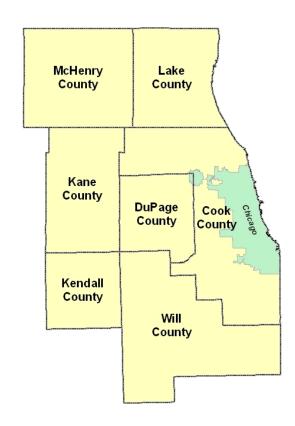


### Overview of CMAP, The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Randy Blankenhorn Executive Director

#### **About CMAP**

- Established in 2005 by the State of Illinois with support from the region's mayors.
- Central purpose is to better integrate planning for land use and transportation.
- The Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) and Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) have been consolidated within CMAP.
- New, streamlined regional agency serves seven counties that make up the third largest U.S. metropolitan region
  - Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will counties
  - 279 municipalities
  - Numerous school, park, and sanitary districts, along with other agencies





## CMAP is now the Planning Agency for Metropolitan Chicago

- Comprehensive planning that includes:
  - Transportation
  - Environment and natural resources
  - Housing
  - Open space
  - Economic development
- Charged with developing on a five-year cycle the region's official comprehensive plan that integrates land use and transportation.
- Responsible for:
  - identifying regional priorities
  - coordinating advocacy on behalf of those priorities



# CMAP: Combining the Assets of CATS and NIPC

- NIPC formed in 1957 by the State of Illinois
  - Comprehensive land-use planning and forecasts of population, employment, and other socio-economic indicators.
  - Extensive capabilities in environment, natural resources, housing, GIS mapping, and public involvement.
- CATS formed in 1955 by the State of Illinois
  - The CATS Policy Committee is designated by state and local officials as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for northeastern Illinois.
  - The MPO is responsible, in cooperation with the state, for carrying out the region's urban transportation planning process.



#### Composition of the CMAP board

- Fifteen voting members, including appointees of:
  - Mayor of the City of Chicago
  - County Chairmen and Mayors
  - The board also includes two non-voting members from CATS and NIPC
- Monthly board meetings
  - The second Wednesday of each month
  - 9:30 a.m.
  - Suite 800, Sears Tower
- Standing committees are Executive, Public Participation, Transition, and Planning and Priorities.



#### **Board Members**

#### City of Chicago Appointments

- Rita Athas, deputy chief of staff, City of Chicago
- Frank Beal, executive director, Metropolis 2020
- Raul Raymundo, executive director, Resurrection Project
- André Rice, president, Muller and Monroe Asset Management
- Nigel Telman, partner, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood law firm

#### Cook County Appointments

- Gerald Bennett, mayor, Palos Hills (Southwest Cook)
- Anthony Calderone, mayor, Forest Park (West Central Cook)
- Zenovia Evans, mayor, Riverdale (South Cook)
- Calvin Jordan, highway commissioner, Rich Township (Cook)
- Al Larson, mayor, Schaumburg (Northwest Cook)

#### Collar County Appointments

- Elliott Hartstein, mayor, Buffalo Grove (Lake)
- Marilyn Michelini, mayor, Montgomery (Kane/Kendall)
- Dan Shea, McHenry County board member (McHenry)
- Michael Smith, mayor, New Lenox (Will)
- Rae Rupp Srch, former mayor, Villa Park (DuPage)

#### Agency Representatives (non-voting members)

- Stephen Schlickman, executive director, Regional Transportation Authority (CATS)
- Ed Paesel, executive director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (NIPC)



#### **Executive Committee**

- Gerald Bennett, chair
- Rita Athas, vice chair
- Michael Smith, vice chair
- Elliott Hartstein, at-large member
- Al Larson, at-large member
- Nigel Telman, at-large member

#### **CMAP Near-term Tasks**

- Report on recommendations to the General Assembly by September 2006.
- Define organizational structures for governance and operations.
- Name members of Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC).
- Consolidate core business functions (e.g., payroll, benefits) of NIPC and CATS.
- Continue on-going work programs of NIPC and CATS under the unified CMAP banner.



#### **CMAP Longer-term Tasks**

- Prepare and adopt a transportation financial plan that identifies current funding and recommends new sources needed to implement regional plans.
- Develop and maintain a process of public participation to insure all interests are part of the regional planning process.
- Complete the process of fully integrating and consolidating the functions of NIPC, CATS and CMAP by October 2008.

### Not just growth, but progress

The Chicago metropolitan area must plan proactively to:

- House 2 million more people by 2030
- Make wise transportation investments that mitigate congestion
- Deal with potential water shortages
- Protect air quality
- Avoid premature consumption of land
- Protect important open space and natural resources
- Aggressively shape a sustainable future rather than react to ongoing development trends



### **Trends of Change**

#### By 2030:

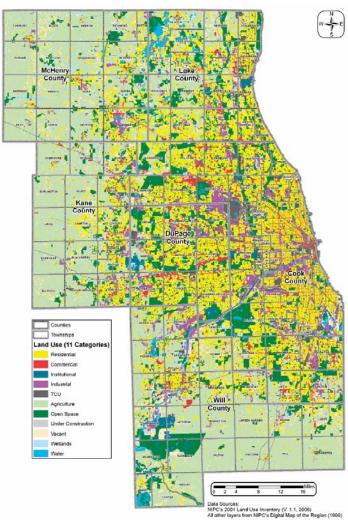
- Total population in the six county region may reach well over 10 million.
- Total number of jobs may reach 5.6 million.
- Persons over 65 years of age will nearly double.
- One third of the region's population will be Hispanic.



If we continue to consume land at current levels of density, by 2030 we would need to add about 337,000 acres of developed land into the municipalities to accommodate the projected population – an area equivalent to the size of Kane County.

### **Land-use Inventory**

- Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties cover some 3,750 square miles.
- Nearly 40 percent of land was agricultural in 1990; that dropped further to 32.4 percent by 2001, though the rate at which farmland is being consumed has slowed somewhat.
- The percentage of land with new construction dropped by more than a half-percent (14,700 acres) from 1990 to 2001.
- People per residential acre dropped from 11.80 in 1990 to 11.67 in 2001, reflecting consumption of new land.
- Consumption mitigated somewhat by trend toward infill and redevelopment, as encouraged by the 2040 Regional Framework Plan.





## CMAP: Promoting Economic Development

CMAP is responsible for integrating economic development in land-use and transportation plans.

- Our metropolitan region is the state's engine of prosperity.
- Regional plans for land use and transportation can help keep that engine humming.
  - Reducing congestion makes the region more conducive to commercial investment.
  - Affordable housing is vital to the economy.
  - Protecting natural resources is compatible with growing the economy.
  - CMAP research and data can be valuable resources to companies in the region.
- Collaborative planning at regional and local levels can signal to employers that northeastern Illinois is serious about addressing the important issues.



## **Economic Strengths of Metropolitan Chicago**

- The vacancy rate for rentals around the region averaged a slim 1.3% in 2000.
- 25% of the largest 100 employers in the region are in electronics, computers or telecommunications.
- In 2002, Chicago welcomed 32 million visitors who spent an estimated \$8.5 billion.
- Top employers in the region include BP (petrochemicals), Zurich Financial Services, Boeing, ABN AMRO (banking), Sears Roebuck, Aldi Group (retail), Allstate Corporation, Walgreen's, Kraft Foods, and Motorola.
- Headquarters home to:
  - 30 Fortune 500 company headquarters
  - 12 Fortune Global 500
  - 12Financial Times Global 500
  - 98 Corporate Headquarters, 2nd only to New York
- #1 in high-technology employment (347,100 workers) \$35 billion regional high-tech output and over 7,100 companies
- #1 city for air travel -- 46non-stop international destinations (19 additional direct) and 134 domestic destinations
- #1 distribution center -- #1 truck, #1 intermodal, #1 rail, #1 air
- #1 in business services professionals -- 82% growth in employment during the preceding business cycle (1990 to 2000)
- #1 in manufacturing -- \$72.4 billion regional manufacturing output



## Chicago-area Housing Web and Full Circle project

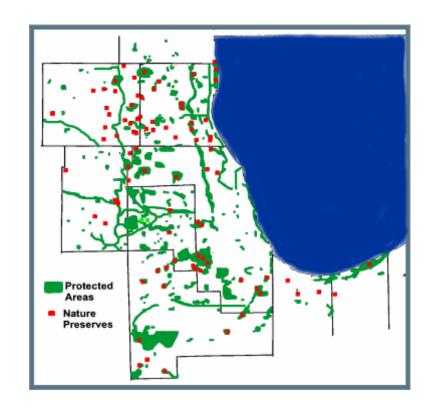
- Chicago-area Housing web (http://www.chicagoareahousing.org)
  - A clearinghouse of data about housing in the region
  - Helps policy makers, housing/community development professionals, planners, researchers, developers and people seeking to buy or rent a home
- Full Circle planning and mapping project (http://www.fulcir.net)
  - Established in 2004
  - 13 partner organizations (including MPC) in 25 Chicago neighborhoods
  - Helps communities plan by putting technology literally in the hands of residents
  - Data collected with wireless devices and accessed with cutting-edge Web tools





### **Protecting Natural Resources**

- CMAP will build on NIPC's record of teamwork with the Openlands Project, Chicago Wilderness, and other partners.
- Precious natural resources include:
  - 75 miles of Lake Michigan shore, over half in public ownership
  - 280+ square miles of protected open space
  - 138+ square miles of wetlands
  - 1,200+ square miles of farmland



### **Illinois Water Supply Initiative**

- Launched in June 2006.
- First step toward developing a comprehensive statewide framework to manage water resources.
- Over \$1 million approved by State of Illinois in FY06 budget.
- Initiative to help head off potential water shortages and quality issues across the state by:
  - providing data
  - coordinating between municipalities and counties
- Partnership involving DNR, MPC, Openlands Project and CMAP.

