

5th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth

Building Safe, Healthy, and Livable Communities

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Scenario Planning

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About NIPC

Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission

- comprehensive planning agency for the six-county Chicago metropolitan area
- created by the Illinois General Assembly in 1957 and assigned three broad responsibilities:
 - Conduct Research Required for Planning
 - Assist Local Governments on Planning Issues
 - Develop Advisory Plans for the Six-County Region
- mission: to promote the sound and orderly development of the northeastern Illinois area, to strive for consensus on policies and plans for action



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The Region

Northeastern Illinois 6-County Region

- 272 Municipalities
- 8,091,720 residents
- 3 million households
- 4,323,207 jobs
- Rapid Growth



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PRIOR NIPC PLANS

Diversity Within Order – Coordinated Development for a Better Environment, 1967

- An “armature” plan defining the type of metropolitan area desired and the policies and actions needed to achieve that
- Prepared 3 alternative Plans:
 - **Finger Plan** – emphasized transportation systems and organized the expanding metropolis in a radial pattern of independent communities along the “fingers” of rail lines and expressways; wedges between fingers occupied by low density development and open spaces
 - **Multi Towns Plan**– organized the region into a system of urban clusters consisting of residential neighborhoods grouped around a town center; individual towns would vary in size and range of jobs & housing
 - **Satellite Cities** – Greenbelt Plan – 4/5 cities in the collar counties would absorb a large part of the projected growth; their separate identities would be maintained by a greenbelt of low-density residential, agricultural and open space uses



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PRIOR NIPC PLANS

Strategic Plan for Land Resource Management, 1992

- Concerned mainly with decentralization and its impact on the region
- Recommendations included:
 - Improved Stewardship of Environmental Resources
 - More Balanced Development Pattern



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About COMMON GROUND

Objectives

- 1) Prepare and adopt a **Regional Land Use Framework Plan** based on a publicly created, comprehensive vision of the future **beyond 30 years**
- 2) To provide a new approach supported by the best available technology for **community-driven regional planning**
- 3) To **assist local planning efforts** by providing best practices, **utilizing new technology** and facilitating **intergovernmental cooperation**
- 4) To **strengthen the link between land use planning and infrastructure investment** across the region



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WHO PARTICIPATED ?



Residents of the Region



Elected Officials



Youth



Under-represented Groups



Committed Civic leaders & Activists

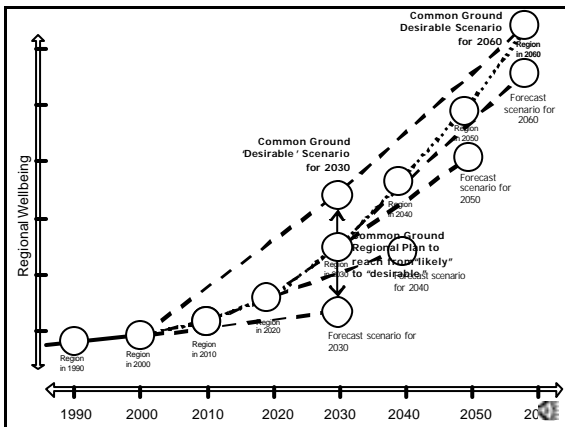


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Vision vs. Development Trends



Vision vs. Forecast

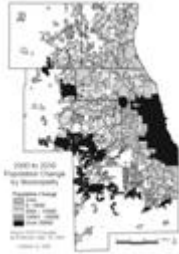
What we heard in Common Ground

- metropolitan centers should absorb almost two times more growth than the town centers

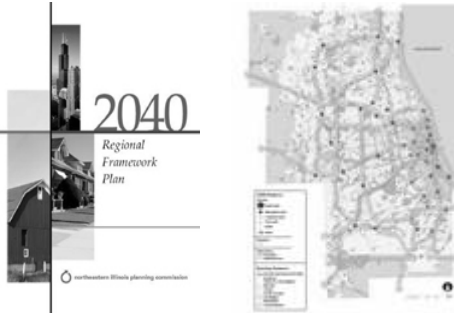


What forecast indicates

- 1.5 times more growth in town centers than in metropolitan centers



2040 Vision



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Current Land Use Models

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Strengths and Weaknesses

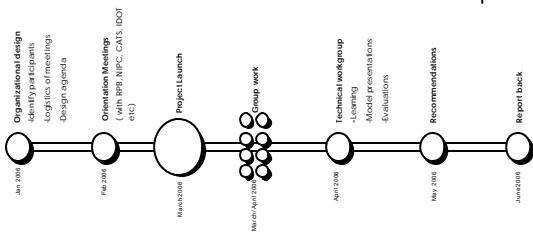
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Can directly address land use impacts ■ Locally calibrated ■ Applicable at varied geographic scales | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Require resources for data development and calibration ■ Require high level of analyst skill ■ Rely on past trends and policies ■ Some require software license agreements |
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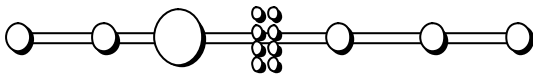


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Organizational Design January 2006

- Identify participants:** Policy Shapers at the Regional, County, and Local level
- Logistics of meetings:** Design of meetings, How many, where, when
- Design agenda:** Preparation of materials, mailings, background packages



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Orientation Meetings

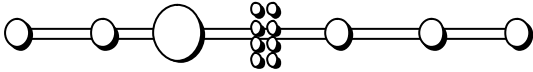
February 2006

Presentations to the following groups:

The Regional Planning Board

NIPC/ CATS

IDOT...etc.



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Moving into the future.







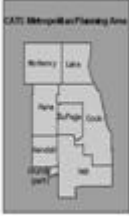

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Common Ground
A BLUEPRINT FOR REGIONAL ACTION



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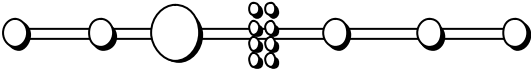

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Project Launch

March 2006

Communications Strategy:

The Region is embarking on designing a tool to best evaluate the future Regional Transportation and Regional Framework Plans For Regional and Local Policy Makers to evaluate different alternatives to our shared future



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Work Groups

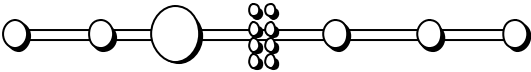
March/ April 2006

Multiple Meetings:

Regional Policy Makers, County/ Local Policy Makers,
Civic Advocacy Groups

Local Policy Implementers:

How can/ should this tool help us make better decisions



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for Transportation**

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CHANGING REGION**

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LATINOS UNITED



County Planning Directors



- Cook County - Peter Nicholson
- DuPage County - Thomas Cuculich
- Kane County - Phillip S. Bus
- Lake County - Philip J. Rovang
- McHenry County - Sue Ehardt
- Will County - Ty Warner

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Technical/ Policy Work Groups

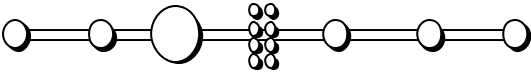
April/ May 2006

Multiple Meetings:

Learning: What did The Regions Policy Makers ask from a Tool

Presentations: Presentations by Tool providers, Regions using current tools, The emerging science/ research and development

Evaluation Matrix: Method of evaluating tools for recommendation report



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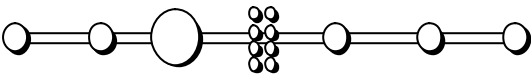
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Recommendations

May 2006

Report:

Evaluation of Tools, Work Program, Staffing, Timeline, Cost



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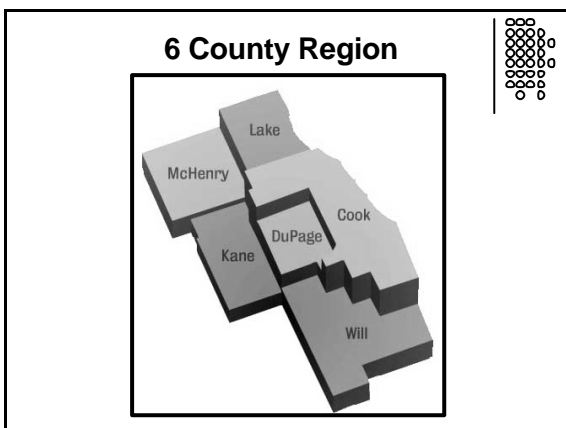


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Reporting Back
June 2006
Report:

Reporting back to the Region and Participants

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Thank You!

Questions?

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