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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and Committees

From: CMAP Staff

Date: June 5, 2013

Re: Local Technical Assistance Program Update

The CMAP Board and committees receive regular updates on the projects being undertaken through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, including those receiving staff assistance and grants. To date, 104 local projects have been initiated. Of these, 36 projects have been completed, 53 are fully underway, and 15 will get actively underway in the near future. Projects that appear in this document for the first time are noted and highlighted in italics.

Further detail on LTA project status can be found on the attached project status table.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion.

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Projects Currently Underway

	CMAP	<u> </u>	Assistance		
Project	lead	Timeline	type	Status and notes	
Antioch greenway plan (see website)	Jason Navota	Apr. 2012 – Aug. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Draft plan is under development, anticipated to be distributed to steering committee in June. Steering committee is currently reviewing detailed recommendations and implementation details. Public open house tentatively planned for July.	
Bensenville comprehensive plan	Sam Shenbaga	Mar. 2013 - Feb. 2014	Staff assistance	Underway. Existing conditions analysis underway. Stakeholder interviews conducted at Village Hall on May 28. Electronic kiosk to be set up at Village Hall on June 5 to receive public input on community issues. Latino workshop to be held on June 20 and public meeting on June 27 at Village Hall.	
Berwyn zoning revisions (see <u>website</u>)	Kristin Ihnchak	Jan. 2013 - Apr. 2014	Staff and consultant assistance	Underway. Team is reviewing existing conditions. Public kick-off meetings took place on May 8 and 11, and MetroQuest site is online to gather further input.	
Big Rock comprehensive plan (see website)	Trevor Dick	Feb. 2013 - Jan. 2014	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff is currently assisting Kane County/Village Staff with the Existing Conditions Report. The third public meeting – a visual preference survey – was held on May 13 with approximately 20 people in attendance. The next meeting will be held on June 10 with the Steering Committee to review what has been completed thus far.	
Bronzeville Alliance Retail corridor study, phase 2 (see <u>website</u>)	Sef Okoth	Phase 2: Nov. 2011 - June 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff met with City (DHED) on May 13 to discuss the draft plan. The Steering Committee and project partners reviewed and provided feedback on the draft plan. The Committee is currently reviewing the Plan and will meet on June 6 to consider adopting it. The plan will be formally presented to the public on June 22.	
Bronzeville national heritage area feasibility study (see <u>website</u>)	Sef Okoth	July 2012 - July 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) worked on assessing the potential impacts of the heritage area on natural resources and affected environment. CMAP staff continued drafting the feasibility study report, to be sent to the Steering Committee and project partners in June for review.	
Calumet City	Jack	June 2013-	Consultant	Underway. Interviews conducted May 30; Teska selected as project	
comprehensive plan	Pfingston	May 2014	assistance	consultant. Project expected to kick off in June.	
Centers for New Horizons local food survey	Sef Okoth	Nov. 2012 - July 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff completed administering the survey, began analyzing the results and prepared materials for focus group discussions, scheduled for June 5 and June 13.	
Chicago "Green Healthy Neighborhoods" in	TBD	Oct. 2013- Mar. 2015	Staff assistance	Newly added to monthly report. Project scoping and selection of contractors to assist with outreach are ongoing.	

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Pilsen and Little Village				
Chicago Heights comprehensive plan	Kendra Smith	Apr. 2013- Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	Underway. Project memorandum of understanding and resolution were approved by City Council on April 15. CMAP assisted Chicago Heights, Cook County, and the Cook County Housing Authority on a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant application, submitted May 28. Key person interviews are currently being scheduled and existing conditions analysis is underway.
Chicago Housing Authority LeClaire Courts redevelopment	Sef Okoth	Aug. 2012- July 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Staff formally reviewed and provided feedback on the assessment of transportation improvements and 'Development-Oriented Transportation Guidelines'. CHA and the City (DHED) also reviewed the draft documents. CMAP staff also assisted CHA with a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant application, submitted to HUD on May 28.
Chinatown neighborhood plan (see website)	Stephen Ostrander	Apr. 2013- Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff worked with community partners to design public engagement process, to take place at regular meetings of community organizations and groups in June and July. Initial community engagement activity, entitled "Postcards from the Future," continued, gathering well over 200 responses. Staff continued preliminary research for Existing Conditions and Opportunities Report.
Cook County consolidated plan	Jonathan Burch	Apr. 2013 - Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	Underway. Continuing discussions with the County are underway to finalize the structure of the steering committee and the outreach process for the project.
Cook County Forest Preserve District trail counts and policy report	Trevor Dick	AprNov. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. An online questionnaire has been created that will be included in the District's June Newsletter – which is similar to a hardcopy questionnaire that will be used in the field. FPDCC and CMAP interns/volunteers will be at select preserve trail entrances on June 20-23 to conduct trail counts and ask for users to complete questionnaires.
Des Plaines neighborhood plan	Berenice Vallecillos	May 2013- Apr. 2014	Consultant assistance	Underway. Interviews were conducted on May 6; Teska was selected as the project consultant. A kickoff meeting with Des Plaines staff, Teska and CMAP took place on May 29. Des Plaines staff is currently assisting Teska with data inventory. The kickoff steering committee meeting is expected at the end of June.
Downers Grove bicycle and pedestrian plan	Jack Pfingston	Mar. 2012- June 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Adoption by Village Board delayed while newly-elected members are given opportunity to review final draft. Adoption is expected at June 17 Board meeting.
DuPage County Homes for	Kendra	Sept. 2013-	Staff	Newly added to monthly report. Project will involve four communities in northeast

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a Changing Region project	Smith	Apr. 2014	assistance	DuPage: Addison, Bensenville, Villa Park, and Wood Dale. Administrative work to initiate project is underway.
DuPage County unincorporated areas plan (see <u>website</u>)	Jack Pfingston	Oct. 2012- Sept. 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Draft Framework Plans for both corridors reviewed by CMAP and Pace. Focus Group meetings consisting of homeowners associations and key property owners will take place during the first week of June. Steering Committee will meet June 7 to consider draft Framework Plans.
DuPage Water Commission water conservation project	Erin Aleman	FebNov. 2013	Staff and consultant assistance	Underway. MPC, CMAP, and the DuPage Water Commission have developed a four-part series of workshops exploring tools for water conservation. The series was kicked off on May 29. Three additional workshops will be held in June, July, and August.
Elgin Dundee Avenue corridor study	Samantha Robinson	TBD	Staff assistance and small grant	Project scoping is underway. Due to staff changes at ULI and CMAP, as well as questions about ideal project timing, this project has been pushed back from its expected start in early 2013 to later in the year.
Elgin sidewalk gap and transit stop study	Lindsay Bayley	June 2012- Sept. 2013	Grant funds	Underway. City requested a 4-month no cost extension for further legal team review of recommendations.
Evanston bicycle plan	Jack Pfingston	June 2013- Mar. 2014	Grant funds	RFP released May 9, with proposals due June 4.
Ferson-Otter watershed plan implementation	Nora Beck	FebDec. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff review of relevant development codes underway; goal is to share with steering committee by July.
Franklin Park industrial areas plan	Nicole Woods	Apr. 2013- Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	Underway. Kick-off steering committee meeting was held in May. In June, CMAP staff will be collaborating with partners to collect and analyze data, survey the area, and conduct stakeholder interviews for the existing conditions report. A public meeting with industrial businesses is scheduled for July 9.
Glen Ellyn downtown streetscape and parking study (see <u>website</u>)	Lindsay Bayley	July 2012- June 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Village Board reviewed the Plan on May 20, and suggested minor changes. The plan is being revised, and an ordinance to adopt the plan will be voted on at the next meeting.
Hinsdale parking study (see website)	Lindsay Bayley	Nov. 2012- Oct. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Draft existing conditions report sent to Village and steering committee members. Second steering committee meeting scheduled for June 27, with CMAP booth presence at Hinsdale's "Uniquely Thursdays" event later that evening.
Hoffman Estates workforce development	Annie Byrne	FebDec. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Existing conditions report drafted and Steering Committee members are responding to specific questions regarding its findings.

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project				Communications and outreach strategy will be presented at the next steering committee meeting, June 11. A model of sustainability and proposal for funding is under development.
IDNR water loss evaluation project	Tim Loftus	FebDec. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Analysis of water loss data and survey responses is ongoing.
Kane County local food project	Jessica Simoncelli	Nov. 2012- Aug. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Project partners have drafted criteria for selecting public lands on which to conduct agricultural production in Kane County. Developing next round of criteria, which may include GIS analysis. Stakeholder experts to comment on criteria in June.
Kane County transit plan implementation	Trevor Dick	July 2012- Sept. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. County staff has reviewed the Existing Conditions Report and has provided feedback. A meeting was held on May 30 with representatives from Pace, the County's Transportation Department, and the Land Use Department. The Existing Conditions Report will be updated based upon their comments and a Steering Committee Meeting will be scheduled for June.
Kane County / Carpentersville Homes for a Changing Region project (see website)	Jonathan Burch	FebDec. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Municipal board or plan commission meetings completed in May. Four public workshops will take place in June.
Kane County / Geneva Homes for a Changing Region project	Drew Williams- Clark	May-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Kane County is taking the lead on this LTA project with CMAP support. A project introduction and scoping meeting took place in early May. Staff also trained the County on capacity analysis in May and will train them on the public workshop format in June.
Kedzie Avenue (Garfield Park) corridor plan	TBD	June 2013- May 2014	Consultant assistance	The RFP was released on March 26, as part of the prequalification of consulting firms for next year. Consultant selection is expected in June.
Lake County Route 53/120 land use plan	Jason Navota	Sept. 2013- Dec. 2014	Staff and consultant assistance	General project scoping is complete; will be shared with project partners in June. Funding has been secured from Tollway and Lake County through UWP process. Project initiation activities will begin in June.
Lake County sustainability plan (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Mar. 2012 – July 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. The project team is editing the plan based on comments from County staff. Presentation to the Regional Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled for late June.
Lansing comprehensive plan (see website)	Sam Shenbaga	Oct. 2012- Sept. 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Consultant conducting existing conditions analysis. Stakeholder interviews completed. Business workshop conducted on May 30. Existing conditions report to be presented to staff and CMAP on June 14.
Liberty Prairie	Jessica	Aug. 2011 –	Staff	Underway. The Lake County Sustainable Local Food Policy Report is

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Conservancy local food system plan (see website)	Simoncelli	June 2013	assistance	complete and being formatted. The Liberty Prairie Reserve Master Plan is complete and will go before the Lake County Forest Preserve District Board for approval on June 11.
Lincolnwood Devon Avenue corridor study	Liz Panella	May-Nov. 2013	Staff assistance and small contract	This project will involve a Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) convened by ULI in September. CMAP and ULI staff have begun preparing the Briefing Book to be used by TAP participants.
Lynwood comprehensive plan (see website)	Samantha Robinson	Oct. 2012- Sept. 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Key person interviews have been completed. The draft existing conditions report is projected to be complete in June. The Steering Committee is expected to review the report in late June.
Lyons comprehensive plan	TBD	July 2013- June 2014	Staff assistance	Project has been delayed until early summer while project management staffing is determined.
Markham comprehensive plan	Erin Aleman	TBD	Staff assistance	In May CMAP assisted in the review and selection of a consultant. Staff is working with DCEO's Disaster Recovery office to finalize the selection. It is expected that Markham will finalize the contract with the selected consultant in June.
Morton Grove industrial areas plan (see website)	Nicole Woods	Feb. 2012- Sept. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. CMAP staff met Village's new administration and other partners to introduce the plan's objective, scope, and direction in mid-May. CMAP is currently finishing a draft of the industrial areas plan which is anticipated to be completed in June. A public workshop and open house to present the plan and gain feedback from the industrial businesses is scheduled for June 27.
New Lenox corridor plan	Jack Pfingston	Aug. 2012- June 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Draft Implementation Plan presented to Plan Commission on May 7. Draft was well-received by Plan Commission with few revisions needed; expected to be adopted by Village Board at one of its two meetings in June.
Niles multimodal transportation plan	Jack Pfingston	Mar. 2013- Feb. 2014	Consultant assistance	Underway. Facebook page and on-line survey up and running; several key stakeholder interviews competed; work continues on draft existing conditions, which is expected in late June; public pop-up meetings will be held June 8 and 15.
Norridge zoning revisions	Jake Seid	FebJuly 2013	Staff assistance	Nearly Complete. CMAP team presented Ordinance-wide recommendations at Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on May 20 based on summary memorandum. Expecting feedback from ZBA in mid-June and will respond by early July.
Northwest Municipal	Lindsay	May 2013-	Consultant	Underway. Kick-off Steering Committee meeting scheduled for late June.

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Conference Des Plaines River trail access plan	Bayley	Apr. 2014	assistance	
Northwest Water Planning Alliance drought preparedness / strategic planning	Tim Loftus	FebDec. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Strategic planning and other water resources planning work continues.
Oak Lawn 95th Street corridor study	Jake Seid	Jan. 2013- Jan. 2014	Consultant assistance	Underway. Teska prepared analysis of public Visual Preference Survey and submitted findings; Identified corridor development opportunity sites; Prepared for and hosted Steering Committee Meeting 2 of 4 (May 14); Prepared for and hosted Public Visioning Meeting (May 30); Prepared and submitted meeting summaries from Steering Committee and Public Visioning; Scheduled meeting with CMAP senior staff (June 19).
Olympia Fields zoning ordinance update	Drew Williams- Clark	Apr. 2013- Mar. 2014	Consultant assistance	Underway. Camiros was selected as project consultant to update Olympia Fields' Town Center Concept and Design Guidelines. In May, consultants met with Village staff and held a special working session with the Village Plan Commission to kick off the project.
Openlands local food policy	Jason Navota	FebDec. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Discussion draft of a scope of work for the Regional Food System Study is complete and being used as framework for discussing project with funders, academics/researchers, and local "industry representatives" working in the food system space.
Oswego economic development plan	Trevor Dick	Mar. 2013- Jan. 2014	Staff assistance	Underway. The first Steering Committee meeting was held on May 30. An online shopper survey has been posted on the Village's website which will be up until the first week of June (it's been active since April). CMAP staff is working on the Existing Conditions Report.
Park Forest zoning revisions	Kristin Ihnchak	June 2013- Sept. 2014	Staff assistance	Newly added to monthly report. Staff presented the proposed scope of work, resolution, and MOU for the project to the Village Board on May 28. The Board is scheduled to vote on the resolution on June 17.
Plainfield downtown transportation plan (see website)	Jack Pfingston	Aug. 2012- June 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Draft Plan was presented to Village Board on May 13, with adoption expected in early or mid-June.
Prospect Heights comprehensive plan	Jack Pfingston	June 2013-	Consultant assistance	The RFP was released on March 26, as part of the prequalification of consulting firms for next year. Consultant selection is expected in June.
Regional arts and culture toolkit	Pfingston Stephen Ostrander	May 2014 Apr. 2012- June 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Final draft content in internal review. Consultants finished work on content edits and identification of images to accompany toolkit content. Began discussions concerning outreach strategy with key partners in the

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Regional climate change adaptation toolkit	Jesse Elam	July 2012- June 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. This toolkit aims to help municipalities understand and adapt to the impacts of climate change in the Chicago region, with a focus on public infrastructure and land. The text of the guidebook will be finalized in late spring.
Regional immigrant integration toolkit	Ricardo Lopez	JanSept. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff met with the expert committee in early May to engage the committee on the project and garner feedback on the draft outline. Staff is presently working to incorporate feedback into the outline and has begun drafting the toolkit.
Richton Park comprehensive plan (see website)	Kendra Smith	Aug. 2012- Aug. 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Draft Existing Conditions report is being reviewed by CMAP and Village staff. A steering committee meeting and community visioning session are scheduled for June 12.
Rosemont comprehensive plan	Sam Shenbaga	June 2013- May 2014	Staff assistance	Scope of services finalized with Village. Resolution and MOU to be approved at June 12 Board meeting. Zoning Board finalized as project steering committee.
Round Lake Heights comprehensive plan (see website)	Jonathan Burch	May 2012- Aug. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Village provided comment on the draft plan. Open house scheduled for July 13.
Silver Creek watershed plan implementation	Nora Beck	FebDec. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff review of the comprehensive plans and relevant development codes underway; goal to share with steering committee in July.
South Elgin bicycle plan	Jack Pfingston	June 2013- May 2014	Consultant assistance	The RFP was released on March 26, as part of the prequalification of consulting firms for next year. Consultant selection is expected in June.
SSMMA interchange land use planning	Jessica Simoncelli	July 2012- Nov. 2013	Consultant and staff assistance	Underway. Existing Conditions Report draft due for review by steering committee in early June. Consultants will meet with local representatives about the project direction on June 13. The full steering committee will meet again in August to review the consultant's draft plan recommendations, with a public meeting planned for late summer 2013.
UIC multimodal transportation plan	Lindsay Bayley	June 2013- Sept. 2014	Staff assistance	Underway. Kick-off meeting scheduled for early June.
Waukegan subarea plan (see <u>website</u>)	Stephen Ostrander	Oct. 2012- Nov. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Draft Existing Conditions Report completed; final internal review underway. Staff began planning for next phase of project, which will kick off with community visioning event on June 20. Additional market analysis of commercial corridor by Valerie S. Kretchmer Associates underway, to be completed in June.

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Westchester comprehensive plan (see website)	Samantha Robinson	Nov. 2011- Aug. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff has revised the draft plan based on comments provided by village staff and partner organizations. Village staff will review the second round of edits the week of June 3. The Steering Committee is expected to review the draft plan by mid-June. The public open house is projected to take place in late June.
Wicker Park-Bucktown parking study (see website)	Lindsay Bayley	JanSept. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Supply data collection for Bucktown area complete, turnover survey on Milwaukee Avenue and Division Street conducted. Occupancy data collection to be conducted in June and public meeting scheduled for June 26.
Will County brownfield prioritization	Jake Seid	June 2013- Apr. 2014	Staff assistance	Project kick-off meeting with Will County staff is scheduled for early June to complete project scoping. Tour of potential brownfield sites is scheduled for early July.

Completed Projects with Active Implementation*

* Some projects do not have active implementation steps, or are being implemented through a follow-up project listed above; these projects are not listed below. A full list of completed projects is available at www.cmap.illinois.gov/lta.

Project	CMAP lead	Completion date	Assistance type	Recent implementation progress
Addison comprehensive	Sam	Jan. 2013	Staff	Scoping of technical assistance for Homes for Changing Region study, to
plan (see <u>website</u>)	Shenbaga	Jan. 2015	assistance	begin in summer of 2013, is underway.
	_			Cicero Avenue corridor study underway, as recommended in
Alsip comprehensive	Sam	Apr. 2013	Staff	Comprehensive Plan. CMAP staff on project's steering committee and
plan (see <u>website</u>)	Shenbaga	71p1. 2010	assistance	attended project kick-off meeting on April 23 at Alsip Village Hall. Zoning
				assistance will be provided by CMAP beginning later in 2013.
Berwyn comprehensive	Sam	Oct. 2012	Staff	Year-long zoning ordinance revision project has been initiated.
plan (see <u>website</u>)	Shenbaga	Oct. 2012	assistance	real-long zormig ordinance revision project has been minated.
Blue Island	Sam		Staff	Coordination with IDOT on Western Avenue redesign is underway. City
comprehensive plan (see	Shenbaga	June 2012	assistance	engineer and community development director reviewing list of documents
website)	Siletibaga		assistance	required by IDOT as part of Phase 1 analysis.
Campton Hills	Jason		Staff	Plan Commissioner training complete. Coordination meeting of water
comprehensive plan (see	Navota	Aug. 2012	assistance	utilities and Village administration with CMAP water experts occurred in
website)	INavota		assistance	May 2013. Implementation plan under review by the Village.
Carpentersville "Old	Trevor		Staff	Village Staff has been working on a number of actions using the
Town" Area Action Plan	Dick	July 2012		
(see <u>website</u>)	DICK		assistance	Implementation Matrix.

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Chicago "Green Healthy Neighborhoods" plan for Englewood, Woodlawn, and Washington Park (see website)	Jason Navota	Mar. 2013	Staff assistance	CMAP-led draft land use policy chapters were conveyed to City of Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development in February, and final public open house was held on March 27. Southeast Chicago Commission received CCT funding to begin plan implementation.
Elmwood Park comprehensive plan (see website)	Nicole Woods	Apr. 2013	Staff assistance	Plan was unanimously adopted by the Village Board on April 1. Zoning assistance will be provided by CMAP beginning later in 2013.
Fairmont neighborhood plan (see website)	Trevor Dick	Apr. 2012	Staff assistance	County Staff has been working on a number of actions using the Implementation Matrix. A community garden is up and running by the community center (a joint effort by the County, Park District and Openlands).
Hanover Park corridor study (see website)	Stephen Ostrander	Dec. 2012	Staff assistance and small grant	The report for the ULI Chicago Technical Assistance Panel (studying the Irving Park Road corridor) was released in early December.
Homes for a Changing Region in northwest Cook (see <u>website</u>)	Jonathan Burch	Jan. 2013	Staff assistance	Staff developing implementation matrix for Village staff review.
Joliet "Old Prison" redevelopment (see website)	Trevor Dick	May 2012	Staff assistance and small grant	Coordination between CMAP, Openlands, and the City to implement the open space recommendations of the plan is underway.
Lakemoor comprehensive plan (see website)	Nora Beck	Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Staff developing implementation matrix for Village staff review.
Niles environmental action plan (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	A public hearing with the Village Board to present the draft took place on February 12, and the plan was adopted on February 26.
Norridge comprehensive plan (see website)	Trevor Dick	Oct. 2012	Staff assistance	A follow-up project to review the Village's zoning ordinance is actively underway. An Implementation Matrix has been sent to Village Staff and a meeting will occur in May to review the matrix and set priorities moving forward.
Northlake comprehensive plan (see <u>website</u>)	Trevor Dick	May 2013	Staff assistance	Newly completed. Adopted by City in May.

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Park Forest sustainability plan (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	May 2012	Staff assistance	The Chicago Community Trust's grant to Park Forest directly implements the recommendations of this project. A new LTA project to update the zoning ordinance will be initiated in June; a Smart Growth America workshop to kick-off this zoning project took place April 18-19.
Red Line livability project (see <u>website</u>)	Kendra Smith	Nov. 2012	Staff assistance	The Red Line Livability Project community brochure, technical report, webpage and video have been completed and are available at www.cmap.illinois.gov/red-line . DCP, CMAP and CTA will utilize materials during future Community Education and Visioning sessions as well as in interaction with elected officials. DCP recently received CCT funding for continued work on TOD/Red Line Extension work.
Riverside Central Business District plan (see website)	Nora Beck	Apr. 2013	Staff assistance	Staff developing implementation matrix for Village staff review.
SSMMA housing investment prioritization (see website)	Nicole Woods	June 2012	Staff assistance	The Collaborative has used the tool to assess projects in various Southland communities, including CDBG communities, and is communicating the assessment results to inform communities of the strengths and weaknesses of their projects. The Collaborative is also considering refining the tool to tailor it to specific funding sources.