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Making a Plan for Our Region

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Why is regional planning important?



Conceptual illustration for redevelopment in the Chicago Heights downtown area.

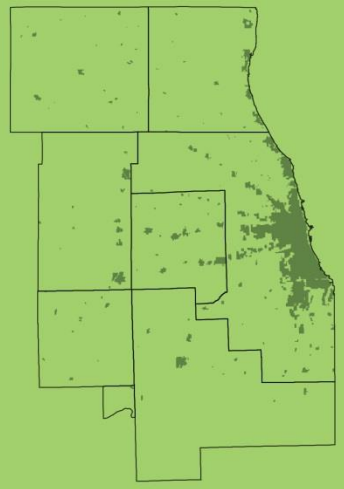
Aerial image at right showing the existing conditions within the portion of downtown used as the basis for the redevelopment shown in the below illustrative concept.

Source: Solomon Cordwell Buenz.

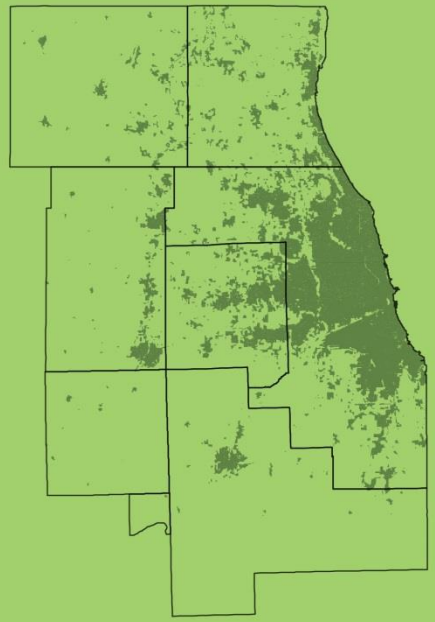
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Chicago is the third largest U.S. metropolitan region. And we're growing.

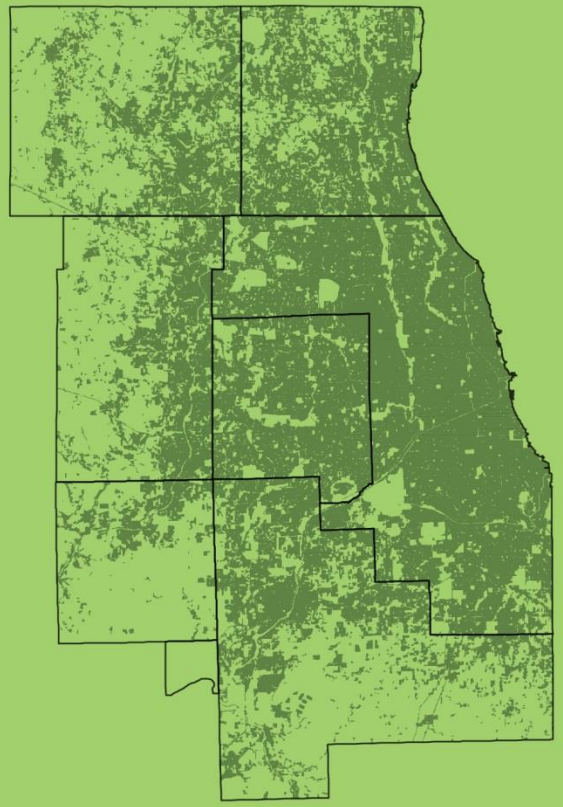
Developed area, 1900-2005



1900



1950



2005

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

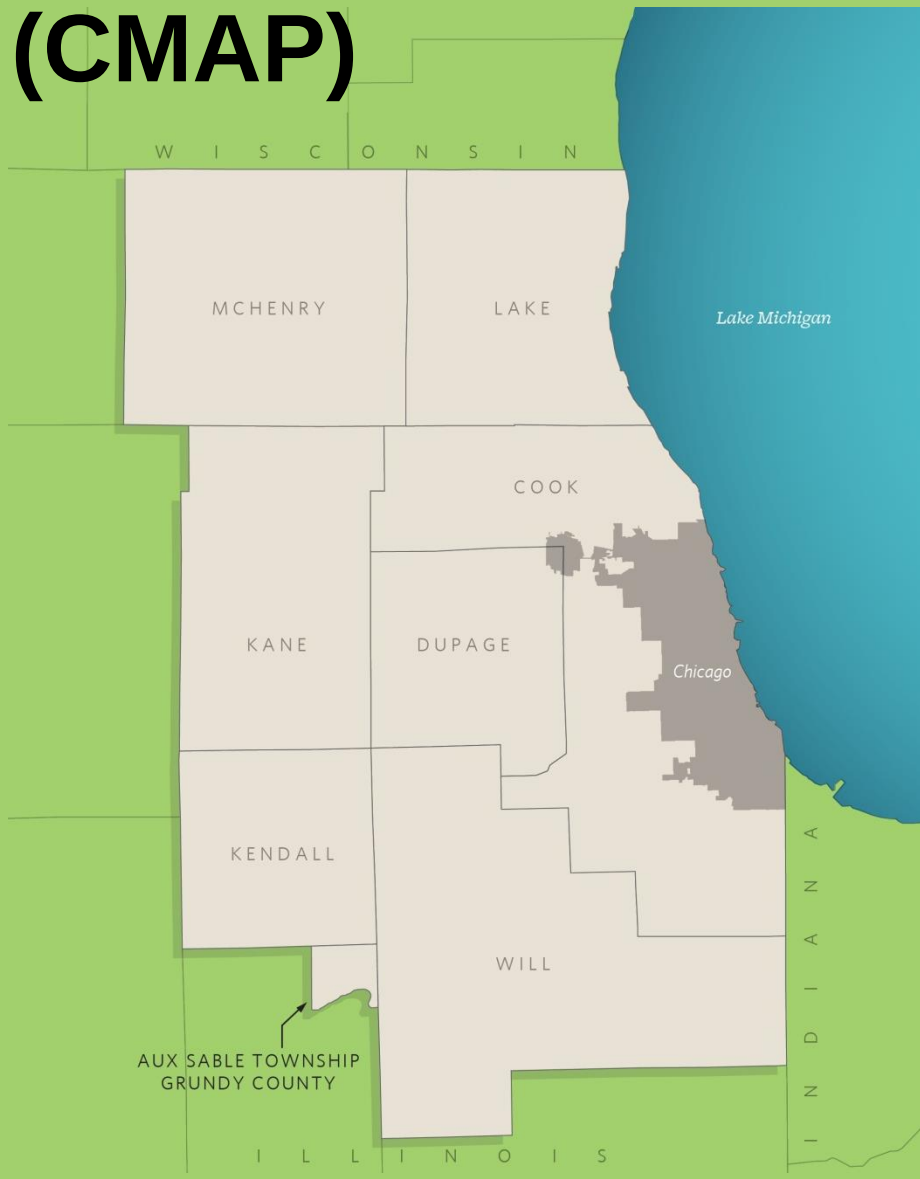
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Changes in the Chicago Metro region?

- **People: Getting older, more diverse**
- **Places: Development stresses land and water resources**
- **Getting around: More congestion, less connection, and it affects people and things**
- **Access: Not all communities have the resources they need to thrive**
- **Weather: More significant events, bringing both flooding and extreme heat**
- **Jobs: Types and locations of jobs are shifting**

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

- **CMAP is the regional planning organization for the seven counties of northeastern Illinois**
- **Mission: to develop coordinated strategies that lead to economic prosperity and quality of life**
- **Role: CMAP does research, analyzes data, and works with cities and villages**
- **The Plan: ON TO 2050**



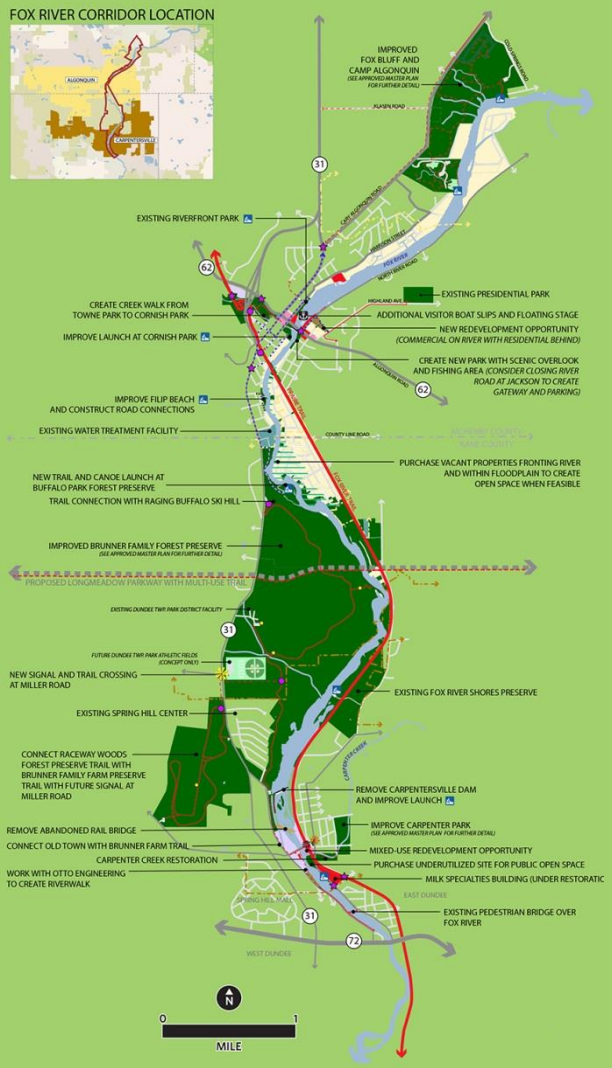
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Good planning includes our communities imagining their futures.

Conceptual illustrations highlighting the vision for the Fox River Corridor.



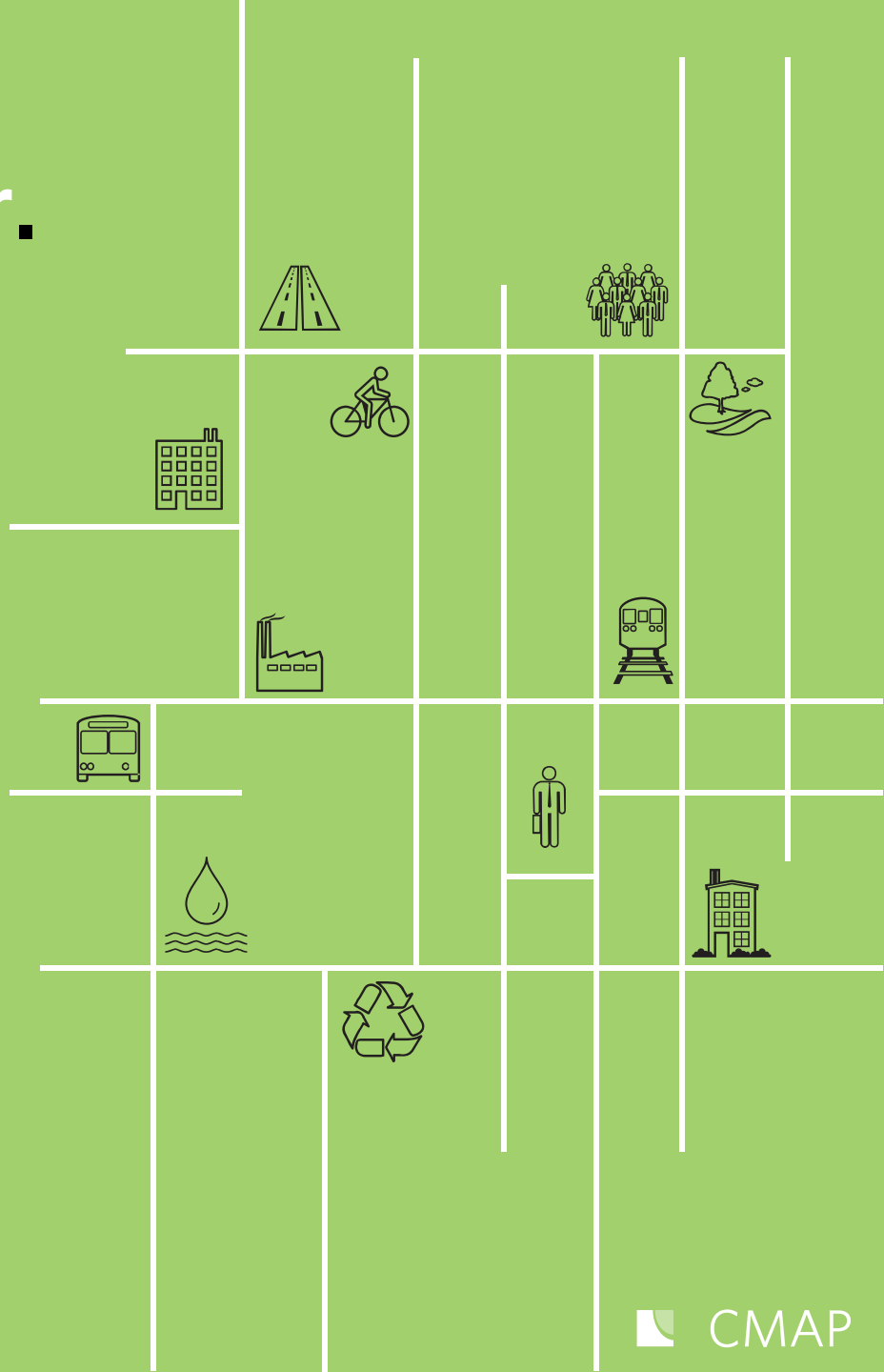
Illustrations by Bruce Bondy.



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Planning helps it all make sense together.

- How land is used.
- How people are served.
- How resources are applied.
- When transportation is modernized.
- Where buildings and roads are located.
- How water is managed.
- How people connect to housing and jobs.



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a new long-term plan for the region

- **3-year development process**
- **Adoption in 2018**
- **Community input**

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Some realities:

- You understand the community better than we do.
- Regional planning can't solve problems in our educational, health care, or judicial systems.
- We don't have all the answers; we don't even have all the questions yet.



What are the challenges and opportunities in your community?

Industry

Stormwater management

Economic investment

Connection to transportation

Connection to jobs

Demographic trends

Water resources

Housing choices

Natural and agricultural areas

Public policy and tax policy

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A regional approach

- What works, that can be promoted on a regional scale?
- Where is there potential for regional coordination?
- What are your Big Ideas to:
  - Mitigate flooding?
  - Fund transportation infrastructure?
  - Connect people to jobs?
  - Reduce congestion?
  - Build community capacity?
  - Increase public transit use?
  - Improve housing access?
  - Address demographic changes?
  - Support regional economic growth?

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Thank you.

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