



2022 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

for Northwest Illinois | December 2022

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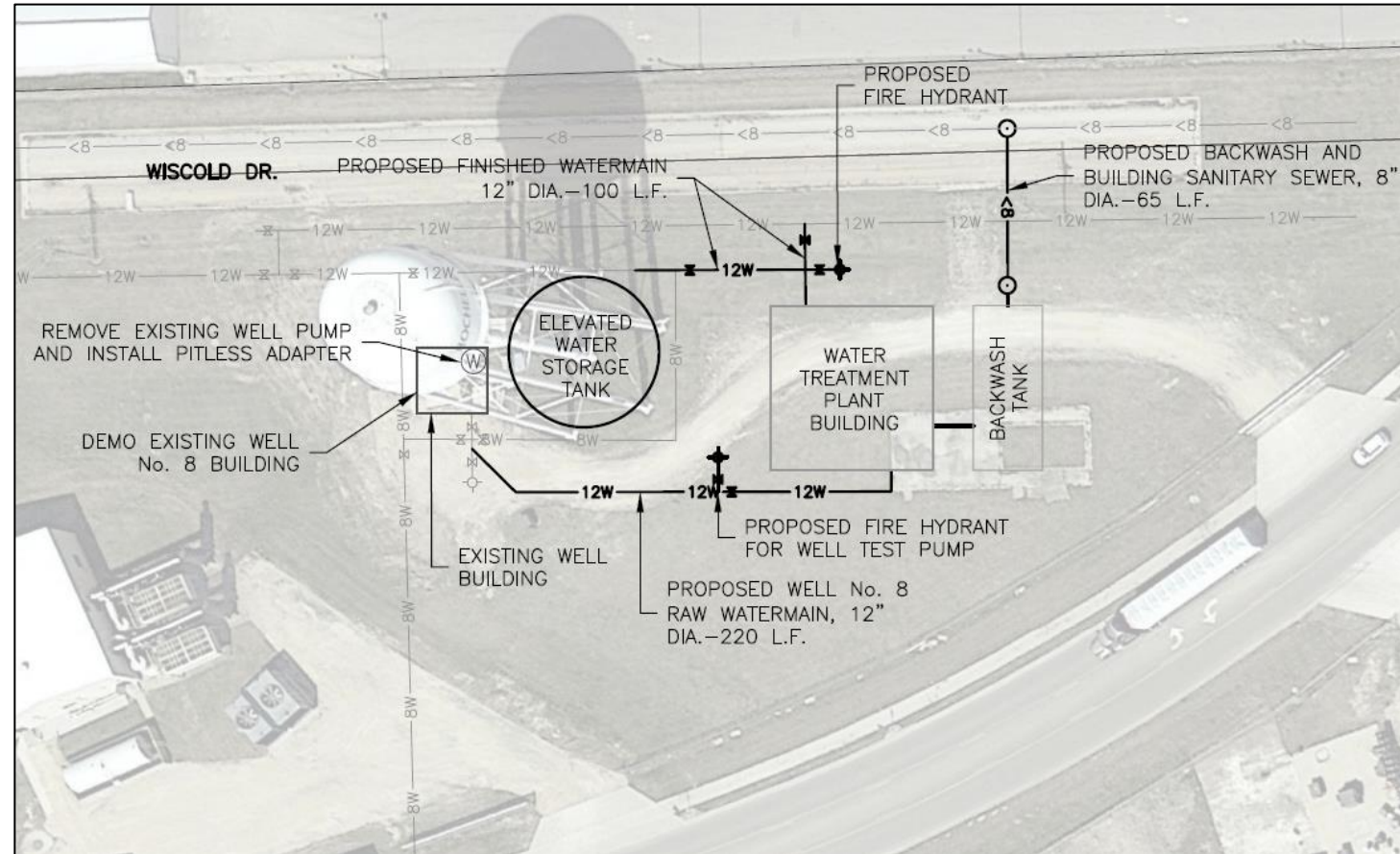
Galena-US Grant Museum

- \$1.8 million grant
- \$1.9 million local
- Funded by the federal Economic Development Administration



Rochelle Water Treatment Facility

- \$2.5 million grant
- \$4.7 million local
- Funded by the federal Economic Development Administration



Dixon Theatre




- \$1.2 million grant
- \$300,000 local
- Funded by the federal Economic Development Administration



Greenways and Trails Planning

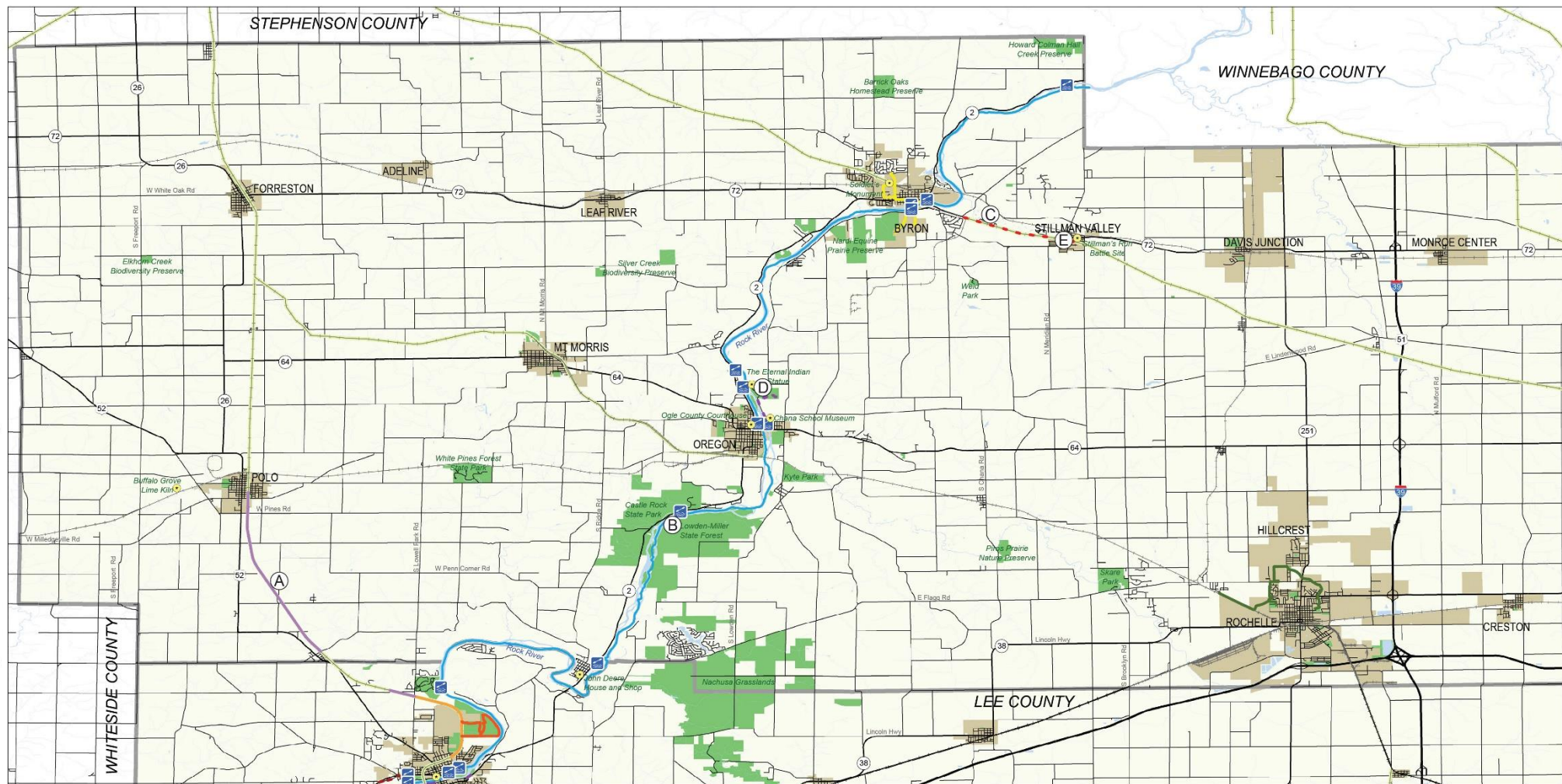
- Existing conditions
- SWOT analysis
- Online public survey
- Stakeholder interviews
- List of initiatives
- Planning and implementation resources
- Appendices

Lee & Ogle Counties 2022 Greenways & Trails Initiatives

| County municipality | Initiative | Category | Cost Range Estimate \$ Less than 100,000 \$\$ 100,000 to 500,000 \$\$\$ 500,000 to 1,000,000 \$\$\$\$ More than 1,000,000 | Supported Actions Percentage of public survey participants that expressed support for related actions |
|---------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Lee & Ogle | Improvements on the Joe Stengel Trail |  Improvements | \$-\$\$ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in upgrades and renovations at existing parks and recreation facilities (86%) |
| Lee Dixon | Enhancement of the Meadows Trail in Dixon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work funded through an IDNR trails program grant to include: overlook along the Rock River, paving a section to mitigate erosion, installation of educational kiosks, installation of emergency call boxes, installation of WiFi in the Meadows ComEd grant to fund construction of a prairie viewing platform along the trail |  Improvements | \$\$\$ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in upgrades and renovations at existing parks and recreation facilities (86%) |
| Lee Dixon | Enhancement of Page Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BUILD grant (phase 4) to fund: addition of new trails and pathways, improvements to Page Drive, parking improvements, enhancements to boat docks, improvements to baseball field |  Improvements | \$\$\$\$ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in upgrades and renovations at existing parks and recreation facilities (86%) |

18 initiatives identified

Ogle County Greenways & Trails 2022



- (A) Joe Stengel Trail Improvements
- (B) Completion of bike trails designation in Lowden-Miller State Forest
 - IDNR project to designate existing routes for bike use
- (C) Feasibility study for a Byron/Stillman Valley rail trail
- (D) Construction of planned trail from IL 64 in Oregon to Lowden State Park
- (E) Acquisition of additional park land (Stillman Valley)

- ★ Promotion of the Rock River Trail and its various uses at local, county, and regional scales
- ★ Promotion of Lee and Ogle counties' trails, parks, and open spaces
 - Strategies may include developing an app, publishing a consolidated map, or featuring parks and trails on social media
- ★ Trail wayfinding signage improvements
 - Northwest Illinois Trails Wayfinding Sign Guide to be used and adopted as the standard template for trails in the counties
 - Joe Stengel Sign Plan to be implemented in collaboration with the snowmobile club
- ★ Development and implementation of a paddling trail information system with signs, route maps, and hazard warning covering all put-in and take-out points on the Rock River
- ★ Seek out opportunities to incentivize private development of an equestrian campground with modern facilities in Lee or Ogle County
- ★ Identify suitable property and incentivize private development of an OHV park
- ★ Seek out additional multi-use rails-to-trails opportunities
 - prioritize sections of publicly-owned abandoned rails lines

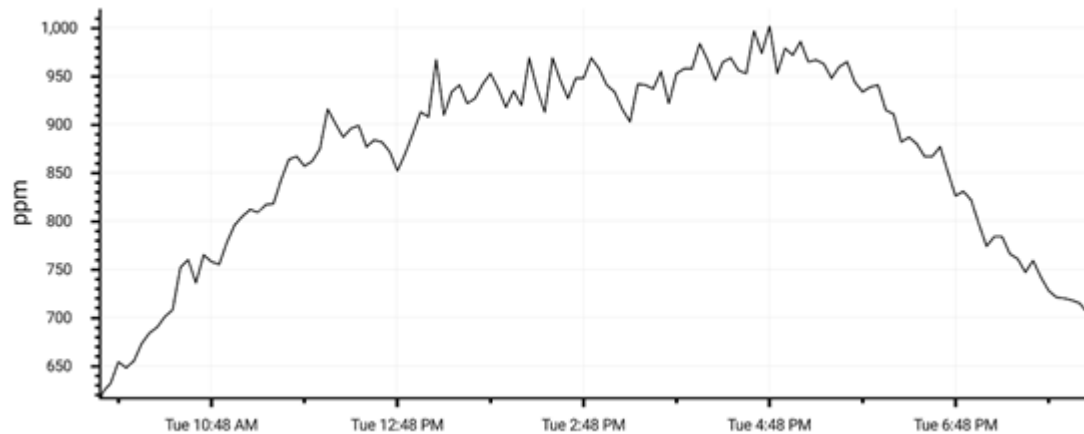
- Existing**
- Parks & Public Open Spaces
 - Heritage Sites
 - Kayak/Canoe Launch Points
 - Railroad
 - Historic Rail Lines
 - Don Hamer Path
 - Four Sisters Path
 - Joe Stengel Trail*
 - Rock River Water Trail

- Proposed/Planned**
- Byron/Stillman Valley Trail, Concept
 - Oregon/Lowden State Park Trail, Planned

*includes snowmobile use

Indoor Air Quality Assessments

- 58 unique locations
- Public, private, and not-for-profit sectors served



Walkability Studies

- 6 communities
 - Erie
 - Galena
 - Mount Morris
 - Oregon
 - Sterling
 - Warren
- Village of Warren
recipient of SRTS funding



Great River Trail Concept Plan

- RTCA Program
 - National Park Service
 - Iowa State University
- Stakeholders
 - Carroll and Jo Daviess counties
 - Galena
 - Savanna
 - IDNR
 - IDOT
 - FWS
 - USACE



Housing Studies

- Conducted for Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, and Stephenson
- Recommendations for attracting new development, improving existing stock, and ensuring implementation

| DEMAND FORECAST – JO DAVIESS COUNTY, IL | | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | Total |
| Single-Family Homes | | | | | | |
| Under \$275,000 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 40 | 40 | 230 |
| Over \$275,000 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 25 | 25 | 95 |
| Total Single-Family | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 325 |
| Multifamily | | | | | | |
| 2-bedroom units | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 400 |
| 1-bedroom units | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 150 |
| Studio | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 50 |
| Total Multifamily | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 600 |
| Total Units | 185 | 185 | 185 | 185 | 185 | 925 |

Source: Redevelopment Resources, 2022

CEDS for NWIL

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Northwest Illinois

2019-2024 Plan (created in 2019, includes partial 2022 Update)

The CEDS is the over-arching community and economic development plan for the counties of Northwest Illinois. This CEDS is developed using the guidelines of the Economic Development Administration (EDA), an agency of the US Department of Commerce. The process involves various participants, including the CEDS Committee for Northwest Illinois, Blackhawk Hills Regional Council (BHRC) staff and board, and the public.

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(Digital CEDS)

Planning Process

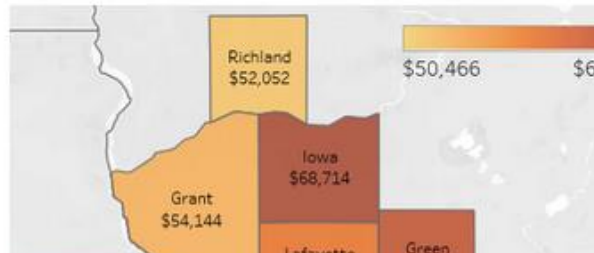
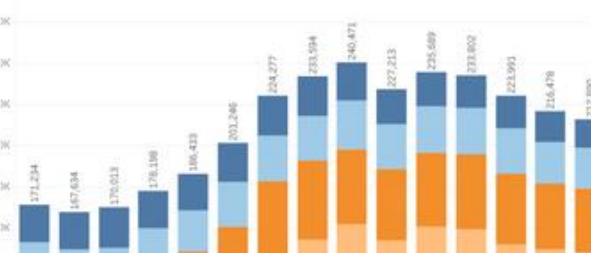
Resiliency

Action Plan

Measuring Progress

Appendices

Glossary





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