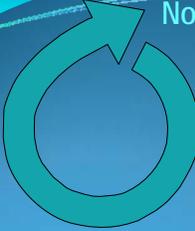


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Common Ground: A Blueprint for Regional Action

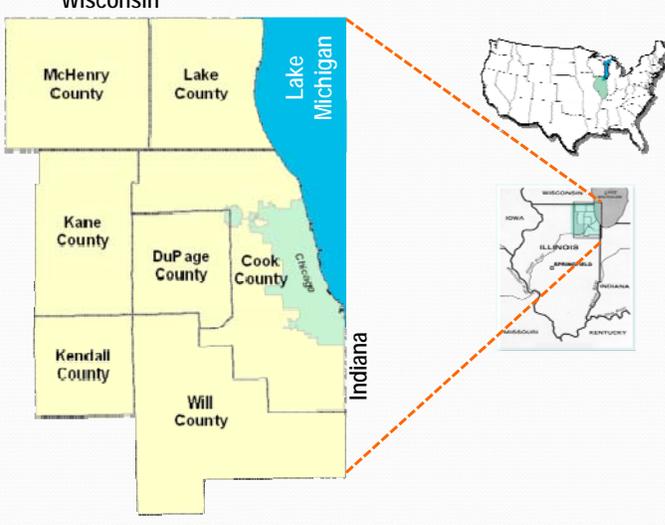
Some Lessons Learned

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Northeastern Illinois Region

- 272 Municipalities
- +8 million people
- + \$317 billion economy
- 3,700 sq. mi.

- 360 Transit stops
- 250,000 ac protected open space
- 1,000,000 ac farmland
- Terminus for all major national rail lines
- O'Hare Airport
- Interstates 80, 88, 90, 94



Wisconsin

McHenry County

Lake County

Lake Michigan

Kane County

DuPage County

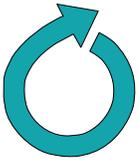
Cook County

Chicago

Kendall County

Will County

Indiana



Why Now?

From 2001

Regional Planning Now

- Regional Issues have become Central Political Issues
- National Trend to Integrate Land Use & Transportation Planning
- Widespread Call for Community Based Regional Planning
- New Technologies Providing A New Solution

NIPC Commitment

From 2001

Regional Planning Now

- Community Based Regional Plan - Enhance What We Value in Individual Communities
- Regional Framework - Protect What We Share in the Region (Land Use & Transportation)
- Inclusive - Support Inclusion, Balance and Equity Region-Wide
- Consensus - Build Agreements & Leadership for Action
- Technology - Provide Technology to Meet the Challenge



Groupware Meeting Support Technology

KEY PADS

Individual response from all participants

(Instant feedback)

Provides anonymous & candid response

(Quantifiable measures)



NETWORK COMPUTERS

Electronic flip chart

(Facilitated)

Records agreements & priorities

(Available to whole room)

Meeting record

(Instantly available)



Facilitating Consensus

Recruit, Train and Sustain Staff,
Consultant and Volunteer Pool of
Neutral Facilitators

- Champion for Participants
- Guide Use of Technology Tools
- Ensure Maximum Participation
- Manage Agenda
- Capture Input
- Demonstrate Commitment





Tools Help



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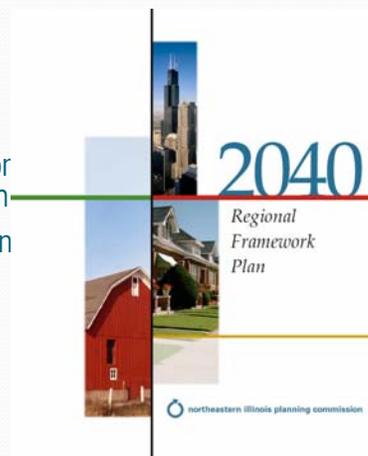


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A Shared Framework

- 2040 Regional Framework Plan, northeastern Illinois can & must achieve progress that enhances the livability of our communities.
- **True progress** will only happen if the region plans carefully to accommodate that growth.
- The framework plan is a **guide** to the region and its communities.
- Positive outcomes can result from more **collaborative planning & public funding**.
- Negative results can be avoided with communities in **partnership** rather than competition.





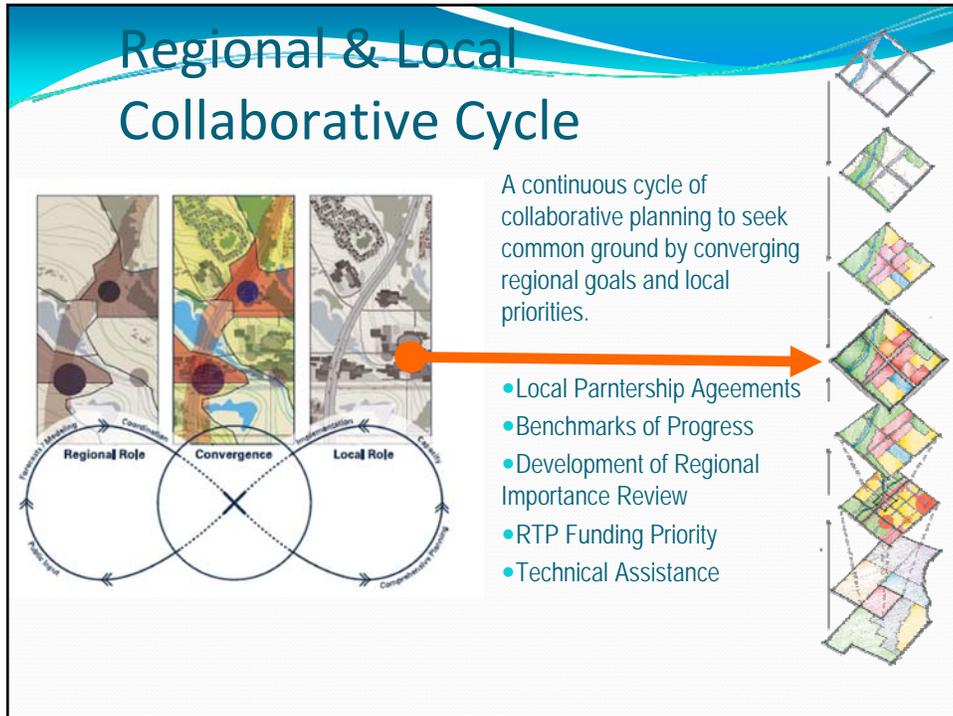
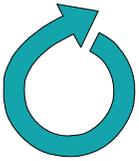
2040 Regional Framework Map

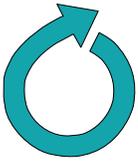
Centers, Corridors, Green Infrastructure



Implementation Strategies

1. Encourage Redevelopment, Reuse and Infill
2. Achieve a Balance Between Jobs and Housing
3. Provide Affordable Housing Opportunities
4. Promote Livable Communities
5. Promote Economic Vitality
6. Promote Diversity and Inclusiveness
7. Promote Compact, Mixed-Use Development
8. Promote Telecommunications Infrastructure and Technology
9. Promote Walking and Bicycling as Alternative Modes of Travel
10. Ensure that Transportation Facilities are Context-Sensitive with Natural Resources, Historic Resources, and Community Values
11. Coordinate Land Use and Transportation
12. Maximize Use of Existing Infrastructure
13. Protect Water Resources
14. Plan for Sustainable Water Supply from Ground, Surface, and Lake Michigan Sources
15. Protect and Enhance Biodiversity
16. Enhance and Connect Green Areas
17. Preserve Farmland





Local Planning Action Strategy Agreements

Municipality	Strategy 1	Strategy 2	Strategy 3	Strategy 4	Strategy 5	Strategy 6	Strategy 7	Strategy 8	Strategy 9	Strategy 10	Strategy 11	Strategy 12	Strategy 13	Strategy etc.
	Municipality 1	●	NA	●	●	●	●	NA	●	●	●	NA	●	NA
Municipality 2	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	NA	●	NA	●	●
Municipality 3	●	NA	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Municipality 4	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Municipality etc.	NA	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	NA	●

● Will Do ● Might Do ● Will Not Do NA Not Applicable

A Partnership to Implement Centers

- Implementing the Visioning with Centers Toolkit
- Identify and capture where they want to go (i.e. compact dev., walkable communities, housing choices, wide mode choices etc)
- Identify 2040 Centers Characteristics
- Create Action Plan & Priorities

