



## Summary of Community Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program Applications August 8, 2012

Since the adoption of GO TO 2040, CMAP has established two programs, the Community Planning program and the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, to direct resources to communities to pursue planning work that helps to implement GO TO 2040. The [Community Planning program](#) provides grants and consultant assistance to projects that link land use and transportation planning, and is administered in partnership with the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). The [LTA program](#) provides staff assistance and small grants for a wide range of projects. Both programs held a call for projects in spring and summer 2012. Applications were due on August 1, 2012.

The remainder of this document provides basic statistics about the applications received, describes the project selection process, and includes short summaries of each project submitted. CMAP's understanding of some of these projects may change through discussions with the applicants, so the descriptions and figures in this document should be considered preliminary.

### Basic application statistics

Between both programs, 88 applicants submitted projects. Of these, 76 submitted only to the LTA program, 5 submitted only to the Community Planning program, and 7 submitted to both program. This approximate breakdown was expected, as the Community Planning program has stricter limitations on the types of projects that can be pursued and also has a more detailed application form.

Some applicants submitted more than one project idea, and in total, 109 project ideas were received. Of these, 96 were submitted to only the LTA program, 10 were submitted to only the Community Planning program, and 3 were submitted to both programs. (Some applicants submitted different ideas to the LTA and Community Planning programs.)

As noted above, the Community Planning program is jointly administered by CMAP and the RTA. In addition to the applications submitted to CMAP through this program, 13 additional applications were submitted to the RTA. Details of the projects being reviewed by the RTA are available [on their website](#). CMAP and the RTA communicate during the project evaluation process, so it is possible that projects initially under review by the RTA may ultimately be funded by CMAP, and vice versa, although this is not expected.

Applications were received from across the entire region. The chart below shows applications received by geography, using County and Council of Mayors boundaries. Please note that

projects are placed in only one geography in the below table, based on where the bulk of their population is (for example, the Village of Bartlett is in both northwest Cook and DuPage, but is classified as northwest Cook below). In addition, there were several projects that crossed multiple geographies and are classified as regional.

| Geography                       | Number of applicants |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Chicago                         | 10                   |
|                                 |                      |
| North / Northwest Cook          | 10                   |
| West Cook                       | 8                    |
| Southwest Cook                  | 3                    |
| South Cook                      | 9                    |
|                                 |                      |
| DuPage                          | 9                    |
| Kane                            | 11                   |
| Kendall                         | 2                    |
| Lake                            | 11                   |
| McHenry                         | 6                    |
| Will                            | 3                    |
|                                 |                      |
| Regional / multiple geographies | 6                    |

Applications were submitted by a variety of groups. Most were submitted by local governments (municipalities and counties) but some were submitted by other units of government or by nongovernmental groups. The number of multijurisdictional applications this year is noteworthy, as CMAP encouraged multijurisdictional applications. At least 20 of the applicants included some significant form of coordination between jurisdictions, and many others identified partnerships with other government or nongovernmental agencies.

A variety of project types were submitted. The most common type of project was a comprehensive plan (with 22 comprehensive plan requests submitted), followed by a subarea or corridor plan (20). Other project types are shown in the table below. Please note that these figures sum to 109, rather than 88, because this table shows individual project ideas, rather than applicants.

| Project type or topic                       | Number of applications |
|---|------------------------|
| Comprehensive plan                          | 22                     |
| Subarea plan                                | 20                     |
| Transportation                              | 16                     |
| Zoning or other regulation                  | 12                     |
| Water                                       | 11                     |
| Sustainability or other environmental focus | 8                      |
| Housing                                     | 6                      |
| Other                                       | 14                     |

## Comparisons to previous year

This is the second year that CMAP has offered the Community Planning program and LTA program, so comparisons to the first year of the program may be useful. During the first year, CMAP was overwhelmed with the number of responses to its initial call for projects, nearly 230 project ideas received from 140 applicants. This year, the response was more manageable, with 109 project ideas from 88 applicants. Even so, this is an enormous response, and far exceeds the resources that CMAP has to support these programs.

In the first year of the program, CMAP selected projects submitted by approximately half of the 140 applicants, leaving nearly 70 applicants who did not receive assistance. Given this, it is somewhat surprising that most of the applicants this year are new to the program. Only 15 of last year's unsuccessful applicants reapplied; around half resubmitted the same project for reconsideration, and half submitted a different project this year. In contrast, applicants that have already had experience with CMAP were likely to submit second projects, with 28 applicants doing so (either submitting follow-ups to past projects or entirely new ideas). Finally, 45 applicants – just over half of the total – are entirely new to CMAP's programs.

Geographic comparisons are shown below. The distribution of applications between last year and this year is fairly similar. A smaller percentage of applications was submitted from all parts of suburban Cook County this year, possibly because many of last year's successful projects were from this area. On the other hand, projects that spanned multiple geographies increased, and more projects were submitted from Kane County, possibly in response to the newly formed Kane County Planning Cooperative, through which the County encouraged LTA applications from municipalities.

| Geography                       | Number of applicants, 2012 | Percent of applicants, 2012 | Number of applicants, 2011 | Percent of applicants, 2011 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Chicago                         | 10                         | 11%                         | 16                         | 12%                         |
| North / Northwest Cook          | 10                         | 11%                         | 19                         | 14%                         |
| West Cook                       | 8                          | 9%                          | 15                         | 11%                         |
| Southwest Cook                  | 3                          | 3%                          | 8                          | 6%                          |
| South Cook                      | 9                          | 10%                         | 15                         | 11%                         |
| DuPage                          | 9                          | 10%                         | 20                         | 14%                         |
| Kane                            | 11                         | 13%                         | 9                          | 7%                          |
| Kendall                         | 2                          | 2%                          | 2                          | 1%                          |
| Lake                            | 11                         | 13%                         | 16                         | 12%                         |
| McHenry                         | 6                          | 7%                          | 10                         | 7%                          |
| Will                            | 3                          | 3%                          | 8                          | 6%                          |
| Regional / multiple geographies | 6                          | 7%                          | 2                          | 1%                          |

Project types were consistent as well. No dramatic changes in project type were observed between last year and this year.

| Project type or topic                       | Number of applications, 2012 | Percent of applications, 2012 | Number of applications, 2011 | Percent of applications, 2011 |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Comprehensive plan                          | 22                           | 20%                           | 48                           | 21%                           |
| Subarea plan                                | 20                           | 18%                           | 36                           | 16%                           |
| Transportation                              | 16                           | 15%                           | 40                           | 17%                           |
| Zoning or other regulation                  | 12                           | 11%                           | 23                           | 10%                           |
| Water                                       | 11                           | 10%                           | 24                           | 10%                           |
| Sustainability or other environmental focus | 8                            | 7%                            | 21                           | 9%                            |
| Housing                                     | 6                            | 6%                            | 11                           | 5%                            |
| Other                                       | 14                           | 13%                           | 26                           | 11%                           |

### **Selection criteria**

The LTA program and the Community Planning program have slightly different selection criteria. Both are meant to implement GO TO 2040 through assistance to local governments, but because of their different histories and funding sources (the LTA project is funded through a recent HUD grant, and the Community Planning program arose from coordination with an existing RTA grant program), the criteria do differ.

Criteria for the LTA program include alignment of the project with the recommendations of GO TO 2040; local need for assistance; feasibility and ability to implement; collaboration with other groups, including neighboring governments and nongovernmental groups; input from relevant Counties and Councils of Government (COGs); and geographic balance. Of these, the most quantitative criteria is local need for assistance, which is calculated by combining median income, Equalized Assessed Value (EAV), and community size; communities that have lower median incomes, lower property values, and smaller sizes are categorized as higher-need.

For the Community Planning program, applications are screened for eligibility and then scored for their consistency with GO TO 2040 (specifically the Livable Communities and Regional Mobility recommendations), public engagement approach, inclusion of partners, and the quality and completeness of the application.

### **Review process and timeline**

Applications for both the LTA program and the Community Planning program were due on August 1, and both recommended programs will be presented to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee on October 10.

Between early August and early September, a summary of applications received will be shared with CMAP's working committees for discussion and comments. The same will occur with

other stakeholder groups, including technical assistance providers, transit agencies, Counties, the City of Chicago, COGs, and others.

The Community Planning program grant recommendations will be discussed with CMAP's Transportation committee on September 14. Both the Community Planning program and the LTA program recommendations will be brought to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee at their joint meeting on October 10. The Local Coordinating Committee will discuss the recommendations immediately prior to the Board/MPO meeting on October 10, and also may have a special meeting to review the applications in more detail in late September (scheduling TBD).

Following the Board/MPO meeting, CMAP will work closely with the sponsors of selected projects to handle any needed administrative work, develop full project scopes and schedules, and get projects started. It is expected that newly selected projects will be initiated on a rolling basis beginning in winter and spring 2013.

## Project descriptions

Projects are organized by geography. Please note that not all projects below are entirely consistent with the purpose of CMAP's local programs, and more information is needed to fully understand many of them; project proposals are described regardless of eligibility and completeness. Most projects were submitted to the LTA program, and those submitted to the Community Planning program are specifically noted.

### Chicago

Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development (DHED)

- **Community planning process for the Pilsen and Little Village communities** to build on work of Fisk Crawford Reuse task force, which has focused on next steps for the two coal-fired power plants scheduled to close in 2012. Affordable housing, local retail, historic resources, parks and access to the river should be addressed, in a process similar to Green Healthy Neighborhoods (GHN) project currently in progress in five Chicago neighborhoods.
- **Garfield Park Kedzie Avenue Corridor Plan:** Plan seeks to attract new businesses, support existing ones, stabilize the housing stock, enhance transit access, and create safe outlets for recreation through the formulation of strategies that create a more attractive neighborhood, provide increased access to CTA rail and bus facilities, and transform vacant and underutilized properties into more appealing locations for economic development. Additionally, plan proposes development of recommendations that focus on public health by providing improved access to an interconnected trail/sidewalk system and diverse food options. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*
- **Back of the Yards 47<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan:** Develop recommendations to improve access to CTA facilities, enhance walkability and biking opportunities along 47<sup>th</sup> Street, expand economic development opportunities by identifying redevelopment capacity, and focus on public health by providing improved access to an interconnected trail/sidewalk system and diverse food options. Additionally, plan seeks to create an attractive and welcoming environment along the 47<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor by improving street lighting, installing murals, and working with local organizations to improve and diversify the housing stock. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)

- **Development of a public space use policy** to address requests for public plaza space, dedicated ROW parking spots, and installation of plug-in electric vehicle (PEV) charging stations. These requests currently require extensive collaboration between various City departments and are not addressed clearly by City code.
- **Garfield Ridge Community Plan:** Plan seeks to integrate the Garfield Ridge community's land use concerns in a larger project study that seeks to improve movement of vehicles and bicycles. Proposed plan will be in conjunction with a current

IDOT study on the construction of an underpass beneath railway tracks which overlaps with the limits of the study area (Central Avenue from 63<sup>rd</sup> to 65<sup>th</sup> Streets). Additionally, plan will address acute lack of continuous north-south pedestrian and bike routes and assess freight movements associated with Midway International Airport and the CSX intermodal freight railroad yard. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

#### Chicago Housing Authority (CHA)

- **Altgeld Gardens: Comprehensive land use plan** for remaining undeveloped acreage. Also propose TOD plan that coordinates land use and zoning policies for the Altgeld redevelopment and the CTA's Red Line extension. CTA is a partner in the application.
- **Washington Park: Feasibility study** for the implementation of a Learning Community model in Washington Park and neighboring communities, with University of Chicago as the educational partner.

#### Chicago Lakeside Development

- **Green infrastructure plan** to improve stormwater management in the South Chicago neighborhood near the proposed Lakeside development on the former U.S. Steel South Works. The project includes compiling data on land use, rainfall and flooding, and a geographic analysis of stormwater management to help stakeholders prioritize infrastructure improvements. The project was submitted on behalf of Chicago Lakeside Development LLC by Skidmore Owings & Merrill.

#### Chicago Southside NAACP

- **Creation of an integrated land use and transportation plan** for a proposed community garden in the Englewood community. The NAACP proposes to develop the Freedom Garden, an urban agriculture site, at 62<sup>nd</sup> and State streets in the Englewood community. The project would potentially build on similar efforts taking place elsewhere in Englewood and would provide opportunities for educational and economic enrichment for local residents. *This project was submitted to both the LTA program and the Community Planning program.*

#### Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community

- **Comprehensive community plan** to shape the Chinatown area's development, building on its recent centennial celebration. Stakeholder meetings to discuss concerns and priorities with regard to land use, workforce and economic development, housing, transportation, education, social services, arts and culture, and recreation.

#### Sustainable Englewood

- **Creation of cultural plan for the Englewood** community. Englewood is noted as having a rich music, art and recreational cultural legacy. Sustainable Englewood wishes to develop a cultural plan that utilizes this rich history as an educational tool in Englewood schools and an economic development strategy for the redevelopment of its commercial corridors. Sustainable Englewood is a non-profit agency working with other community groups in Englewood.

University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)

- **Review of transit and streetscape infrastructure** in to improve safety and accessibility for residents and visitors to the UIC area. Address outdated street signalization which does not accommodate persons with disabilities, missing bus shelters and street furniture, needed signalization for safety of pedestrians and cyclists, and incomplete biking network. *This project was submitted to both the LTA program and the Community Planning program.*

Victory Heights Community Organization

- Victory Heights, a neighborhood within the West Pullman community, seeks assistance to formally document, enhance and add value to their collaboration with the City and other partners to develop as a **Green Neighborhood District**. VHCO wishes to develop a green initiatives strategy for the area that educates residents on green practices that help improve resident quality of life.

Wicker Park Bucktown (WPB) Chamber of Commerce / Special Service Area #33

- **Comprehensive parking study** and recommendations to develop a state-of-the-art parking strategy while addressing the needs of all stakeholders. Includes inventory of existing parking, a demand analysis, and a review of zoning and local ordinances.

## North and Northwest Cook County

Barrington Hills (also included in McHenry)

- **Creation of an active repository of natural resource data**. Repository would be an ongoing public-private partnership that would allow better understanding of the impact of land use decisions on the natural environment.

Bartlett (also included in DuPage)

- **Update of 30+-year-old zoning ordinance**, including a recommended overlay district for the W. Bartlett Road Corridor. Review of ordinance was previously completed by consultant, Teska and Associates. Village staff have written and adopted three chapters of the ordinance in the past four years.

Evanston

- **Update to the 2003 Bicycle System Improvement Plan** with consideration for safety and implementation of the Climate Action Plan. Plan seeks to increase bicycling, walking and transit use, improve traffic safety, enhance local businesses, and foster a healthier, more environmentally friendly community. Proposed plan update will be guided by Evanston's three value areas: economic viability, environmental sustainability, and community strengthening. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*



#### Glencoe Park District

- **Development of a comprehensive parks master plan.** The Park District last undertook a comprehensive plan in the mid-60's, but completed an open space plan that addressed only neighborhood parks in 2001.

#### Glenview

- Assist Glenbrook South High School's Project Earth environmental club students in producing a presentation that **documents the benefits of existing green infrastructure in the Village**, which they will present to Natural Resources Commission and Board of Trustees and post online. Also, analyze existing codes and ordinances to identify barriers and propose revisions that will encourage green infrastructure in future developments and retrofits.

#### Hoffman Estates

- **Creation of education and workforce development plan for the I-90 Golden Corridor** manufacturing cluster. Also, assistance in identifying and contacting education and manufacturing partners in the corridor. Hoffman Estates serves as coordinating agency for a group of municipalities, trade organizations, school districts, and community groups along the I-90 corridor.

#### Lincolnwood

- **Update to comprehensive plan** (adopted 2001). The Village recognizes that although it is built-out, it continues to evolve in part due to redevelopment forces. Without a history or culture of planning, the Village sees an opportunity to engage citizens to consider how the community ought to evolve.
- **Subarea corridor plan for Devon Avenue**, from McCormick Boulevard to Lincoln Avenue. The development pattern of this commercial corridor is unusual in that the Village side of the corridor was built in an "urban" development form, while the City of Chicago side of the corridor has been developed more in the suburban development model. This project request includes a market study of the corridor, alternative land uses, and a streetscape plan.

#### Niles

- **Development of a plan to promote an environmentally-friendly multi-modal transportation system** that will build off of the existing Comprehensive Plan, the Arterial Rapid Transit Plan, and the Environmental Action Plan currently under development. The plan seeks to develop a comprehensive active transportation network that integrates with existing roadway and transit networks, enhance awareness of existing and planned transportation networks, and implement policies and programs supportive of the multi-modal transportation network. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

#### Northwest Municipal Conference

- **Study and recommend improvement to Forest Preserve access** for the Northern Cook County Des Plaines River corridor, an underutilized recreational facility. Scope of the

plan would be to review the existing access to and within the Forest Preserve, review regional and community plans for non-motorized transportation, and formulate a strategy for improving access. The communities involved include Des Plaines, Glenview, Mount Prospect, Niles, Northbrook, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, and Wheeling, with participation from the Forest Preserve District and Active Transportation Alliance as well. *This project was submitted to both the LTA program and the Community Planning program.*

#### Prospect Heights

- **Update of Comprehensive Land Use Plan** with a focus on transportation. City is in the second phase of roadway improvements made possible by the passing of a referendum in 2010 that allowed \$15 million for road and drainage improvements. Proposed plan will provide a definitive direction on the City's requirements for zoning and transportation upgrades, specifically maximization of the usage and accessibility of the Metra station, the bus service and the Chicago Executive Airport. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

#### Schaumburg

- **Update of Comprehensive Green Action Plan (C GAP)**, approved in 2008. Since approval of C GAP, sustainability planning documents have evolved and become more robust to include economic development and equity, leaving Schaumburg's plan somewhat outdated. These considerations to be added to C GAP, and new performance metrics should be created.

## West Cook County

#### Berwyn

- **Study and plan to address parking challenges** faced within the City's historic Depot District. Parking focus is a result of previous planning work involving Depot area, including 2007 RTA TOD Study, 2012 Comprehensive Plan Update, and 2012 Homes for a Changing Region study.

#### Broadview

- **Parking study** and a related update of ordinance and land use regulations regarding parking regulations in the downtown commercial district. Configuration of municipal parking lots and parallel parking in the downtown area does not currently meet local needs.

#### Cicero

- **Update to the Town of Cicero comprehensive plan.** Cicero has completed several supplementary planning studies in recent years, but has been without an updated Comprehensive Plan since the mid-1970s.
- Assistance to conduct a **multi-jurisdictional sewer reconstruction study** in collaboration with the City of Berwyn and the Village of Oak Park.

#### City of Homes

- **Creation of a Cermak Corridor Plan** for Berwyn. Cermak Road area currently houses a large percentage of Berwyn's residents in high density, rental housing, as well as providing several public transportation options. Goal is to increase public transportation ridership, and encourage development that enhances Corridor's attractiveness. Project was submitted by a nonprofit organization with support from the City of Berwyn.

#### Franklin Park

- **Study of the community's western industrial area**, a significant site due to its proximity to O'Hare International Airport. Currently, no plan exists to address degrading infrastructure at the site, increased competition from other areas, or potentially significant impacts from the Elgin O'Hare West Bypass project.

#### Lyons

- **Development of a comprehensive plan** to aid in the redevelopment of several central business areas, an industrial corridor, and a soon-to-be-reclaimed quarry. Lyons also looking for ways to capitalize on its access and proximity to county parks, and linkage of these areas to retail and commercial corridors.

#### River Grove

- **Transit-oriented development plan** for 2.16 acres of available land located immediately adjacent to the River Grove Metra station. TOD was recommended by the Village's 2006 comprehensive plan. *This project has also been submitted to the RTA for funding through their Community Planning program, and will be primarily reviewed by the RTA.*

#### Seven Generations Ahead

- **Assist in data aggregation of community resource use** per Environmental Sustainability Plan for Oak Park and River Forest. Also, request assistance in aligning indicators with GO TO 2040 Plan indicators, and in developing a protocol for data aggregation that can be used by other communities.

#### Summit

- **Develop first comprehensive plan for the city.** Utilize Full Circle technology to capture information regarding land use and housing. Promote transit-oriented development at Summit's commuter rail station, as well as new transit options to capitalize on Summit's proximity to Midway Airport.

## Southwest Cook County

#### Palos Heights

- **Creation of overlay district for the Harlem Avenue Business Corridor**, as is recommended in the City's comprehensive plan (2008). Palos officials believe this tool will allow the City to address increasing vacancy and encourage redevelopment of Harlem Ave.

#### Palos Park

- **Creation of a water conservation ordinance;** revise existing policies related to water sales in the community. Currently, Village practices are confusing for residents and encourage overconsumption of water.

#### Worth

- **General planning assistance, including updates to comprehensive land use plan, zoning ordinance, and TOD planning.** Throughout planning process, Worth would like special attention to be paid to needs of its senior population.

### South Cook County

#### Calumet City

- **Development of a Stormwater System Capital Improvement Plan.** Calumet City suffered losses due to the storms and floods produced by Hurricane Ike in 2008; storm water management has become a top priority for the city.
- **Create a comprehensive plan** that integrates land use and transportation, specifically by addressing gaps and inconsistencies in the existing transportation network and the increase in vacant lots that may be repurposed or redeveloped. Plan will be in conjunction with the Stormwater System Capital Improvement and the Pavement Management Plans currently underway. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

#### Chicago Heights

- **Update to comprehensive plan** (adopted 1994), focusing on revitalization through economic development and housing. Partnering with Habitat for Humanity, which is heading a housing task force collaborative.
- **Update to water ordinance and water conservation codes.** Chicago Heights wishes to align with the recommendations of *Water 2050* and address water conservation, quality, and aging infrastructure issues. The city supplies water to several neighboring cities, including Glenwood, Thornton, Ford Heights, and South Chicago Heights.

#### Crete (also included in Will)

- **Development of new comprehensive plan** (workbook adopted 1997) in order to address potential growth due to proposed third regional airport, Illiana Expressway, and recently approved intermodal facility in Crete. Planning staff anticipate need for additional housing and transportation infrastructure, and believe a comprehensive plan is needed to manage growth and address potential negative impacts.

#### Dixmoor

- The Village of Dixmoor submitted a **variety of planning requests**, including general community planning assistance, development of a comprehensive plan, review of local codes and ordinances that relate to land use, and creation of a web portal for improved access to municipal services and venue for resident input.

#### Glenwood

- **Development of a Stormwater System Capital Improvement Plan.** Village suffered losses due to the storms and floods produced by Hurricane Ike in 2008, including increase in number of vacant lots, abandoned homes and homes in foreclosure.
- **Create and implement a comprehensive pedestrian, bicycle, and transit plan** for the entire Village as a response to residents' feedback during the public engagement process for the 2011 Comprehensive Plan. The objectives of the plan include developing a pedestrian and bicycle network, developing non-motorized transportation and land use policies, and providing educational and encouragement strategies for residents and Village staff. The plan is also in response to the anticipated extension of the Grand Illinois Trail and the upcoming Metra SouthEast Service. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

#### Lan-Oak Park District

- **Update of comprehensive plan** (adopted 1994). Either through update or separately, also request assistance determining what role the park district can play in the revitalization of downtown Lansing, explore expansion of their service area, and study the impact of a local portion of the Grand Illinois Trail.

#### Markham

- **Update current comprehensive plan.**
- **Create a new parks comprehensive plan** for the Park District.

#### Matteson

- **Update to comprehensive development plan** (adopted 1987) to address best practices including public transportation and "complete streets."
- **Review and update of zoning ordinance** (adopted 1984, with subsequent amendments through November 2011) to meet current uses and minimize need for variances and reviews relating to parking and signage.

#### Midlothian

- Enhance accessibility and mobility within the whole Village and specifically to the Midlothian Village Center by **reducing the congestion on 147<sup>th</sup> Street**. Plan aims to integrate the new Midlothian Bike Path Plan with the Phase II Midlothian Village Center Enhancement TOD plan, produce a step-by-step plan for widening the bridge on 147<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to the Metra Station, create a streetscape plan for the Village Center area, provide recommendations for financing strategies for plan implementation, and create a green space and a flood control area south of 147<sup>th</sup> Street within the Village Center. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

#### Park Forest (also included in Will)

- **Revision of the zoning ordinance**, including up-to-date development ordinances and infrastructure design standards, and streamlined development review processes. Village has undertaken TOD planning and land banking; revisions to zoning ordinance needed to ensure these tools can be used effectively.

## DuPage County

Addison, Bensenville, Villa Park, and Wood Dale

- Neighboring municipalities with similar housing stock seek a **Homes for a Changing Region analysis**. Addison to serve as the coordinating agency for the project, with participation from Bensenville, Villa Park, and Wood Dale.

Bartlett (also included in Northwest Cook)

- **Update of 30+-year-old zoning ordinance**, including a recommended overlay district for the W. Bartlett Road Corridor. Review of ordinance was previously completed by consultant, Teska and Associates. Village staff have written and adopted three chapters of the ordinance in the past four years.

Bensenville

- **Updates to comprehensive plan** (adopted in 1980, with updates in 2004) in light of predicted impacts of the Elgin O'Hare West Bypass project. Coordination with Homes for a Changing Region project (led by Addison, described above) will occur.
- **Revisions to the zoning ordinance** to reinforce the comprehensive plan update and apply current best practices.

Carol Stream

- **Creation of a new comprehensive plan** (1982). Village is approaching "built out" status, and needs a comprehensive planning document to address a range of issues.

DuPage County, Economic Development & Planning

- **Update unincorporated land use plan** pertaining to the Illinois Route 53 and Illinois Route 83 corridors. 22-year-old development plan no longer addresses the current planning and development trends along these corridors.

DuPage Water Commission (DWC)

- **Survey of utility managers and conservation coordinators** to get a better understanding of their barriers to promoting water conservation. Develop a workshop and training curriculum (manual) based on analysis of survey responses, and outreach materials geared toward elected officials. Also, DWC proposes that one DWC municipality would receive 40-60 hours of CMAP staff time to assist with implementation of an activity highlighted during the training and/or in DWC Program document.

Glen Ellyn

- **Creation of a bicycle and pedestrian facilities plan**, including a Safe Routes to School component. Village will serve as coordinator between various park and school districts.

#### Hinsdale

- **Analysis and recommendations for improving downtown parking system.** Currently, metered, on-street parking serves a compact, walkable central business area. However, some business owners feel metered parking puts them at a competitive disadvantage.

#### Oak Brook

- **Residential enhancement study to analyze housing trends** and vacancies in the Village, as well identifying ways to market itself to potential residents. Oak Brook would like to attract younger families to fill vacancies and stabilize the community.

#### Villa Park

- **Develop strategy for rejuvenation of commercial corridors** throughout the city, through update of City's comprehensive plan, dating from 2009, or another planning mechanism.

## Kane County

#### Big Rock

- **Update to original comprehensive land use plan**, written and adopted in 2003. Kane County Development Department has committed provide technical assistance to this project, which would supplement CMAP's work. New topics to be included in this update include community health, sustainability, food, and energy.

#### Campton Hills

- **Developing ordinances and guidelines for implementation of new comprehensive plan**, created with LTA assistance. Specifically, assistance is requested for natural resources, open space, transportation, development standards, and design guidelines.
- Also interested in **designing and developing a trail plan and map** to enhance connections between the village and the Great Western Trail.

#### Carpentersville, East Dundee, Elgin, and West Dundee

- Develop a **Homes for a Changing Region study** and implementation plan for communities in northeastern Kane County. The application was led by Carpentersville, with participation by Elgin, East Dundee, and West Dundee.

#### Ferson-Otter Creek Watershed

- **Review of the land development regulations of local governments within the watershed** and preparation of specific amendments to implement the recommendations of the Ferson-Otter Creek Watershed Plan (2012). Watershed Plan found development policies in several municipalities within the group to be harmful to health of the watershed. It is necessary to tailor recommendations to each community's situation and governmental structure. The application was submitted by Elgin, with participation in the watershed plan by Campton Hills, Lily Lake, South Elgin, St. Charles, and Kane County.

Geneva, Batavia, North Aurora, and St. Charles

- Batavia, Geneva, North Aurora and St. Charles propose multi-**community Homes for a Changing Region study**. Specifically, they request an analysis of existing housing, forecast of housing needs in each community, and policy and strategy recommendations to needs.

Gilberts

- **Rewrite of comprehensive plan**, dating from 2003. Village has since tripled in population. Also, Gilberts seeks assistance integrating maps, resources and recommendations into GIS system, making the information more usable and relevant to the public and future Village leaders and staff.

Huntley (also included in McHenry)

- **Preparation of a form based code and/or overlay district** for the Village's downtown area. Downtown Revitalization Plan was adopted in 2010, with a recommendation to "explore opportunities to implement Form Based Codes and Overlay Districts for the Downtown." This request also includes preparation of educational material, facilitation of public meetings, and assistance in drafting ordinance amendments.

Kane County Department of Transportation

- **Development of a Randall Road Corridor Multimodal Plan**. Builds on Kane County's existing Randall Road Route 529 Plan, which identified pedestrian and transit infrastructure improvements along Randall Road between IL 38/Kane County Court House (on the north) and Sullivan Road (on the south).

Montgomery (also included in Kendall)

- **Assistance in updating its comprehensive plan** (adopted 2002) in light of significant population growth. Village has recently done a TOD plan, which needs to be considered. Water resources and flooding issues are also key items for a new plan.

North Aurora

- Village wishes to heavily **invest in non-motorized transportation infrastructure to provide linkages to commercial centers**. Proposed study will link high population densities to alternative transportation modes, amend related zoning ordinance text to reflect land use changes, and amend the land use plan to include bikeway and open space elements as well as show future roads and alignments to improve the roadway network with the inclusion of public transit centers. The project will link the Village's 2006 Comprehensive Plan with its recently updated Zoning Ordinance. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

South Elgin

- **Development of a bicycle and pedestrian plan**, as recommended by Village's recent comprehensive plan and transit improvement plan. Pedestrian infrastructure was found to be lacking or non-existent in parts of the Village, as were neighborhood connections to regional trails such as the Fox River Trail and Illinois Prairie Path.



## St. Charles

- **Watershed plan for Seventh Avenue Creek** to improve water quality and mitigate the impacts of flooding. FEMA is in the process of remapping the floodplain of Seventh Avenue Creek, with results expected in 2012. St. Charles also interested in the possibility of new bike routes, and other new land uses adjacent to the Creek.

## Kendall County

### Montgomery (also included in Kane)

- **Assistance in updating its comprehensive plan** (adopted 2002) in light of significant population growth. Village has recently done a TOD plan, which needs to be considered. Water resources and flooding issues are also key items for a new plan.

### Oswego

- **Village-wide market analysis** to determine retail, commercial, and industrial uses that will be most beneficial to the community. Village also interested in review of past economic development efforts to identify best practices.

### Yorkville

- Assist zoning commission with **update of 35-year-old zoning ordinance**; including addition of overlay districts for Yorkville's historic downtown and Route 47 districts; sections relating to off-street parking and loading, signs, and alternative energy systems.

## Lake County

### Gurnee and Waukegan

- **Unified corridor development plan for Grand Avenue** from US 41 in Gurnee to McAree Rd. in Waukegan. Serves as an important gateway to the two communities, but has experienced significant economic and physical decline. 2008 Homes for a Changing Region report for Gurnee identified the corridor as a focus area for redevelopment.

### Hawthorn Woods

- **Update to comprehensive plan** (adopted 2004) to manage impacts to Village of extension of Illinois Route 53 into Lake County.

### Lake County Community Foundation

- **Homes for a Changing Region study** in partnership with communities in western Lake County, including Grayslake, Hainesville, Round Lake, Round Lake Beach, Round Lake Heights, and Round Lake Park.

#### Lake County Department of Transportation

- **Comprehensive land use plan** for the area affected by the Illinois Route 53/120 project. This plan was recommended by the Illinois 52/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council, and includes numerous communities in central Lake County.

#### Lake County Forest Preserve District

- **Planning assistance in conversion of public lands to local food production** utilizing sustainable farming practices and promotion of improved conservation practices for conventional row-crop agriculture. A wide variety of public, private, and nonprofit partners have been identified. Propose recommendations that each participating agency can adopt to promote local food production and sustainable agricultural practices on public lands at a regional scale.

#### Lake Forest Consortium for Environmental Leadership

- **Sustainability plan** to address tree loss, water conservation, ravine/bluff restoration and preservation, energy conservation and increased use of renewables, and transit connectivity. Consortium also requests assistance with community engagement around plan.

#### Lake Zurich

- **Implementation assistance regarding Recommendations for Integrated Water Resources Planning in Lake Zurich**, a 2012 report completed through the LTA program. City has selected two provisions in the report – integration of green infrastructure and defining a level of service for municipal water delivery – as focus of continued work.

#### Libertyville and Mundelein

- **Coordinated land use plan for unincorporated area** adjacent to the proposed right-of-way for the Illinois Route 53 extension. Planning process to bring together local communities, Lake County, Illinois Department of Transportation and Pace. The properties comprise roughly 155 acres.

#### Long Grove

- **Planning and impact analysis for the proposed Illinois Route 53 extension** through the Village, including assistance in clarifying issues, identifying locations of concern and the creation of design solutions for the project within the Village.

#### Waukegan, North Chicago, Park City, and Zion

- **Homes for a Changing Region housing plan** to address a number of housing-related challenges in the member communities, including foreclosures and vacant and abandoned buildings. Also request for design visualizations for each community, with a 3-D flyover and 2-D photomorph. The application was led by Waukegan, with participation from North Chicago, Park City, Zion and Great Lake Naval Station.

## Winthrop Harbor

- **Update comprehensive plan** (1995) to better align future development with land use objectives. Village has limited staff expertise and financial resources to accomplish this task.

## McHenry County

### Barrington Hills (also included in Northwest Cook)

- **Creation of an active repository of natural resource data.** Repository would be an ongoing public-private partnership that would allow better understanding of the impact of land use decisions on the natural environment.

### Bull Valley

- **Update of zoning and subdivision ordinance** to complement a comprehensive plan created in 2011.
- **Creation of a strategic plan**, covering issues such as water resources, economic development, housing, transportation, and others.

### Huntley (also included in Kane)

- **Preparation of a form based code and/or overlay district** for the Village's downtown area. Downtown Revitalization Plan was adopted in 2010, with a recommendation to "explore opportunities to implement Form Based Codes and Overlay Districts for the Downtown." This request also includes preparation of educational material, facilitation of public meetings, and assistance in drafting ordinance amendments.

### Lakewood

- **Update to comprehensive plan** (last updated in 2005). Annexation of approximately 600 acres, as well as completion of boundary agreements with surrounding communities, has led to a significant increase in Village area. In addition, newly annexed land includes the intersection of Illinois Routes 47 and 176, presenting a unique location for the Village to create "town center" type development. This request also includes a sub-area plan to examine appropriate use, marketing, and design for this area.

### McHenry County Stormwater Management Commission

- **Review and update of stormwater management ordinance** to correct inconsistencies and incorporate best practices. Update will help county officials better enforce provisions of the ordinance, as well as making compliance easier. Also request assistance in related public engagement efforts. Participating communities include Cary, Crystal Lake, McHenry, Prairie Grove, Union, and Woodstock, in addition to McHenry County.

### Silver Creek Watershed Coalition

- **Implementation of recommendations in December 2011 Watershed Action Plan**, prepared by CMAP. To include review and modifications of relevant policies in comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, stormwater management plans, and other

municipal documents for participants. Communities involved include Crystal Lake, McHenry, Oakwood Hills, and Prairie Grove.

## Will County

Crete (also included in South Cook)

- **Development of new comprehensive plan** (workbook adopted 1997) in order to address potential growth due to proposed third regional airport, Illiana Expressway, and recently approved intermodal facility in Crete. Planning staff anticipate need for additional housing and transportation infrastructure, and believe a comprehensive plan is needed to manage growth and address potential negative impacts.

Frankfort Park District

- Review and confirm, modify, or add to existing park classifications and preferred facility standards as part of **comprehensive parks plan update**. Frankfort also proposes creation of inventory with strategic recommendations and capital improvements needed for each individual park.

Park Forest (also included in South Cook)

- **Revision of the zoning ordinance**, including up-to-date development ordinances and infrastructure design standards, and streamlined development review processes. Village has undertaken TOD planning and land banking; revisions to zoning ordinance needed to ensure these tools can be used effectively.

Will County

- **Develop inventory of brownfield parcels in Will County**, as well as evaluation criteria to be used to assess each site's potential for use for renewable energy production.

## Regional or multiple geographies

Cook County

- Bureau of Economic Development, Department of Planning & Development: **Development of HUD Consolidated Plan** (housing). Cook County is required to prepare and submit a Consolidated Plan at least every five years to HUD.
- Cook County Forest Preserve District: **Trail usage study**, will analyze a linear trail such as the North Branch and a circular trail such as the one in Tinley Park; extrapolate information for other trail systems in the District.
- Bureau of Administration, Department of Environmental Control: **Sustainability plan**.
- Bureau of Economic Development, Department of Building & Zoning: **Comprehensive land use plan**.

Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Office of Water Resources (OWR)

- IDNR, OWR is the regulatory agency responsible for managing the Illinois diversion of Lake Michigan, overseeing approximately 200 permittees with an allocation of Lake

Michigan water for domestic pumpage. Of these, over 160 permittees are municipal-run public water suppliers. IDNR, OWR proposes **consultation with six or more permittees regarding constraints and reasons for chronic noncompliance** with regard to annual water loss. Strategic partner is the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT).

#### Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

- **Creation of toolkit for municipalities to address diversity needs** in their communities; a follow-up to previous survey distributed to suburban mayors, which resulted in a collection of current practices. This “how to” guide would help municipalities better integrate immigrants into the civic life of their communities.

#### Morton Arboretum – Regional Trees Initiative

- **Develop process to gather, assess and develop information for the Regional Trees Initiative (RTI)**, an effort that builds on the 2010 Tree Census to ensure a healthy forest for the future. To include GIS support, a policy inventory, a web portal, and an economic analysis of procurement and management procedures.

#### Northwest Water Planning Alliance

- **Ongoing support, including rewrite of drought preparedness plan.** Also, development of school education program as recommended in Water 2050 plan, and outreach around the new lawn-watering restriction to be in effect 2013. This multijurisdictional group includes many partners, including five Counties and five COGs.

#### Openlands

- **Planning for a viable regional food system.** To include examination of existing resources, potential costs and benefits, identification of obstacles and implementation strategy. The project includes Kane, Lake, and McHenry Counties as partners, as well as nonprofit organizations.

