

Blackhawk Hills Regional Council

CEDS Annual Performance Report

2014-2015



*Serving the six-northwestern counties of the State of Illinois:
Carroll, JoDaviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Whiteside.*

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council (formally known as the RC&D), I am pleased to present the 2014-2015 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Annual Performance Report and Update. This report contains information on the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council as it pertains to the Economic Development District. Included in this update are strategies for improving the district to benefit the counties and communities within the region. You will find attached our region's list of priority projects taken from our recently adopted 5-Year CEDS Document, as well as our immediate project list for those projects that are ready to start now if funds were available.

In order to develop the strategies for improvement, Blackhawk Hills examines the area's demographic and economic trends, as well as the needs of the communities and counties, on an annual basis. The focus of the District is to encourage local sponsors, through implementation of these strategies, to support and maintain the economic vitality of the region.

The information contained in this report confirms the need for Blackhawk Hills to continue its involvement in promoting community planning, economic development, resource conservation and strengthening of partnerships through the county CEDS committees.

Sincerely,



Ron Colson
Blackhawk Hills Regional Council President

BLACKHAWK HILLS REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Blackhawk Hills Regional Council (formally known as Blackhawk Hills RC&D) serves the region as an Economic Development District (EDD). The EDD was established under criteria of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) in 1992. The purpose of the program is to accelerate overall economic development program planning on a regional basis and to utilize all applicable federal, state, and local agencies, groups, and organizations in implementing the plan(s).

The Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development Area (RC&D), was authorized in March 1974 by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and quickly became a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization sponsored by the local County Boards and Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Boards, which has transformed into who we are today.

The Blackhawk Hills area is a 3,777.8 square mile region that consists of the six north- western counties of the State of Illinois (Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Whiteside), and has a combined population of 235,689. The council is governed by an 18-member Council, which is made up of one representative from each of the local sponsors (County Boards and County SWCD Boards) and one area representative from each county (appointed by the two sponsors).

The Council pursues its mission by hosting or facilitating more than 100 meetings annually with federal, state and local leaders. Issues include, but are not limited to; land management, business development, transportation, neighborhood preservation, health, the environment, taxes, marketing, energy conservation, legislation, economic development, recreation, land conservation, agriculture, forestry, emergency services, water quality/management and education. These topics are addressed using a network of agencies, organizations and individuals that consists of more than 600 volunteers, and it's growing each year.

Blackhawk Hills RC&D provides the following services and/or assistance. Click on each item to get a more detailed description of services we provide.

- Community Planning
- Economic Development
- Natural Resources Conservation and Protection
- Grant Writing and Administration
- Demographic and Statistical Data
- Seminars, Summits, Workshops
- Meeting Facilitation and Group Development

We hope that you will continue to find the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council much more results oriented, striving to produce more tangible, regional results on issues important to Northwest Illinois.

Blackhawk Hills Regional Council Members

County	Member	Representation	Interests
Carroll	Ed Juracek	Non-Elected Rep	Soil & Water Conservation
Carroll	Darrell Stitzel	County Board-Elected Rep	Agriculture, Business & Industry
Carroll	John Huggins	Elected Rep	Economic Development, Strategic Planning
Jo Daviess	William Tonne **	Non-Elected Rep, Private Sector Rep	Soil & Water Conservation, Business, Planning
Jo Daviess	Marvin Schultz	Private Sector Rep, WIB Rep	Community and Economic Development, Tourism
Jo Daviess	Steve Rutz	Elected Rep	Economic Development, Strategic Planning
Lee	Aaron Wolf/Jeremy Zapf (Co-Reps)	Non-Elected Rep	Soil & Water Conservation
Lee	Tim Deem	County Board-Elected Rep	County Government
Lee	Marilyn Shippert	Elected Rep	Community and Economic Development, Education
Ogle	Mike Riebel	Non-Elected Rep	Zoning & Planning, Community Development
Ogle	Ron Colson *	County Board-Elected Rep, Private Sector Rep	County Government, Business & Industry
Ogle	Marcia Heuer	County Board-Elected Rep	Community Development, Tourism
Stephenson	Seth Wenzel	Non-Elected Rep	Soil & Water Conservation, Agriculture
Stephenson	Samuel Newton	County Board-Elected Rep	County Government, Information Technology,
Stephenson	Dennis Groezinger	Non-Elected Rep, Private Sector	Community Development, Business
Whiteside	Vern Latwesen	Non-Elected Rep	Soil & Water Conservation, Agriculture
Whiteside	Daniel Bitler	County Board-Elected Rep	County Government
Whiteside	Glen Kuhlemier ***	Elected Rep	Community Development, Tourism

*Council President

**Council Vice-President

***Council Treasure/Secretary

Majority Elected Representatives (10)

At least 1 Private Sector Representative

At least 35% Others Including at least 1 Workforce Development Group

BLACKHAWK HILLS AS THE EDD

In response to tough economic times suffered in the 1980s, the original Council expanded and diversified into sponsoring economic development programs. In 1989, the six stand-alone county redevelopment areas formed a coalition with the Council to establish an Economic Development District under criteria set forth by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA). In 1992, the EDA formally recognized the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council area as an Economic Development District.

The focus that the Council has adopted for economic development issues is to

- 1) promote the importance of the planning process to facilitate positive feedback and desirable economic growth within the individual committee of the Regional Council
- 2) assemble and implement a regional plan based on the needs of the communities within the region
- 3) provide technical assistance to the communities in the District by connecting local people with specific projects to appropriate local, state and federal offices
- 4) provide assistance in various grant or loan applications
- 5) provide support for communities in the form of statistical, demographic and economic data.

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDDS)

In order to assure that economic development initiatives come from the communities, the Council requires each participating county to participate in the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDDS) planning process. The CEDDS committee consists of a chairperson and a variety of volunteers recruited for their various economic interests and pursuits.

The CEDDS Committee works to ascertain the needs of the individual counties and communities. The chairpersons of each county committee, along with other regional economic development leaders then gather to form the Regional CEDDS Committee project list. Bi-monthly Regional CEDDS Committee meetings are the forum to discuss each county's concerns and needs, and allow for networking and the exchange of information. This structure allows the Regional Council and the CEDDS Committees to coordinate efforts to promote regional economic development.

In the upcoming year, it continues to be our mission to encourage every county in the Blackhawk Hills region to become more actively involved in the CEDDS planning process. It is our goal to help each county recognize the need to begin fostering a more encompassing, county-wide economic development planning initiative in partnership with the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council.

CEDS Working Committee

Name	Sector	County	Position	Organization/Agency
Vicky Trager	Public Sector	Carroll	President	Village of Thomson
Lisa McCarthy	Private Sector	Jo Daviess/Carroll/Whiteside	Executive Director	Tri-County Economic Development Alliance
Phyllis Wilhelm	Private Sector	Carroll	Director, Economic Development	Madison Gas and Electric
Margaret Larson	Public Sector	Jo Daviess/Stephenson	Unit Director	University of Illinois-Extension
Sharon Pepin	Private Sector	Jo Daviess	Business Owner	Community Funding and Planning Services, Inc.
William Tonne	Private Sector	Jo Daviess	Business Owner	Dental Practice
Loralie Heintzelman	Public Sector	Lee	Area Specialist	USDA Rural Development
John Thompson	Private Sector	Lee	Executive Director	Lee County Industrial Development Administration
Greg Sparrow	Public Sector	Ogle	Economic Development Liaison	Ogle County Board
Jason Anderson	Private Sector	Ogle	Executive Director	Greater Rochelle Economic Development Corporation
Kathleen Weber	Public Sector	Stephenson	Coordinator, Business Training	Highland Community College
Shelly Griswold	Private Sector	Stephenson	Community Dvlpmt. Specialist	Fehr Graham and Associates
Betty Steinert	Public Sector	Whiteside	E-Zone Administrator	Whiteside County
Kim Ewoldson	Private Sector	Whiteside	Executive Director	Morrison Area Development Corp/Chamber of Commerce
Diane Bausman	Private Sector	Carroll/Whiteside/Ogle/Lee	Executive Director	Blackhawk Waterways CVB

**15 total members, 9 members representing Private Sector.*

Memberships and Associations

Illinois Rural Partners
Friends of the Chicago Rockford International Airport at Rockford
IL Association of Regional Councils (ILARC)
IL Association of RC&Ds
IL Development Council (IDC)
IL Highway 30 Coalition
Midwest High-Speed Rail Association
National Association of Development Organizations
National Association of RC&Ds
Tri-State Alliance (Highway 20)

Board Representation by Staff and Council

Driftless Area Initiative
iFiber Broadband Board
Lee County Tourism Council
Local Workforce Investment Boards (WIB)
Northwest IL Broadband eTeam
Tri-County Opportunities Council (TCOC)
Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority (QREDA)
Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce
University of IL-Extension
Whiteside Area Career Center (WACC) Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO)

Working Partnerships

Bi-State Regional Planning Commission
Blackhawk Waterways Convention and Visitor's Bureau
East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA)
Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunities (DCEO)
Greater Dubuque Development Corporation
Greater Rochelle Economic Development Corporation (GREDCO)
Greater Sterling Development Corporation
Highland Community College
IL Institute for Rural Affairs, WIU
IL Finance Authority
Jo-Carroll Local Redevelopment Association (LRA)
Lee County Industrial Development Association and Enterprise Zone
Lena Economic Development Corporation
Local, State and Federal Legislators
Local, State and Federal Economic Development Funding Organizations
Kishwaukee Community College Business & Industry Development Center
Morrison Area Development Corporation (MADC)
North Central IL Council of Governments (NCICG)
Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC)
Northern IL University (NIU)
Northern IL Land Use Council
Northwest IL Development Alliance (NIDA)
Northwest IL Grazing Committee
Regional Engineering/Planning Firms
Regional Economic Development Professionals

Regional Community and County Development Committees & Corporations
Regional Utility Providers
Rock Falls Community Development Corporation
Rockford Region Economic Development District (RREDD)
Sauk Valley Community College (SVCC)
South West Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC)
South West Technical College in Wisconsin (SWTC)
Tri-County Economic Development Alliance (TCEDA)
Tri-State Advanced Manufacturing Center for Excellence (TSAMCE)
Upper Mississippi River International Port District (UMRIPD)
University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Whiteside County Economic Development and Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone

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Blackhawk Hills Regional Council would like to thank the following groups and organizations for their continued support and assistance to the economy of the region:

U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA)
Federal and State Legislators
IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)
IL Department of Transportation (IDOT)
USDA/Rural Development
Mayors/Village Presidents
County Boards & Staff
Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD)
County CEDS Committees
Local Economic Development Professionals
Local Engineering Firms
Local Utility Companies
Local Colleges and Universities
Local Chambers of Commerce
Citizens of the Region

2015 Annual Update Report on the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council CEDS

Introduction

Blackhawk Hills Regional Council Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in compliance with 13 CFR Part 303 requires the development of a strategy in order to remain eligible for assistance from the Economic Development Administration (EDA), U. S. Department of Commerce. While a new or revised CEDS must be submitted every 5 years, 13 CFR Part 303.2(d) requires that “Each year thereafter (after initial approval), the planning organization must submit an annual strategy report, acceptable to EDA.” This annual report is submitted in compliance with EDA requirements and is intended to inform the public, decision makers and EDA on progress in implementing the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council CEDS.

EDA guidance provides that “the annual report documents the progress achieved on economic development activities, regardless of the source of funding, and reports on changing economic conditions.” The annual report should:

- Adjust the CEDS as needed.
- Report on the previous year’s economic development activities and any significant changes in the region’s economic conditions.
- Evaluate the effectiveness in meeting goals.
- Schedule achievable goals for the coming year.

Current Economic Conditions

The Blackhawk Hills Regional Council Region continues to be impacted by economic conditions that have resulted in deterioration of public service, infrastructure and quality of life of the community at all levels. Overall labor force statistics are updated monthly and annually. Therefore, we are able to obtain new figures for unemployment each year. For the Blackhawk Regional Council, Department of Labor and Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that the average 2014 unemployment rate for the region was down to 6.9 percent. This is a slight drop in unemployment for the region. The highest unemployment remains to be seen in Ogle County at 7.6 percent, followed by Stephenson County at 7.5 percent and Whiteside County at 7.1 percent.

In terms of distress levels in the Region, EDA defines a distress-eligible region or community one which has 24 month unemployment rates that are 1% higher than the national rate for the same period or one which is experiencing a per capita income level that is 80% or less of the national level. Currently, the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council Region as a whole is deemed distressed in terms of unemployment rates. All but one of six counties that make up the region is considered independently distressed based upon unemployment figures calculated on www.statsamerica.org. Furthermore, the Bureau of Economic Analysis classified Ogle County as distressed under the Per Capita Income criteria. The chart below depicts the details of the distress figures.

Area	24 Month Unemployment	Threshold Calculation	BEA PCPI	Threshold Calculation
Carroll	8.01	1.34	\$ 42,394	86.3%
Jo Daviess	6.87	.2	\$ 47,697	102.2%
Lee	8.19	1.52	\$ 41,660	83.8%
Ogle	9.50	2.83	\$ 41,695	86%
Stephenson	9.06	2.39	\$ 40,790	89%
Whiteside	8.45	1.78	\$ 42,076	89.8%
BHH Region	8.57	1.9	\$ 42,234	88.82%
U.S.	6.67	*	\$ 44,765	*

*www.statsamerica.org as reported for January 2015

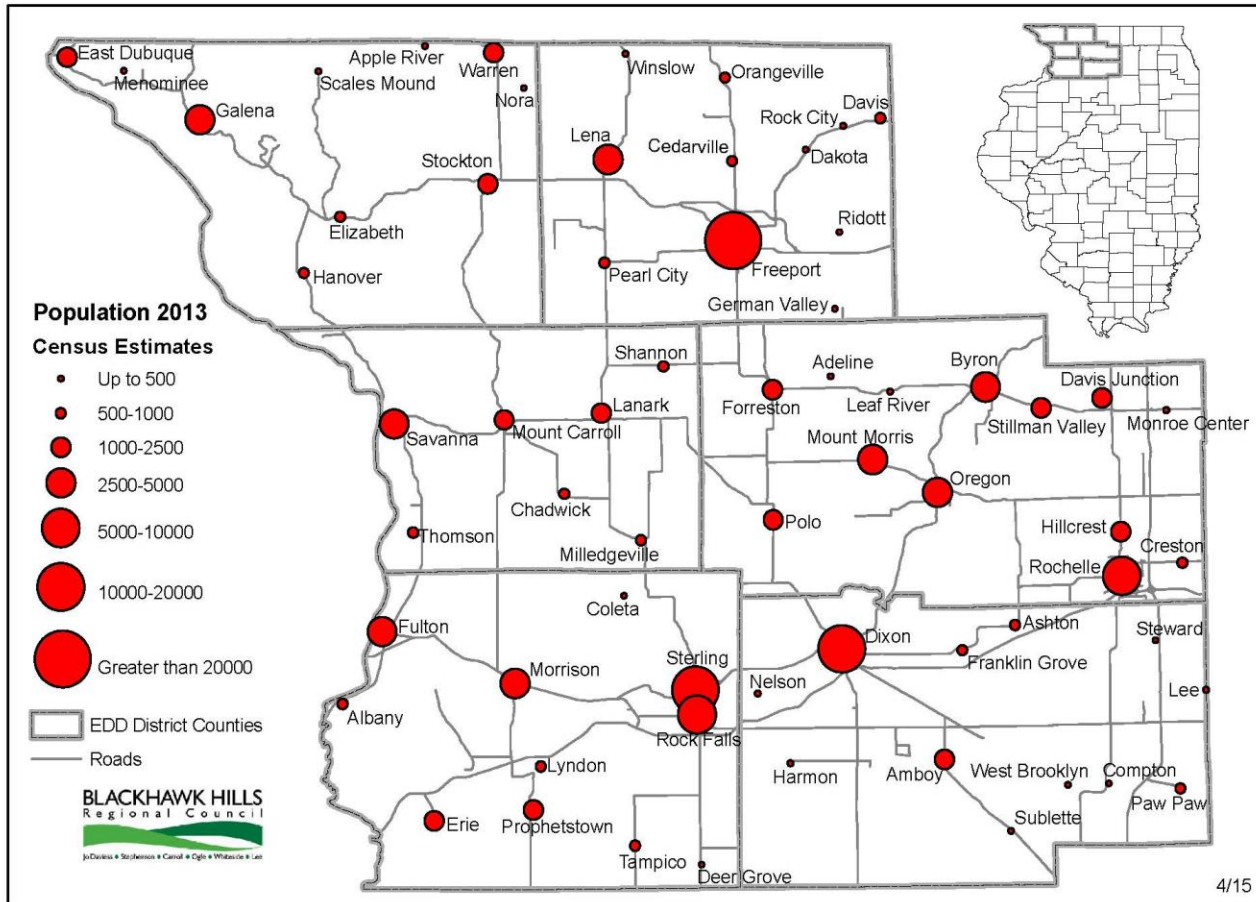
In terms of layoffs, the Blackhawk Hills region has been hit fairly hard over the past decade. Though numbers do not seem as high as some counties throughout IL, our region is fairly rural and smaller in population size. Therefore, the numbers certainly have a huge impact on our limited job opportunities. Over the previous 10 years, layoff numbers have included: Carroll County at 133, Jo Daviess County at 39, Lee County at 748, Ogle County at 1021, Stephenson County at 526, and Whiteside County at 1892. Again, these figures only include layoffs occurring over the previous 10 years (2004-2014). This also excludes any governmental or agricultural industries, which account for many jobs in our rural area.

Another useful analysis we can use in determining the state and growth of the region economy over the past year is by looking at reported building permit numbers. Overall, the region has seen a gradual increase in the number of building permits being issued by the counties. However, the region has seen a slight drop in the amount spent on construction costs throughout the counties from the years 2012 to 2013. Lee County actually saw a slight increase in both the number of building permits issued in 2013, as well as the investment in construction costs. Whiteside County saw the largest drop in construction costs, but a large increase in building permits indicating there is still a trend in remodeling efforts as opposed to new construction (U.S. Census Bureau).

Building Permits				Construction Costs			
	2011	2012	2013		2011	2012	2013
Carroll	23	15	15	Carroll	\$3,853,000	\$4,347,000	\$4,350,341
JoDaviess	33	45	39	JoDaviess	\$9,395,661	\$10,764,666	\$8,098,874
Lee	14	17	25	Lee	\$5,850,119	\$3,822,000	\$4,474,000
Ogle	24	31	24	Ogle	\$551,300	\$5,396,973	\$4,291,757
Stephenson	10	24	16	Stephenson	\$1,606,576	\$5,183,000	\$3,633,000
Whiteside	40	42	82	Whiteside	\$6,430,597	\$18,860,700	\$11,083,742
Totals	144	174	201	Totals	\$27,687,253	\$48,374,339	\$35,931,714

Additional statistics for each of the individual counties in Blackhawk Hills region can be found at the back of the document.

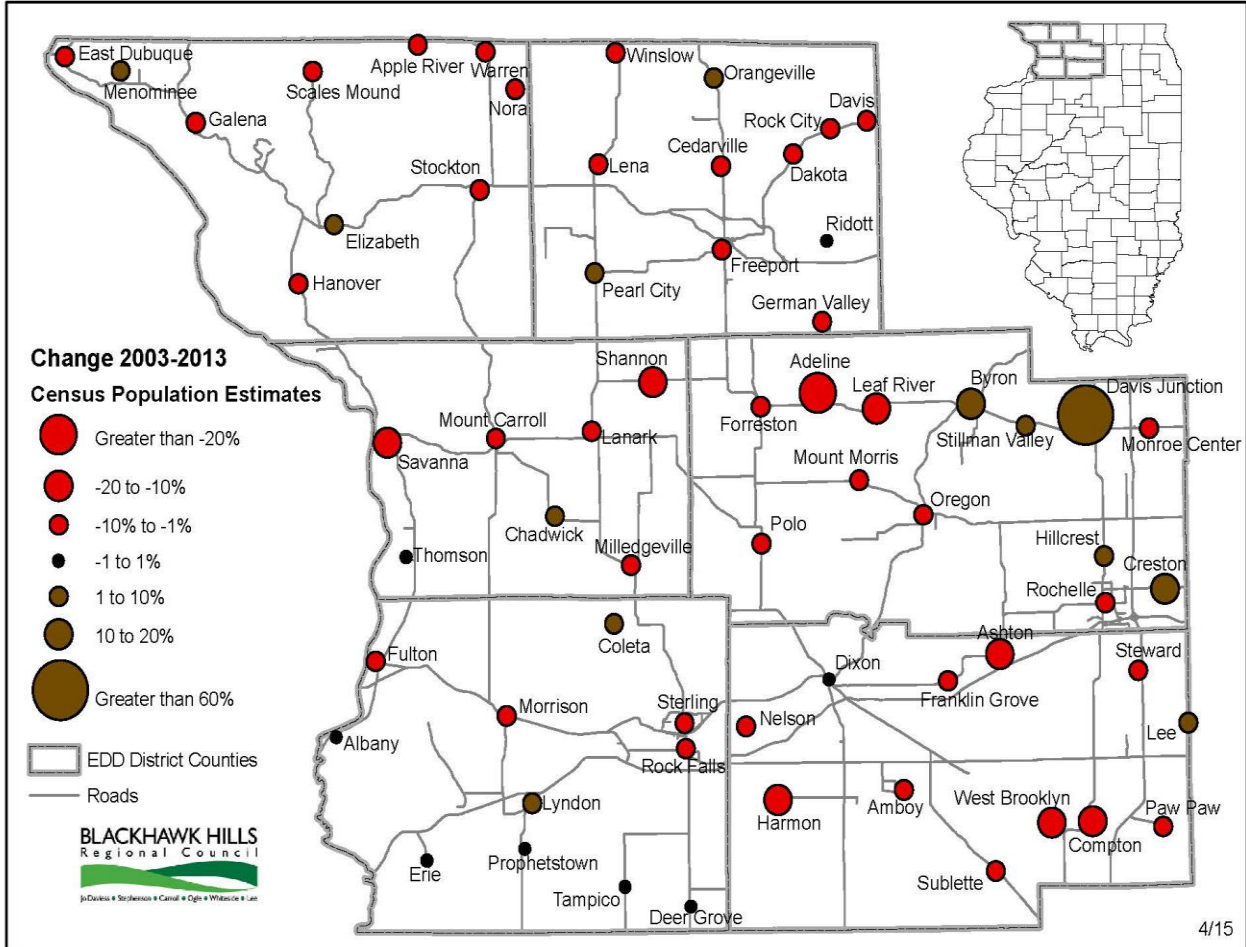
Blackhawk Hills Economic Development District



Population

The District represents a mainly rural population with more urban centers in Whiteside and Stephenson Counties. The largest community in the District, Freeport, lies in the center of Stephenson County with a population of 25,638 persons and is also the county seat. Sterling and Rock Falls, adjacent communities located in Whiteside County, have a combined population of over 24,000 persons. Dixon, located in Lee County, had a 2010 population of 15,733 and serves as that county seat. Map 1 shows the location of the communities within the District, as well as their population totals. The District has a population of 233,802 persons according to the 2010 Census, slightly down from the 2000 census of 235,689 people. Of these people 15,387 live in Carroll County, 22,678 live in Jo Daviess County, 36,031 live in Lee County, 53,497 live in Ogle County, 58,498 live in Whiteside County and 47,711 live in Stephenson County. Population statistics are outlined in detail in Table 2.

Blackhawk Hills Economic Development District



Based upon the 2010 Census, population in the District has decreased in three out of the six counties in the last twenty years. Ogle County, Blackhawk Hills' second largest county, has increased population by over 16 percent with a 45,957 population in 1990 and a 53,497 population in 2010. The District as a whole, however, has only increased in population by 3 percent since the 1990 Census. The State of Illinois has increased in population by only 12 percent since the 1990 Census. Map 2 illustrates the change in population from 2000 to 2013. Loss in population seems to only have begun since the 2000 Census and is most likely due to out migration of young people to other areas looking for employment and smaller family sizes. This report, therefore, focuses on economic development issues for both rural and urban areas and the needs and resources of the entire District which are highly impacted by the shifts in population. A complete listing of the population by county, region and state for the last three Censuses is shown below.

Population	1990	2000	2010
Carroll County	16,805	16,674	15,387
Lee County	34,392	36,062	36,031
Jo Daviess County	21,821	22,289	22,678
Ogle County	45,957	51,032	53,497
Stephenson County	48,052	48,979	47,711
Whiteside County	60,186	60,653	58,498
Blackhawk Hills Region	227,213	235,689	233,802
State of Illinois	11,430,602	12,419,293	12,830,632

New Governor, New Project Challenges

In the weeks that newly elected Governor Rauner had been in office, he indicated a number of top priorities, including education, tax reform, job growth, stagnant wages, and public labor unions. Some actions have had an immediate, local impact on recently awarded state grants in our region. On January 12th, the governor signed Executive Order (EO) 15-18, freezing all state discretionary spending and halting contract and grant awards. All executive branch agencies were ordered to report to the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) to identify all contracts awarded or entered into by state agencies on or after November 1, 2014, in addition to every hiring decision made on or after November 1, 2014. The order halts the awarding, entering into, amending, or renewing of state contracts and grants until July 2015. We have received three notifications from state agencies in response to this EO. First, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) notified us that recipients of Rural Planning Funds are subject to the governor's EO. Secondly, Blackhawk Hills was informed by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) that the EO impacts discretionary spending as applicable to the Illinois Energy Now (IEN) program. Lastly, our recent application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for a ten county regional water supply plan is now on hold. The hope is that all freezes will be lifted following the review process expected to be completed this summer.

Summary of Projects

Encourage Long Term Regional Comprehensive Planning

IDOT Rural Planning Grant

Blackhawk Hills was awarded Rural Transportation Planning Funds in the amount of \$24,000 from IDOT to further our region's economic development planning efforts. The funds would be used to coordinate the region's efforts in conducting an initial assessment to site industries seeking rail options and access to spurs to lower transportation costs. The analysis could shed light on development opportunities based on existing infrastructure and incentives currently available to public and private sector entities along the UP and BNSF rail lines and spurs in our region. A comprehensive inventory of development assets and tools which can be used to identify regional development options, action plans, and capital improvement projects. A key focus of the study would be assessing the need for a Transloading Center in our region where northern Illinois industries could access both UP and BNSF Class I Railroads by having materials, raw and finished, trucked to/from the Transloading Center and shipped or received on rail. An assessment would determine saving related to shipping and environmental costs, while also promoting economic development in Northern Illinois. However, as of January 15th we were notified by IDOT that those committed funds had been frozen by the new Governor until further notice.

Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee

Blackhawk Hills Regional Council has restructures its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee. The document and its process are very important to our regional constituencies. We are transforming from the open forum we used in the past, to one focused on the structuring of the CEDS document and prioritizing projects. It's our goal to bring more structure and value to the document and process itself. The newly created committee of fifteen (15) will meet twice per year and acts as a clearinghouse for projects that will impact the region. The committee is made up of equal representation by each county; two (2) representatives from each county and three (3) region-wide representatives. The BHRC works with economic development organizations and local governments to carry out the projects presented in the CEDS. The new committee will be responsible for developing, revising, or replacing the CEDS. The CEDS document and the project list are used by BHRC's staff, as well as federal, state, and local government agencies as a guide to economic development project implementation. BHRC is also responsible for monitoring and assisting in the implementation of the CEDS update. The CEDS is required to be approved by the BHRC and EDA, and serves as a prerequisite for our governing bodies to apply for EDA grants. The committee will also provide input into the organization of the Spring Symposium/Annual Meeting in April and a Fall Economic Development Summit in August.

IDOT Rural Planning Grant

In 2014, BHRC was awarded \$24,000 in Rural Transportation Planning Funds from IDOT to further our region's economic development and transportation planning efforts. Funds were intended to be used to study existing rail sites and spurs, with the goal of improving local rail/spur access and reducing business freight costs. As of January, however, IDOT Rural Transportation Planning Funds were frozen by the Illinois Governor's Office.

If the study proceeds, it should shed light on development opportunities and capital improvement priorities, especially along the Union Pacific (UP) and Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) rail corridors. A component of the study calls for assessing the need for a regional transloading center, one that would be accessible to any business or public entity. A transloading center would provide northern Illinois commerce and industry access to UP and BNSF Class I railroads and support the efficient movement of raw materials and finished goods. Savings related to shipping and environmental costs would also be addressed.

Polo Comprehensive Land Use Planning

For just over a year, BHRC worked with the City of Polo to update its comprehensive plan. In support of the process, BHRC facilitated planning sessions, provided technical assistance, and created GIS-based maps and illustrations. The community now has access to a future land use map, an updated municipal zoning map, and newly redrawn city water, stormwater, and wastewater maps. Additional research - including an inventory and analysis of existing housing structure age - was made possible through cooperation between City of Polo staff, Ogle County GIS, Buffalo Township, and the twenty-two member citizen steering committee assembled for the project. The map to the right illustrates Polo's future land use plans within the city's 1.5 mile extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Upper Mississippi River International Port District (UMRIPD)

Blackhawk Hills wrote and submitted an application for funding for an EDA Technical Assistance Grant to determine prioritization and feasibility for the development of river port sites along the Mississippi River bordering two of our counties, specifically at the Savanna Army Depot Park. Total application amount was \$130,000. After a second round of review, we were given notice the project was not approved. We are continuing to work through the deficiencies and meeting with the Port District and the LRA on restructuring the project to be more competitive in the application process in the future. EDA has also met with both the LRA and the Port District to work through the issues and clear up any questions.

Assist with Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Planning

Rochelle Lift Station and Grand Rail Expansion

The City of Rochelle held two events on October 8, 2014, to celebrate the completion of two major infrastructure expansion projects. The first event was held at the Caron Road Lift Station. The station adds the capacity to serve 2,500 additional acres of future industrial development. The second event celebrated the Grand Rail Expansion, which commemorates rail expansion projects on the City of Rochelle Railroad (CIR). The CIR expansion includes a 1,500 foot rail extension in the Union Pacific/CIR Interchange Yard, replacement of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe/CIR crossing on Caron Road, and a 2,200 foot extension of the CIR Unit Train Rail Yard. The total investment in all of these projects amounted to more than \$2.4 million. These projects were funded through a partnership of public and private agencies including the Illinois Department of Transportation-Bureau of Railroads, Economic Development Administration (EDA), Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), Ryder Corporation, Burlington Junction Railway, and City of Rochelle. Blackhawk Hills Regional was honored to present at this event and congratulate the City of Rochelle on behalf of the Economic Development District.

Illinois Fiber Resources Group (iFiber)

With the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grant closed and construction on the fiber optic network complete, iFiber's focus has shifted to operations, maintenance, follow-up outreach, and additional end-user recruitment. BHRC provides iFiber - the non-profit organization that oversees the regional broadband network - support by reaching out to existing customers and end-users. Staff also provide information to individuals and organizations in public and private sectors with interest in robust, low latency bandwidth. Governmental agencies are now able to reduce certain infrastructure costs related to the state's Law Enforcement Agency Data System; all end-users have the means to share data and IT resources more securely and effectively across nine (9) counties at gigabit speeds.

EDA Makes a Visit to the Region

On January 22nd, Blackhawk Hill's staff had the opportunity to meet with the U.S. Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Darrin Fleener, Economic Development Representative to Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. The first of the days' meetings was hosted by Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) Board President Steve Keefer and the LRA Executive Director Mara Roche, and was held at the Jo-Carroll LRA (formerly the Savanna Army Depot). Following a tour of the LRA and an overview of the businesses located at the facility, the group discussed development issues the LRA faces and what EDA partnerships with the LRA may be suitable to spur quality development in the future. The Upper Mississippi River International Port District (UMRIPD) had an opportunity to discuss project development needs with the group. The meeting also included representatives from Senator Durbin and Representative Bustos' offices. Mr. Fleener continued his day with a visit to the proposed Lee-Ogle Industrial Park located between the Village of Steward and the City of Rochelle. We met with John Thompson of the Lee County Industrial Development Association (LCIDA), Noah Carmichael of Fehr-Graham, and Jason Anderson of the Greater Rochelle Economic Development Corporation (GREDCO). Following a review of past rail and economic development projects along with their impact on the region, Darrin was given a tour of the 2,500 acre site and an overview of how the two counties hope to coordinate development plans in the area between Rochelle and Steward.

Support Economic, Community, and Workforce Development

Blackhawk Hills Regional Council Receives Planning Grant

The U.S. Department of Commerce's (DOC) Economic Development Administration (EDA) awarded an Economic Development District Planning grant totaling \$51,628 to Blackhawk Hills Regional Council to help create jobs and boost economic development in the region. The Blackhawk Hills Regional Council will use this funding to establish a strategic plan to capitalize on private investments and job creation in the region. EDA is an agency within the U.S. DOC and supports the economic development needs of distressed communities throughout the United States. Its mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness and preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.

A Hut for Our History

The Byron Museum of History was awarded a \$351,400 Public Museum Capital Grant (PMCG), administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Forty-seven museums state-wide were awarded funds through the grant program (note: Byron's PMCG funds are currently frozen by the Governor's office). The "A Hut for Our History" project calls for the museum to renovate recently acquired museum space, fund new and expanded exhibits, and restore a vintage Quonset hut and building Marquee. BHRC, in coordination with the museum's executive director, completed the application.

2014 Regional Development Summit

On August 15th nearly 70 attendees including federal, state, and local officials gathered for the 2014 Regional Development Summit. The event, held at the Lake Carroll Clubhouse near Lanark, IL, was hosted by Blackhawk Hills Regional Council. The event allowed members of local communities to hear presentations and meet with vendors and consulting firms about local needs and regional projects. The event included presentations by Jason Anderson, City of Rochelle; John Robert Smith, Transportation for America; Kathleen Field Orr, Kathleen Field Orr & Associates; Joe Taylor, Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau; Donald Fournier, Illinois Association of County Board Members; and Mike King and Marc Rowe, Nicor Gas. Presentations and handouts from the summit are available for download at www.blackhawkhills.com/news.

Thomson Prison

On August 18, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, Congresswoman Cheri Bustos, and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Charles Samuels, visited Thomson, Illinois, to officially announce the opening of the Thomson Prison as the 121st federal prison. With that came the announcement of the hiring of Donald Hudson as the facility's warden. Full activation of the prison will take approximately two years, but Warden Hudson indicated the area will begin to see increased action over the next few months at the facility and in the surrounding communities as staff prepare for its first wave of federal inmates. Senator Durbin announced in March that the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) had committed \$53.7 million in funding to the Thomson Prison's activation. On August 18, Durbin also announced that the Senate's 2015 appropriations bill, which is currently being discussed in Washington, includes an additional \$58 million for the Thomson facility. Prison officials are expected to begin transferring in 200 minimum security inmates within two to three months. These officials will also assist in the preparation of the facility for high security confinement prisoners. When fully activated, the prison is expected to house 2,100 inmates and create 1,100 jobs for the area economy.

Support Natural Resources Preservation and Conservation

Northwest IL Regional Water Supply Planning Grant

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (OWR), has provided resources to create and maintain Regional Water Supply Plan Committees throughout the State of Illinois, and Blackhawk Hills Regional Council had been asked if we have interest in developing a Northwestern Illinois Regional Water Supply Committee. The committee would develop water supply plans to ensure all residential, business and industries have adequate quantity and quality of water supplies. We have submitted the Water Supply Planning Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (OWR). The OWR provides resources to create and maintain Regional Water Supply Plan Committees throughout the State of Illinois, and Blackhawk Hills Regional Council will be coordinating the process for the Northwestern Illinois Regional Water Supply Committee. This consortium includes the counties of Bureau, Carroll, Henry, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago. The committee would develop water supply plans to ensure all residential, business and industries have adequate quantity and quality of water supplies. We originally submitted the Water Supply Planning Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (OWR) for \$24,000 and, and were approved.

Spring Branch Sub-Watershed Project and Plan

Originally organized by the Yellow Creek Watershed partnership, the Spring Branch Sub-Watershed project includes participation from area volunteers and BHRC. It is focused on improving the greater Yellow Creek watershed; one of the goals includes greater adoption of best management practices for nutrient and soil conservation. Work in 2014 included the preliminary GIS assessment assembled by BHRC (GIS elements included/incorporated the alignment of stream layers with recent aerial photography, dividing the watershed sub-basins, length and area calculations, and soil survey mapping). BHRC also consulted scientists to determine baseline land cover and water quality relationships. Project stakeholders have established a farmer and landowner-oriented watershed planning committee, and BHRC will continue to provide technical, planning, and facilitation services.

Energy Efficiency Programs

Through the Illinois Association of Regional Councils, BHRC has conducted outreach and application assistance in support of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Public Sector Energy Efficiency/Illinois Energy Now program. In the past year (2014-2015), nine (9) applications were submitted for HVAC, lighting, and related incentives. BHRC also sought funding from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation and worked with the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance on the installation of energy saving equipment, such as room occupancy sensors and LED exit signs.

Envirothon

The BHRC-area Soil and Water Conservation Districts hosted the annual Envirothon Competition in March 2015 at Highland Community College. The Envirothon, supported by BHRC, is a year-long learning process that provides an opportunity for high school students to learn more about the environment and natural resources. Twenty-two teams from fourteen schools competed. Fulton High School placed 1st, followed by Pearl City and Orangeville high schools, respectively. Each member of the 1st place team received a \$500 college scholarship and advanced to the state competition.

Support Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Collaboration

County Board Insurance Data Gathering

We have been assisting the County Board Chairs in gathering employee insurance information from each county to start a comparison analysis of our region. The hope is to find some commonalities to explore pooling options in an effort to lower insurance costs per county board. We compiled general employee insurance information from each county to start a comparison analysis of our region with hopes of finding some commonalities to explore pooling options in an effort to lower insurance costs per county board. At the November 19th meeting, the chairmen had a chance to discuss pooling options and ask many questions of representatives from the Insurance Program Managers Group. The January meeting was an opportunity for further discussion with Steve Hamilton of TRICOR Insurance.

Freeport Local Foods Initiative

BHRC is working with the University of Illinois Extension (Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago counties), CareerTEC, the City of Freeport, and Madison, Wisconsin, based Vandewalle and Associates to support a food enterprise center/kitchen incubator, officially known as Pretzel City Kitchens (PCK) in Freeport, Illinois. Once operational, PCK would serve food growers and processors near the northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin border. In particular, PCK will support expanded production of local foods and value-added food products by providing affordable kitchen space to local processors. Partners also plan for the facility to provide a variety of commercial equipment, business development resources, education, and networking opportunities. BHRC will serve as the fiscal agent and provide organizational support, as well as assistance with grant writing and administration. Two community meetings were held in Freeport this winter/spring to provide project updates and build support. Staff are currently working with partners to structure and assign responsibilities.

Creating Entrepreneur Opportunities (CEO) Program

The Whiteside Area Career Center's Creating Entrepreneur Opportunities (CEO) Program completing its second year. This year's class was selected and introduced to the program at their orientation held on August 5th. Students and their parents attended the CEO Orientation meeting to learn more about the procedures and the high expectations of the program. The 2014-2015 CEO class is made up of fifteen students from eight different area high schools. The class facilitator remains to be Le Hartman and the business liaison is Norm Deets. The students held their class business on February 8th from at the Starlight Theatre in Sterling, IL. The theme was "Cruising through the Decades: A Retro Rendezvous". Entertainment included a large screen presentation of the 1920's through the 1980's and continued with the Brian David Comedy Hypnotist Show. The class is currently working on the structure and organization of their Annual Trade Show which features their own person businesses to be held on May 6th. Applications are also being reviewed for the 2015-2016 CEO Class. The currently has over forty private investors from the Sauk Valley area who have chosen to help support the operations of the program. Blackhawk Hills will remain the Treasurer/Fiscal Agent for the program.

Priority Manufacturing Community Partnership

An additional opportunity emerged through the US Department of Commerce, one which allowed tristate partners (including BHRC) to seek designation as a "priority manufacturing community" under the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) program. Such designation would increase opportunities for investment in local manufacturing.

Although not initially designated a "priority manufacturing community" in the first round of applications, the group has completed an updated business plan and submitted an application for the second round of designations. In addition, the decision was made to change the name of the partnership to the Upper Mississippi Manufacturing Innovation Center to better define its geographic location in the US. Each of the partners will

continue to work together to obtain the priority manufacturing community designation under the IMCP program.

Fall Regional Development Summit

Hosted by BHRC, the Fall Regional Development Summit was held in August 2014 at Lake Carroll, IL. The event featured a range of issues, including transportation, tax increment financing, energy efficiency, and tourism. Outside groups participating included Transportation for America, with speaker John Robert Smith, former Mayor of Meridian Mississippi.

County Insurance Data Collection

To assist the area's county board chairs, BHRC gathered employee insurance information from each county to begin a comparison analysis of the region. The plan is to find commonalities and explore pooling options in an effort to lower insurance costs across county governments region-wide. At the November 2014 meeting, the chairs had a chance to discuss such pooling options and ask many questions of representatives from the Insurance Program Managers Group. The January 2015 meeting provided an opportunity for further discussion with TRICOR Insurance.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Roundtable

The annual roundtable for this year's municipal and county GIS staff featured Ogle County's Kris Gilbert, who spoke on GIS point data collection and recording. Her presentation was followed by a roundtable discussion. Attendees' time together permitted networking opportunities and a chance to discuss challenges related to mapping. BHRC staff also presented on the projects undertaken by BHRC GIS Specialist Andrew Shaw.

2014 Annual Meeting

Our 2014 Annual Meeting was held in Mt. Carroll, IL, on May 15 at Henry's Double K. Cory Harrison, Director of YMCA Camp Benson, provided the evening's featured remarks. Harrison spoke to board members and guests about organizational leadership and development.

As it has done so in the past, BHRC presented two awards during the evening: the Carson DeJarnatt Award for Economic Development and the Volunteer of the Year Award. The decision to award particular individuals, organizations, or programs is made by the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council Board of Directors.

The Carson DeJarnatt Award - named after Sterling local Carson DeJarnatt - was presented to Sharon Pepin, founder of Community Funding and Planning Services in Stockton, IL. Pepin was recognized for her work and success in helping local communities improve planning and obtain funding.

This year's winner of the Volunteer of the Year Award was Eric Haan. Haan was recognized for his efforts to assist local public entities in their efforts to transition to iFiber and supply information technology and networking advice.

In Memoriam

Della Moen died on March 15, 2015. She was the longest serving council member on our board at 25 years, joining in April 1989 as the Stephenson County Area Representative and retiring in May 2014. Additionally, she served on the Stephenson County SWCD Board, Yellow Creek Watershed Partnership, and the Conservation Agricultural Partnership. She was also a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Earth Team volunteer, Envirothon Competition volunteer, and recording secretary of the Driftless Area Initiative. For 19 years, she wrote a weekly conservation column for the Journal Standard, and these articles were published throughout the State of Illinois. Della will be missed.

Updated Objectives for the Upcoming Year

The overall objective for the upcoming year is to continue to implement the adopted Goals found in our 5-Year CEDS Document, which is now only one year old. All appropriate projects contained in the CEDS will be pursued by the various entities in our region, and a complete list of the projects is attached at the very back of this document. Furthermore, we will collaborate regionally on those goals in addition to the updated objectives listed below:

Goal 1 – Utilize long-term planning to improve the conditions, strategies and problem solving capabilities of the District to stay economically competitive. The following objectives have been included:

- Increase participation in the continuous CEDS planning processes
- Strengthen coordination among economic development organizations
- Improve quality of life for residents and business leaders in economically distressed and underserved communities
- Continue to develop a strong Tri-State partnerships with ECIA and SWWRPC on numerous project opportunities and become a designated/recognized project priority region
- Explore opportunities with IDOT for the coordination of various forms of transportation planning, specifically truck routes, rail expansions, trails and bike route designations
- Commit to the completion of two comprehensive planning activities within our district.
- Create a resource database of regional maps to be utilized for various projects and studies for our district

Goal 2 – Assist with the improvement of community infrastructure (water, sewer, roads, telecommunications) to provide for new economic growth, as well as support existing businesses. The following objectives have been included:

- Determine our fullest potential use of the new Broadband infrastructure being installed in our region as a result of our recent NTIA grant
- Create a stronger relationship and partnership with local and regional utility companies to promote business development and expansions
- Maintain an accurate “project needs” list on an annual basis for the region
- Incorporate new elements into the Five-Year CEDS such as a comprehensive transportation inventory, regional disaster plan overview, industrial park readiness inventory and a new comprehensive project inventory

Goal 3 – Work with and assist economic development professionals and organizations in our region. The following objectives have been included:

- Diversify local industry and create jobs to reach global competitiveness through our partnership with the Tri-State Region districts of ECIA and SWWRPC
- Determine potential collaboration opportunities with NCICG and Bi-State on project potential for our southern counties
- Promote educational partnerships and new approaches to learning that benefit K-12 students
- Continue to provide any assistance and regional coordination to the Federal Bureau of Prisons to bring light to the use of the Thomson Correctional Facility
- Explore the idea of securing a Revolving Loan Fund for partners in our region and help them gain experience in administering a successful program
- Continue to work with the UMRIPD in securing EDA Technical Assistance funding for a Mississippi River Port Feasibility Study

- Explore ways to collaborate on business retention and expansion strategies that may be available from non-state sources.

Goal 4 – Encourage local economic and community development initiatives by providing necessary support and assistance as needed. The following objectives have been included:

- Continue to work with the entities currently seeking or submitting applications to EDA for funding in our region
- Continue to promote the benefits of the iFiber project to public institutions as well as private business leaders as a way to leverage economic development opportunities and diversification in our region
- Strengthen our collaborative public/private partnerships through collaborative efforts being made with SVCC and the CEO Program
- Aggressively promote our agency's ability to write and administer grants through regular promotion and announcements of state, federal and foundation funding opportunities to our constituents
- Aggressively promote our agency's ability to do comprehensive planning for our communities, as well as strategic planning
- Continue to look for EDA funding for our partnership in the Northwest IL Manufacturing Growth Alliance
- Assist communities, counties or the region with at least three grants per year

Goal 5 – Facilitate and participate in regional networking activities to better promote project collaboration. The following objectives have been included:

- Strengthen our collaborative regional partnerships within our district
- Continue to push for a 5% increase in business investment/involvement of the youth Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) Program in the local high schools
- Promote cross-regional collaboration with our neighboring district in-state and out-of-state to explore opportunities for greater regional initiatives and project ideas (SWWRPC, ECIA, BSRPC, NCICG, RREDD)
- Encourage affordable broadband installation where none exists for community or industrial park usage
- Provided needed and requested assistance with community, county and regional disaster mitigation planning
- Strengthen our collaboration with NCI Works and NIWA to find ways to economically train our existing and future advanced manufacturing workforce
- Strengthen our collaboration with IDOT on regional planning efforts and communicating our region's needs
- Collaborate and explore the possibility of working with ECIA on a transportation/freight analysis for our regions in cooperation with IL DOT and IA DOT

Goal 6 – Promote and encourage sustainability focused activities that conserve land, manage water resources, and stimulate energy efficiency projects. The following objectives have been included:

- Aggressively promote renewable energy and environmentally sustainable development, being mindful of land conservation and water management
- Continue our subcontract with DCEO and the IACBMC to provide application assistance to at least five local governments per year for the IL Energy Now Program
- Promote the availability of funding for the improvement and establishment of bike trails throughout our district communities
- Promote the environmental and economic benefits of forest management through educational opportunities and hosting events
- Work with local organizations to improve water quality in the watersheds throughout our region by developing and implementing watershed management plans

Communities and Counties Served by Blackhawk Hills Regional Council

1. Carroll County

- Chadwick
- Lanark
- Milledgeville
- Mount Carroll
- Savanna
- Shannon
- Thomson

2. Jo Daviess County

- Apple River
- East Dubuque
- Elizabeth
- Galena
- Hanover
- Menominee
- Nora
- Scales Mound
- Stockton
- Warren

3. Lee County

- Amboy
- Ashton
- Compton
- Dixon
- Franklin Grove
- Harmon
- Lee
- Nelson
- Paw Paw
- Steward
- Sublette
- West Brooklyn

4. Ogle County

- Adeline
- Byron
- Creston
- Davis Junction
- Forreston
- Hillcrest
- Leaf River
- Monroe Center
- Mount Morris
- Oregon
- Polo
- Rochelle
- Stillman Valley

5. Stephenson County

- Cedarville
- Dakota
- Davis
- Freeport
- German Valley
- Lena
- Orangeville
- Pearl City
- Ridott
- Rock City
- Winslow

6. Whiteside County

- Albany
- Coleta
- Deer Grove
- Erie
- Fulton
- Lyndon
- Morrison
- Prophetstown
- Rock Falls
- Sterling
- Tampico

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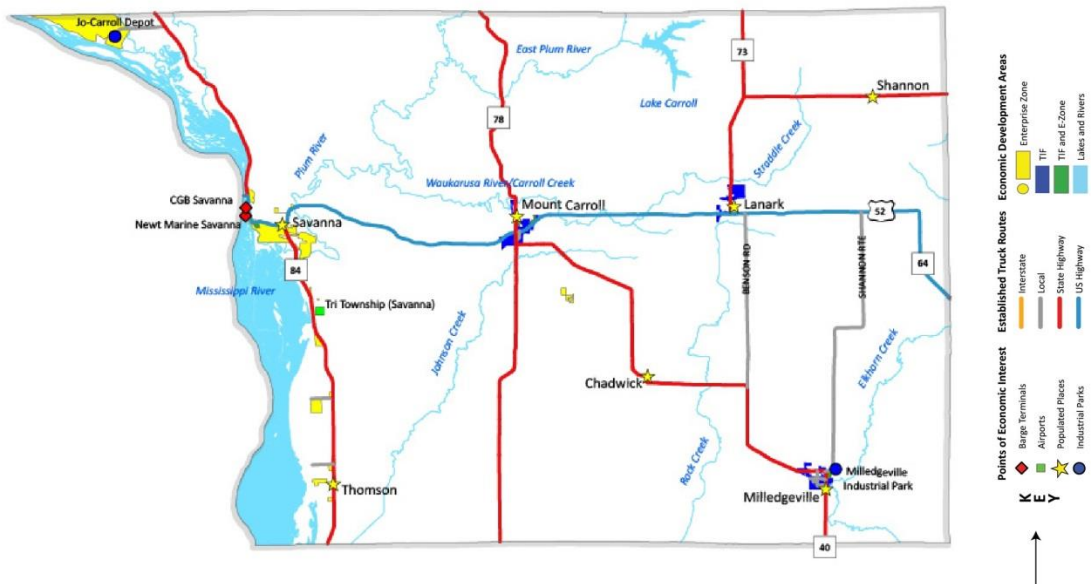
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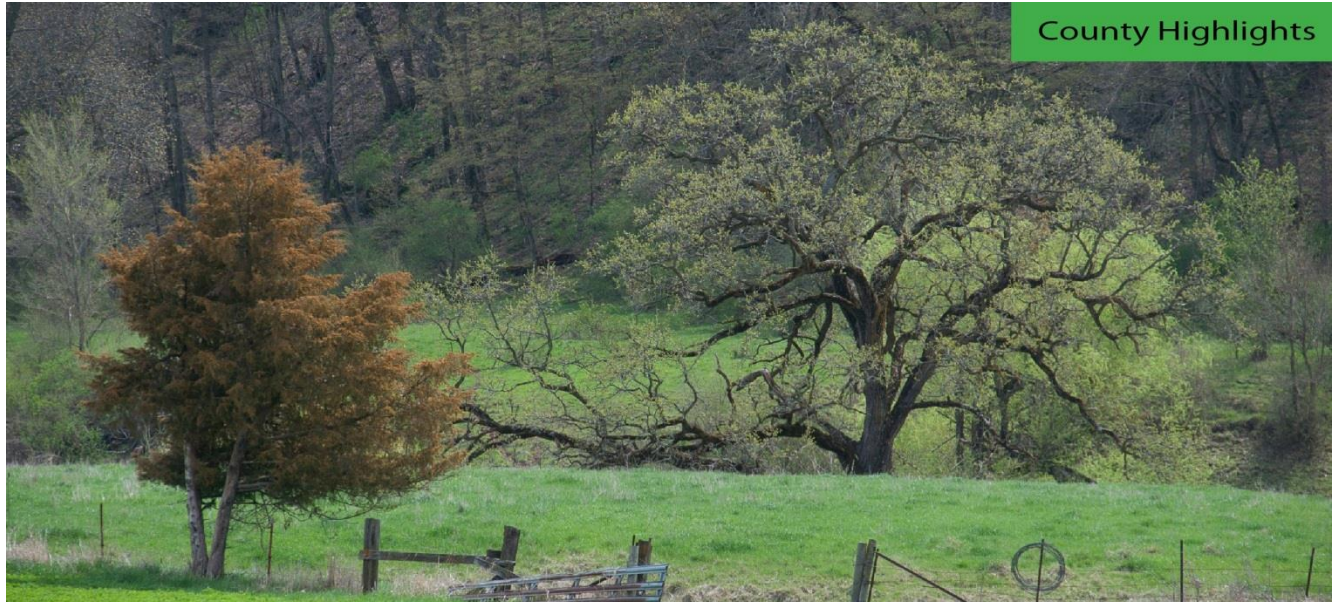
SELECT PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

- *CEDs Committee Restructuring
- *CEO
- *County Insurance Data Collection
- *EDA Visit
- *Envirothon
- *Fall Regional Development Summit
- *iFiber Outreach
- *Illinois Energy Now
- *Local Stewardship Day
- *Rural Transportation Planning Study
- *Water Supply Plan



TRANSPORTATION, E-ZONE, AND TIF IN CARROLL COUNTY

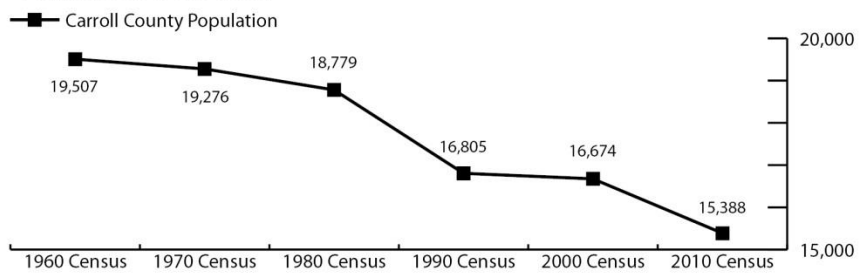




Population

14,715
2014 Annual Pop Est

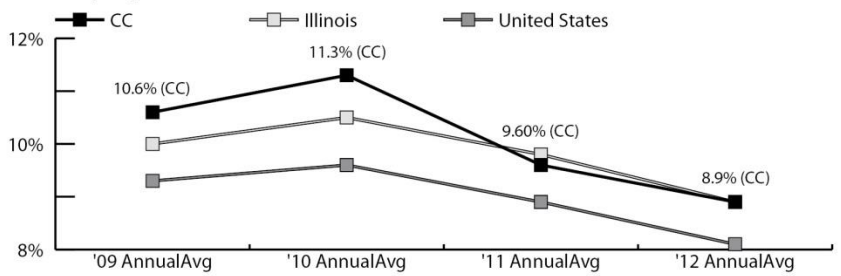
Population Over Time



Unemployment Rate¹

6.5%
Annual Average 2014
(8.9% in 2013)

Unemployment Rate Over Time



Top Industries²



Ed./health/social services
1,407 ppl (1,503 prev.)
20.0% (20.7% prev.)



Manufacturing
1,397 ppl (1,327 prev.)
19.8% (18.3% prev.)



Retail trade
769 ppl (841 prev.)
10.9% (11.6% prev.)



Construction
526 ppl (600 prev.)
7.5% (8.3% prev.)

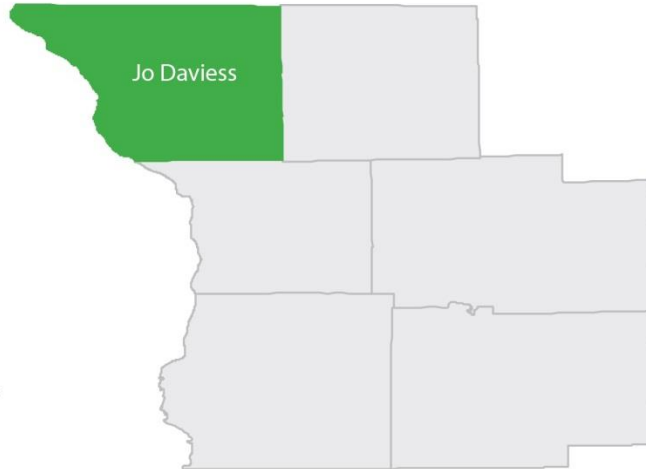
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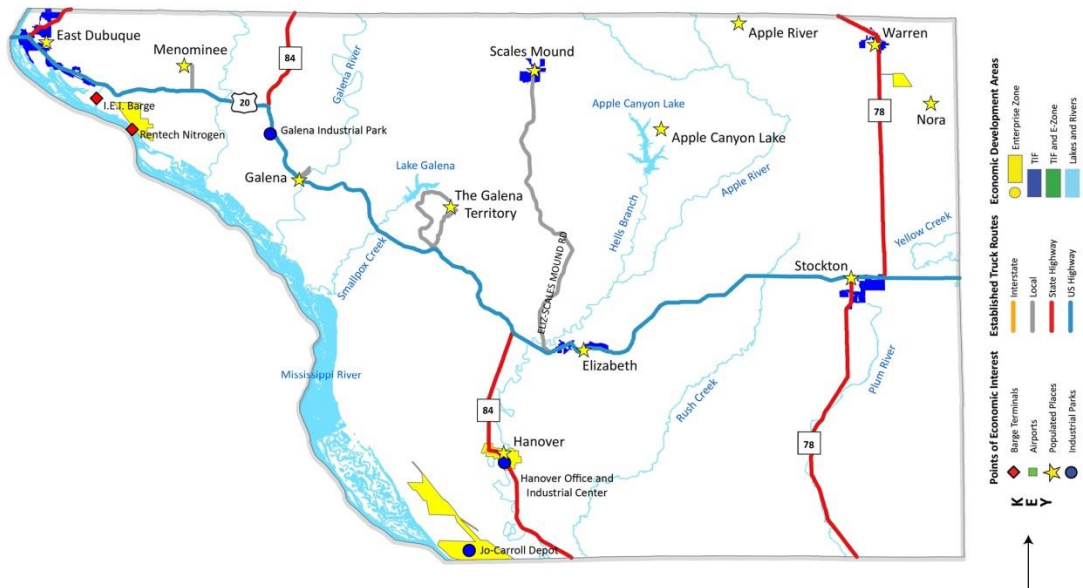
OVERVIEW BY COUNTY - JO DAVIESS COUNTY

SELECT PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

- *CEDs Committee Restructuring
- *County Insurance Data Collection
- *E-Zone Technical Support
- *Envirothon
- *Fall Regional Development Summit
- *iFiber Outreach
- *Local Stewardship Day
- *Priority Manufacturing Community
- *Rural Transportation Planning Study
- *Water Supply Plan



TRANSPORTATION, E-ZONE, AND TIF IN JO DAVIESS COUNTY



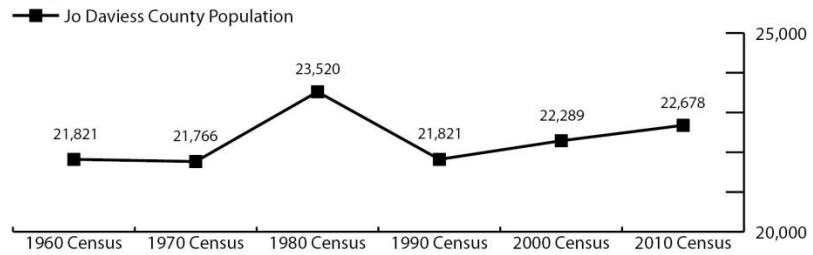


County Highlights

Population

22,254
2014 Census Annual
Pop Est

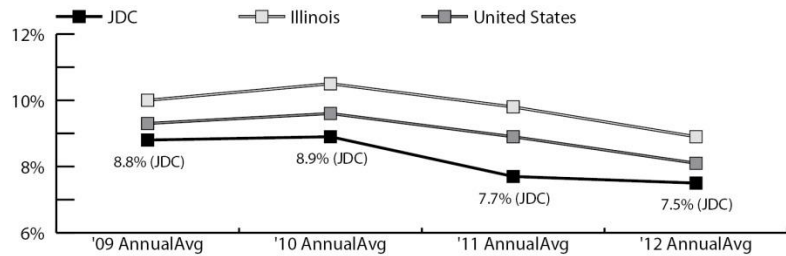
Population Over Time



Unemployment Rate¹

6.2%
Annual Average 2014
(7.6% in 2013)

Unemployment Rate Over Time



Top Industries²



Ed./health/social services
2,285 ppl (2,333 prev.)
20.4% (20.4% prev.)



Manufacturing
1,453 ppl (1,455 prev.)
13.0% (12.7% prev.)



Retail trade
1,339 ppl (1,287 prev.)
12.0% (11.2% prev.)



Arts/enter./rec./accom./food ser.
1,023 ppl (1,324 prev.)
9.2% (11.6% prev.)

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County Highlights

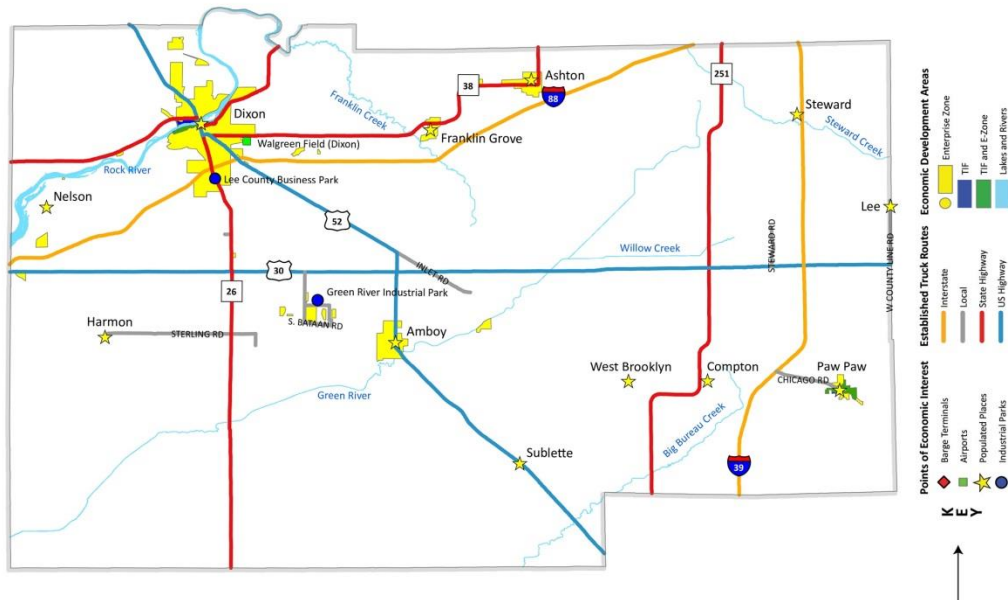
OVERVIEW BY COUNTY - LEE COUNTY

SELECT PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

- *CEDS Committee Restructuring
- *CEO
- *County Insurance Data Collection
- *EDA Visit
- *Envirothon
- *Fall Regional Development Summit
- *iFiber Outreach
- *Illinois Energy Now
- *Local Stewardship Day
- *Rural Transportation Planning Study
- *Water Supply Plan



TRANSPORTATION, E-ZONE, AND TIF IN LEE COUNTY



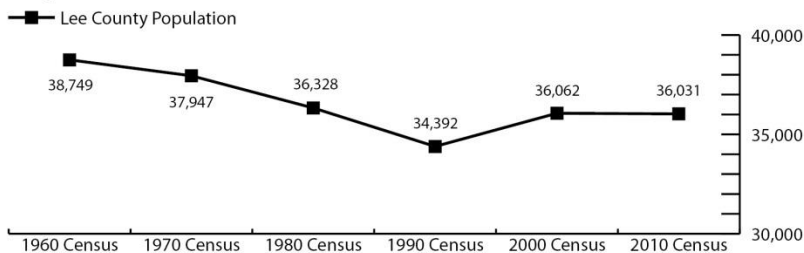


Population

34,735

2014 Census Annual
Pop Est

Population Over Time

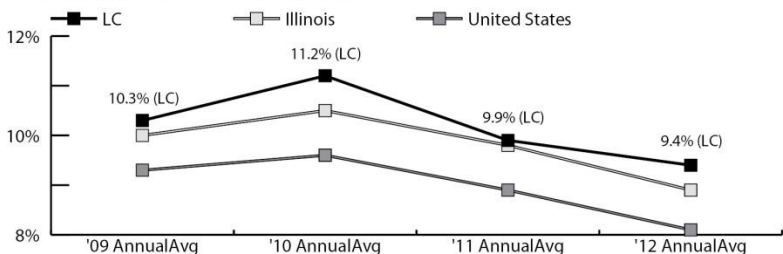


Unemployment Rate¹

6.5%

Annual Average 2014
(9.2% in 2013)

Unemployment Rate Over Time



Top Industries²



Ed./health/social services
4,100 ppl (3,975 prev.)
25.6% (24.5% prev.)



Manufacturing
2,867 ppl (3,127 prev.)
17.9% (19.3% prev.)



Retail trade
1,637 ppl (1,731 prev.)
10.2% (10.7% prev.)



Arts/enter./rec./accom./food ser.
1,365 ppl (1,143 prev.)
8.5% (7.1% prev.)

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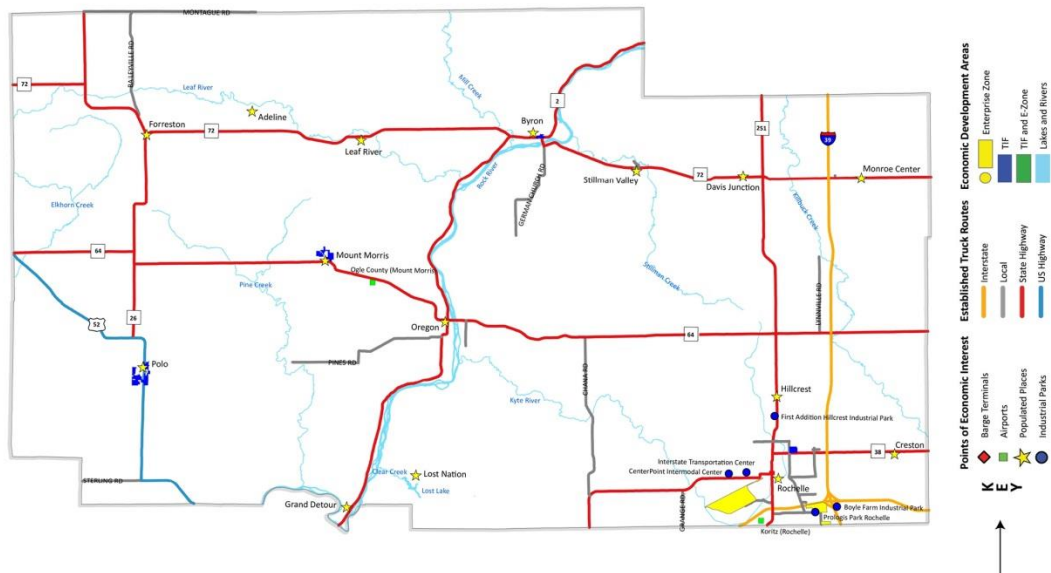
OVERVIEW BY COUNTY - OGLE COUNTY

SELECT PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

- *A Hut for Our History
- *CEDS Committee Restructuring
- *CEO
- *County Insurance Data Collection
- *EDA Visit
- *Envirothon
- *Fall Regional Development Summit
- *iFiber Outreach
- *Illinois Energy Now
- *Local Stewardship Day
- *Planning for Polo
- *Rochelle Lift Station and Grand Rail Expansion
- *Rural Transportation Planning Study
- *Water Supply Plan



TRANSPORTATION, E-ZONE, AND TIF IN OGLE COUNTY



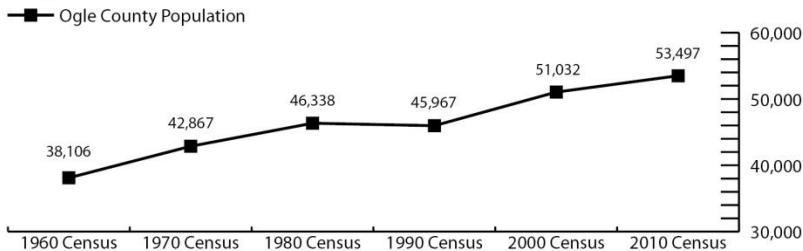


Population

52,085

2014 Census Annual
Pop Est

Population Over Time

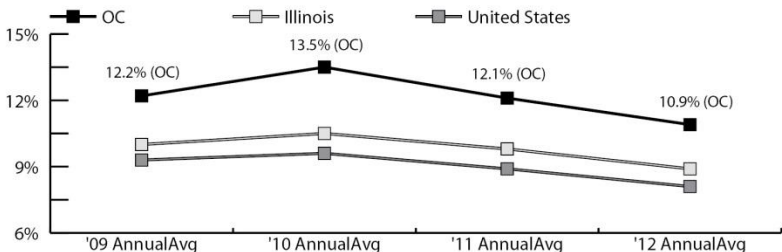


Unemployment Rate¹

7.6%

Annual Average 2014
(10.7% in 2013)

Unemployment Rate Over Time



Top Industries²



Ed./health/social services
5,366 ppl (5,014 prev.)
21.2% (19.4% prev.)



Manufacturing
4,427 ppl (4,360 prev.)
17.5% (16.9% prev.)



Retail trade
3,092 ppl (3,087 prev.)
12.2% (12.0% prev.)



Transport/warehousing/utilities
2,406 ppl (2,420 prev.)
9.5% (9.4% prev.)

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County Highlights

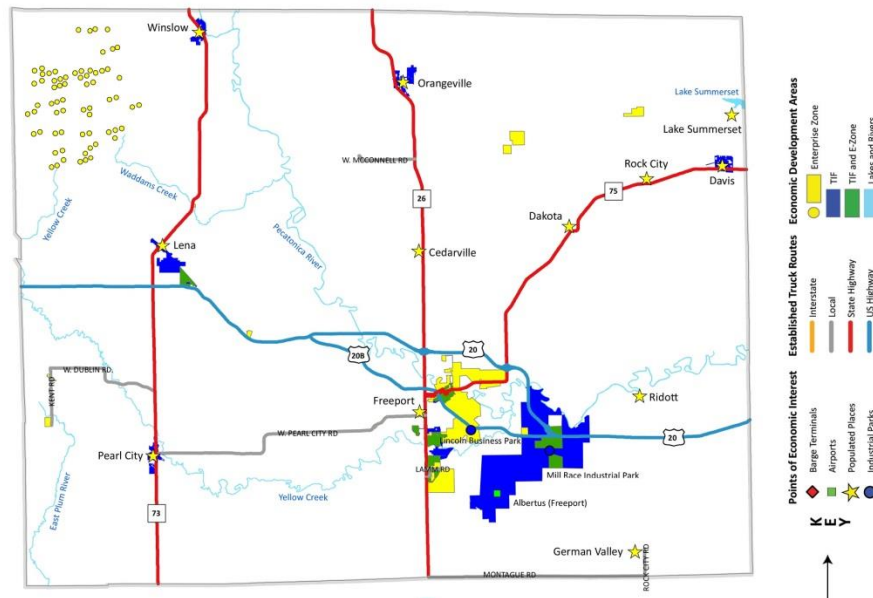
OVERVIEW BY COUNTY - STEPHENSON COUNTY

SELECT PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

- *CEDS Committee Restructuring
- *County Insurance Data Collection
- *Envirothon
- *Fall Regional Development Summit
- *iFiber Outreach
- *Illinois Energy Now
- *Pretzel City Kitchens
- *Rural Transportation Planning Study
- *Spring Branch Watershed
- *Water Supply Plan



TRANSPORTATION, E-ZONE, AND TIF IN STEPHENSON COUNTY



County Highlights

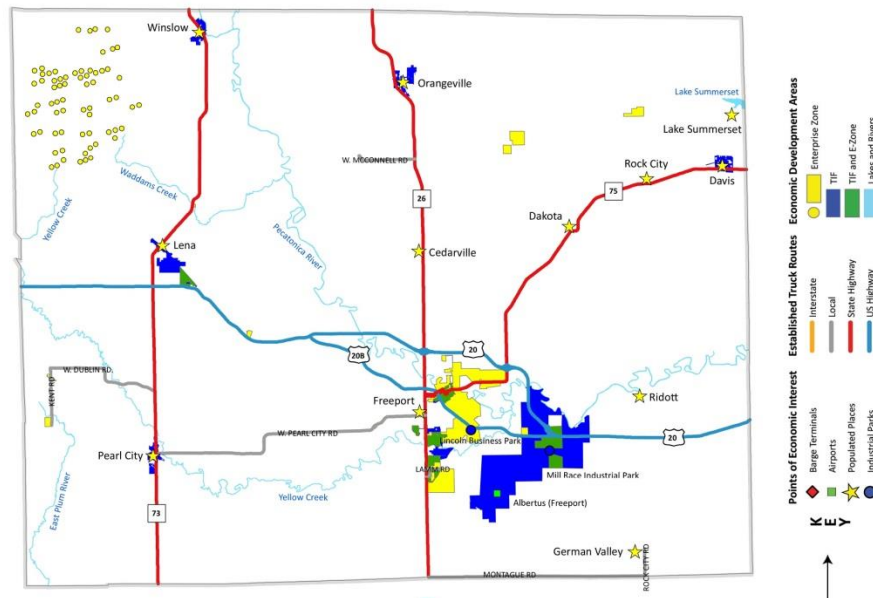
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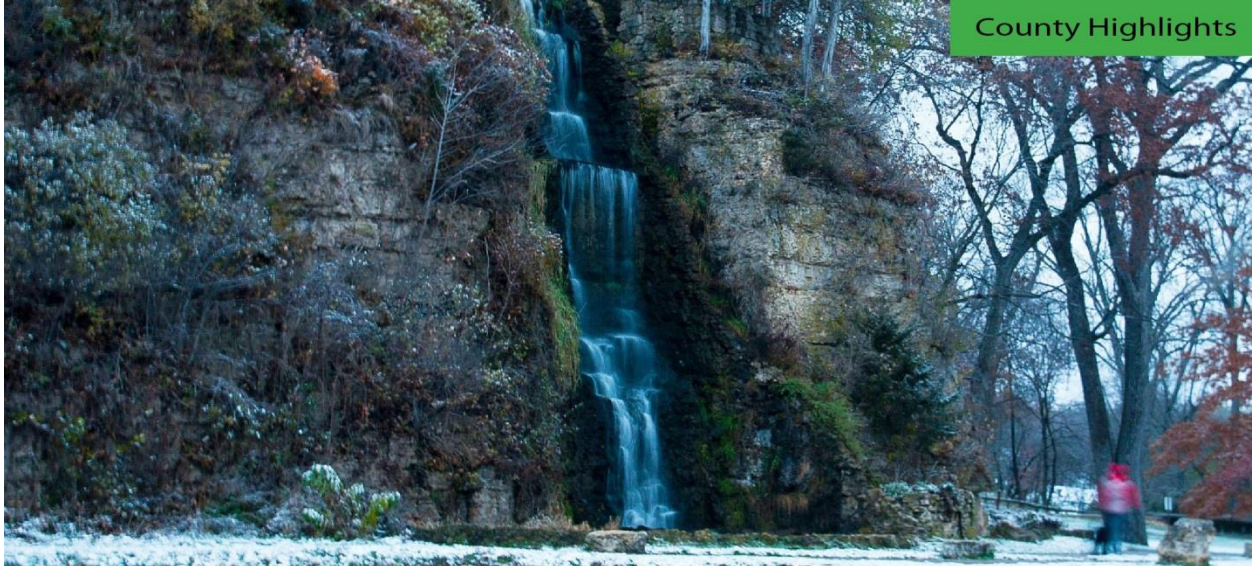
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TRANSPORTATION, E-ZONE, AND TIF IN STEPHENSON COUNTY





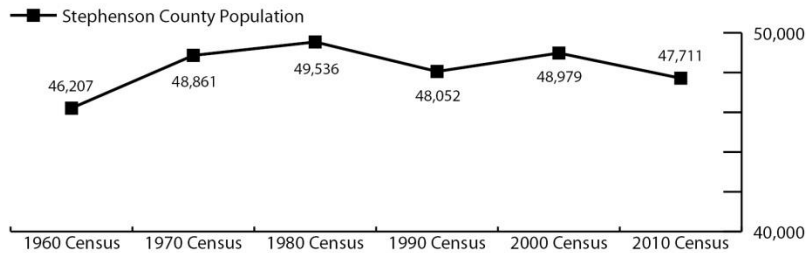
County Highlights

Population

46,435

2014 Census Annual Pop Est

Population Over Time

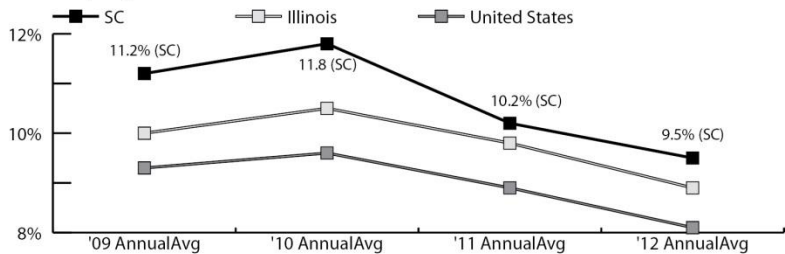


Unemployment Rate¹

7.5%

Annual Average 2014 (10.1% in 2013)

Unemployment Rate Over Time



Top Industries²



Ed./health/social services
5,008 ppl (5,018 prev.)
23.6% (23.3% prev.)



Manufacturing
4,206 ppl (4,340 prev.)
19.9% (20.1% prev.)



Retail trade
2,312 ppl (2,274 prev.)
10.9% (10.5% prev.)



Arts/enter./rec./accom./food ser.
1,428 ppl (1,599 prev.)
6.7% (7.4% prev.)

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County Highlights

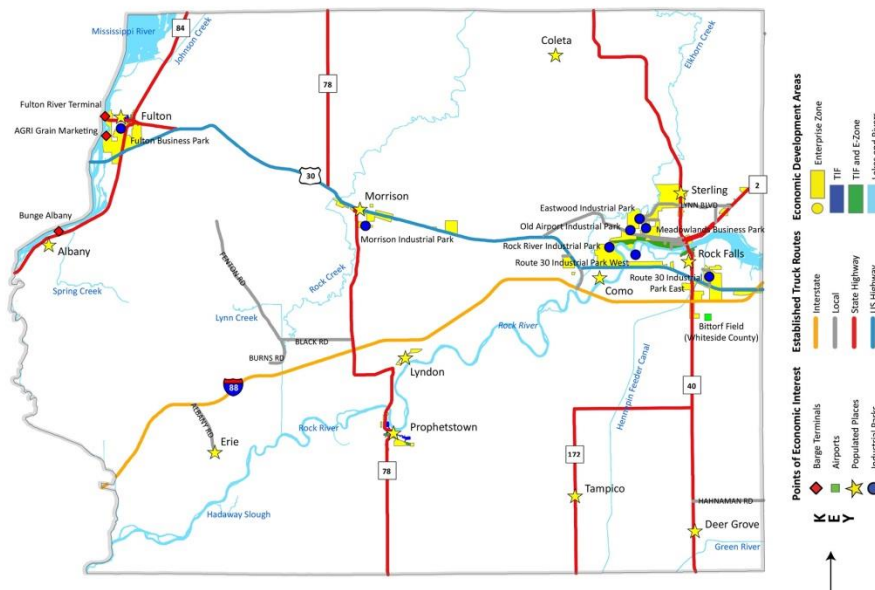
OVERVIEW BY COUNTY - WHITESIDE COUNTY

SELECT PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

- *CEDS Committee Restructuring
- *CEO
- *County Insurance Data Collection
- *Envirothon
- *Fall Regional Development Summit
- *iFiber Outreach
- *Illinois Energy Now
- *Local Stewardship Day
- *Rural Transportation Planning Study
- *Water Supply Plan



TRANSPORTATION, E-ZONE, AND TIF IN WHITESIDE COUNTY

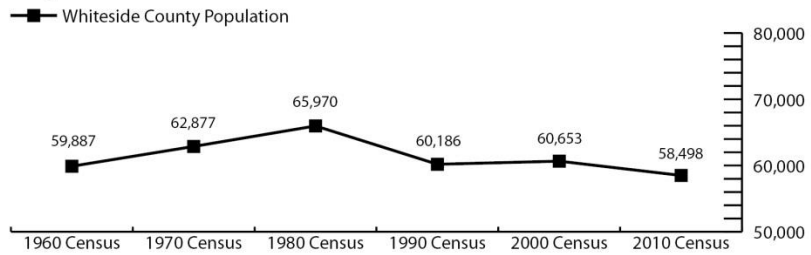




Population

57,557
2014 Census Annual
Pop Est

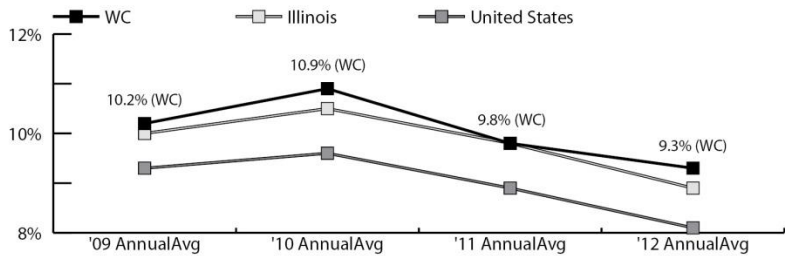
Population Over Time



Unemployment Rate¹

7.1%
Annual Average 2014
(9.5% in 2013)

Unemployment Rate Over Time



Top Industries²



Ed./health/social services
6,180 ppl (5,893 prev.)
23.3% (22.2% prev.)



Manufacturing
5,315 ppl (5,255 prev.)
20.0% (19.8% prev.)



Retail trade
3,773 ppl (3,714 prev.)
14.2% (14.0% prev.)



Arts/enter./rec./accom./food ser.
1,678 ppl (1,614 prev.)
6.3% (6.1% prev.)

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List of Projects

[FY 2014-2019 CEDS Project List](#)

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Project Name (& Champion)	Estimated Cost	50% Local Match Source	Purpose	Possible Start Date (Year)	Potential Job Creation/Retention	Project Summary
Regional: US Route 20	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Regional: US Route 30	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Regional: Tourism/Recreational Initiatives and Studies	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance	n/a	n/a	Study of tourism/recreational impacts by county, marketing approaches, a cluster analysis related to tourism/recreational- based business, and an inventory of tourism/recreational-related assets
Regional: Jo Carroll Local Redevelopment Authority and Savanna Depot Park: Energy, Water and Sewer, and General Infrastructure Upgrades	n/a	n/a	Improve and expand services, including energy, water and sewer, communications, etc.	Anytime	n/a	Improve capacity, quality, and level of service
Regional: Jo Carroll Local Redevelopment Authority and Savanna Depot Park: Barge Facilities	n/a	n/a	Establish barge loading and unloading sites	Anytime	n/a	Site selection, environmental assessment, and construction
Regional: Jo Carroll Local Redevelopment Authority and Savanna Depot Park: Railroad Extension	n/a	n/a	Extension of existing rail to service grain handling facility and others	Anytime	n/a	Track upgrades and extensions
Regional: Mississippi River Port Access and Barge Terminals	n/a	n/a	Determine feasibility of ports and terminals at various locations	n/a	n/a	n/a
Regional: One Stop Shop Online Development Portal	n/a	n/a	Single development and informational portal for public consumption	n/a	n/a	n/a
Regional: One Stop Shop Online GIS Portal	n/a	n/a	Single GIS portal for public consumption	n/a	n/a	n/a
Regional: Rock River Trail	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Carroll County: Savanna Army Depot Road	\$49,000	County	n/a	2014	n/a	Seal coat
Carroll County: Chambers Grove Rd (64 to Ogle County Line)	\$20,000	County	n/a	2014	n/a	Seal coat
Carroll County: Timber Lake Road (78 to Black Oak Road)	\$850,000	County	n/a	2014	n/a	HMA surface
Carroll County: City of Mt. Carroll Galena Street Bridge	\$16,000	County	n/a	2014	n/a	Preliminary engineering
Carroll County: Ridge Road	\$100,000	County	n/a	2014	n/a	Seal coat with steel slag
Carroll County: Cyclone/Beede roads	\$34,000	County	n/a	2014	n/a	Seal coat
Carroll County: Vanbuskirk Road	\$26,000	County	n/a	2014	n/a	Seal coat
Carroll County: Loran Route	\$56,000	County	n/a	2014	n/a	Seal coat
Carroll County: Oil Valley School Road	\$114,000	County	n/a	2014	n/a	Seal coat and reconstruction
Carroll County: Shannon Route	\$3,596,000	County	n/a	2014	n/a	Reconstruction

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Carroll County: Shannon Route	\$144,000	County	n/a	2015	n/a	Seal coat and crack seal
Carroll County: Elizabeth Route	\$62,000	County	n/a	2015	n/a	Seal coat
Carroll County: Morrison Route	\$77,000	County	n/a	2015	n/a	Seal coat
Carroll County: Ideal Road	\$66,000	County	n/a	2015	n/a	Seal coat
Carroll County: Shannon Route	\$42,000	County	n/a	2016	n/a	Seal coat
Carroll County: Corbett Road	\$24,000	County	n/a	2016	n/a	Seal coat
Carroll County: Zion Road	\$62,000	County	n/a	2016	n/a	Seal coat
Carroll County: Big Hill Road	\$5,000	County	n/a	2016	n/a	Seal coat
Carroll County: Savanna Army Depot Road	\$17,000	County	n/a	2017	n/a	Seal coat
Carroll County: Argo Fay Road	\$61,000	County	n/a	2017	n/a	Seal coat

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Carroll County: Brookville Road	\$91,000	County	n/a	2017	n/a	Seal coat
Carroll County: Ogle Road	\$27,000	County	n/a	2017	n/a	Seal coat
Carroll County: Eagle Point Road	\$56,000	County	n/a	2017	n/a	Seal coat
Carroll County: York Township – Road for Future Biomass Plant	n/a	n/a	To construct an 80,000 lbs road to the Biomass Plant	2014	n/a	Upgrade road to support 80,000 lbs truck traffic
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Carroll County: Tri-Township Airport	n/a	n/a	Support existing businesses	Anytime	n/a	Upgrade and expand runway, lights, and airport facilities
Chadwick: Generator for Sewer System	\$20,000	General Fund, Water/Sewer Fund	n/a	2014	n/a	n/
Chadwick: Water Main Replacement	\$100,000	General Fund, Water/Sewer Fund	Replace Water Main on Calvert Avenue	2014	n/a	Replace Calvert Avenue water main between 1st and 4th streets

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Lanark: Sewer Extension	\$150,000	n/a	n/a	2014	n/a	n/a
Lanark: N Broad St Downtown Building Renovation	\$500,000	TIF, City, Private Developer	Business development	2014	Retain 8 FT, Create 5 FT, Create 10 PT	Demolish blighted buildings and create new store fronts
Lanark: Park and Recreation Facility	\$300,000	DNR, School District	Provide new recreational space for the city and school	2015	Create 2 PT	Create ball diamonds, skate park, walking paths
Milledgeville: Downtown Sidewalk Replacement	\$155,000	USDA, IDOT's Safe Routes to School Program	Existing sidewalk in downtown district is deteriorating and in bad condition	2014	n/a	Replace existing sidewalk on west side of Main Avenue in downtown district
Milledgeville: First Street Storm Sewer Repair	\$225,000	Motor Fuel Tax, TIF, USDA, DCEO	Address storm sewer issues	2014	0	Coordinate with Old Mill Street Road repair project
Milledgeville: Main Avenue Road Repair	\$750,000	Motor Fuel Tax, TIF, USDA, DCEO, IDOT	Repair street - provide improved entrance to Village	2014	0	Reconstruct three blocks of existing road that leads to downtown district; does have heavy vehicle traffic
Milledgeville: New Industrial Park	\$2,500,000	IDOT EDP, DCEO, EDA	To provide improved lots for small business creation	2014	150	Create a new Industrial Park, complete with water, sewer, gas, electric and broadband
Milledgeville: Water Main Looping / Replacement	\$1,100,000	Water Fund, DCEO, USDA, IEPA	To provide improved water service, increased pressure and improved fire flow	2014	0	To eliminate undersized and dead- end water mains for an improved water system
Milledgeville: Millwheel Corporate Fund	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Change fencing, electric panel, diamond lights, backboards; address re-surfacing and drainage; construct bicycle trail
Milledgeville: Stover Park	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Add attached bathroom to shelter

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Mount Carroll: Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements	\$4,500,000	Sewer Fund, TIF, Bonding, DCEO, USDA, IEPA	To address identified problems at the wastewater treatment plant	n/a	0	To address identified improvements needed at the wastewater treatment plant to prolong the life of the facility
Mount Carroll: Commercial Street Infrastructure Extension	\$130,000	n/a	n/a	2014	n/a	n/a
Mount Carroll: Brick Street Replacement	\$1.5 million	IDOT, General Fund, TIF, Historical Programs	To enhance and protect the City's existing brick streets - promote historical setting	Ongoing	0	To replace/improve the existing brick streets in the historic downtown district
Mount Carroll: Commercial Street Extension	\$90,000	Sewer & Water Fund, General Fund, TIF, DCEO, USDA	Provide infrastructure for a new commercial business	2014	6 to 8	Installation of 370' of water and sewer lines and roadway improvements for new business
Mount Carroll: Galena Street Bridge Repair	\$1.8 million	IDOT, Carroll County Bridge & Road, General Fund	To make the bridge structurally sound	2018	0	Structural report identified recommended replacement/improvements necessary to comply with IDOT standards
Mount Carroll: New Industrial / Business Park	\$1,500,000	TIF, Bonding, DCEO, IDOT	Create new industrial/business park to provide land for new business development	Ongoing	50 to 100	Proposed new Park will be located along Route 52/64 and will have highway access; develop 25-acre parcel; extend water, sewer and construct interior roadway for 10 improved lots
Mount Carroll: North Side Residential Development	\$475,000	TIF, Bonding	Create new residential subdivision	n/a	n/a	Extend water and sewer to northeast side of City; annex in land for new residential subdivision
Mount Carroll: Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project	\$1,300,000	Sewer Fund, General Fund, DCEO, USDA, IEPA	To address problems in sanitary sewer collection system	n/a	0	Repair and construct identified sanitary sewer mains throughout the collection system
Mount Carroll: Sidewalk Replacement	\$300,000	IDOT's Safe Routes to School, USDA	To encourage more people and kids to walk and bike more	n/a	0	Construct new sidewalks along identified route from Middle School to Point Rock Park
Mount Carroll: Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan	\$50,000	Sewer Fund, General Fund	To study future needs for a new wastewater facility	n/a	0	An extension study of the existing wastewater treatment plant to provide recommendations for a future facility

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Mount Carroll: Water Main Looping / Replacement Projects	\$1,500,000	Water Fund, DCEO, USDA, IEPA	To provide improved water service, increased pressure and improve fire flow	2014	0	To eliminate undersized and dead-end water mains throughout the City for an improved water system
Mount Carroll: Renovation of the Campbell Center	n/a	n/a	Provide assistance with development needs for site	n/a	n/a	To renovate to a multi-use community & ED opportunity for region
Mount Carroll: Renovation of the Kraft Building	n/a	n/a	Provide assistance with development needs for site	n/a	n/a	To renovate to a multi-use community & ED opportunity for the downtown
Mount Carroll: Parking Lot Improvements – North Main Street	\$15,000	General Fund	Repair surface that has eroded and broken up over time	2014	0	Improve uneven parking surface
Mount Carroll: Water Meter Replacement and Computer Software	\$25,000	Water Fund	Update old meters with new and customize to download readings onto computer system	2014	0	Improve water meters; streamline meter reading data entry
Mount Carroll: Green Energy Efficiency Programs	\$40,000	General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund	Improve energy efficiency use in public buildings	2014	1	Make buildings more energy efficient with new lighting and improved HVAC
Mount Carroll: New Salt Storage Facility	\$45,000	General Fund, MFT	Replace old salt storage facility	2014	2	Replace old salt storage facility
Mount Carroll: New Emergency Warning System	\$20,000	General Fund, Civil Defense Fund	Upgrade warning siren system so all residents can hear the alarms (100% coverage)	2014	2	Install new warning siren

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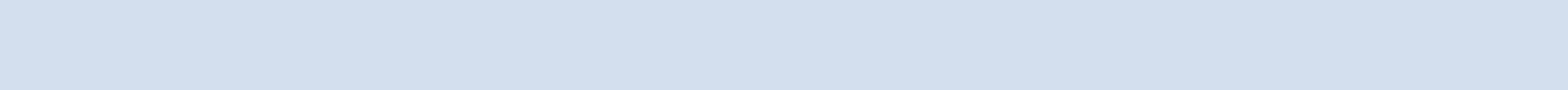
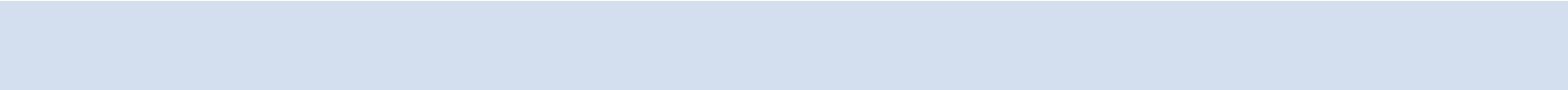
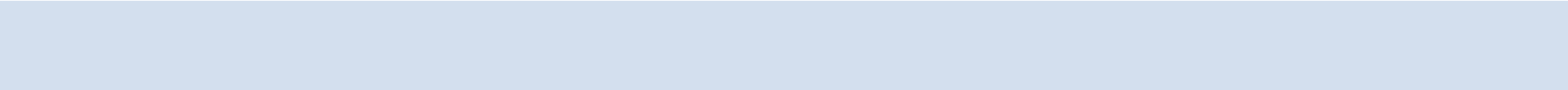
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Savanna: New Wastewater Treatment Plant Project	\$10,000,000	EDA, IEPA	Relocate and construct new wastewater treatment facility	2014	20 (created) 220 (retained)	Construct new facility at new site and construct in-system sewer improvements; demolition of old treatment plant
Savanna: Water Meter Replacement Project	\$550,000	IEPA	Replace aging and non-functioning water meters for more accurate reporting and to help identify excess water loss	2014	n/a	Purchase and install new radio-read water meters throughout town; purchase and install new record keeping and billing software
Savanna: Sewer Lining Phase 3	\$525,000	DCEO, City	Eliminate inflow into the city's sewer system and alleviate sewer backups	2014	n/a	Line the sewer west of Main Street to alleviate the infiltrating effects of the Mississippi River; implement spoke test to locate possible inflow areas; line city's east side sewers
Savanna: Water Main Replacement – Bowen Street and NE Water Main	n/a	DCEO, IEPA, City	Enlarge the water main to provide improved water services and remove a deteriorated water main	2015	n/a	Replace approximately 2,000 LF of 8" water main with a 10" or 12" water main, especially along Bowen Street
Savanna: Water Main Replacement – NE Water Main	n/a	DCEO, IEPA, City	Enlarge water main to provide improved water pressure and firefighting flows to northeast side of city	2015	n/a	Replace approximately 700 LF of 8" water main with 12" water main from E Bowen Street to Viaduct Road and connect to existing 12" water main
Savanna: Water Main Replacement – NE Water Main	n/a	DCEO, IEPA, City	Provide a backbone to the water system in the northeast to improve water pressure and firefighting flows	2016	n/a	Replace existing water main with 12" water main, starting at intersection of Calumet St and Lincoln Ave, running north to Superior Ave, east to California St, north to Ohio Ave, and west to Chicago Ave (2,200 LF)
Savanna: Residential Property Acquisition	\$800,000	FEMA, DCEO	Address repetitive flooding and damages to residential properties	2014	n/a	Acquisition and demolition of roughly 20 residential households that have experienced repetitive flooding events
Savanna: Wacker Drive Road and Sidewalk Improvements	n/a	IDOT, Private, City	Provide improved roadway for truck traffic and sidewalk for pedestrians	2014	20 (created) 220 (retained)	Upgrade Wacker Road to an 80,000 pound truck route and construct new sidewalks for students and pedestrians
Savanna: Flooding Feasibility Study	\$700,000	USACE, IDOT, City, Township	Identify proposed improvements to alleviate Plum River flooding	n/a	n/a	Conduct feasibility study to identify alternatives, improvements, and costs to alleviate damage caused by flooding events

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Savanna: Great River Trail – Trail Head Development Project	\$450,000	IDOT, City	Provide trailhead area for the Great River Trail	2014	n/a	Construct new sidewalks and pedestrian crossing over railroad tracks; create trailhead and provide rest area for users
Savanna: City Street Project	\$500,000	City	Street resurfacing and rebuilding	2014/2015	n/a	Resurface and repair various streets and alleyways throughout the city
Savanna: Savanna Museum & Cultural Center	n/a	n/a	Enhance tourism facilities	n/a	n/a	Install fire stairs, exhibit development, and technology
Shannon: n/a						



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Thomson: Fire Hydrant Replacement	n/a	Water and Sewer Capital Improvement, Grant	Replace old hydrants and meet new hydrant standards	2014-2014	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Energy Efficiency Improvements	n/a	General Fund, Grant	Conserve natural resources and save money	2014-2014	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Sidewalk Improvements	n/a	General Fund, Grant	Address ADA standards	2014-2015	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Blighted Property Demolition	n/a	General Fund, Grant	n/a	2014-2015	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Low Cost Daycare Development	n/a	Private Capital, General Fund, Grant	n/a	2014-2015	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Thomson School Acquisition	\$200,000	Private Capital, General Fund, Grant	Create community center	2014-2015	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar Power	n/a	Water and Sewer Capital Improvement, Grant	Conserve natural resources and save money	2015-2016	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Community College Extension Classes	n/a	Tuition, Grant	Train employees and meet employer needs	2015-2016	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Community Center Development	n/a	General Fund, Grant	Prepare the Thomson School for public use	2015-2016	n/a	n/a
Thomson: West Main Lift Station	\$150,000	Water and Sewer Capital Improvement, Grant	Service expansion, service extensions	2016-2017	n/a	n/a

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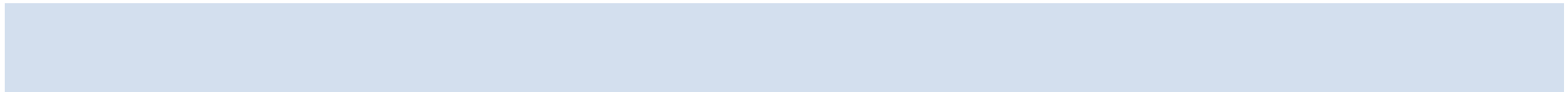
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Thomson: Wastewater Treatment System Extensions	n/a	Water and Sewer Capital Improvement, Grant	Service expansion, service extensions	2016-2017	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Lewis Avenue Water and Sewer Extension	n/a	Water and Sewer Capital Improvement, Grant	Service expansion, service extensions	2016-2017	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Increase Potable Water Facilities	n/a	Water and Sewer Capital Improvement, Grant	Service expansion, service extensions	2016-2017	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Industrial Park Land Annexation	\$500	General Fund	Increase employment and develop revenue base	2014-2018	n/a	n/a
Thomson: 80,000 Pound Road Construction and Broadband Access	\$600,000	Motor Fuel, General Fund, Grant	Industrial park access, transportation, and communications improvements	2017-2018	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Park Improvements – Fencing	\$3,500 and \$8,000	Donation, Grant	Address IHSA requirements	2014-2014	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Park Improvements – Lighting	120,000	Donation, Grant	Permit night games	2014-2014	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Park Improvements – Restroom and Concessions Stand	100,000	Donation, Grant	Address need for centralized restroom and concessions stand	2014-2015	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Park Improvements – Safety Matting	n/a	Donation, Grant	Prevent injuries	2014-2015	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Park Improvements – Playground Equipment	n/a	Donation, Grant	Replace old equipment and increase capacity	2014-2015	n/a	n/a

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Thomson: Park Improvements – Fitness Trail	\$5,000	Donation, Grant	Enhance fitness trail	2015-2016	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Park Improvements – Basketball Pavilion	\$80,000	Sale of Property, Donation, Grant	Improve playability	2016-2017	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Park Improvements – Tornado Shelter	\$150,000	Sale of Property, Donation, Grant	Address life safety concerns	2017-2018	n/a	n/a
Thomson: Park Improvements – Bleachers	\$3,000	Donation, Grant	Establish sitting area for fans	n/a	n/a	n/a



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Jo Daviess County: Courthouse Exterior Repair Project	\$595,000	Jo Daviess County	Repair and restore exterior of JDC Courthouse and Public Safety Building	2014	0	Repair exterior masonry, correct code issues, replace windows and doors
Jo Daviess County: Courthouse HVAC System Improvement Project	\$428,000	Jo Daviess County	Upgrade and increase energy efficiency of HVAC system in Courthouse	2015	0	Replace and upgrade HVAC system in the county courthouse
Jo Daviess County: CAD/RMS/JMS Software Replacement Project	\$400,000	Jo Daviess County	Replace outdated software in Sheriff's Dispatch Center	2014	0	Replace software in Sheriff's Dispatch Center including Computer Aided Dispatch Records Management System and Jail Management System
Jo Daviess County: NG911 System Project	\$150,000	Jo Daviess County	Purchase new NG911 (Next Generation 911) System	2014	0	Purchase and install a new NG911 System
Jo Daviess County: Willow Road Recycle	\$700,000	Federal Aid Matching , County Bridge Fund	Replace failing pavement on Willow Road	2014	0	Cold in place recycling on Willow Road with a double seal wearing surface
Jo Daviess County: Willow Road Muddy Plum Culvert	\$595,000	County Bridge Fund	Replacement of a deteriorated bridge on Willow Road	2015	0	Bridge replacement on Willow Road over Muddy Plum River
Jo Daviess County: Schapville Road over Hells Branch Bridge	\$728,000	County Bridge Fund	Replacement of a deteriorated bridge on Schapville Road	2016	0	Bridge replacement on Schapville Road over Hells Branch
Jo Daviess County: Fiedler Road Wolf Creek Culvert	\$492,000	County Bridge Fund	Replacement of a deteriorated bridge on Fiedler Road	2017	0	Bridge replacement on Fiedler Road over Wolf Creek
Jo Daviess County: Scout Camp Road Recycle	\$1,000,000	Federal Aid Matching, County Bridge Fund	Replace failing pavement on Scout Camp Road	2017	0	Cold in place recycling on Scout Camp Road with a double seal wearing surface
Jo Daviess County: Mill Creek Bridge	\$688,000	County Bridge Fund	Repair of deteriorated bridge on Schapville Road	2018	0	Bridge repair (new deck) on Schapville Road over Mill Creek

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Jo Daviess County: Twin Culverts – West Culvert	\$482,000	County Bridge Fund	Replacement of a deteriorated bridge on Stagecoach Trail	2014	0	Bridge replacement on Stagecoach Trail
Jo Daviess County: Twin Culverts – East Culvert	\$482,000	County Bridge Fund	Replacement of a deteriorated bridge on Stagecoach Trail	2014	0	Bridge replacement on Stagecoach Trail
Jo Daviess County: Scrub Creek Culvert	\$575,000	County Bridge Fund	Replacement of a deteriorated bridge on Massbach Road	2015	0	Bridge replacement on Massbach Road over Scrub Creek
Jo Daviess County: Backup Electrical Power	\$750,000	Jo Daviess County	Backup electrical power for all County facilities using generators/UPS	2014	0	Provide backup electrical power for all county facilities using generators/UPS
Jo Daviess County: Highway Building Improvements	\$175,000	Jo Daviess County	Window replacement, energy efficiency improvements	2014	0	Replace windows, update heating system and lighting, improve energy efficiency
Jo Daviess County: Galena Salt Shed	\$151,000	Jo Daviess County	To store salt under roof and store equipment and trucks	2014	0	New salt storage and equipment storage building in Galena, same site in Galena
Apple River: Public Works and Facilities	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance	Anytime	n/a	Water system upgrades, sewer system, study and 80,000# road upgrades throughout town
Apple River: Railroad Study and Transportation Infrastructure Improvements	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance, Public Safety, Economic Development	n/a	n/a	Study municipal railroad crossings, including public safety impacts; upgrade transportation infrastructure in proximity to crossings

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East Dubuque: Route 35 N - Water and Sewer Extension	\$1,100,000	CDAP ED, EDA	Economic Development – provide municipal services for commercial and industrial properties	2014	200	Engineering is complete; extension of 7,800 LF of sanitary sewer and a booster pump station
East Dubuque: Frentress Rail Relocation Feasibility Study	\$15,000	DCEO, IDOT, BNSF	Public Safety and Economic Development	2014	75 to 100 (retained)	Study and evaluate the feasibility of consolidating approximately 3 miles of 2 single-track railroad lines into one corridor
East Dubuque: Frentress Rail Relocation and Overpass Construction	\$5,500,000	EDA, BNSF, IDOT, CDAP ED	Public Safety and Economic Development – eliminate at-grade railroad crossings and development of prime commercial property	2015	200	Construction of an overpass and relocation of 2 rail tracks to allow for development along Route 20
East Dubuque: Highway 20 Access	\$600,000	IDOT	Public Safety and Economic Development	2014	50	Engineering and construction of an intersection required for commercial and industrial access to Highway 20
East Dubuque: Levy Rip Rap	\$35,000	FEMA, USDA, USACE, City	Public Safety	2014	2	Continued flood protection for residents in Flats and Shore Acres subdivisions, located adjacent to the Mississippi River
East Dubuque: Loop Water Systems	\$250,000	City	Public Safety	2014	10	Engineering work to loop together 2 water systems (connecting north and east systems)
East Dubuque: Water Meter Reading System	\$60,000	City	Public Safety	2014	2	Update current water system, which is not compatible with billing software and create reading errors
East Dubuque: Water Tower Rehabilitation	\$250,000	CDAP, USDA, IEPA	Public Safety	2014	4	Project is for engineering work to estimate the costs to the city for repairs to both towers
East Dubuque: New Upper Zone Water Tower	\$700,000	CDAP, IEPA, USDA	Public Safety and Economic Development	2016	n/a	Construct new water tower in the Park Lane area to replace the Highland Drive standpipe
East Dubuque: Water Main Improvements	\$200,000	CDAP, IEPA, USDA	Public Safety	2016	n/a	New water main on Hiawatha Drive and Park Lane to Apple Street

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East Dubuque: Mount Vernon Heights Water Main Connection	\$250,000	CDAP, IEPA, CDAP	Public Safety	2017	n/a	Connect the city's water service to Mount Vernon Heights to replace an aging and low capacity system
East Dubuque: Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan	\$60,000	CDAP, USDA	Public Safety	2014	n/a	Existing treatment plant has exceeded its lift expectancy and needs repairs/replacement; study must be completed to identify available options
East Dubuque: Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements	n/a	n/a	Public Safety	2015	n/a	Repair and upgrade the city's wastewater treatment plant
East Dubuque: Main Street Drainage Ditch	\$1,000,000	FEMA	Public Safety – repair crumbling parts of drainage ditch	2015	n/a	Reconstruction of a drainage ditch along Route 35/downtown district that discharges into a tributary of the Mississippi River
East Dubuque: Downtown Streetscape	n/a	IDOT, USDA	Public Safety and Economic Development – repair and/or replace deteriorated sidewalks in the downtown district	2015	n/a	Sidewalks, lighting, benches, landscaping, and related enhancements
East Dubuque: Shore Acres Buyout	n/a	FEMA	Public Safety	n/a	n/a	Acquire flood prone properties in the Shore Acres development
East Dubuque: Public Water Supply Security Measures	n/a	FEMA, HUD	Public Safety	n/a	n/a	Install security fencing, lighting, and related enhancements around the city's water supply facilities
East Dubuque: Water and Sewer Extensions	\$250,000	Private Developer, TIF	Economic Development	2016	n/a	Provide municipal water and sewer services for a new 100-home subdivision

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Elizabeth: Pleasant Street Road Repairs	\$500,000	Motor Fuel Tax, TIF, County Road and Bridge Fund, DCEO, USDA	Repair heavily traveled street to nursing home	n/a	n/a	Complete tear out and replacement of existing street, new water and sewer services, and new sidewalk
Elizabeth: South Madison Street Road Repairs	\$750,000	Motor Fuel Tax, TIF, County Road and Bridge Fund, DCEO, USDA	Repair street and provide improved roadway	n/a	0	Reconstruct three blocks of roadway with new storm sewer, curb and gutter, and new sidewalks
Elizabeth: Sanitary Sewer Extension to Pleasant Hill Subdivision	\$650,000	Sewer Fund, Bonding, USDA, IEPA	Extend village limits	n/a	0	Expand village limits, extend sanitary sewer to subdivision, and abandon private septic systems
Elizabeth: Sanitary Sewer Services Along Highway 20 W	\$1,500,000	Sewer Fund, Bonding, TIF, USDA, IEPA, EDA	Encourage commercial development along Highway 20 on the west end and annex in subdivision	n/a	50 to 100	Construct a new sanitary sewer lift station and extend sewer services to west side of village; provide sanitary sewer to Betsy Drive subdivision and abandon private septic systems
Elizabeth: Walking Trails	n/a	DNR, DCEO, IDOT ITEP and/or SRTS	Provide recreational activities for residents and possible multi-use path to the school	n/a	0	Construct walking trails/multi-use paths within the village and to River Ridge Schools
Elizabeth: Route 20 Water main Replacement – Phase V	\$400,000	DCEO, IEPA, USDA	Provide improved water service and fire protection to residents and businesses along Route 20 E	n/a	0	Relocate/replace existing iron pipe, allowing better access to and maintenance of the main; provide improved water service
Elizabeth: Downtown Streetscape	\$700,000	TIF, USDA, IDOT ITEP	Improve sidewalks and enhance the downtown district	2014	85	Remove and replace existing sidewalk and streets in downtown district (Myrtle to Vine)
Menominee: n/a						
Hanover: Sanitary Sewer Lining	n/a	n/a	Line the village's sanitary sewer system	n/a	n/a	Crews will line the village's sanitary sewer system
Galena: Turner Hall Renovations	\$450,000	Turner Hall Fund, Grants, Foundation Fund, General Fund	Expanded facility, deteriorated facility	2015	0	Repair existing roof, add insulation, paint interior, replace sprinkler system, install new kitchen addition

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Galena: CIP 5-Year Street Improvement Project	\$1,100,000	Sales Tax, General Fund	Improve safety and condition of streets; improve safety of pedestrian ways	2014-2018	0	Reconstruct streets, overlay streets, curb and gutter, sidewalks
Galena: Downtown Sidewalk and Crosswalk Replacement	\$250,000	Sales Tax, General Fund	Improve pedestrian safety in the downtown business district	2014	0	Replace deteriorated concrete sidewalks and crosswalks
Galena: Additional Parking at Recreation Park	\$100,000	Sales Tax, General Fund	Additional parking for Recreation Park	2014	0	Add diagonal or perpendicular parking on the east side of the entry road to the pool
Galena: Building for Additional Storage	\$125,000	Sales Tax, General Fund	Additional storage for public works equipment	2014	0	Construct a storage building for the public works department
Galena: Annual Sidewalk Replacement Program	\$50,000	Sales Tax, General Fund	Improve pedestrian safety	2014-2018	0	Systematic replacement of deteriorated sidewalks throughout the community; the replacement schedule should be based on the results of the comprehensive inventory, condition assessment, and prioritization
Galena: Replace Green Street Steps	\$75,000	Sales Tax, General Fund	Improve pedestrian safety	2014	0	Replace deteriorated concrete steps between Main Street and Bench Street on Green Street
Galena: Paint and Upgrade Water Tower at Well 5 (Franklin Street)	\$150,000	Water Fund	Preventive maintenance	2014	0	Repairing, upgrading, and painting the water tower
Galena: Paint and Upgrade Dodge Street Standpipe	\$100,000	Water Fund	Preventive maintenance	2017	0	Paint the exterior of the water tower and make exterior improvements to meet current life/safety code
Galena: Construct New Well and Pump House at Horseshoe Mound	\$800,000	Water Fund	Provide a reliable water source to the east side of Galena	2014	0	Construct a new well and pump house on the east side of the Galena River
Galena: West End Diversion Sewer	\$120,000	Sewer Fund	Prevent sewer backups near schools on Franklin Street	2014	0	Install a new sewer main near US 20 and Bartell Drive to divert the sewer flow from the west end to the Hughlett's sewer main

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Galena: Bouthillier Street Lift Station	\$35,000	Sewer Fund	Improve operating efficiency by removing 12 properties from a combined storm sewer/sewer	2014	0	Installation of pumps in the lift station chamber at the intersection of Bouthillier Street and Park Avenue
Galena: Third and Rives Sewer Main Extension	\$325,000	Sewer Fund, State Grant, Low Interest Loan	Install sewer main to convert businesses and residential from septic to sewer	2014	0	Install new sewer main in Third and Rives streets to convert business and residences from septic to sewer
Galena: Hughlett Creek Sewer main Replacement	\$135,000	Sewer Fund	Preventive maintenance, systematic replacement	2014	0	Replace undersized and deteriorated sewer main in the Hughlett Creek valley below Dewey Avenue
Galena: Madison and Fifth Street Sewer Main Extension	\$220,000	Sewer Fund	Install sewer main to convert large residential cluster from septic to sewer	2017	0	Install sanitary sewer main in the area of Madison and Fifth streets to convert 8 homes from septic to sewer
Galena: Relocate Police Building	\$2,500,000	General Fund	Deteriorated facility, systematic replacement	2018	0	Relocate police department (current department is undersized and deteriorated)
Galena: Purchase Property for Fire Training Facility	\$225,000	Fire Fund	Operating efficiency, health safety	2014	0	Purchase land and training containers for a new training facility that could include smoke training containers and a smoke/rope training tower
Galena: Fire Station Addition	\$630,000	Fire Fund	New/expanded facility	2015	0	Construct second story addition over garage bays to house fitness center and bunk rooms for possible paid, on call fire employees
Galena: Construction of Galena River Trail: Phase 3 to Aiken	\$850,000	Sales Tax, General Fund	Resource conservation, expanded facility	2014	0	Construction of the final phase of the Galena River Trail; includes trail building and fencing to separate the trail from the live railroad
Galena: Depot Improvements for Amtrak	\$300,000	Sales Tax, General Fund	Deteriorated facility, expanded facility	2014	0	Construct a new platform and associated facility for Amtrak passenger rail service
Galena: Turner Hall Energy Efficiency Projects	\$45,000	Turner Hall Fund, General Fund	Resource conservation, operating efficiency	2014	0	Install custom storm windows on Turn Hall windows; make building more efficient to heat and cool; install HVAC system to allow remote monitoring and operation

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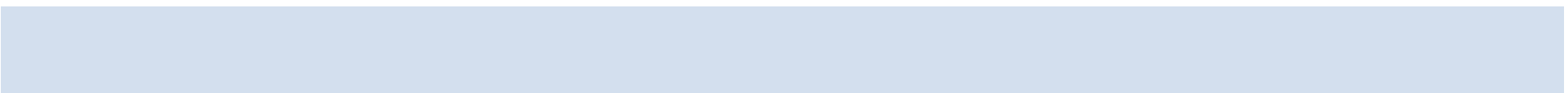
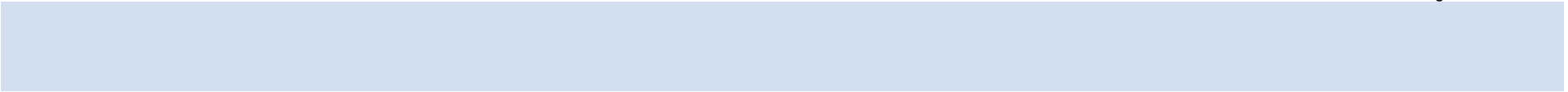
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Scales Mound: Road Drainage and Resurfacing	n/a	n/a	Complete road drainage and resurfacing	n/a	n/a	n/a
Scales Mound: Village Hall Renovation	n/a	n/a	Renovation and improvement project to help comply with ADA	n/a	n/a	n/a
Scales Mound: Village Maintenance Building Expansion	n/a	n/a	Complete expansion	n/a	n/a	n/a
Scales Mound: Village Park Renovation	n/a	n/a	Complete renovation	n/a	n/a	Install lighting, walking paths, and underground utilities
Scales Mound: Pump House 3 Renovation	n/a	n/a	Renovation and backup	n/a	n/a	Install backup generator for water system
Scales Mound: Lift Station Generator	n/a	n/a	Backup	n/a	n/a	Install backup generator for wastewater lift station
Scales Mound: Infrastructure Extensions	n/a	n/a	Extend infrastructure to recently annexed TIF areas	n/a	n/a	n/a
Scales Mound: Municipal Wi-Fi	n/a	n/a	Expand the village's free, municipal Wi-Fi service	n/a	n/a	n/a
Scales Mound: Last Mile Residential and Commercial Fiber Optics	n/a	n/a	Provide fiber optic to each house and business throughout the village	n/a	n/a	n/a
Scales Mound: Charles Mound	n/a	n/a	Acquire and develop Charles Mound (the highest elevation in Illinois) as a tourist destination	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Scales Mound: Improvements to Storm and Sanitary Sewers and Water System	n/a	n/a	Improve existing system for residents and development	Anytime	n/a	Repair sewer lines to reduce clean water infiltration and provide services to new areas and increase water pressure in existing areas
Scales Mound: Railroad Study and Transportation Infrastructure Improvements	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance, Public Safety, Economic Development	n/a	n/a	Study municipal railroad crossings, including public safety impacts; upgrade transportation infrastructure in proximity to crossings



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Stockton: Sanitary Sewer Improvements	\$1,000,000	DCEO, EDA, TIF, Bonding, IEPA	Dedicated line for Stockton Cheese to eliminate backups	n/a	n/a	n/a
Stockton: DURA Road	\$2,500,000	Jo Daviess County Road & Bridge, TIF, IDOT (secured), DCEO, Bonding	Provide weighted street through new industrial park for redirected truck traffic from Carpenter Avenue	2014	200+	Construct a new road from Simmons to Route 78 through the new industrial park area to handle truck traffic from DURA Automotive
Stockton: East Carpenter Avenue Road Improvements	\$400,000	Motor Fuel Tax, Jo Daviess County Road & Bridge, IDOT	Repair street, redirect truck traffic, and add sidewalks to provide a better and safer road	n/a	0	Large volume of heavy truck traffic; complete tear out and rebuild of road from Route 78 to Simmons; construct new sidewalk
Stockton: New Community Building	\$750,000	General Fund, Bonding, Stockton Park District	To provide a community building for community events	n/a	0	Construct a new community building that could house 200 to 300 people; provide open meeting space with kitchen facilities
Stockton: New Industrial Park	n/a	General Fund, TIF, Bonding	To create a new Industrial Park to provide land for light manufacturing	n/a	100 to 200	The proposed industrial park area is located at the south side of the village near existing industry; the DURA roadway project will provide a new road through the industrial park area
Stockton: North Stockton Street Roadway Improvements	\$500,000	Motor Fuel Tax, Jo Daviess County Road & Bridge, IDOT	Provide weighted street for truck traffic	n/a	n/a	Roadway improvements at intersection of Route 20 and N Stockton Street; accommodate heavy truck traffic from Stockton Travel Center
Stockton: Roadway Improvements	\$500,000	Motor Fuel Tax, Jo Daviess County Road & Bridge, IDOT	Repair streets to provide improved travel safety	2014	0	Roadway repairs in village
Stockton: Senior Housing Complex	n/a	TIF, Tax Credits, Bonding	Provide senior housing living facilities for the elderly	n/a	n/a	Construct a senior housing facility near existing nursing home; provide apartments and assisted living facilities
Stockton: Sidewalk Construction/Replacement Program	\$600,000	General Fund, IDOT Safe Routes to School	Construct new sidewalks and repair existing to provide a safer walking environment	2014	0	Construct new sidewalk along Carpenter from Route 78 to Simmons; new sidewalk along railroad from Route 78 to post office; new sidewalk along Rush Street
Stockton: West Railroad Avenue Road Improvements	\$400,000	Motor Fuel Tax, Jo Daviess County Road & Bridge, IDOT	Provide weighted street for trucks and safer road for pedestrians	n/a	10	Complete tear out and rebuild to 80,000 pound roadway from Route 78 to N Rush Street; widen with storm drains and add sidewalk

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Warren: Water Tower Demolition	\$30,000	n/a	Demolish old water tower and haul away material	Anytime	n/a	n/a
Warren: Sidewalk Replacement	\$500,000	Bank Loan, TIF, BDD, MFT, USDA	Health and safety	2014	0	Construct new sidewalk from Pearl to Water and Burnett to Water streets in downtown
Warren: Demolish Blighted Buildings	\$30,000 to \$50,000	n/a	Improve business district and create opportunities for new businesses	2014	1 to 5	Will remove unsightly and unsafe buildings
Warren: CIPP Lining Sewer 8" and 10"	\$600,000	Sewer Funds	Improve infrastructure	n/a	0	Complete lining in the northeast section of Burnett, Freeman, and Washington
Warren: Install All-Call System	n/a	FEMA	Announce emergency warnings	n/a	0	Install warning system to use in case of village emergencies
Warren: GIS Mapping – Utilities and TIF District	\$3,000	TIF Funds, Water, Sewer Funds, FEMA	Create a utilities map for use during emergencies	2015	0	Will work with Jo Daviess County GIS; may hire an intern
Warren: Safe Routes to School Sidewalk	n/a	MFT, TIF, BDD, IDOT	Safety of children and residents	2016	0	Replace/install sidewalks where none currently exist and replace broken/dangerous sidewalks
Warren: Refurbish/Rehabilitate Water Tower	\$50,000 to \$100,000	CDAP, IEPA, USDA, TIF	Backup for new water tower	n/a	0	Inside inspection and sanitize; outside rehabilitation and paint
Warren: Smoke Testing Sewer Clean and Televis	\$500/site, \$4,500/year	Sewer Fund, General Fund, IRWA	Test for infiltration/ground water	n/a	0	Smoke and dye test sections over multi-year period
Warren: Sewer and Water Extensions	\$43,000	Water and Sewer Funds, IEPA, DCEO, USDA	Future subdivision/new home growth	n/a	0	Extend lines from Jefferson Street going south then east to Fielder Road

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Lee County: Reynolds Road	\$800,000	n/a	HMA surfacing from Ashton to Franklin Grove	2014	Retention	Maintenance
Lee County: Reynolds Road	\$400,000	n/a	HMA surfacing from Brooklyn Road to Route 251	2014	Retention	Maintenance
Lee County: Angling Road	\$535,000	n/a	Surfacing from S Paw Paw Road to LaSalle County	2014	Retention	Maintenance
Lee County: Franklin Road Bridge	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Bridge deck hydro-demolition and latex modified concrete overlay
Lee County: Hamilton Road	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Replace deck beam
Lee County: Township Bridges	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lee County: Harmon to Walton HMA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lee County: Angling Road HMA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lee County: LaMoille Road HMA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lee County: Township and County Seal Coat and HMA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Lee County: Steward Area Transportation Study	n/a	n/a	Review and assess traffic flows resulting from development	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lee County: Steward Road Upgrade Elva Road Bypass and Paw Paw Road/Perry Road Improvements to I-39	\$13.75 million	n/a	Expansion of the Lee County Industrial Railpark development	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lee County: Water and Sewer Extensions from the Lee/Ogle County Line to Elva Road	\$5 million	n/a	Expansion of the Lee County Industrial Railpark development	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lee County: Rail Extension of the City of Rochelle Railroad from Lee/Ogle County line to Village of Steward	\$13.6 million	n/a	Expansion of the Lee County Industrial Railpark development	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lee County: Industrial Railpark General Infrastructure	n/a	n/a	Expansion of the Lee County Industrial Railpark development	n/a	n/a	Expand and enhance existing infrastructure, including water, sewer, transportation, and communications systems
Amboy: Green River Industrial Park Infrastructure	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance	n/a	n/a	Creation and implementation of a plan for public works and facilities at site
Amboy: Storm Water System Improvements	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance	n/a	n/a	Upgrade the current system and land of holding areas in city to properly drain, hold, or slow water runoff
Amboy: Park Upgrades and Additions	n/a	n/a	Provide technical assistance and seek funds for the parks	n/a	n/a	Improvements to existing parks in town and addition of new park space to the north side
Ashton: n/a						

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Dixon: Industrial Park Drive Infrastructure	n/a	n/a	Improve and expand	Anytime	n/a	Public works and facilities for Industrial Park Drive east to IL Route 52
Dixon: River Street Reconstruction	\$3.7 million	City	Widen, repair infrastructure	2015	50	New street, widen
Dixon: Bloody Gulch Road	\$4.3 million	City	Enhance commercial development	2016	350 to 400	Three lanes, multi-use path
Dixon: Eagle View Pathway Over River	\$6.7 million	City	Multi-use bike and pedestrian pathway to connect to park district trail system	2017	225	Convert former railroad piers to pathway over river
Dixon: Downtown Streetscape Project	\$5 million	City, TIF	Enhance historic downtown	2014	200	New street lights and sidewalks
Franklin Grove: Public Works Upgrades	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance	n/a	n/a	Upgrade current systems to increase capacity and support future growth
Harmon: n/a						
Lee: n/a						
Nelson: n/a						

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Paw Paw: I-39 Development Opportunities	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance	Anytime	n/a	Extend water and sewer to I-39 along Chicago Road to enhance economic development opportunities
Paw Paw: Peru Street Project: Phase 2	n/a	TIF, DCEO, Motor Fuel	Install curb, gutter, sidewalk, and improved road	n/a	n/a	Curb, gutter, sidewalk, and paving
Paw Paw: Village Water	n/a	Water, TIF, IEPA	Replace undersized mains to improve water service	n/a	n/a	Replace old 4" main with 8" or 12" main
Paw Paw: Sidewalk Upgrade	n/a	General Fund, TIF	Sidewalks throughout the village that are handicap accessible	n/a	n/a	Install sidewalks off all streets, consistently sized, and handicap accessible
Sublette: Public Works Upgrades	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance	Anytime	n/a	Upgrade current systems to increase capacity and support future growth
Sublette: Street Improvements	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance	Anytime	n/a	Improve streets, including curb, gutter, and sidewalks
Sublette: Maintenance Building	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance	Anytime	n/a	Construction of a new maintenance building on city owned property
Sublette: Downtown Incubator	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance	Anytime	n/a	Determine the feasibility of constructing an incubator for business development in the downtown

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Steward: Well 2	\$30,000	Water Fund	Keep Well 2 operational	2014	0	Pull pump and piping and replace or repair as necessary
Steward: Water Tower	\$7,000	Water Fund	Improve appearance	2014	0	Power wash tower
Steward: Train Depot Improvements	\$25,000	DCEO, General Fund	Improve bathroom facilities and infrastructure	2014	3	Install bathroom infrastructure
Steward: Village Hall Roof	\$5,000	General Fund	Repair/re-roof village hall	2014	0	Repair/re-roof village hall
Steward: Steward Avenue Water Main – Dewey Street to Clark Street	\$100,000	Water Fund	Improve pressure, flow, and water quality	2015	0	Replace undersized 4" mains
Steward: Street Resurfacing – North of Main and West of Railroad	\$48,000	MFT	Improve 7 blocks of city streets	2015	0	Resurface and improve infrastructure
Street Resurfacing – North of Main and East of Railroad	\$56,000	MFT	Improve 8 blocks of city streets	2016	0	Resurface and improve infrastructure

West Brooklyn: n/a



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Ogle County: Jack Dame Road Overpass/City of Rochelle	\$18,000,000	City, IDOT, ICC, UP Railroad	Grade separation over railroad tracks	2015	200-300	Connects Route 38 to I-39 and the Global III Intermodal Park
Ogle County: I-88/Thorpe Road Interchange/Ogle County	\$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000	IDOT, FHWA, Tollway Authority	Access on to I-88 from Intermodal Park	2018	100+	New interchange will reduce traffic in to city and improve truck access to I-88
Ogle County: Southwest Truck Loop/Ogle County	\$3,500,000	City, Developer, IDOT	120,000 pound truck route	2014	100+	Connect Intermodal Park to sites to break down overweight loads to legal limits
Ogle County: White Rock Township - Construction of Sanitary Sewer System	\$2,030,000	n/a	Construction of lift station and force main from Rochelle	2014	n/a	Community currently lacks a functioning sewer system
Adeline: n/a						
Byron: Mill Road - Colfax Street to City Limits	\$1,500,000	Anticipated 50%	Upgrade rural cross section to curb and gutter with bike path	2015	Temporary Construction Crews	Existing roadway is badly deteriorated due to traffic; needs storm sewer system, curb and gutter, and bike path to provide safety for kids walking and riding bikes to school
Byron: Third Street – Lafayette Street to Route 2	\$3,000,000	MFT Funds	Upgrade major street with curb and gutter, sidewalk and infrastructure	2014	Temporary Construction Crews	Existing roadway is badly deteriorated due to traffic; needs storm sewer system, curb and gutter, and sidewalk
Byron: Headworks Replacement and Safety Upgrades to Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$2,000,000	Sewer Bonds	n/a	2014	0	Replace headworks, walkways, railing, and incoming pipes

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Creston: Repaving Main Street	\$300,000	Village, IDOT	n/a	2014-2015	n/a	n/a
Creston: Safe Routes to Schools Phase 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Creston: Storm Water Retention	n/a	n/a	Residential focus	n/a	n/a	n/a
Davis Junction: 2014 Harvest Glenn Reconstruction	\$1,180,000	n/a	Reconstruction of streets in Harvest Glenn subdivision	2014	n/a	n/a
Davis Junction: 2014 Harvest Glenn Reconstruction	\$1,000,000	MFT	Reconstruction of streets in Harvest Glenn subdivision	2014	n/a	Reconstruct from Autumn Wolf to Autumn Wood and Willow to end
Davis Junction: Original Town Concrete Ditch Reconstruction	\$120,000	n/a	Concrete in ditches to cut down on erosion	2014	n/a	n/a
Davis Junction: IL Route 72 Ditch Construction	\$45,000	n/a	Finish ditch work along IL Route 72	2014	n/a	n/a
Davis Junction: Pond Reconstruction	\$931,650	n/a	Improvements to storm water retention	2014	n/a	Improve pond aeration, bank erosion control
Forreston: Sewer Treatment Plant Update	\$2,700,000	IEPA Loan	Maintain compliance with IEPA effluent limits	2014	0	Treatment plant infrastructure upgrades

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Monroe Center: Municipal Water	\$1 million	n/a	Commercial development	2014	n/a	n/a
Monroe Center: Expand/Extend Sewer	n/a	n/a	Commercial development	2015	n/a	n/a
Mount Morris: Community Facility Improvements	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance	Anytime	n/a	Improvements to municipal campus, band shell, Coliseum Building, and museum
Mount Morris: Park Upgrades	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance	Anytime	n/a	Includes upgrades to existing parks, as well as Coliseum Building shower/rest room improvements
Mount Morris: Public Works Upgrades	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance	Anytime	n/a	Upgrade current systems to increase capacity and support future growth
Mount Morris: Streetscaping	\$250,000	Grant, MFT	Downtown Improvements	2014	n/a	Improve the appearance of Downtown Business District to enhance the area

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Oregon: Public Works Facilities	n/a	n/a	Public Works Assistance	Anytime	n/a	Water, sewer, and street improvements to serve industries Oregon and northeast extensions
Oregon: 1st Street Upgrade	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance	Anytime	n/a	Upgrade 1st Street to a 120,000 pound roadway
Oregon: Railroad Track and Site Improvements	n/a	n/a	n/a	Anytime	n/a	Enhance railroad track and spur line access; associated infrastructure upgrades
Oregon: Street and Sidewalk Improvements and Repairs	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance	Anytime	n/a	Improve streets, including curb, gutter, and sidewalks
Oregon: Manhole Cover Replacement	n/a	n/a	Public Works Assistance	Anytime	n/a	n/a
Oregon: Traffic Sign Retro- Reflectivity	n/a	n/a	Public Works Assistance	Anytime	n/a	n/a
Oregon: Wastewater Treatment Plant	n/a	n/a	Public Works Assistance	Anytime	n/a	n/a
Oregon: Lift Stations	n/a	n/a	Public Works Assistance	Anytime	n/a	n/a
Oregon: Water Reservoir, Booster Pump, and Well Improvements	n/a	n/a	Public Works Assistance	Anytime	n/a	n/a
Oregon: Water Meter Replacement	n/a	n/a	Public Works Assistance	Anytime	n/a	n/a

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Oregon: Fire Hydrant and Valve Replacement	n/a	n/a	Public Safety	Anytime	n/a	n/a
Oregon: City Hall, Streets Department/Maintenance Garage, Police Station, Coliseum, and Depot	n/a	n/a	City Services, Community Facilities, Tourism	Anytime	n/a	Assessment of facilities; re-purposing, upgrades, and/or renovations
Oregon: Downtown Facade Upgrades and City-Wide Beautification	n/a	n/a	Technical Assistance	Anytime	n/a	Improve facades and aesthetics in the downtown business district and other locations in Oregon
Oregon: Tree Maintenance	n/a	n/a	n/a	Anytime	n/a	n/a
Oregon: Energy Efficiency Initiatives	n/a	n/a	Address electric and natural gas costs; improve sustainability	Anytime	n/a	Invest in city-wide energy efficiency measures
Oregon: TIF, RLF, and Enterprise Zone	n/a	n/a	Establish a TIF district, RLF, and enterprise zone in Oregon	Anytime	n/a	Commission studies and establish ordinances for the creation of various economic development tools
Polo: New Municipal Well	\$750,000	DCEO, IEPA, USDA	Additional water source	n/a	2	Construction of a new municipal well to supplement/replace old wells
Polo: Road Repair	\$100,000	MFT, DCEO, USDA	Repair heavily traveled truck road	2015	0	Complete tear out and replacement of existing street, new curb and gutter where needed
Polo: Downtown Streetscape	\$10,000	TIF, USDA	Beautification of downtown area to attract/re-attract more visitors and businesses	2015	0	Purchase seasonal signage, flower potting and hanging baskets, planters
Polo: Power Generators	n/a	TIF, USDA	Backup system for outages at water/sewer plants and lift stations	n/a	n/a	Purchase generator for power outages

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Rochelle: Jack Dame Road Overpass/City of Rochelle	\$18,000,000	City, IDOT, ICC, UP Railroad	Grade separation over railroad tracks	2015	200-300	Connects Route 38 to I-39 and the Global III Intermodal Park
Rochelle: City Airport Runway Extension/City of Rochelle	Completed					
Rochelle: City Industrial Rail Extension/City of Rochelle	Completed					
Rochelle: Extension of Water & Sewer lines/City of Rochelle	Completed					
Rochelle: I-88/Thorpe Road Interchange/Ogle County	\$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000	IDOT, FHWA, Tollway Authority	Access on to I-88 from Intermodal Park	2018	100+	New interchange will reduce traffic in to city and improve truck access to I-88
Rochelle: North Dement Road/Extension/City of Rochelle	\$1,500,000	City, Developer, IDOT	Expansion of the Rochelle Tech Park	2014	50+	North Dement is a gravel road which needs upgrading
Rochelle: Dement Road Extension/City of Rochelle	\$5,500,000	City, Developer, IDOT	Connect Industrial Park to I-39 via overpass	2015	200-300	Truck access directly to I-39 without going through town
Rochelle: Southwest Truck Loop/Ogle County	\$3,500,000	City, Developer, IDOT	120,000 pound truck route	2014	100+	Connect Intermodal Park to sites to break down overweight loads to legal limits
Stillman Valley: n/a						

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Stephenson County: Mill Race Crossing Industrial Park	\$6,206,000	City, County, State Grants	Establish shovel-ready industrial park	2015	500+	Create shovel-ready industrial park; extend water, sewer, and upgrade roads
Stephenson County: Albertus Airport Development	\$5,744,000	City, County, State Grants	Develop Albertus Airport and abutting land for airport related uses	2015	250+	Extend water and sewer; upgrade highway and airport infrastructure
Stephenson County: Lamm Road Industrial Corridor	\$5,004,000	City, County, State Grants	Develop Lamm Road Industrial Corridor from city boundary to Albertus Airport	2017	300+	Extend water and sewer; upgrade roadway
Stephenson County: Raceway Park Feasibility Study & Infrastructure	n/a	n/a	Develop land for NASCAR-certified raceway	n/a	n/a	Feasibility study and construction, including infrastructure upgrades
Cedarville: Oak Ridge Drive Lift Station	\$55,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Replace generator, lid, and control panel
Cedarville: Water Testing	\$6,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cedarville: Harrison Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Manhole 85 to 81	\$47,500	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Replace sanitary sewer
Cedarville: Harrison Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Manhole 69 to 67	\$55,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Replace sanitary sewer

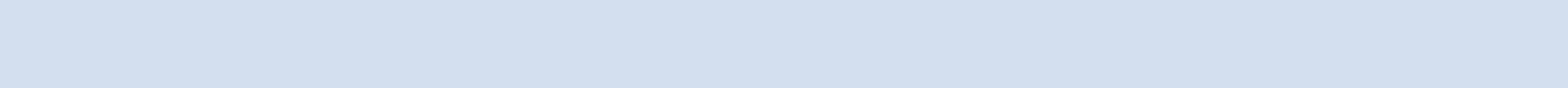
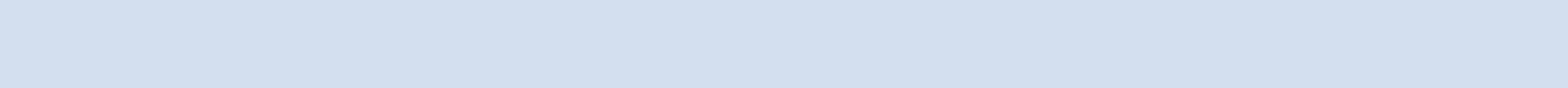
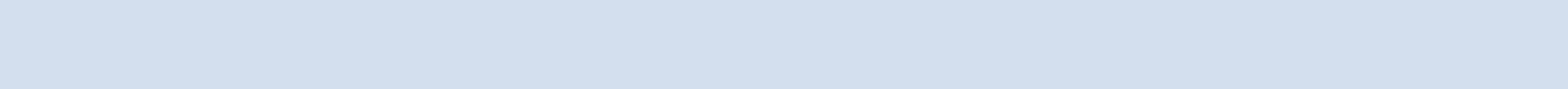
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Dakota: Main Street - Route 75 to Dakota Road	\$1,500,000	MFT	Reconstruction of existing high volume street that has failed	2014	Temporary Construction Crews	Existing roadway is badly deteriorated due to traffic; needs storm sewer system and curb/ gutter/bike path to provide safe routes for students
Dakota: Water System Improvements	\$1,500,000	MFT	Upgrade existing water system distribution system, elevated tank, and wells 1 and 2	2014	Temporary Construction Crews	Existing system is deficient in providing fire protection
Dakota: Lift Station Upgrades	\$150,000	Sewer Funds	Maintenance project to recondition existing lift stations with pump, high efficiency motors and telecom system for monitoring	2014	Temporary Construction Crews	Existing lift stations need pump, motor, and control/alarm system maintenance

Davis: n/a



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Freeport: Investing in Manufacturing Communities	n/a	n/a	Development	2014	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Pecatonica Prairie Path – Tutty’s Crossing East to US 20 Bypass	\$2 million	n/a	Development	2014 - 2017	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Album Street Corridor Brownfields Cleanup	\$720,000	n/a	Development	2014-2017	n/a	Prepare properties for demolition
Freeport: Ostendorf Property	n/a	n/a	Development	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Moll Property	n/a	n/a	Development	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Lamm Road Extension	n/a	n/a	Establish a business/industrial corridor	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Airport Land	n/a	n/a	Development	n/a	n/a	Inside and outside of fence
Freeport: Plaza Hotel	n/a	n/a	Development	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Tuell Property	n/a	n/a	Development	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Oppold Family Property	n/a	n/a	Development	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Freeport: QBE and Abutting Five Acre Parcel	n/a	n/a	Development	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Citizens Plaza	n/a	n/a	Development	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Schnoes Property	n/a	n/a	Development	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Lincoln Business Park	n/a	n/a	Development	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Burchard Hills	n/a	n/a	Development	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: JoAnne Fabrics Shopping Center	n/a	n/a	Redevelopment	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Morgan Property and 26/20 Bypass	n/a	n/a	Redevelopment	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Farm & Fleet	n/a	n/a	Redevelopment	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Lincoln Mall	n/a	n/a	Redevelopment	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Rawleigh Office Complex / Other Facilities and Site Redevelopment	n/a	n/a	Redevelopment	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Freeport: Carnegie Library	n/a	n/a	Redevelopment	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: City Hall	n/a	n/a	Redevelopment	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Art Museum	n/a	n/a	Redevelopment	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Yellow Creek Mitigation Area	n/a	n/a	Redevelopment	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: K-Mart	n/a	n/a	Redevelopment	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: First Illini	n/a	n/a	Redevelopment	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Logan's, Rex TV, Sonic, and Freeport Fire Station Area	n/a	n/a	Redevelopment	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Former Race Track	n/a	n/a	Redevelopment	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Agricultural Entrepreneurship Center/Commercial Kitchen	\$100,000	n/a	Provide business opportunities for agricultural producers	2014	n/a	Planning and implementation
Freeport: Multimodal Station and Amtrak	n/a	n/a	n/a	Ongoing	n/a	n/a

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Freeport: Boat Launch at Tutty's Crossing	\$209,000	n/a	Provide recreational access to Pecatonica River	2014	Construction jobs	Build boat launch on Pecatonica River at Tutty's Crossing trailhead
Freeport: Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup	\$1,400,000	n/a	Prepare properties for development	2014	n/a	Assess and cleanup environmentally contaminated properties to prepare them for redevelopment
Freeport: Clearwell Inspection and Sealing	\$25,000	n/a	n/a	2014	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Comprehensive Plan Update	\$97,000	n/a	Update the city's comprehensive plan	2014	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Elevated Water Storage Improvements	\$1,585,000	n/a	n/a	2014	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Housing Rehabilitation	\$904,979	n/a	Improve properties to sustain city's tax base	2014	n/a	Rehabilitate properties owned or occupied by low-to-moderate income residents
Freeport: Jane Addams Trail – Section B Construction	\$3,250,000	City, Stephenson County, Freeport Park District, Orangeville	n/a	2014-2015	Construction Jobs	Construction of Section B of Jane Addams Trail from Tutty's Crossing west to the Wes Block Trailhead
Freeport: New Water Source - Well 9 and Building	\$800,000	n/a	n/a	2014	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Construction of Structures for Pecatonica Prairie Path	\$1,500,000	City, Stephenson County, Freeport Park District	n/a	2014	Construction jobs	Construction of three structures, including a bridge over the Pecatonica River at Tutty's Crossing
Freeport: Storm Sewer Construction - Rawleigh, Bidwell, Blackhawk, Cottonwood, Arcade Streets	\$1,850,000	n/a	n/a	2014	n/a	n/a

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Freeport: Streetscape Improvement on East Stephenson Street	\$267,500	HUD	n/a	2014	n/a	Streetscape improvements to East Stephenson Street west of the Pecatonica River Bridge
Freeport: Water Main Improvements	\$500,000	n/a	n/a	2014	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Water Treatment Plant Vulnerability Assessment Compliance	\$25,000	n/a	n/a	2014	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Water Treatment Plant Phosphorus Removal	\$11,825,000	n/a	n/a	2014	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Elevated Water Storage Improvements	\$1,585,000	n/a	n/a	2014	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Expansion of Public Transportation	\$600,000	n/a	n/a	2014	n/a	n/a
Freeport: New Water Source - Well 9 and Building	\$800,000	n/a	n/a	2014	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Storm Sewer Construction - Rawleigh, Bidwell, Blackhawk, Cottonwood, Arcade Streets	\$1,850,000	n/a	n/a	2014	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Water Main Improvements	\$500,000	n/a	n/a	2014	n/a	n/a
Freeport: Water Treatment Plant Vulnerability Assessment Compliance	\$25,000	n/a	n/a	2014	n/a	n/a

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German Valley: New Municipal Well	\$900,000	Water, DCEO	Additional water source	2014	0	Construction of a new municipal well to provide a second source of water for the village
German Valley: Water System Improvements Phase 2	\$1,100,000	Water, DCEO	Update obsolete water treatment infrastructure	2015	0	Complete upgrade of water treatment plant servicing village's only water source
German Valley: Emergency Repairs Well 1	\$75,000	Water, DCEO	Repair only water source for village	2014	0	Emergency repair of Well 1
Lena: ADA Accessible Curb Ramps	\$3,800/ramp	Village	Increase Accessibility of Village Sidewalks	Anytime	Standard temporary construction	n/a
Lena: Oak View Terrace Subdivision Sidewalk Connection	n/a	n/a	Create a safe link between the outlying subdivision and Lena	n/a	n/a	Connect the Oak View Terrace Subdivision Sidewalk to Lena's existing sidewalk network
Lena: East Lena Sanitary Lift Station/Project - Sewer Dept	\$1 million	Village	Improved Sewer for East Part of Lena, Infrastructure for Industrial Development	n/a	Standard temporary construction	n/a
Lena: Drainage Improvement Project	\$43,000	Village	Keep Private Property from Flooding	2014	Standard temporary construction	n/a
Lena: Drainage Improvement Project	\$48,000	Village	Keep Private Property from Flooding, Prevention of Erosion of Banks and Roadways	2015	Standard temporary construction	n/a
Lena: Drainage Improvement Project	\$36,000	Village	Prevention of Water Ponding and Damage to Businesses	2016	Standard temporary construction	n/a
Lena: Drainage Improvement Project	\$740,000	Village	Prevention of Home Flooding and Creation of Retention Ponds	2015	Standard temporary construction	n/a

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Lena: Tuck Pointing for Historical Water Tower - Water Dept	\$20,000	Village	Preservation of Historic Water Tower	2016	Standard temporary construction	n/a
Lena: Well Rehab - Water Dept	\$30,000	Village	Municipal Well Rehabilitation	2017	Standard temporary construction	n/a
Lena: Sewer Plant Clarifier Covers - Sewer Dept	\$50,000	Village	Prevention of Mold in Clarifiers	2016	0	n/a
Lena: Anaerobic Conversion of Sewer Plant - Sewer Dept	\$357,000	Village	n/a	2018	Standard temporary construction	n/a
Lena: New Police Station - Police Dept	n/a	Village	Dedicated Station for Lena Police Department	2017	Standard temporary construction	n/a

Pearl City: n/a

Winslow: n/a

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Ridott: Slurry Seal Streets and Alleys	\$40,000	n/a	Resurface Streets	2016	10	n/a
Ridott: Playground Equipment	\$20,000	n/a	Make Park More Usable	2015	3	n/a
Rock City: Water System Improvements	\$350,000	Water Funds	Upgrade existing water distribution system and Well 1; construct backup well	2014	Temporary Construction Crews	Existing system is deficient in providing fire protection; village has no backup well in the event of an emergency or the failure of Well 1
Rock City: Main Street Improvements - Route 75 to Jefferson Street	\$250,000	MFT	Improvements to Main Street, including drainage, curb and gutter, and new pavement	2014	Temporary Construction Crews	Existing lift stations need pump, motor, and control/alarm system maintenance
Whiteside County: US Highway 30 and Route 2 Infrastructure Upgrades	\$1,600,000	n/a	Provide adequate infrastructure along Route 30 near the Wal-Mart Distribution Center	Anytime	n/a	Implementation of infrastructure needs along Route 30 and Route 2 to provide service to future business
Whiteside County: Black Road	\$950,000	MFT Funds	Reconstruct Black Road over Drainage Ditch	n/a	n/a	Need reconstructed to carry 80,000 pound loads; truck route for Hyponex Corp & Markman Peat Corp
Whiteside County: Black Road	\$950,000	MFT Funds	Reconstruct Black Road over Rock Creek	n/a	n/a	Need reconstructed to carry 80,000 pound loads; truck route for Hyponex Corp & Markman Peat Corp
Albany: n/a						
Coleta: n/a						
Deer Grove: n/a						
Erie: n/a						

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Erie: n/a						
Fulton: 112 Acre Business Park Infrastructure	\$3,250,000	City, IDOT, TIF, E-Zone, DCEO	Expansion of Business Park	2014	200+	Extend streets, water, sewer, and storm lines
Fulton: Downtown Streetscape	\$750,000	City, CIP Funds, MFT	Improve traffic flow, parking, and lighting	2014	25+	Replace water main, overlay streets, improve pedestrian walkways, improve parking
Fulton: Heritage Canyon	\$400,000	City, Donations, DCEO, DNR	Create educational center and improve trails	2014	0	Demolition of existing house and develop a one story educational center for trails and nature study
Fulton: Robert Fulton Community Center	\$400,000	City, DCEO	Offer community services and outreach	2014	3	Repair roof and address existing Facade on fire station that is being converted into a community center
Fulton: Marina	\$400,000	City, DNR	Expansion of local marina	2014	2	Dredging to allow boat access to slips and public ramp
Fulton: Drives Park	\$125,000	City, DNR, Donations	To replace an existing playing field	2014	0	Create additional playing field for younger children
Lyndon: n/a						

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Morrison: New Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$23 million	n/a	Met IEPA requirements	2014-2016	1 retained, 1 new, 20 construction	Acquire land, design, and construct plant
Morrison: New Computers, Server, Software, and Support	\$3,400/month for 42 months	n/a	Upgrade antiquated system and downtime	2014-2014	n/a	n/a
Morrison: Sewer Line Re-Lining	\$2 million	n/a	Reduce stormwater infiltration	2014	n/a	Line sewers to reduce infiltration and lower treatment plant costs
Morrison: ADA Accessible Sidewalks	\$200,000	n/a	ADA compliance	Ongoing	n/a	n/a
Morrison: Demolition of Condemned House	\$50,000	n/a	Address uninhabitable structure	2014	n/a	n/a
Morrison: Sawyer Road Overpass	n/a	n/a	Economic development, public safety	n/a	n/a	Construct overpass over existing railway for truck traffic, police, and fire
Morrison: French Creek Road	n/a	n/a	Economic development, public safety	n/a	n/a	Improve industrial park viability, enhance truck travel through Morrison, and provide improved movement for police and fire
Morrison: Railroad Crossing	n/a	n/a	Economic development, public safety	n/a	n/a	Improve industrial park viability, enhance truck travel through Morrison, and provide improved movement for police and fire
Prophetstown: Streetscaping	\$250,000	Grant, MFT	Downtown Improvements	2014	n/a	Improve the appearance of Downtown Business District to enhance the area
Prophetstown: Main Street Rehabilitation	n/a	n/a	Downtown Improvements	2014	n/a	Reconstruct residential and commercial structures in downtown district following man-made disaster; restore damaged Facades; enhance sidewalks, curb, and gutter for commerce

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Rock Falls: Water/Sewer Extension Route 30	\$800,000	n/a	Routed 30 West Industrial Park Infrastructure	2014	Construction	n/a
Rock Falls: RB&W District Public Space	\$2 million	n/a	Complete Public Space for Use	2014	Construction	Entertainment venue, public restrooms, bike path, splash pad
Rock Falls: 5th Avenue Rebuild / Overlay	n/a	n/a	Improve Access from Route 30 to Downtown Area	2017	Construction	n/a
Rock Falls: Buell Road	\$550,000	n/a	Improve Access to South Subdivisions from Route 30	2014	Construction	Grind and overlay
Rock Falls: 7th Avenue Rebuild	\$800,000	n/a	Rebuild Blocks with Curbs	2016	Construction	n/a
Rock Falls: Replace Sewer Line at Dogpound Lift Station	\$500,000	n/a	Improve Infrastructure	2018	Construction	Replace sewer line from Dogpound Lift to Avenue A
Sterling: Public Works and facilities for Industrial Parks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sterling: Riverfront Project Development for Multi-Use Facilities and Infrastructure	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sterling: Broadband Access in Industrial Parks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sterling: Route 30 Industrial Park Development	n/a	n/a	Encourage additional development along an important transportation corridor	Anytime	n/a	Add/improve capacity, quality, and level of service for water/sewer, communications, transportation, and energy infrastructure

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Tampico: Manhole Rehabilitation	\$133,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tampico: Kimball Street Lift Station	\$49,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tampico: Reline Sewer Lines/Identify Potential Problems	\$44,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tampico: Line Sewer at South Main Place	\$55,000	n/a	n/a	2014	n/a	n/a
Tampico: Engineering Costs for Infrastructure	\$45,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tampico: Natural Gas Generator at Main Kimball Street Lift Station	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Whereas, the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council (formally known as Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development Council) serves the six Northwest Counties of Illinois as an official U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development District;

Whereas the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) report assesses existing conditions, formulates a development strategy and recommends the implementation of said strategy;

Whereas the 2015 CEDS Annual Report Update includes a variety of projects and activities identified as priorities for our region;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 24th day of April, 2015, that the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council hereby adopts this resolution in support of the development strategies and projects outlined in the 2015 CEDS Annual Report Update and strongly recommends the implementation of said projects.

Passed this 24th day of April, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Colson".

Ron Colson, President
Blackhawk Hills Regional Council

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glen R. Kuhlemier".

Glen Kuhlemier, Secretary/Treasurer
Blackhawk Hills Regional Council