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Over the next year, CMAP will publish reports and updates in the following areas as part of the ongoing development of ON TO 2050. There will also be topical forums and workshops to attend throughout the year. Please mark the topics about which you would like to receive more details, and don't forget to include your contact information.

- Demographic trends
- Climate resilience
- Green infrastructure
- Stormwater management/ water resources
- Housing supply and affordability
- Inclusive growth
- Economic clusters and resilience
- Lands in transition
- Infill and transit oriented development
- Tax policies and land use impacts
- Reinvestment and infill
- Shared services/consolidation
- Community capacity
- Socioeconomic forecast
- Transportation system funding
- Transportation asset conditions
- New transportation technology
- Transit modernization
- Highway operations
- Freight system, planning, and policy

Name and Title

Email

Organization

- I would like to co-host an ON TO 2050 workshop.



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About CMAP

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is the region's official comprehensive planning organization. The agency and its partners are developing ON TO 2050, a new comprehensive regional plan to help the seven counties and 284 communities of northeastern Illinois to implement strategies that address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues. See www.cmap.illinois.gov for more information.

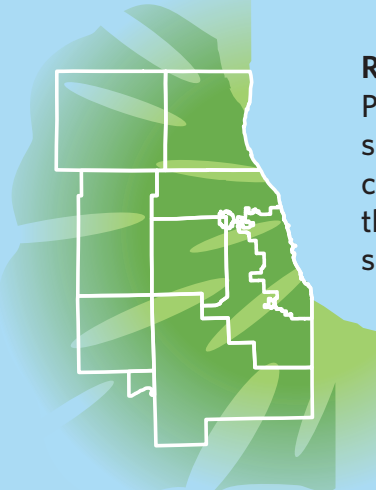
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GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE



Green infrastructure at all scales



Regional
Protect diverse ecological and social functions of high-quality core landscapes and connect these areas to community-scale open spaces.



Community
Encourage green infrastructure that provides multiple benefits in parks.



Site
Incorporate green infrastructure best management practices on hardscapes, such as parking lots and transportation rights of way.

Green infrastructure improves the region's quality of life.

At all scales, green infrastructure can provide many important ecological and social benefits. It can improve environmental and public health outcomes by filtering air and water pollutants, building resilience to climate change, and managing stormwater. By providing important habitats for native plants and wildlife, green infrastructure can protect our region's biodiversity, and it can be designed with trails or other amenities to activate public spaces through recreation and placemaking.

Green infrastructure requires different considerations depending on the scale.

Green infrastructure provides many critical functions that maintain the health and vitality of communities, and it is often defined according to scale.

At the regional scale, "core landscapes" (interconnected natural areas) make up the region's green infrastructure network. At the community level, smaller parks and open spaces are provided by municipalities and park districts primarily for recreational and aesthetic benefits. At a site scale, green infrastructure best management practices (BMPs) use vegetation, soils, and natural processes to mimic natural

hydrological functions. Together, regional, community, and site scale green infrastructure can provide places for recreation, habitats for native flora and fauna, air pollutant filtration, flood reduction, and groundwater recharge — among other important functions.

ON TO 2050 can build off of existing green infrastructure policies.

The policies in GO TO 2040 broadly covered the application of green infrastructure at different scales. ON TO 2050 presents an opportunity to further explore the intersections between these intertwined policies, as well as the potential co-benefits of various green infrastructure strategies. A logical expansion for the next plan is to better connect recommendations for the region-wide green infrastructure network with site-scale green infrastructure practices that are more applicable to all community contexts. A refined approach to green infrastructure recommendations can provide an approach for the spectrum of contexts — from rural to urban — found throughout northeastern Illinois and emphasize the multiple potential benefits of green infrastructure in our communities.

Find out more at www.cmap.illinois.gov/ONTO2050.

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This is your plan

Help us develop ON TO 2050 by providing your input below.

① How can green infrastructure be better integrated into our existing communities?

② What is a green infrastructure resource that works well in your community? What are the benefits it provides?

③ Please provide any additional comments.

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