Get involved

Over the next year, CMAP will publish reports and updates in the following areas as part of the ongoing development of ON TO 2050. There will also be topical forums and workshops to attend throughout the year. Please mark the topics about which you would like to receive more details, and don’t forget to include your contact information.

- Demographic trends
- Climate resilience
- Green infrastructure
- Stormwater management/water resources
- Housing supply and affordability
- Inclusive growth
- Economic clusters and resilience
- Lands in transition
- Infill and transit oriented development
- Tax policies and land use impacts
- Reinvestment and infill
- Shared services/consolidation
- Community capacity
- Socioeconomic forecast
- Transportation system funding
- Transportation asset conditions
- New transportation technology
- Transit modernization
- Highway operations
- Freight system, planning, and policy

Name and Title

Email

Organization

I would like to co-host an ON TO 2050 workshop.

About CMAP

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is the region’s official comprehensive planning organization. The agency and its partners are developing ON TO 2050, a new comprehensive regional plan to help the seven counties and 284 communities of northeastern Illinois to implement strategies that address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues. See www.cmap.illinois.gov for more information.
Land use choices have costs and benefits.

Agricultural and natural areas are vital assets in our region, and their value should be weighed carefully when communities consider development opportunities. CMAP is researching strategies for preservation of agricultural, natural, and open lands as well as guidance on where and how to develop previously undeveloped lands to reduce the potential negative impacts of development and support community livability.

ON TO 2050 will provide strategies to help communities develop and conserve land strategically.

The ON TO 2050 development process will explore strategies to develop land strategically while conserving areas that provide critical agricultural and ecosystem services, such as flood control. This process will consider ways to minimize service and infrastructure costs associated with new development while at the same time maximizing land conservation and helping to ensure that the benefits of conservation are shared across the region.

ON TO 2050 should help communities select locally appropriate planning and development approaches that align with community and regional goals of enhanced quality of life as well as environmental and economic sustainability.

Find out more at www.cmap.illinois.gov/ONT02050.

Source: Protected status is based on the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning land use inventory for 2001 and 2010 and the National Conservation Easement Databased for 2012–15. Developed status is based on the National Land Cover Dataset for 2001-11.

Between 2001-11, the amount of developed land grew by 80,000 acres while a smaller, yet still significant, amount of land was permanently protected. Newly developed lands have been primarily located on the edges of existing communities and of the region itself.

What are the biggest advantages and/or disadvantages to developing the agricultural or open space in your community?

How does land protection or land conversion affect other regional goals?

Please provide any additional comments.