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December 6, 2016
Two Brothers Roundhouse

3:30 p.m. Check-in
4:00 p.m. Program

Welcome
Chris Lauzen, Chairman
Kane County Board

Joseph C. Szabo, Executive Director,
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Panel Discussion

Moderator
Carolyn Schofield, McHenry County Board
and CMAP Board member

Panelists
Collete English Dixon, Managing Principal,
Libra Investments Group, LLC
Chuck Marohn, Founder and President,
Strong Towns
Curt Paddock, Director,
Will County Land Use Department

5:00 p.m. Responses to written audience questions
5:30 p.m. Conclusion

Carolyn Schofield just completed her term on the McHenry County Board and was previously a member of the Crystal Lake City Council. She has been vice-chairman of the Northwest Water Planning Alliance Executive Board, chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, and chairman of the McHenry County Stormwater Commission. She is the McHenry County representative on the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Board. Schofield earned her Bachelor’s degree in general engineering with specialization in environmental quality from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and worked as a loss control engineer specializing in commercial fire protection and product liability.

Collete English Dixon has more than 30 years in investment management with a focus on commercial real estate investing. Prior to her formation of Libra Investments, Group, LLC, a real estate consulting and investment firm, she was executive director transactions for PGIM Real Estate, a business unit of Prudential Financial, and co-leader of PREI’s national investment dispositions program. She is a member of the University of Wisconsin Graaskamp Center Advisory Council and the River Forest Economic Development Commission. She is also a former member of the Advisory Council for the Chicago School of Real Estate at the Walter E. Heller College of Business Administration, Roosevelt University.

Chuck Marohn is a professional engineer and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Chuck is the founder and president of Strong Towns, a non-profit advocating for financially strong and resilient communities. He has a Bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Minnesota’s Institute of Technology and a Masters in urban and regional planning from the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey Institute. He is the author of Thoughts on Building Strong Towns (Volume 1) and A World Class Transportation System.

Curt Paddock is the director of the Will County, Illinois, Land Use Department and has 35 years of experience in community development. He leads a diverse team of urban planners, engineers, environmental specialists, and program managers that implement initiatives in long range planning, zoning administration, storm water management, building safety, neighborhood services, historic preservation, resource recovery, and energy conservation. Curt has a Master of Public Administration degree from the Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Master of Arts in Advanced Leadership Studies from Indiana Wesleyan University. He also completed the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard University.