



Summary of Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Applications July 7, 2014

CMAP has established the [Local Technical Assistance \(LTA\)](#) program to direct resources to communities to pursue planning work that helps to implement GO TO 2040. In conjunction with the RTA’s Community Planning program, CMAP held a call for LTA projects in spring and summer 2014. Applications were due on June 26, 2014.

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

In total, 104 applications were submitted by 77 different applicants to the LTA program. An additional 22 applications were submitted to the RTA for consideration through their Community Planning program. Details of the projects being reviewed by the RTA are available on [their website](#).

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 may be placed in multiple geographies if they cross geographic boundaries.

Geography	Number of applications	Number of applicants
Chicago	17	12
North / Northwest Cook	9	8
West Cook	4	4
Southwest Cook	8	4
South Cook	23	15
DuPage	20	17
Kane	10	7
Kendall	4	4
Lake	8	6
McHenry	14	10
Will	13	7
No specific geography	2	2

A variety of project types were submitted. Projects addressing zoning or other regulations were the most common, with 20 submitted. Plans that dealt with a specific corridor or subarea were also common, as were transportation plans. A few new project types – analysis of development review processes, and capital improvement plans – were specifically solicited, and six projects of these types were received.

Project type or topic	Number of applications
Zoning	20
Subarea or corridor plan	18
Transportation plan	17
Comprehensive plan	14
Sustainability or other environmental focus	11
Development review process	4
Capital improvement plan	2
Other	18

Comparisons to previous years

This is the fourth year that CMAP has offered the LTA program, so comparisons to the first three years of the program may be useful. The number of applications received was roughly similar to 2012, and significantly higher than last year. CMAP did more promotion of the LTA program this year, as compared to 2013; activities included co-hosting the GreenTown conference and doing direct outreach to low-capacity communities to encourage them to request assistance.

	2014	2013	2012	2011
Projects submitted	104	67	109	226
Applicants	77	58	88	140

Some applicants have had past experience with the LTA program. Of the 77 applicants, 32 have already submitted at least one successful application in past years; some of them have submitted follow-up projects, and others have submitted entirely new ideas. The remaining 45 are new to the LTA program. Some (17) submitted unsuccessful projects in previous years, but most (28) are entirely new applicants.

Geographic comparisons are shown below. This year, more applications were received from south Cook County than any other geography (23), and this was by far the most applications ever submitted from south Cook County. DuPage County, the City of Chicago, McHenry County, and Will County were also notable for submitting a high number of applications. In contrast, relatively few applications were received from west Cook County.

Geography	2014	2013	2012	2011
Chicago	17	7	10	16
North / Northwest Cook	9	4	10	19
West Cook	4	10	8	15
Southwest Cook	8	1	3	8
South Cook	23	7	9	15
DuPage	20	7	9	20
Kane	10	5	11	9
Kendall	4	4	2	2
Lake	8	10	11	16
McHenry	14	7	6	10
Will	13	4	3	8
Regional	2	1	6	2

Project types this year showed some variation from past years. Zoning projects were the top type of applications received, in a significant change from past years. This corresponds well to CMAP's increasing focus on plan implementation, which involves zoning and other regulatory updates. In contrast, comprehensive plans have become less common – from being the most common type in 2011 and 2012 to the fourth-most common this year. No new projects were received that focused on housing, but projects that focused on other issues – including economic development, local food, health, arts and culture, and any other issues – increased from past years.

Project type or topic	2014	2013	2012	2011
Zoning	20	7	12	23
Subarea plan	18	14	20	36
Transportation	17	14	16	40
Comprehensive plan	14	12	22	48
Sustainability or other environmental focus	11	6	19	45
Housing	0	2	6	11
Development review process	4	0	0	0
Capital improvement plan	2	1	0	0
Other	18	11	14	26

Selection criteria

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. This year, CMAP is paying particular attention to the criteria involving feasibility and ability to implement, in line with the overall focus on directing resources to plans that will be implemented.

Review process and timeline

Applications for the LTA program were due on June 26, and will be presented to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee for approval in October. In July and August, 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. Comments can also be sent directly to CMAP; please email Bob Dean at bdean@cmap.illinois.gov or call 312-386-8834 with direct comments on any projects. All stakeholders are requested to provide comments to CMAP by **Friday, August 22**.

Recommendations will be discussed with CMAP's Transportation committee on October 3. Recommendations will be brought to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee at their meetings in October. The Local Coordinating Committee will discuss the recommendations immediately prior to the Board meeting on October 8, and also may have a special meeting to review the applications in more detail in late September (scheduling TBD).

Following the Board and MPO meetings, 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 2015.

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. Any suggested edits to these descriptions should be sent to Bob Dean at bdean@cmap.illinois.gov. Full applications are available on CMAP's [LTA webpage](#).

City of Chicago

Advanced Community Planned Communications Network Working Group

- Assist with **broadband connectivity and planning**. This mapping and planning will facilitate the development of high-speed assets in nine south side communities of Douglas, Grand Boulevard, Kenwood, Oakland, Washington Park, Woodlawn, South Shore, Grand Crossing, and Hyde Park.

Bridgeport Business Association

- Based off of previous economic development work, develop a **Corridor Vision Plan** for Halsted Street from Archer Avenue to Pershing Road. The plan should have a strong retail development component and identify redevelopment opportunities as a way to combat vacancy and guide future development along Bridgeport's main commercial corridor.

Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT)

- Develop a "**Rain Ready**" Plan (including a Community Needs Assessment) for two neighborhoods in Chicago – **Chatham and Albany Park** – to combat recent flooding. The focus of these plans should be on streets, alleys, parkways, trails, parking lots and transit and should be in line with the Rain Ready grassroots initiative, which determines the link between rain readiness, land use, transportation, and housing.

Chicago Department of Planning and Development

- Using the Chicago Neighborhoods 2014 framework developed in partnership with the Chicago Community Trust (CCT), identify priority neighborhoods that would benefit most from detailed planning. Of these, develop **three comprehensive neighborhood plans** under the LTA program.

Chicago Department of Transportation

- Develop a **sidewalk pedestrian level-of-service study** to increase pedestrian level-of-service at peak times on high demand. The study should analyze pedestrian count data (collected by the City of Chicago) and recommend methods to improve pedestrian flows and limit obstructions on city-owned sidewalks.
- Develop a city-wide **Livable Streets Master Plan** that combines and overlays both existing and proposed improvements from various existing plans.

- Augment the existing **Chicago Truck Planning Study** (currently in draft form) with an **outreach supplement** that includes stakeholder presentation materials, a proactive outreach strategy, and a Chicago Truck Route Fact Sheet for industry.

Endeleo Institute Community Development Corporation

- Develop a **95th Street Planning Priorities Report** to identify community needs and priorities within four blocks of the soon-to-be-transformed 95th Street CTA station. This would include guidance on how to maximize community input, as well as analysis of local data and past planning work. It is an intermediate step toward implementation of a 95th Street TOD. Potential partners include the City of Chicago, CTA, and CHA.

Far South Community Development Corporation

- Develop a **Cultural Plan** for the **Roseland** neighborhood focusing on arts and culture development in the Roseland community. The Plan will include an arts and culture assessment, a commercial and recreational market study, urban design recommendations, transportation study, and an implementation strategy.

National Parks Conservation Association

- NPCA has proposed the creation of an urban national historic park in Chicago's Pullman neighborhood and is working with the Chicago chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) to organize a design charrette to identify community desires for streetscape and other improvements. Technical assistance is requested to develop recommendations into **potential capital improvements** and **implementation plan**.

North River Commission

- Develop a **comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan** for Chicago's North River community. This plan would focus on integrating bike and pedestrian routes with public transportation information in order to draw more visitors and residents to the North River area.

Rogers Park Business Alliance

- Conduct a **Streetscape and Parking Study** that would be used to establish a more pedestrian-friendly business district, explore parking management strategies, and improve wayfinding along Sheridan Road between Devon and Farwell.
- Conduct a **Commercial Corridor Study** along Clark Street in Rogers Park to support revitalization of the streetscape and roughly 150 businesses that lie along the corridor.

South Loop Neighbors (SLN) and Greater South Loop Association (GSLA)

- Collaborate to establish a **pre-development framework** for the currently undeveloped 62-acre site called "Riverside Park" on the Chicago River south of Roosevelt Road. This framework would help to coordinate redevelopment of the site, planning of new road infrastructure, and rehabilitation of the adjacent riverbank. This framework format

would be similar to past LTA work on Harper's Court in Hyde Park, as well as Delta Institute's work on the Crawford/Fisk Task Force.

South Shore Planning and Preservation Coalition

- Create a **Community Vision Plan** similar to the Chinatown LTA project. Identify community needs and desires, challenges and opportunities, and create a vision and set of short- and long-term goals and strategies to implement them.
- Conduct a **market analysis** of the South Shore trade area to identify economic and demographic opportunities and gaps in the area. This study will help inform future comprehensive plans.

Sustainable Englewood Initiatives

- Coordinate intergovernmental assistance toward the planning, concept design and marketing of the **New ERA Trail (also known as the Englewood Line)**, an abandoned elevated rail spur set to become an urban park and recreation corridor.

North / Northwest Cook

Cook County Department of Planning and Development

- Develop a **comprehensive plan for unincorporated areas of Cook County within Maine and Northfield Townships**. The Plan should bring the unincorporated areas into conformance with the codes and regulations of surrounding municipalities, as well as standardize service provisions and study incorporation options for unincorporated lands.

Des Plaines

- Update the 2007 **Comprehensive Plan** and **revise and implement the draft Unified Development Ordinance**, which would replace the City's existing Zoning and Subdivision regulations.

Franklin Park (also West Cook and DuPage County)

- Develop a **truck routing and infrastructure plan for the eleven-community O'Hare subregion** that addresses disconnected truck routes, poor roadway conditions and congestion. The proposed plan is aligned with recommendations made in the O'Hare Subregional Freight-Manufacturing Drill-Down Report.

Niles

- Develop an **arts and culture comprehensive plan** to provide direction for ongoing efforts and build off of CMAP's Arts and Culture Toolkit.

Northbrook

- Develop a **bike and pedestrian** plan that builds off of the Northbrook Bike Plan (2003) and establishes coordination between modes of transportation and community

destinations. Involving commuters, local schools and the Park District in the planning process is a priority.

Northwest Municipal Conference

- Conduct a **Bike Sharing Feasibility Study** analyzing the potential for Divvy extension or standalone operations. This would address the “last mile” of transit connectivity (from downtown train or bus to a person’s destinations).

Roselle (also DuPage County)

- Create a new **comprehensive plan** for the Village reflecting the economic realities of the last several years. The Village’s revenues have dropped significantly and have defunded some of what used to be considered basic services, lowered some basic service levels, and eliminated 20% of its positions. Addressing land use and transportation corridors would be the major focus of any new Comprehensive Plan.

Schaumburg (also DuPage County)

- Obtain services of a consultant to complete an update of the **comprehensive plan**. Substantial development has occurred in the Village since 1996, and many directives in the comprehensive plan are outdated and no longer reflect village policies. This reduces the Village’s ability to rely on its plans to provide direction to make land use decisions.
- Update the Village’s **Comprehensive Green Action Plan** due to an evolution of sustainability planning documents. These types of plans have become more robust in regards to local food systems, municipal policies, economic development, and environmental equity. The updated plan should include indicators and implementation strategies to measure progress toward achieving the goals in the plan so they can be quantified and reported to the community.

West Cook

Berwyn

- Develop a more comprehensive and feasible **Stormwater Management Plan**, using the City’s draft Stormwater Management Plan to build off of. The Plan would include both field work and selection of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to improve water quality.

Brookfield

- Complete a long-range **Comprehensive Plan** to replace Brookfield’s 2004 “comprehensive plan,” which was only a business corridor plan. Creating a new comprehensive plan in the near term would allow Brookfield to ensure that future capital investments are aligned with regional goals and reflect local community priorities.

Franklin Park (also Northwest Cook and DuPage County)

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Oak Park

- Update the current **Zoning Ordinance** to align it with the newly adopted comprehensive plan. The ordinance should be user friendly and incorporate best practices including sustainable development practices and smart growth principles. The current Zoning Ordinance is inefficient due to it being amended numerous times.

South Cook

Blue Island (also Southwest Cook)

- Create a **Capital Improvement Program** to implement the Blue Island Comprehensive Plan. The CIP should improve the City's public infrastructure, emphasizing long-term sustainability, fiscal efficiencies, project prioritization and enhanced quality of life for residents.
- Conduct an analysis and develop recommendations for the improvement of the City's **development review process**, specifically for project sites that are high-interest and high-priority and feature a high level of visibility due to site locations. The end goals should be implementation of a fully integrated, transparent development review process with inter- and cross-departmental input and collaboration.

Blue Island Park District (also Southwest Cook)

- Create an updated, more robust **Park District Master Plan**, including an assessment of existing facilities as well as recommended upgrades or renovations to existing parks and facilities. In addition, the Plan should specifically address strategies for newly acquired parcels of land.

Calumet Park

- Update the Village's **Comprehensive Plan** (last updated in 1989). The Village would like to address topics such as current economic conditions, housing and demographic changes, environmental impact and sustainability, community identity, transportation needs, and regional projects already underway.
- Update the Village's **Zoning Code**. The update should establish clearly defined and uniform regulations to promote the beneficial and sustainable use of the Village's land, as well as alleviate administrative confusion, outline standards, improve access to information, and streamline the zoning process for potential developers and prospective business owners.

Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT)

- Partner with the Army Corps of Engineers to develop a “**Rain Ready**” Plan (including a Community Needs Assessment) for the Village of Midlothian, a community that has suffered from repetitive and severe flooding. The Plan should explore all opportunities, including green infrastructure within public rights-of-way, as well as individual property improvement recommendations.

Chicago Heights

- Update the **City’s Zoning Ordinance** (which is now more than 15 years old) to comply with its soon-to-be-adopted updated Comprehensive Plan.

Harvey

- Develop a **comprehensive plan** for the City that will position Harvey to be a fiscally sound, sustainable, eco-friendly and safe community with a thriving local economy. The Plan should “bridge the gap” between research and practice to help the City more effectively respond to the fiscal challenges currently facing local governments.

Matteson

- Complete a **comprehensive zoning ordinance update**. The Village is particularly interested in addressing regulations regarding parking, bulk standards and signage.
- Develop a **comprehensive plan** (first adopted in 1987). A plan update was initiated in 2007; however, it was never completed or adopted due to budget constraints.

Olympia Fields

- Conduct a **Zoning Ordinance and Map Update** to accommodate new uses and remove outdated terms and placed into a table for easy comparison. The last major update was in 1981 after being developed in 1971. Illustrations are needed to clarify the code. There are no provisions for promoting sustainability within the code and updating it will address the issue and assist in addressing recommendations.

Richton Park

- Generate a **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)** to identify capital investments needed in the community. The completion of the CIP is the next logical step following the completion of the comprehensive land use plan. The Village’s capital needs relate to infrastructure, transportation, environmental, planning, equipment, facilities, technology, etc.
- Composing a **Comprehensive Stormwater Management Study** will address the problem of stormwater runoff, which currently impacts commercial, industrial or housing development potential. Historically there have been incidents of major flooding, particularly in the Town Center area of the community, caused by the east branch of Butterfield Creek.

- In partnership with the Village of Matteson, evaluate opportunities for regional cooperation and **potential consolidation of the Villages' Fire and Rescue Services**. The report should analyze present resources available to meet emergency services requirements, including an inventory of both manpower and equipment and its distribution throughout the service areas.

Riverdale

- Update the **municipal-wide zoning ordinance**. The current zoning code is from 1980 and there have been many law and code changes since then. A basic overhaul of the zoning map is needed.

Sauk Village

- Develop a **comprehensive plan** that will provide a holistic approach for the next four generations of current and future residents. The Village seeks assistance to improve the quality of life for the residents, develop a safe community, and support a thriving economy. The plan looks to address the opportunities for capacity building, market strategy, and regional mobility so that there is a more efficient government and livable community.

South Chicago Heights

- Update the Village's **zoning ordinance**. An updated zoning ordinance will be an important tool to revitalize the Village business areas and certain residential areas. The Village has suffered during the recent economic recession and through 2013 the assessed values of properties within the Village continued to decline, despite efforts to maintain stability.

South Holland

- Evaluate, update and expand the **strategic plan** to address land use, economic development, housing, natural resources, transportation, community facilities, image and identity, and implementation of this plan.
- Create a **Subarea Plan for the Village Interstate Zoning** to determine how to best establish and promote the Interstate Zoning District. There are five sub-zones within the district that are intended to create uses unique to each zone. This district offers some of the most attractive property within the area and the appropriate development can spur enormous economic growth.

South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA)

- Develop a **Comprehensive Retail Development Strategy** for the municipal members of *Select Chicago Southland*, a new retail development group. This study would analyze and propose types of regional tools that would enhance these municipalities to more effectively attract new development, with particular attention given to infrastructure, marketing, and innovative funding mechanisms to finance these improvements.

- Develop a **Chicago Road Corridor Plan** to improve the safety, attractiveness, and economic potential of Chicago Road in the communities of Chicago Heights, South Chicago Heights, and Steger. This plan would include recommendations to balance pedestrian and vehicular travel, expand public transit, coordinate land uses, implement “complete streets” and develop attractive aesthetic features.
- Develop a **Tax Impact Assessment** for the 43 municipalities of SSMMA that would examine the impact of high municipal taxes on residential and business location decisions. CMAP would define the methodology of the study and could help refine the scope: SSMMA suggests that Cook may want a county-wide study. This request is a “placeholder” pending definition of partners, parameters, and scope.

Steger (also Will County)

- Develop a **comprehensive plan** to establish a vision for the Village and guide its future development. The plan should focus on the redevelopment of the downtown area and provide recommendations for the development of a successful pedestrian-oriented and mixed-use downtown. The transportation recommendations should focus on improved pedestrian access and safety in the downtown area along with improved vehicular flow throughout the Village.

Southwest Cook

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Blue Island Park District (also South Cook)

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Lemont (also Will County)

- Analyze the Village’s **development review process** and outline recommendations for improvements to increase efficiency, clarity and coordination among consultants and

Village staff. The Village is particularly interested in learning how other communities address similar issues and processes.

- Develop a **corridor plan** for State Street that allows for limited commercial use, while addressing design considerations in this predominantly residential corridor. Improving the pedestrian and bicycle realm through urban design is also desired.
- Develop a **water supply and distribution sustainability plan** that addresses the Village's future projected growth and demand on its groundwater resources.
- Develop an **economic subarea plan** for one or more economic activity centers as identified and recommended in the Village's comprehensive plan. The plan would address land use and design considerations, infrastructure capacity, and economic feasibility of the proposed land uses.

Palos Park

- Improve the **Zoning Ordinance**, including its enforcement, application, administration, appropriateness, and interpretation. There is concern with the development of smaller vacant residential parcels in a consistent manner with existing adjacent residential properties.

DuPage County

Aurora (also Kane, Kendall, and Will Counties)

- Create an **Arts and Culture Plan** for Aurora, as well as a Downtown Arts District based on CMAP's Arts & Culture Toolkit. The Plan should provide guidelines to evaluate arts based proposals, such as live-work spaces, affordable housing for artists and studio, display, rehearsal and performance spaces to reflect Aurora's growing creative economy.
- Update and enhance the City's 2006 **Downtown Master Plan** with walkability, bikeability and transit components to return the downtown to its historic reputation for transit oriented development.
- Update the 2009 **Sustainability Plan** with new resources from the Sustainability Toolkit; the updated Plan should reflect changes in technology, the economy, community priority, and resident interest.

Bensenville

- To effectively implement the Comprehensive Plan and Homes for a Changing Region projects undertaken recently in Bensenville, conduct a comprehensive revision to the current **Zoning Ordinance** is requested. Only task-specific amendments have been made to the Zoning Ordinance by the Village since 2004. The Village is interested in incorporating form-based code concepts into the final product.

Clarendon Hills

- Develop a **comprehensive plan for the Village's South Side** that addresses current challenges faced by the neighborhood including the perceived disconnection from the Village, incomplete infrastructure system, and inaccessibility, among others. Community outreach and participation as part of the planning process, is a priority for the Village.

DuPage County DOT

- Develop a framework plan for future **bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements** along the Elgin O'Hare Expressway (I-390) facility in corridor communities and unincorporated DuPage County. This framework may include sidewalk and trail connections, existing and future transit, and community points of interest.

DuPage County Health Department

- Partner with Impact DuPage, a collaborative human services organization formed in 2013, to create a **web-based community dashboard** that is integrated with similar regional efforts. CMAP is requested to develop best practices related to data sharing and multi-sectoral partner engagement.

Elmhurst

- Craft a comprehensive community-wide **Sustainability Plan** that includes both incorporated and unincorporated residents, businesses, and community-based institutions and organizations.

Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

- Conduct a **feasibility study** for the final link of the West Branch DuPage River Trail. This study should address a crossing of Roosevelt Road and the West Branch of the DuPage River as well as identify any other on-street routes or trail alignments that could be designated as the West Branch DuPage River Trail instead of a grade-separated crossing. This study will be conducted in partnership with the DuPage County Division of Transportation.

Franklin Park (also West and Northwest Cook County)

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Glen Ellyn

- Prepare a comprehensive **zoning code update** as identified in the Village's Comprehensive Plan (2001) and Downtown Strategic Plan (2009). The Village is particularly interested in reevaluating regulations in the downtown central business districts, and balancing historic preservation with transit oriented development.

Mary Ann Kaufman

- Provide **funding assistance to build and test a ½ scale “living wall”** for suitability as a roadway sound wall replacement. Project would take place on the resident-facing side of IL-53 at 2S154 Churchill Lane near Huntington.

Roselle (also Northwest Cook County)

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Villa Park

- Update the Village’s **Zoning Code**. The Village adopted a TOD Overlay District as part of the Zoning Code, but it affects less than 1% of the total land area and the code needs to address the entire Village. The update will address issues and offer an opportunity to institute necessary changes to further the comprehensive plan, and recognize technological and environmental advancement since the current code’s adoption.

Warrenville

- Develop a **Comprehensive Plan** for the City to replace its existing plan adopted in 1984. The Plan should accommodate more dense residential development, be reflective of market realities, encourage efficient land use, and be fiscally and socially sound. In addition, the Plan should include a sub-area plan for the Route 59/Route 56 arterial intersection, a real estate market analysis, and incorporate scenario-based planning.

Wayne

- Develop a **new zoning ordinance** that is more consistent with the goals of the Plan to maintain the Village’s semi-rural character and its designated historic districts. The results will offer defined land use regulations, less administrative confusion for property owners, developers and Village staff in interpreting and implementing the regulations.

There will be fewer variations from land use and preservation of historic structures will allow adaptive re-use and more attractive opportunities for development in the Village.

Willowbrook

- Perform a **southeast sub-area comprehensive plan update**. The area is comprised by a mix of commercial and low impact mixed office and industrial uses on fairly small lots. There are various challenges and opportunities that impact the existing residential properties, some of which are solid, and some that may be suitable for redevelopment. The Village's southeast area continues to generate interest from uses in the area that might not be supported without a new vision and plan for accommodating them.

Winfield

- Implement a **Zoning Code Update** to modernize our zoning codes. After recently completing an update of the Village's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Village officials believe conducting a zoning code update will result in more effective and appropriate rezoning. The Village would be able to utilize the current planning momentum from updating the Village's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Kane County

Aurora (also DuPage, Kendall, and Will Counties)

- Create an **Arts and Culture Plan** for Aurora, as well as a Downtown Arts District based on CMAP's Arts & Culture Toolkit. The Plan should provide guidelines to evaluate arts based proposals, such as live-work spaces, affordable housing for artists and studio, display, rehearsal and performance spaces to reflect Aurora's growing creative economy.
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Fox River Study Group

- Assist Fox River Watershed communities develop **community-specific watershed plans** to achieve the nutrient pollution load reduction targets and watershed improvement strategies called for by the Fox River Implementation Plan (FRIP). The plans will cover municipalities downstream of Stratton Dam/Chain O'Lakes.

Huntley (also McHenry County)

- Prepare a **form-based code for the Village's Downtown** and surrounding area as recommended in the Downtown Revitalization Plan (2010). The new code would

complement several efforts such as the adoption of a TIF district, streetscape plan and façade improvement assistance program for Downtown Huntley.

Kane County

- Develop a **health chapter for a comprehensive plan** that will assess one municipality but can be used as a model for the region. The incorporation of health into a comprehensive plan will enable a municipality to fully support and enhance local and regional health-related programs; it will assist the municipality in attaining future grants and technical assistance; and it will prepare the municipality for the utilization of health impact assessments (HIA) in local decision making. Multi-department application from the Development & Community Services Dept., Health Dept., and Division of Transportation.
- Conduct a **health impact assessment (HIA) on the Model Transit Zoning Ordinance** included in the Kane County Primary Transit Network (PTN) Study, a 2013 LTA project. This HIA would provide additional information and recommendations to improve health outcomes associated with the model zoning ordinance ahead of its adoption by Kane County municipalities in the coming years. Multi-department application from the Development & Community Services Dept., Health Dept., and Division of Transportation.

Montgomery (also Kendall County)

- Update the **zoning ordinance** for the Village's Downtown/Mill District to facilitate the implementation of the Village's comprehensive and TOD plans.

South Elgin

- Conduct **elected official zoning training** in order to focus on the public hearing process, current zoning laws, and provide a general discussion of the Village's roles in the planning and development proposals. The Village has developed high-quality long range plans and will be working to overhaul the development ordinance making them consistent with range plans and will be working to renovate the development ordinances while making them consistent with these plans.

Kendall County

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Joliet (also Will County)

- Update the City's community-wide **zoning ordinance** to include an assessment of the current ordinance, an updated set of regulations, and allowance for administrative variances, where possible.

Kendall County

- Conduct a comprehensive **market study** of the comparative advantage for **industrial development** in each community within Kendall County. This study would identify current and future industry clusters, analyze workforce and infrastructure suitability, and provide guidance on sustainable tax structures and necessary infrastructure improvements.

Montgomery (also Kane County)

- Update the **zoning ordinance** for the Village's Downtown/Mill District to facilitate the implementation of the Village's comprehensive and TOD plans.

Lake County

Fox Lake (also McHenry County)

- Develop a **refined development review process/zoning code update** within the Community Development Department. The new review process should address unclear expectations held by stakeholders, ensure appropriate development through the use of adequate zoning, and incorporate concepts/regulations that promote environmental protection and sustainability.
- Create a **parks and recreation master plan** which will improve regional connectivity, enhance recreational facilities, strengthen the local economy, and provide healthy, environmentally-friendly transportation options.
- Review **Village ordinances and codes** to prioritize changes and develop a timeline for implementation. The project will encompass all stakeholders including all Village departments, Plan Commission, Zoning Board, businesses and residents.

Grayslake

- Develop a **bicycle and pedestrian plan** that builds off of the existing bike path system and past plans while focusing on land use, linkages, signage and safety enhancements.

Gurnee

- Update the Village's **comprehensive plan** (last updated in 1997). The plan should focus on affordable housing, mixed use and transit oriented development, multi-modal transportation, walkability, access to parks and open space, and sustainability.

Lake County Division of Transportation

- Develop a **greenway corridor plan** to enhance transportation and recreational use of the Robert McClory Bike Path, which was recently designated as part of US Bike Route 37 in May 2014. This project would improve safety, appearance, wayfinding, and local connections to the trail in areas under the jurisdiction of Lake County, the Village of Lake Bluff, the City of Lake Forest, and the City of Highland Park.

Lake Zurich

- Update the Village's **comprehensive plan** (last updated in 2003) and provide public outreach. The updated plan would tie into the Route 53 Land Use Planning Study, currently coordinated by CMAP, and help implement the Village's five year strategic plan.

Lakemoor (also McHenry County)

- Prepare a **Town Center subarea plan** that focuses on mixed use development, community identity, walkability and sustainability to strengthen the Village's center of activity. The plan would fulfill an implementation strategy of the Village's comprehensive plan, prepared by CMAP.

McHenry County

Bull Valley

- Develop a **strategic action plan** for the Village of Bull Valley. The Village adopted an updated Comprehensive Land Use and Preservation Plan in 2011, and has since developed or begun work on various other plans focusing on affordable housing, green infrastructure/greenways, and commercial development. A strategic action plan would provide the Village with a long range action plan that outlines goals, objectives and action steps to guide the implementation and fiscal viability of all plans.
- Develop a **green infrastructure and/or commercial development plan** as recommended by the Village's 2011 Comprehensive Plan.

Cary

- Update and combine the Village's Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance into a **Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)** as recommended by Cary 2020, the Village's updated comprehensive plan. The UDO could include: expanded definitions and illustrations; new and/or condensed zoning districts; revised standards for variations

and conditional uses; an administrative review and approval process for basic variations and small subdivisions; and an updated permitted and conditional use list.

Fox Lake (also Lake County)

- Develop a **refined development review process/zoning code update** within the Community Development Department. The new review process should address unclear expectations held by stakeholders, ensure appropriate development through the use of adequate zoning, and incorporate concepts/regulations that promote environmental protection and sustainability.
- Create a **parks and recreation master plan** which will improve regional connectivity, enhance recreational facilities, strengthen the local economy, and provide healthy, environmentally-friendly transportation options.
- Review **Village ordinances and codes** to prioritize changes and develop a timeline for implementation. The project will encompass all stakeholders including all Village departments, Plan Commission, Zoning Board, businesses and residents.

Huntley (also Kane County)

- Prepare a **form-based code for the Village's Downtown** and surrounding area as recommended in the Downtown Revitalization Plan (2010). The new code would complement several efforts such as the adoption of a TIF district, streetscape plan and façade improvement assistance program for Downtown Huntley.

Lakemoor (also Lake County)

- Prepare a **Town Center subarea plan** that focuses on mixed use development, community identity, walkability and sustainability to strengthen the Village's center of activity. The plan would fulfill an implementation strategy of the Village's comprehensive plan, prepared by CMAP.

McHenry County

- Request assistance in developing a **Multi-County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**. The Rockford Regional Economic Development District (RREDD) has applied for USEDA funds to develop the CEDS, but CMAP technical assistance is required to identify, prioritize, and evaluate the economic impact of projects in the McHenry County portion.

McHenry County Department of Planning and Development

- Technical assistance to create and maintain a **Comprehensive Agricultural Resource Guide**, which would serve as an online clearinghouse for all agriculture-related information in McHenry County. Information included could benefit municipalities, agencies, residents, and farmers, and would help implement recommendations of the McHenry County Local Food Assessment, as well as GO TO 2040.

McHenry County Convention and Visitors Bureau

- Assistance in developing a **Wayfinding Signage Master Plan** to help residents and visitors navigate to McHenry County's rural and suburban destinations. A recent Destination Assessment identified the need for consistent directional wayfinding signage throughout the County; this plan would include recommendations for design and placement of all signage.

Oakwood Hills

- Assist the Village to **re-structure the Comprehensive Plan and adopt the appropriate code and ordinance recommendations**. Many of the villages' ordinances are outdated and do not conform to best practices. The village needs assistance in implementing and crafting codes, policies and ordinances for adoption by the village board.

Richmond

- Update the **Comprehensive Plan** to address the historic district, downtown business area, neighborhoods, countryside, economic development and transportation network. The majority of the adjacent land to the Village is farm and wetland. This plan will support the development and implications of multimodal transportation plans for environmental protection and mitigation. This will involve existing bodies of water, aquifers, floodways, floodplains, and drainage ways.

Woodstock

- Conduct an **IL Rt. 47 Improvement Economic Impact Study** that would demonstrate the economic effects of traffic improvements made to Route 47. This report could become a regional model and be applied to other urban road improvement projects.

Will County

Aurora (also DuPage, Kane, and Kendall Counties)

- Create an **Arts and Culture Plan** for Aurora, as well as a Downtown Arts District based on CMAP's Arts & Culture Toolkit. The Plan should provide guidelines to evaluate arts based proposals, such as live-work spaces, affordable housing for artists and studio, display, rehearsal and performance spaces to reflect Aurora's growing creative economy.
- Update and enhance the City's 2006 **Downtown Master Plan** with walkability, bikeability and transit components to return the downtown to its historic reputation for transit oriented development.
- Update the 2009 **Sustainability Plan** with new resources from the Sustainability Toolkit; the updated Plan should reflect changes in technology, the economy, community priority, and resident interest.

Forest Preserve District of Will County

- Prepare a **Will County Bikeway Plan** that will coordinate with the County's upcoming 2040 Transportation Plan. Will County is the only county without a bikeway plan in the CMAP planning area. This plan would inventory existing assets and give short-term and long-term recommendations on how to connect communities and encourage the use of non-motorized transportation throughout Will County.

Joliet (also Kendall County)

- Update the City's community-wide **zoning ordinance** to include an assessment of the current ordinance, an updated set of regulations, and allowance for administrative variances, where possible.

Lemont (also Southwest Cook County)

- Analyze the Village's **development review process** and outline recommendations for improvements to increase efficiency, clarity and coordination among consultants and Village staff. The Village is particularly interested in learning how other communities address similar issues and processes.
- Develop a **corridor plan** for State Street that allows for limited commercial use, while addressing design considerations in this predominantly residential corridor. Improving the pedestrian and bicycle realm through urban design is also desired.
- Develop a **water supply and distribution sustainability plan** that addresses the Village's future projected growth and demand on its groundwater resources.
- Develop an **economic subarea plan** for one or more economic activity centers as identified and recommended in the Village's comprehensive plan. The plan would address land use and design considerations, infrastructure capacity, and economic feasibility of the proposed land uses.

Mokena

- Prepare a comprehensive **non-motorized traffic and transportation plan** that focuses on transportation and land use. Key stakeholder and public participation is a priority for the Village.

Steger (also Cook County)

- Develop a **comprehensive plan** to establish a vision for the Village and guide its future development. The plan should focus on the redevelopment of the downtown area and provide recommendations for the development of a successful pedestrian-oriented and mixed-use downtown. The transportation recommendations should focus on improved pedestrian access and safety in the downtown area along with improved vehicular flow throughout the Village.

Will County

- Conduct a **comprehensive food assessment and develop a Local Food Plan** to clearly identify the demand for fresh fruits and vegetable. The study should develop a strategy for strengthening the economy through job training and job creation in the emerging fields of local food growing. There are various ways for processing and distributing food, ensuring access to healthy food to all residents, reducing food shipping distance and preserving farmland while enhancing livability of all the municipalities within the county.
- Develop a **community plan** with implementation strategies for the Preston Heights/Patterson Road area. Throughout the County there are certain pockets of land that are developed, but have never been annexed to a municipality. The plan would include: recommendations for future land use development, implementation strategy for infrastructure improvements, economic development, to build community synergy, and to expanding public areas and culture.

Regional

Chicago Metro Metal Consortium (CMMC)

- **Assess and prioritize proposed transportation projects** for submittal to the US DOT's TIGER Discretionary Grant program, for which CMMC is likely to receive preferential consideration. The goal is to secure TIGER funding for at least one regionally significant transportation project that will improve the movement of goods and workers in metal manufacturing.

Cook County Bureau of Economic Development + Chicago Regional Truck Permitting Working Group

- Create a **Chicago Regional Truck Permitting Plan** to streamline the multiple truck permit systems in place within the northeastern Illinois region. The Plan should evaluate multiple options for regional cooperation, recommend strategies for streamlining the truck permitting process and identify next steps and resources for implementation.

RTA Community Planning Program Applicants

The following projects have been reviewed by both CMAP and RTA and have been determined to fall under RTA's evaluation jurisdiction:

City of Aurora	Station Boulevard Trolley Access Improvements
City of Aurora	Pedestrian Access Study
City of Des Plaines	Oakton Station Feasibility Study
City of Evanston	TOD Zoning Parking Requirements
City of Highwood	TOD Zoning Update
City of West Chicago	Developer Discussion Panel
Pace	North Avenue Corridor Study
Village of Bartlett	Downtown / TOD Plan
Village of Brookfield	TOD Zoning Update
Village of Calumet Park	TOD Plan
Village of Forest Park	TOD Zoning Code – Blue Line
Village of Forest Park	Roosevelt Road Zoning Code Overlay
Village of Forest Park	Harlem Avenue Zoning Code Overlay
Village of Franklin Park	Developer Discussion Panel
Village of Libertyville	TOD Plan
Village of Mount Prospect	Rand Road Corridor Plan
Village of Palatine	Downtown Zoning and Sign Ordinance
Village of Palos Park	Transit Access / Bike Access
Village of River Grove	Developer Discussion Panel
Village of Skokie	Innovative TOD Implementation Project
Village of South Holland	Town Center Area Plan / SouthEast Service TOD
Village of Worth	TOD Plan