

Kendall County Land Resource Management Plan 2024

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REVISION NOTES:

- 1. LRMP first adopted in March 1994.
- The Resource Management Concept Plan was amended in 1997 to remove a natural resource overlay near the southeast corner of Minkler Road and Reservation Road.
- 3. Section Ten of the LRMP Summaries by Township was updated in 1998 to include a more detailed plan for Na-Au-Say and Seward Townships.
- 4. The Transportation Goals and Objectives and Transportation Plan were updated in 1999.
- 5. The LRMP was updated to enhance implementation of new planned development regulations, reflect municipal annexations and new plans, and provide additional opportunities for economic development in April 2001.
- Section Eight of the LRMP Summaries by Township was updated in 2002 to include a more detailed plan for Big Grove Township. Reference to multi-use trails was also updated.
- Section Six of the LRMP Summaries by Township was updated in 2003 to include a more detailed plan for the Northern Three Townships.

- Section Ten of the LRMP Summaries by Township was updated in 2003 to reflect current growth and development trends in Na-Au-Say Township, particularly along the East Route 126 Corridor. The Future Land Use Plan for Na-Au-Say Township was revised in 2005.
- Section Seven of the LRMP Summaries by Township was updated in 2004-05 to include a more detailed plan for Fox and Kendall Townships.
- Section Nine of the LRMP Summaries by Township was updated in 2005 to include a more detailed plan for Lisbon and Seward Townships. [Note: The LRMP Summary for Seward Township was moved from Section Ten.]
- 11. Updated Chapters One thru Five in April, 2011
- 12. Trails Map Updated, Change an area of Little Rock Township to Transportation Corridor and Density Update (Resolution 2015-43)
- 13. Reclassified Northwest Corner of Route 31 and Light Road to Commercial (Resolution 2016-28)
- 14. Reclassified 195 Route 52 to Commercial (Resolution 2020-18)
- 15. Reclassified 17854 N. Wabena to Mixed Use Business (Resolution 2020-60)
- 16. Updated Transportation Plan, Municipal Boundaries, and Future Land Use Map in 2021 (Resolution 2021-19)
- 17. Reclassified Land West of 16924 O'Brien Road to Rural Estate Residential (Resolution 2022-01).
- 18. Reclassified Land Around 12565 Fox Road to Mixed Use Business (Resolution 2022-25).
- 19. Reclassified Properties South of Yorkville Along Route 47 from Transportation Corridor to Mixed Use Business (Resolutions 2024-07 and 2024-08).

Though not included as a Revision, three Agricultural Areas were created by Resolutions 2023-25, 2023-26, and 2023-27 and appear on the Future Land Use Map.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

The WIKADUKE Trail Land Use and Access Management Study and Fox River Corridor Plan are

available as separate documents.

SECTION ONE

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A comprehensive plan is a vision of the future; it is essentially an end-state toward which the municipality or county works. The plan builds the rationale for and illustrates the most appropriate use of land within the jurisdiction, and depicts the facilities and services necessary to support the development of those land uses.

Comprehensive plans anticipate that the county and municipalities will adopt the appropriate decisions, fund the appropriate programs, and install the appropriate facilities that will implement the plan. Most plans do not propose how to take appropriate actions, who should take them, or when they should be taken.

The County wishes to adopt a plan that can be implemented. It has chosen to prepare a Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP) with a structure that leads to successful implementation. The Illinois Local Land Resource Management Planning Act, P. A. 84-865 is the enabling act that allows the County this method of planning. The LRMP has a comprehensive planning process as an essential element. In addition, the LRMP also has a parallel framework for the physical and functional characteristics of the county, while instituting strategic decision making. It is important to note that local incorporated municipalities have jurisdiction over land use and zoning decisions within their corporate boundaries. Kendall County only has zoning authority over unincorporated areas. However, one of the clear goals of the LRMP process is to promote coordinated planning.

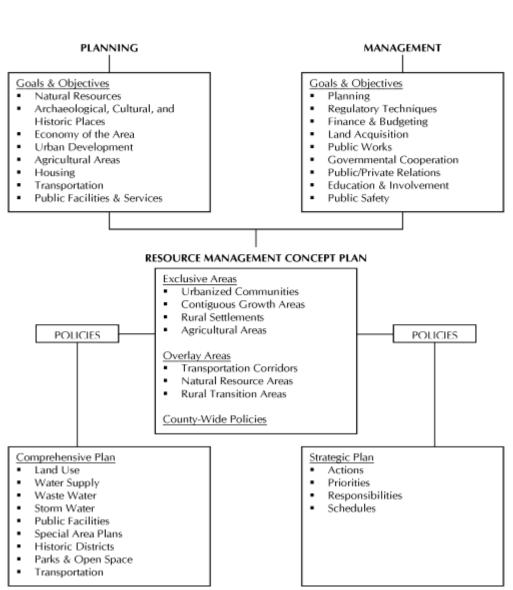
Exhibit 1 represents the Kendall County LRMP model, in which the two parallel processes (comprehensive planning on the left, strategic planning on the right) merge at the creation of the Resource Management Plan Concept, with corresponding policies to achieve the Concept. The Plan Concept divides the jurisdiction into planning/management areas that allow the decision makers to focus on the physical locations where specific management techniques will implement

planning objectives. These planning/management techniques will implement planning objectives. These planning/management areas are not land-use designations. They represent areas or locations where both planning and management objectives indicate appropriate conditions may exist for development, or conservation.

The strategic side, or management side of the process is intended to be parallel to the planning process. In planning, goals and objectives guide the comprehensive plan. In management, goals and objective guide the strategic plan. These two paths are not independent. There must be substantial agreement and overlap between the plan and reasonable actions to implement that plan.

Essentially, the planning process delineates "where we should go" over the ten-year time-frame of the Plan, while the management process proposes "how we can get there." The goals and objectives prepared for the Kendall County LRMP show how the planning goals are oriented toward a physical end-state in the relationship between land-uses and the supporting public support systems. The management goals were prepared to give direction to fundamental government and private actions that will build that physical end-state relationship.

Kendall County has utilized a Land Resources Management planning approach since 1994.



KENDALL COUNTY LAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The County has experienced significant growth over that time period. Kendall County's population grew by almost 90 percent between 2000 and 2008, making it the fastest-growing county in the country according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The plan has seen many changes since then, with

updates occurring almost every year to reflect the changing conditions. Most of the changes have focused on adding more detailed planning and study of individual townships. In addition, several special areas have been examined in more detail, such as the Fox River Corridor and the Route 126 Corridor. For a summary of key plan changes is provided within the Table of Contents.

SECTION TWO

POLICY FRAMEWORK

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A. DEFINITIONS

The planning process is based on a continuum of personal and collective decision-making, beginning with values and culminating with policies. The resulting policy framework unites and supports the individual elements of the LRMP.

The components of the process can be described as follows:

Value	 something perceived to be intrinsically desirable by an	
	individual or group; often evidenced by feelings and actions	
	rather than words.	
Goal	 the stated end toward which effort is to be directed; the	
	expression of values.	
Objective	 a specific target by which to achieve a goal.	
Principle	 a fundamental law, doctrine, or assumption; a rule or code	
	of conduct.	
Standard	 minimum condition or regulation required to satisfy a given	
	need.	
Policy	 a definite course of action selected from alternatives and in	

light of given conditions to guide and determine present and future decisions.

Β. COUNTY VALUES

The following values are derived from input provided by Kendall County residents. An important part of this input included several County-wide citizens' surveys. The first survey was conducted in 1983 to provide direction for the 1984 Rural Land Policy Plan for Kendall County. The second survey was conducted in 1990 by the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service. Followup surveys were also conducted in 2000 and 2010. All surveys used a randomly selected sample of all registered voters in the County. The 2010 survey also provided an opportunity for all residents to respond to an on-line survey available via the internet and posted to the County's web site. Other values were derived from discussions with County, Township, and Municipal officials.

Where values conflict, the County government will need to balance opposing interest. For example, private development rights will need to be balanced with the common value of protecting the health, safety, and welfare for all County residents.

- 1. Creation/promotion of local jobs is an important role of County Government.
- 2. The open space and uncongested character of Kendall County are major reasons why residents move to this area. The reasonable cost of living within the County was also a frequently noted factor to move to the County based on a 2010 resident survey.
- 3. Public input should be a critical component of all significant growth management issues.
- Diversity is an asset, if adequate transitions exist between different uses and activities to avoid problems of incompatibility.

5. The ability to travel uninhibited by traffic to a chosen destination is desired, but residents Land Resource Management Plan 2 - 2 do not like to pay for, maintain or live next to high volume roadways.

- Many residents believe there should be a balance between the desire to maintain the existing character of Kendall County and the desire to see more private investment in businesses and employment.
- 7. Protection of the County's rural character is critical to maintaining the quality of life within Kendall County.
- 8. Future highways and transit facilities are important to County residents and should be adequately reserved or protected for future use.

SECTION THREE

PLANNING GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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NATURAL RESOURCES

(1) WATER

Goal: Safe, ample and reliable sources of water available throughout the County, and the protection of all surface and ground water resources.

Objectives:

- A. Maintain and enhance the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the county's surface and ground waters.
- B. Preserve and protect water resources from contamination by establishing high standards for sewage treatment, agriculture practices, safe disposal of solid wastes, and other necessary ground and surface water protection practices. Protection and maintenance of shoreland areas adjoining watercourses is a high priority to prevent erosion and maintain water, wildlife habitat, and scenic quality. Efforts should be coordinated with the recommendations of the Kendall County Ground Water Study conducted by the Illinois Geological Survey, in addition to recommendations made by the CMAP Regional Water Supply Planning Group, and the Northwest Water Planning Alliance.
- C. Encourage the use of centralized, public water supplies in all urbanizing areas.

- D. Maintain a balance between withdrawal and recharge of ground water and surface water sources.
- E. Protect natural drainage areas, floodplains and wetlands to avoid costly man-made storm water projects and to protect associated habitats for both flora and fauna. Regulate development to insure that the quantity or rate of runoff does not increase from what currently occurs under natural conditions.
- F. Discourage development in flood prone areas.

(2) LAND

Goal: Use of the County's land resources in a manner sensitive to inherent environmental *limitations.*

Objectives:

- A. Prevent the disruption of the natural environment by allowing only those land developments and other human activities that exhibit sensitivity to the character and limitations of the natural environment.
- B. Manage forested lands, prairie lands, wetlands, wildlife habitat areas, bluffs,



springs and other lands of geological or physical significance for use and enjoyment by wildlife and humans, and for the balance they contribute to the Kendall County ecology. Preservation can be through private conservation easements granted to organizations such

as the Forest Preserve District or the Farmland Protection Committee, as well as other various foundations, or through public acquisition.

- C. Promote designation and management of environmental corridors to link open space areas, particularly along the Fox River and significant creeks within the County. Preservation of such corridors provides multiple benefits, including protection of wildlife habitats and the potential for public recreational use.
- D. Limit the active use of forested and sensitive lands to that which can be accommodated without placing stress on natural systems.



- E. Encourage land use practices that reduce environmental pollution.
- F. Continue to promote recycling programs to reduce the demand for land fill sites and

the consumption of raw materials.

- G. Protect both public health and environmental damage by requiring property owners to clean existing hazardous waste sites, and prohibiting uncontrolled dump sites.
- H. Continue to identify and conserve areas of mineral resources to assure continued availability of building and engineering materials.
- I. Require the development of plans for the implementation of mine, dump site, and compost area reclamation.

(3) ENERGY CONSERVATION

Goal: An energy-efficient and energy-wise county.



Objectives:

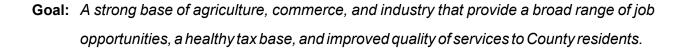
- A. Encourage and increase opportunities for Kendall County residents to work within Kendall County to reduce travel distances.
- B. Encourage land use patterns with transportation options, including mass transit, which reduce single occupant auto dependency.
- C. Include energy efficiency as a principal factor in evaluating transportation alternatives.
- D. Encourage energy efficiency in site planning and building design.
- E. Preserve trees and vegetation, and encourage tree planting within urbanizing areas.
- F. Minimize air pollution from both motor vehicle emissions and industrial development through promotion of compact development patterns and implementation of performance standards that regulate emissions.
- G. Support the public and private use of sustainable energy systems (examples include wind, solar, and geo-thermal).

ARCHAEOLOGICAL, CULTURAL AND HISTORIC PLACES

Goal: The preservation of the County's cultural heritage and scenic character.

Objectives:

- A. Identify and conserve historically significant structures, areas, and open spaces.
- B. Carefully control urban development and countryside conditions so as not to conflict with the scale and character of nearby historic homes, landmarks and sites.
- C. Increase awareness of the history and culture upon which Kendall County is built.
- D. Preserve the importance and function of existing central business districts.

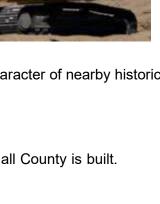


Objectives:

ECONOMY OF THE AREA

A. Encourage the attraction, retention and expansion of industries and businesses to provide a

healthy employment and tax base. Land Resource Management Plan



- B. Encourage the development of more diversity in employment opportunities in proximity of the existing work force.
- C. Encourage the location of commercial and industrial development in proximity to key transportation corridors and population centers.
- D. Protect prime mineral extraction areas from encroachment by incompatible uses.
- E. Promote the revitalization of existing retail and commercial areas.
- F. Protect other land uses from negative impacts of mineral extraction and heavy industry through appropriate siting and adequate screening and buffering.
- G. Encourage agriculture and agribusiness.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT



Goal: A pattern of compact, contiguous urban development, countryside residential and agricultural environments in a natural equilibrium that enhances the quality of personal and community life.

Objectives:

A. Establish a pattern of urban and rural land use that is sensitive to the

environment and encourages compatibility between land uses.

- B. Establish a pattern of development that supports a sense of community.
- C. Promote a revitalized central business district as the central focus of each community.
- D. Coordinate land use type and density with the level of accessibility provided by the



supporting transportation system.

E. Encourage development consistent with good design principles that will effect economy in the process of development.

AGRICULTURE

Goal: A rural environment that provides for continuation of viable agricultural activities and a rural character and lifestyle.

Objectives:

- A. Preserve cultural, social, economic, environmental and aesthetic amenities provided by agricultural land use.
- B. Maintain the most productive agricultural lands for agricultural purposes, encouraging only less productive land to be used for urbanization.
- C. Protect productive farm operations from premature encroachment of urban uses by careful land use regulation and buffering requirements.

D. Encourage the use of agriculture techniques that produce long term advances in agricultural Land Resource Management Plan 3-7

production and soil and water conservation.

HOUSING

Goal: Management of the quality, quantity, location, and rate of housing development to insure the efficient use and conservation of the County's natural and public resources.

Objectives:

- A. Encourage a variety of housing types, commensurate with demands created by current needs and future growth, with an emphasis on single family development. Most attached housing products will likely occur within municipalities where public water and sewer service are available to support higher densities.
- B. Continue to improve deteriorating residential areas, and assure safe, healthy, and attractive communities through preventive maintenance and appropriate reinvestment that can include the County's weatherization program.
- C. Continue to insure that subdivisions provide a variety of designs and styles to avoid monotony.
- D. Support logical and properly located opportunities for housing the elderly and the disabled.



TRANSPORTATION

Goal: A transportation plan that has the capacity to promote the safe, efficient, and speedy movement of persons and goods. This network must anticipate the demands of growth, promote energy conservation, reduce pollution, and be updated regularly.

Objectives:

- A. Support and maintain the services of the Kendall Area Transit (KAT) which provides transportation services for the general public.
- B. Ensure that State, Federal, Township, and Municipal officials are fully informed of adopted policies on transportation planning and development. Participation from these groups will be sought in preparation of all transportation plans.
- C. Actively pursue regional planning efforts to develop and preserve options for the Wikaduke Trail, and Eldamain Road Corridor. The Kendall County Scenic Guidelines and the WIKADUKE Trail Plan should be used in implementation of these roadways to promote context sensitive design solutions.



D. Construct a thoroughfare system based on a functional hierarchy, as established in the transportation plan. Identify key future thoroughfares and bridge crossings before development limits alternatives. Early identification of key future routes will also provide a framework for future land use

decisions.

E. Ensure that transportation plans and developments are consistent with county-wide goals and policies for Natural Resources, Agricultural Lands, Housing, Commercial and Industrial

Land use.

- F. Develop and encourage the use of suburban mass transit systems.
- G. Encourage any multi-family or high density residential developments to locate in or near established municipalities with roads capable of supporting such population densities.
- H. Prioritize township roadway systems through a cooperative effort between the County and individual townships.
- Establish a consistent standard of setbacks, easements and rights-of-way to address future widening, alignment and road extensions.



- J. Maintain County jurisdiction on roads and/or rights-of-way that become annexed to municipalities to maintain the flow of traffic.
- K. Maintain county highways as arterials or major collectors. Encourage the use of deceleration and turn lanes and limit curb cuts.
- L. Minimize displacement of homes and businesses caused by transportation improvements.
- M. Minimize negative highway noise impacts on residential and institutional land uses.
- N. Continue to develop a safe County-wide bikeway and pedestrian plan as an alternative mode of transportation.

- O. Designate varied road segments in the County as scenic routes and utilize the County's scenic road guidelines to maintain their scenic qualities. Key scenic routes are illustrated on the individual township plans.
- P. Promote and implement realignment of traffic routes to insure safe and efficient movement of traffic throughout the county. Key proposed realignments are illustrated on the Transportation Plan. An example of such realignment is the planned connection of Grove Road at Route 126.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Goal: The provision of public facilities and services in a healthful, economical manner.

Objectives:

- A. Maintain a level of public utilities and facilities that insures not only the health, safety, and welfare of the County's population, but also maintains the highest community standards obtainable within adopted budget constraints.
- B. Insure adequate provision for emergency vehicle access to new development during the planning process.
- C. Coordinate planning efforts with the incorporated municipalities and townships in the provision of facilities and utilities to reduce undesirable environmental and fiscal impacts.
- D. Place advanced public facility planning efforts in a regional context.
- E. Encourage an equitable level of community and human services, including hospitals and medical facilities, throughout the County.

- F. Ensure an appropriate amount and distribution of land for parks and open space throughout the County, placing special emphasis on preserving and enhancing the natural and scenic environment.
- G. Encourage the cooperative efforts of the County Forest Preserve District, townships and local park districts and/or departments in acquiring land for parks and open space.



- H. Require dedication of adequate open space by land developers to meet the demands of new residents. Insure that developments along the Fox River and major creeks provide public access to key County waterways for recreation and maintenance.
- I. Assure equal and convenient access to recreation facilities and programs.
- J. Promote a variety of facilities and programs to meet expressed recreation needs and desires of residents.
- K. Distinguish between facilities which serve neighborhood and community interests, and those that serve the needs for regional open space and regional recreation.
- L. Ensure the adequate provision of cultural facilities that add to the attractiveness of the county to employers and employees.
- M. Encourage the establishment of appropriately sized and located school and college facilities serving the needs of residents and industry.
- N. Promote a regional multi-use trail system that promotes recreational opportunities while

providing linkages between communities and important open space resources such as Silver Springs State Park and the Fox River.

O. Ensure that solid waste disposal facilities are available to meet county-wide needs following the most recently adopted Kendall County Solid Waste Plan.

SECTION FOUR

MANAGEMENT GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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A. PLANNING

Goal: A system of county-wide comprehensive, functional, and target-area planning in support of municipal, township, and other agency planning efforts, which supports effective decision-making for county-wide land resource management and the management of change.

Objectives:

- 1. Anticipate change and provide decision-makers with insight on alternatives and consequences.
- Publicize and update County plans to encourage their use in the decision-making process.
- 3. Insure compliance with the intent of the County LRMP as a prerequisite to development within the County's jurisdiction.
- 4. Conduct an annual planning workshop of the County Board, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals each February to review past decisions, explore current issues, and update the LRMP. Township and Municipal Officials should be invited to participate in this joint meeting.
- 5. Expand local educational opportunities on planning and growth management topics

through active participation in the Kendall County Planning Consortium and other regional organizations.

B. REGULATORY TECHNIQUES

Goal: Regulations and enforcement techniques necessary to protect public health, property, the natural environment, and the aesthetic value of the county, including zoning, subdivision, stormwater management, signage, building and other development standards.

Objectives:

- Evaluate the need and effectiveness of regulations based on the potential for improving Kendall County's living, working and natural environments, not simply the protection of property value.
- 2. Establish a unified, integrated system of development regulations governing the size, type, location, quality, timing, safety and environmental impact of land uses.
- 3. Review County regulations to assure consistency with the Plan, and work to implement County goals and objectives.
- 4. Adopt and maintain only those regulations that are legally enforceable under realistic expectations for staffing level, expertise, capacity, and resources.

- 5. Incorporate environmental design criteria and performance standards in development controls to protect natural, scenic, historic, and environmental areas and minimize adverse impacts. The proposed County-Wide Storm Water Authority and plan/ordinance will incorporate many such standards.
- 6. Require that all development preserve significant natural features such as vegetation, wildlife, waterways, floodplains, wetlands, woodlands, and scenic vistas.

C. FINANCE AND BUDGETING

Goal: Financial monitoring, fiscal analysis, revenue projections and mid-range budgeting, to

ensure financial health of the county and the equitable distribution of public costs between current and future residents and businesses.

Objectives:

 Reduce the cost of infrastructure and public facility expansion through i



facility expansion through integrated planning and capital improvement programming.

- Recruit, maintain, and compensate personnel with sufficient expertise and capacity to conduct programs that meet the objectives of the LRMP.
- 3. Evaluate the fiscal impact of proposed development on County finances to ensure that new businesses and homes equitably share public costs for needed service

expansion.

4. Seek federal, state, and foundation grants to assist in funding local infrastructure and Forest Preserve improvements.

D. LAND ACQUISITION

Goal: Timely acquisition or public control of property needed for rights-of-way, facility sites and open space.

Objectives:

- 1. Acquire property and rights-of-way ahead of needs, to reduce costs and reduce the need to exercise eminent domain.
- Continue to encourage the Forest Preserve, IDOT, and other state and local agencies to acquire necessary rights-of-way, easements, and properties ahead of development pressures to reduce acquisition costs and promote rational County land use decisions.
- 3. Maximize joint development potentials (i.e. school/park sites; fire/police/community centers) to reduce construction costs and promote improved communications.
- 4. Seek to acquire or preserve through easements environmentally sensitive lands wherever the natural environment cannot be protected through regulation.

E. PUBLIC FACILITIES

Goal: Standards in construction and maintenance of public facilities that encourage growth when and where it can be supported, in a manner consistent with the Plan.

Objectives:

- Utilize a capital improvement program to coordinate public facilities planning with the land-use development approval process to reduce costs, ensure timely public facilities, and an equitable distribution of costs among system users.
- 2. Design and construct County facilities that set a standard of excellence that inspires attractive private development.

Wherever possible, facilities should be designed for multiple uses and multiple purposes, and should avoid over or under capacity by building in increments directly related to demands projected for the planning period.



- Endorse and support local facilities planning boundaries and plans that further the goals and objectives of the LRMP, including the promotion of conservation by design patterns.
- 4. The County will encourage all necessary steps to implement the solid waste management plan.

F. GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

Goal: A mutually supportive, non-adversarial team of municipal, township, school, park, county and other governments working toward the benefit of everyone in Kendall County.

Objectives:

- 1. Encourage a rational balance and coordination of municipal, township and county authority over the use and development of land.
- 2. Encourage agreements between municipalities and other public agencies that lower the cost of providing public services.
- 3. Educate townships, municipalities, and other County agencies of the intent and content of the LRMP.
- 4. Encourage the development of plans, policies and codes that are compatible with regional growth management strategies.
- 5. Encourage land-use, boundary and administrative agreements between municipalities and between the County and municipalities, to eliminate defensive municipal annexations or private developer influence of municipal or county approval processes.
- 6. Continue to maintain and enhance open direct channels of communication between County agencies, townships and municipal authorities that promote the exchange of ideas and meaningful dialogue on important issues. Conduct annual meetings between the County Planning Commission, Township Planning Commissions, and

Municipal Planning Commissions.

- 7. Continue to require, before the decision-making process, conspicuous public notices to residents and surrounding government agencies that provide relevant information about proposed developments, potential impacts, and the ability to participate.
- 8. Promote with local municipalities the identification and preservation of industrial sites having the appropriate topography and geology, accessibility, utilities, highway and rail facilities, and relationships to existing or future land uses needed for industrial development.
- 9. The Kendall County Economic Development Committee should attempt cooperation with local Municipalities, Chambers of Commerce, Regional Industrial Associations, and State Agencies in encouraging the retention of existing and attraction of new businesses and industries in Kendall County.

G. PUBLIC/PRIVATE RELATIONS

Goal: A partnership of active, open participation in public decision-making and public support of private enterprise.

Objectives:

- Educate County residents regarding rights, responsibilities and opportunities for involvement within the planning/development processes.
- 2. Continue to promote public review and discussion throughout the process of the development and implementation of the LRMP, and future comprehensive planning

efforts.

- Coordinate economic development initiatives into unified, mutually supportive County-wide efforts, including industrial and manufacturing jobs.
- 4. Use public facility construction, job training programs, block grants, tax abatements, special service areas, and regulatory relief as an incentive for private investment consistent with the LRMP.
- Creation and enforcement of public policies regarding development must be based on community welfare, must be well understood by the community, and must be equitable and consistent.
- Cooperate with farm owners in voluntarily creating agricultural areas as provided for in the Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act and other similar programs.

H. EDUCATION AND INVOLVEMENT

Goal: An informed population actively participating in public decisions regarding the use of land and the future of Kendall County.

Objectives:

 Educate the public and municipal agencies of threats to environmental conditions within Kendall County, and



potential impacts, through a coordinated effort between the County Planning, Building and Zoning Department, Health Department, Forest Preserve District, and other County agencies.

- Educate the public and the development industry regarding the location, importance, and methods of protecting floodplains, wetlands, groundwater recharge areas, productive agriculture land, and other environmentally sensitive areas.
- 3. Continue to promote public review and discussion throughout the process of the development of the LRMP, and future comprehensive planning efforts.
- 4. Maintain a strong public hearing processes for county, township, and local review of development proposals, with notice to residents and surrounding government agencies that provide adequate and timely information about proposed development and potential impacts during the decision making process.
- 5. Raise the standard of development by continuing to work with developers to ensure good planning and design standards for subdivision layout, site planning, landscaping, building and sign appearance, highway access, wastewater supply and disposal, parking capacity, and stormwater management.
- Continue to promote recycling to reduce waste and reduce the need for additional landfill capacity.

I. INFORMATION

Goal: Data collected, maintained and managed as a central data base regarding property conditions and the environment of the county, accessible by county and municipal agencies and private individuals.

Objectives:

- Maintain up-to-date and easily accessible records of information regarding land use conditions, environmental conditions, jurisdictional boundaries, public facility capacities and local and regional land use plans. Such information is currently available to the public on the internet at <u>https://www.co.kendall.il.us/departments/geographic-information-systems</u>. County flood plain maps were updated in 2009 and are available at the FEMA Map Service Center.
- 2. Monitor trends that may affect the need for public facilities or services.
- Continue to coordinate data collection and data sharing between municipalities, townships and County agencies to provide the most efficient and least expensive source of commonly used data.

J. PUBLIC SAFETY

Goal: Planning for police, fire and ambulance services in advance of development to improve response times, reduce loss potential, and maximize the benefit of public expenditures.

Objectives:

- Develop a partnership with local public safety practitioners in the review of specific development proposals and code/ordinance amendments to identify potential problems and coordinate resources to insure adequate coverage.
- Insure integration of planning for public safety facilities within the context of all long range land use and transportation planning efforts.
- 3. Coordinate development with all affected governmental agencies to minimize



- jurisdictional conflicts. Encourage negotiated boundary adjustments to provide for logical provision of police and fire protection services based on access and response time.
- Integrate awareness of public safety access concerns in planning for local, collector, and arterial roadways. Local roadway planning should provide for

cross access between properties. Collector and arterial roadway planning should take into consideration public safety access from existing and/or future service facilities.