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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Environment and Natural Resources Working Committee  
**From:** Jason Navota, Principal  
**Date:** November 2014  
**Re:** Next Regional Plan

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CMAP is beginning to lay the groundwork for developing the successor to GO TO 2040, which is due to be complete in 2018. CMAP staff are scoping the priorities and needs to begin plan development in fiscal year 2016. As part of that process, an environment team has been tasked with cataloging activities related to the natural environment that the agency has conducted since GO TO 2040, assess the current knowledge base, and determine which issues require further investigation in the coming year. CMAP staff are currently in the research phase around the following topic areas and request committee feedback.

### 1. Water Resources

- Water supply: groundwater, conservation, management, Lake Michigan
- Water quality: watershed planning, wastewater planning, Lake Michigan
- Stormwater: management, flooding, alternatives (green infrastructure)
- Waterways: Chicago area waterways system (including Lake Michigan)

### 2. Green Infrastructure

- Conservation landscapes: land & water resource habitats, landscapes, coastal zone
- Working landscapes: agriculture and local food
- Urban landscapes: community parks, urban forestry, greening the urban landscape
- Trails and greenways

### 3. Resiliency and Adaptation (climate adaptation, mitigation, hazard management, sustainability)

- Climate mitigation / air quality
- Climate adaptation and resiliency

### 4. Other

- Energy
- Waste

**ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion.**