

GO TO 2040, the adopted plan for the Chicago region, calls attention to the importance of collaborations between communities for transportation, housing, economic development, and other issues. These can often allow participating jurisdictions to access more funding for themselves than they could by going it alone. Accordingly, the primary goal of the Planning Cooperative is to fill the funding gaps in critical topics common to many of Kane County's municipal and other partners by providing a local forum for education, analysis, communication, problem solving and by integrating health, transportation and land use planning.



Key Issues

- Stalled developments
- Model ordinances for emerging issues
- Municipalities with no or overextended planning staff
- Inter-jurisdictional development policies and projects
- Exposure to Health Impact Assessments as a planning and policy assessment tool
- Availability of professional planning resources for municipal planning commissions

Partners

- Kane County
- Municipalities
- Park Districts
- Hospitals
- Schools
- Economic Development
- Forest Preserve
- Council of Mayors
- Townships
- Kane County Farm Bureau
- CMAP

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Continue to partner with Kane County on our vision for 2040.

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