



Draft Comprehensive Plan

Kendall County Annual Meeting, Feb. 7th, 2026

Kendall County Land Resource Management Plan Update

Project Website – Staff Coordination – Focus Groups – Workshops – Open Houses – Public Hearing

Steering Committee – Regional Plan Commission – PBZ Committee – County Board

Evaluation & Vision

- County Assessment
- Policy Formation

Specific Elements

- Future Land Use
- Transportation
- Sustainability

Strategies and Support

- Implementation
- Review and Approval

Feb. 2025

April. 2026

Community Input So Far.....

3,371

Website Views

84

E-Newsletter Subscribers

185

Survey Submissions

51

Comment Map Ideas

6

Outreach Events

150

People Attended

Plan Outline

1. Introduction and Process

2. Existing Conditions and Trends

3. Vision

4. Character and Land Use

5. Mobility & Connectivity

6. Energy and Water

7. Economic Prosperity

8. Implementation

Introduction and Process



Purpose and Use of the Plan



Regional and Local Context



Public Engagement Process



Past Planning Efforts

Land Resources Management Plan (1994-early 2026)

Contained extensive goals and objectives for both planning and management.

Contains separate chapters by Township or group of Townships, developed over a series of years.

Contains extensive policies designed to implement the plan.

Comprehensive Plan (2026 +)

Consolidates key goals and objectives in a more concise county vision.

Contains one overall plan for the County and created over about 18 months.

Leaves policy decisions to the County Board and their Strategic Planning efforts.

Existing Conditions and Trends

Population Growth

Age Characteristics

Households

Income and Employment

Race and Ethnicity

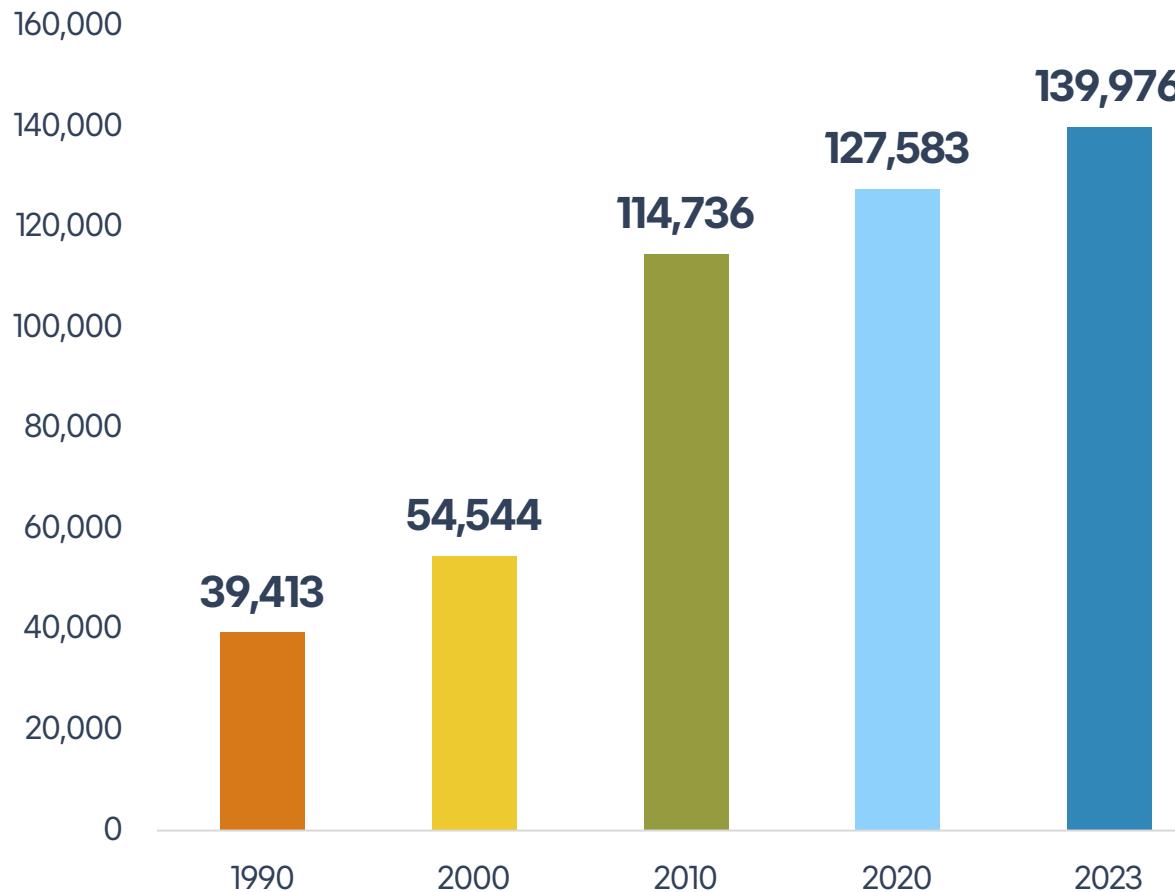
Educational Attainment

Employment and Commuting

Housing

Internet Access

County Population Trends (1990-2023)



Source: 1990, 2000, 2010, 2020 Decennial Census and 2023 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

- Fastest growing County in Illinois
- Growing rapidly (+85,432 people or 157%) since the 2000s
- Population at 143,171 in 2024

Municipal	113,525	81%
Unincorporated	26,451	19%
Total	139,976	

Key Vision Elements

Preserve Rural Character
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Preserve Natural Areas■ Farmland Preservation

Promote Economic Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ More local, good paying jobs■ Enhance and Diversify the Tax Base■ Promote Tourism, including Agritourism

Communications/Coordination
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Engage residents■ Governmental coordination between County, Towns and Townships

Connectivity
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Expand Trail Network■ Connect roads/Improve intersections

Character and Land Use

Agricultural Heritage and Historic Resources

Nature Preserves and Parks

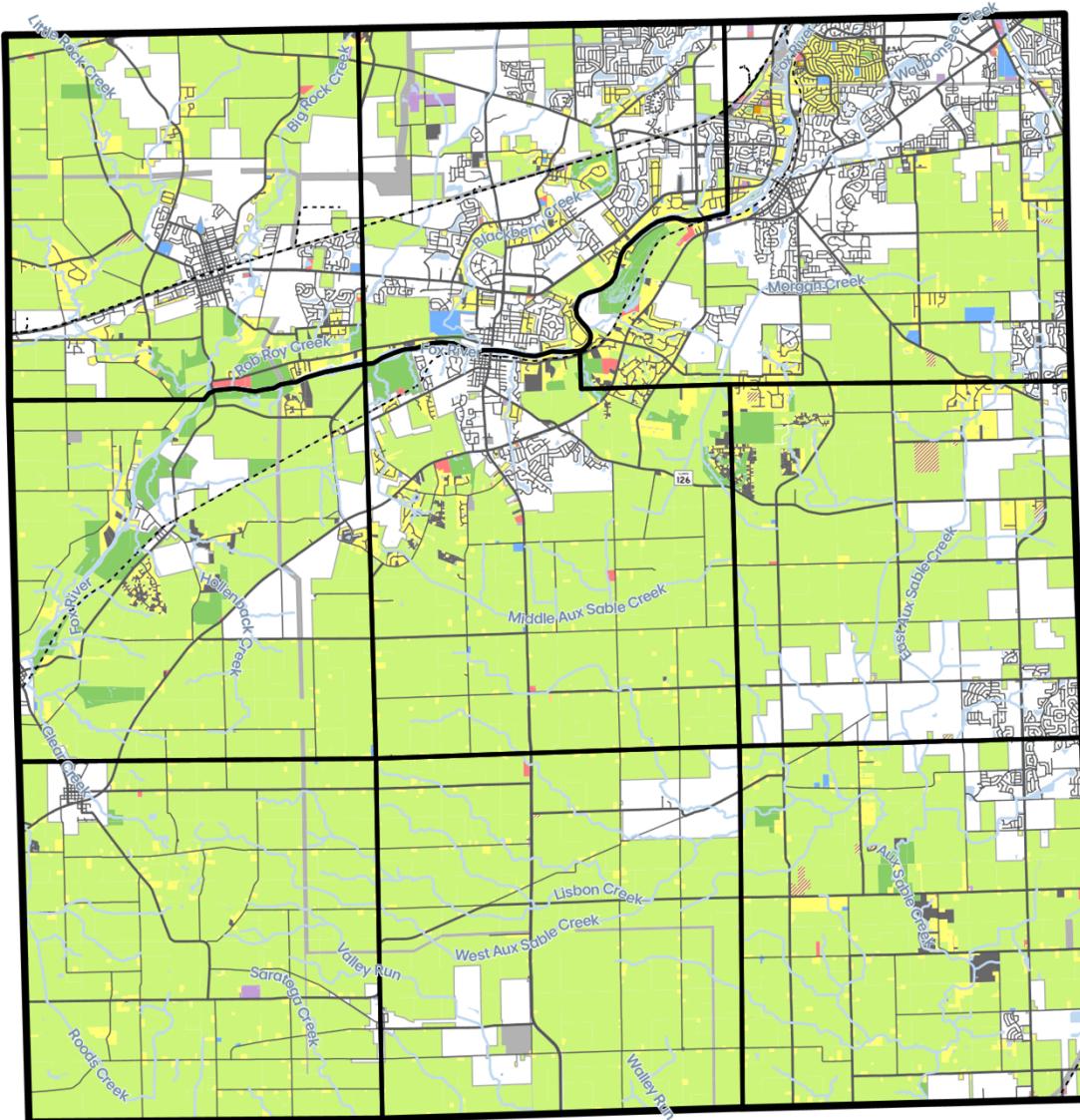
Wildlife Protection

Tree Coverage

Wetlands

Existing Land Use

Future Land Use



Legend

Existing Land Use

- Agricultural
- Agricultural Tourism
- Single-Family Detached
- Single-Family Attached
- Multi-Family
- Commercial
- Institutional
- Industrial
- Utilities
- Open Space
- Vacant/Under Construction

- Water
- Roadways
- Railroads

- County
- Townships

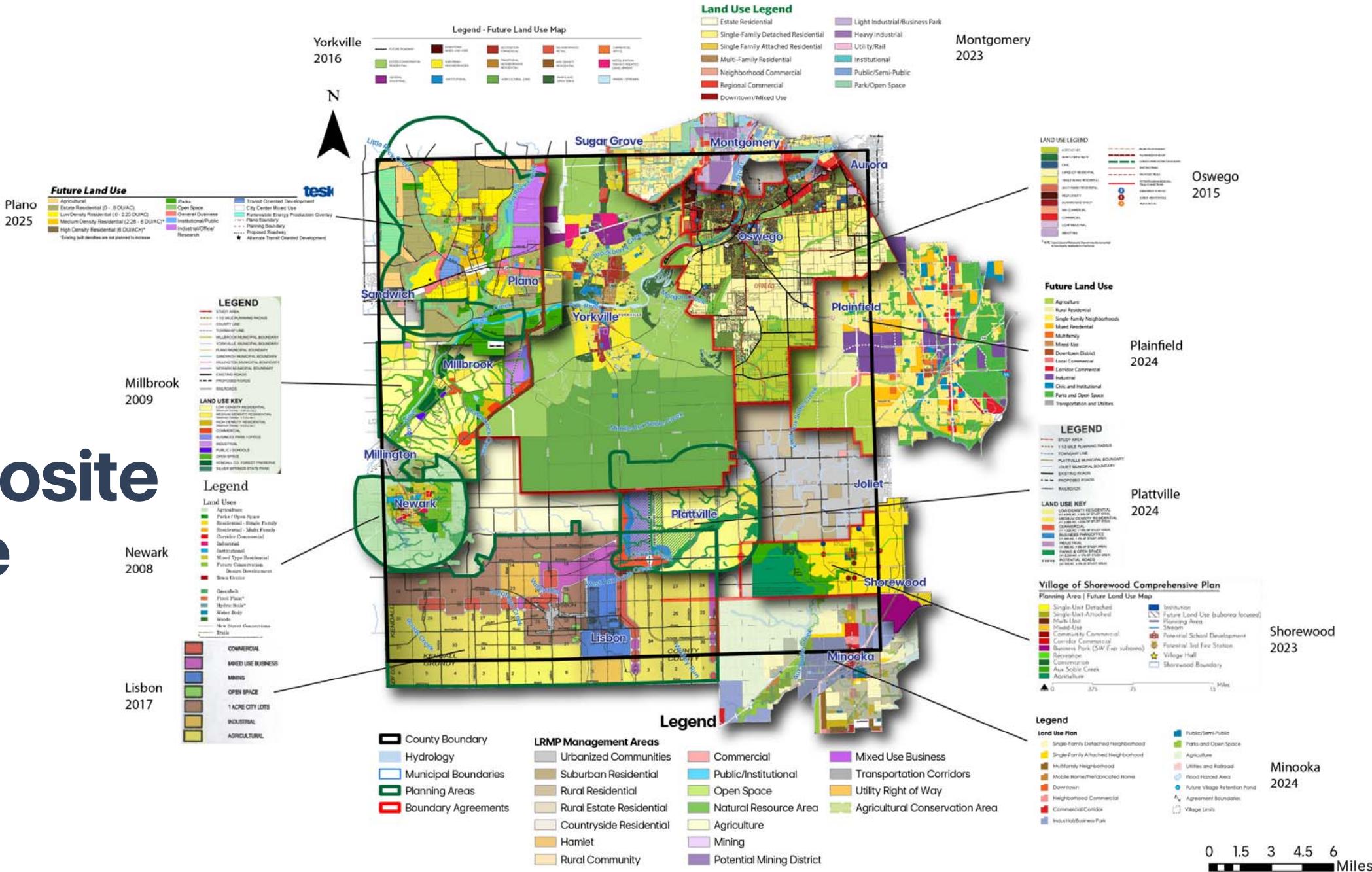
- Municipalities

Existing Land Use

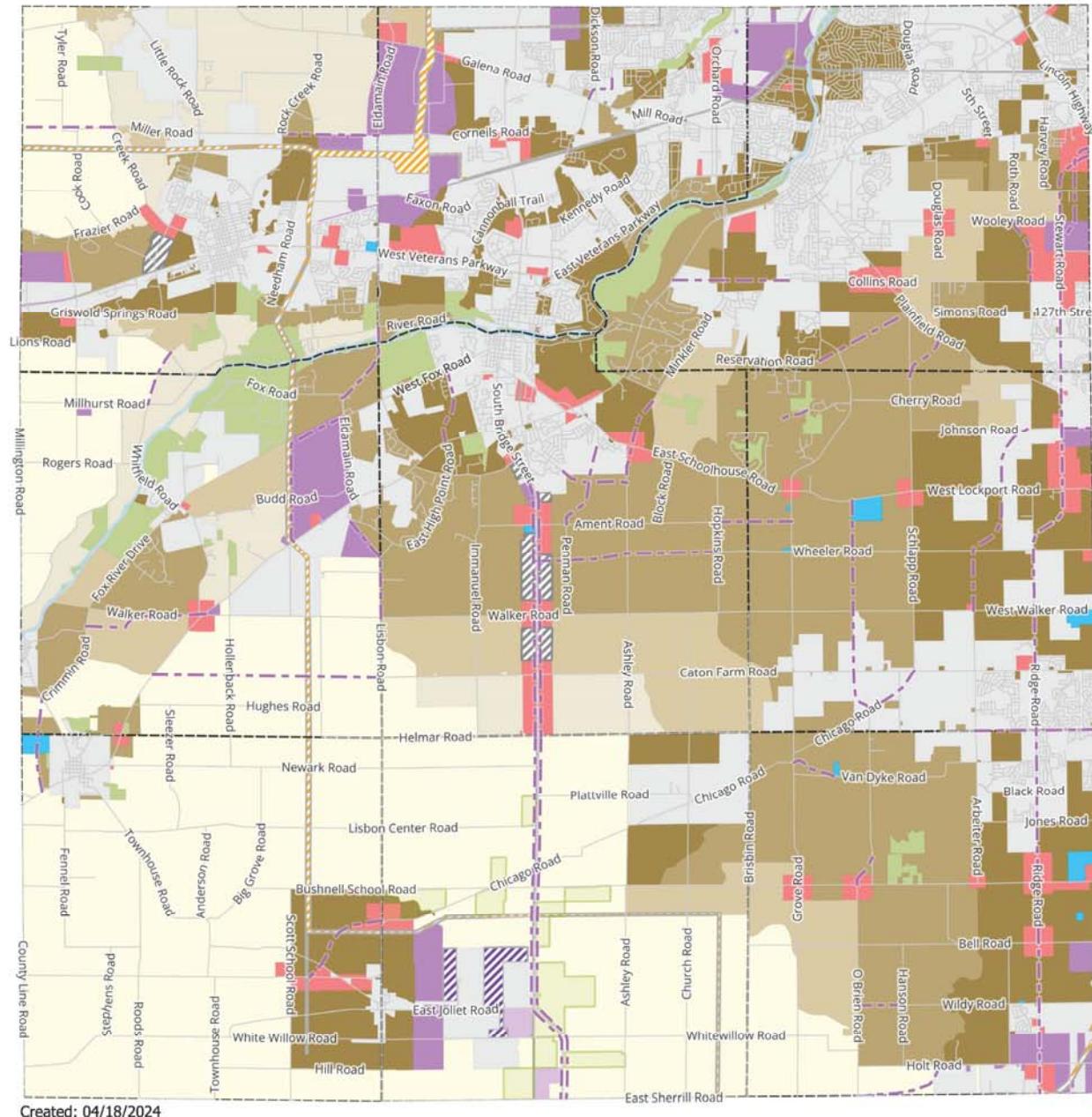
Composite Future Land Use Map

Newark
2008

Lisbon
2017

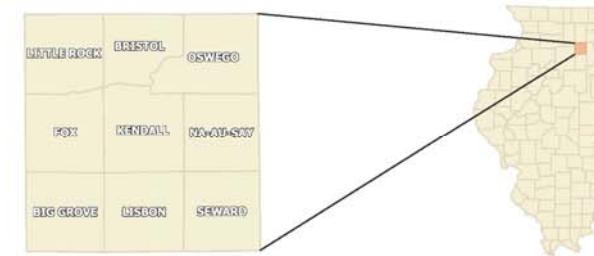


EXISTING FUTURE LAND USE KENDALL COUNTY



Land Resource Management Plan

- Proposed Roadway Improvements
- Townships
- LRMP Management Areas
 - Urbanized Communities
 - Suburban Residential
 - Rural Residential
 - Rural Estate Residential
 - Countryside Residential
 - Hamlet
 - Rural Community
 - Commercial
- Public / Institutional
- Open Space
- Natural Resource Area
- Agriculture
- Mining
- Mixed Use Business
- Potential Mining District
- Transportation Corridors
- Utility Right of Way
- Agricultural Conservation Area



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Yorkville, IL 60560
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Future Land Use Map

Land Use Category

White	Agricultural	Pink	Transportation Corridor
Green with dots	Agricultural Conservation	Purple	Industrial
Brown	Countryside Residential	Pink	Mining
Brown	Rural Estate Residential	Red with diagonal lines	Potential Mining District
Yellow	Rural Residential	Blue	Public Institutional
Yellow	Suburban Residential	Grey	Electric Transmission
Red	Commercial	Red with diagonal lines	Renewable Energy
Orange	Mixed Use Business	Green	Open Space
Light Green	Stream Corridor	Green with diagonal lines	Additional Open Space Opportunity

Roadway

Boundary

 County Municipal

— Other

Water Railroad

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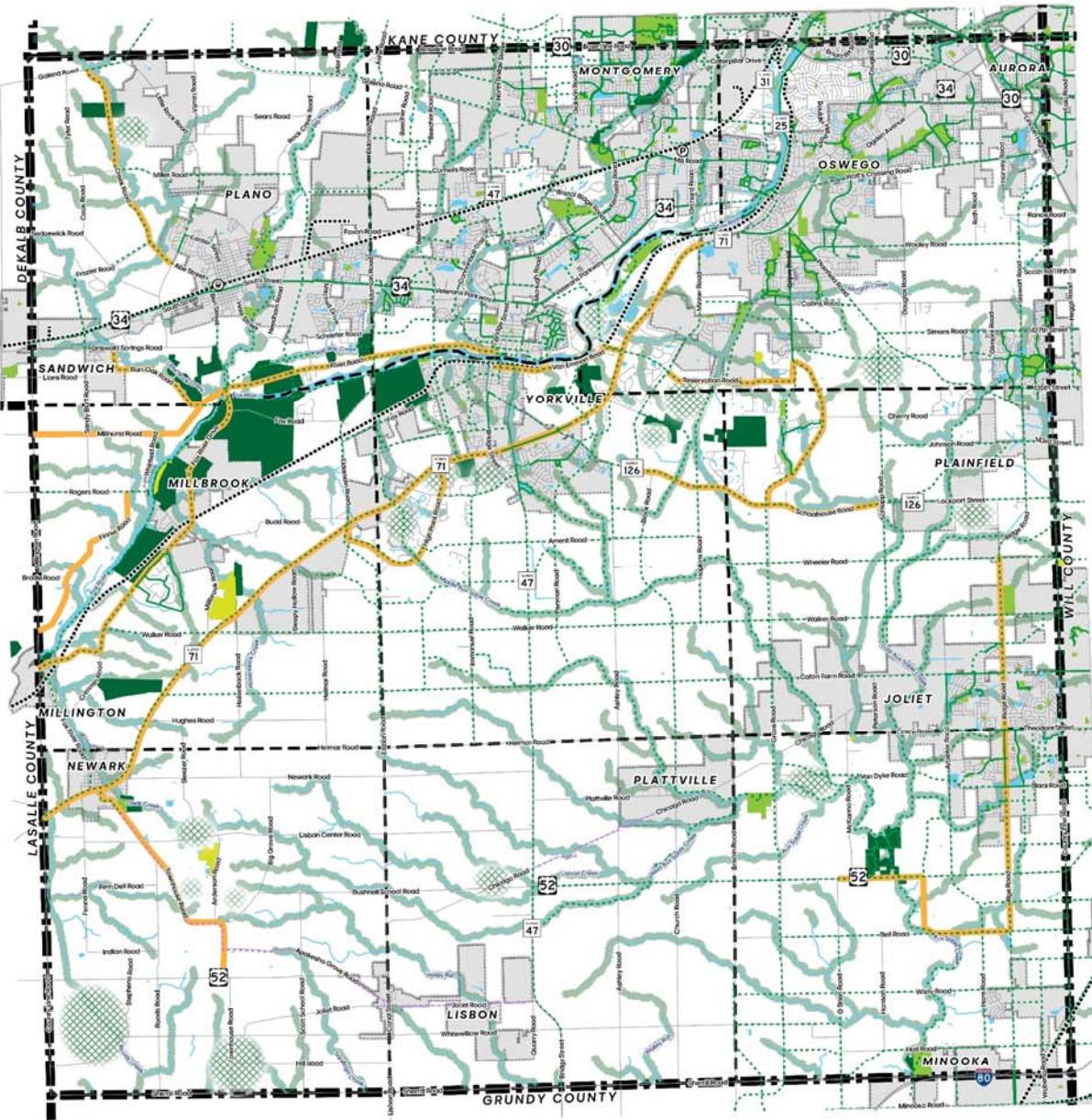


Future Land Use Comparison

Land Use Category	2026		2024	
	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent
Agricultural Conservation (Overlay)	3,315.0		3,198.5	
Agriculture	132,317.8	36.1%	92,270.6	25.1%
Countryside Residential	4,116.6	1.1%	17,822.7	4.8%
Rural Estate Residential	3,915.5	1.1%	23,467.3	6.4%
Rural Residential	62,826.5	17.1%	66,863.8	18.2%
Suburban Residential	31,926.1	8.7%	45,862.4	12.5%
Municipality	89,057.5	24.3%	84,115.3	22.9%
Commercial	5,182.5	1.4%	10,328.4	2.8%
Mixed Use Business *	645.8	0.2%	10,385.3	2.8%
Transportation Corridor	4,698.2	1.3%	1,175.9	0.3%
Industrial	8,823.4	2.4%		
Mining	469.9	0.1%	469.9	0.1%
Potential Mining District	835.6	0.2%	835.6	0.2%
Public / Institutional	1,648.1	0.4%	888.4	0.2%
Open Space	16,926.9	4.6%	8,712.4	2.4%
Utility Right of Way	3,902.0	1.1%	3,902.0	1.1%

Table 4.13 Comparison of Future Land Use Inventory of Kendall County (2026 vs 2024)

* Mixed Use Business now excludes industrial, which is classified separately



Recreational Open Space Opportunity Map

Open Space Type

- Forest Preserve / State Park
- Public Park
- Conservation Easement / Reserve
- Stream Corridor
- Additional Open Space Opportunity

Pathway and Route

- Existing Multi-Use Path
- Multi-Use Path Extension
- ... Bike Route Extension
- Scenic Route

Boundary

- County
- Township
- Municipal

Other

- Water
- Street
- ... Railroad

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Mobility & Connectivity

Roadway Network

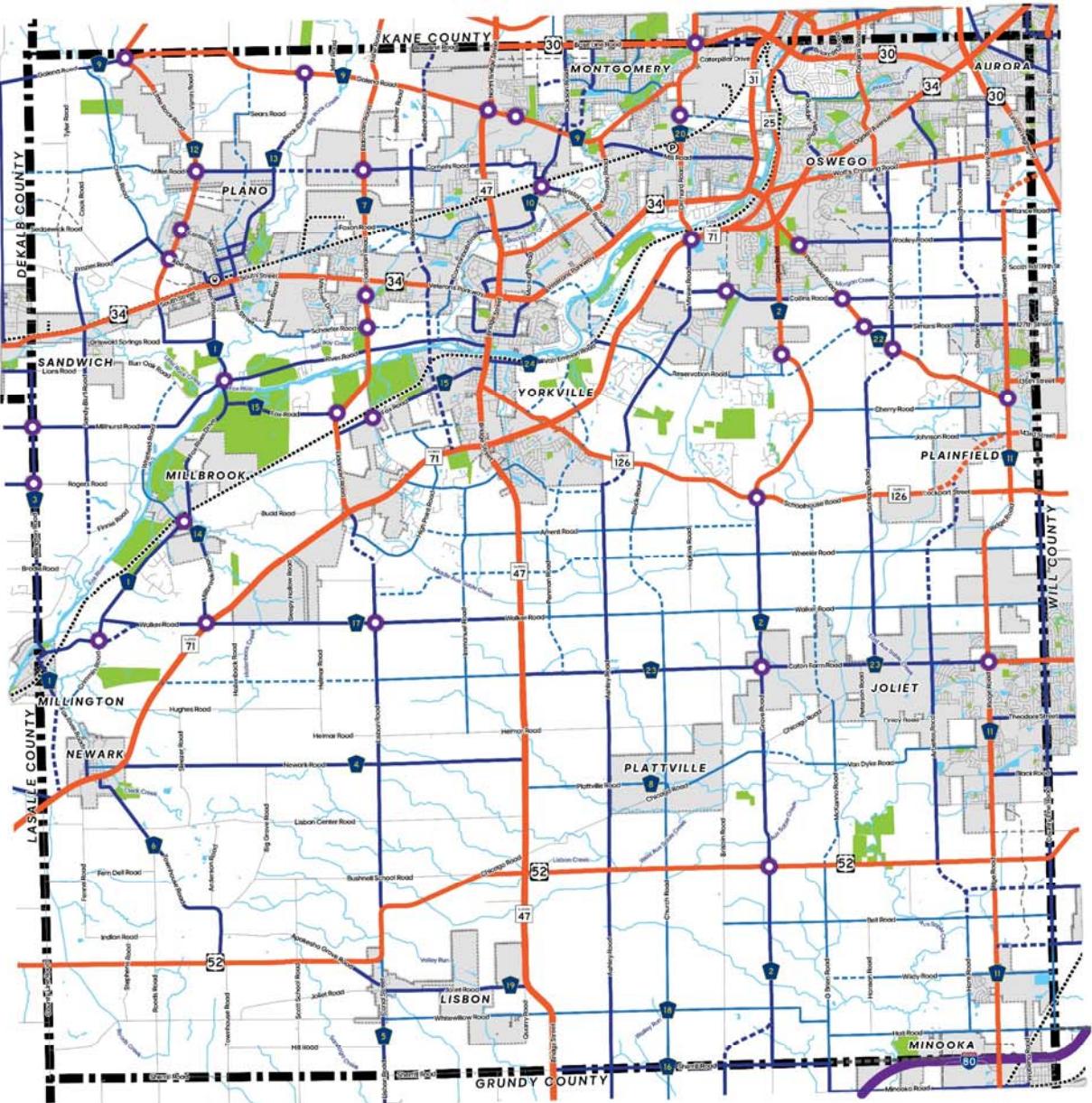
Truck Transportation

Rail Transportation

Air Transportation

Bus and Demand-Response Transit

Trails and Active Transportation



Future Roadway Plan

Roadway Functional Class

- Highway
- Arterial
- Major Collector
- Minor Collector
- Local
- Roadway Extension
- Intersection Improvement

Boundary

- County
- Municipal

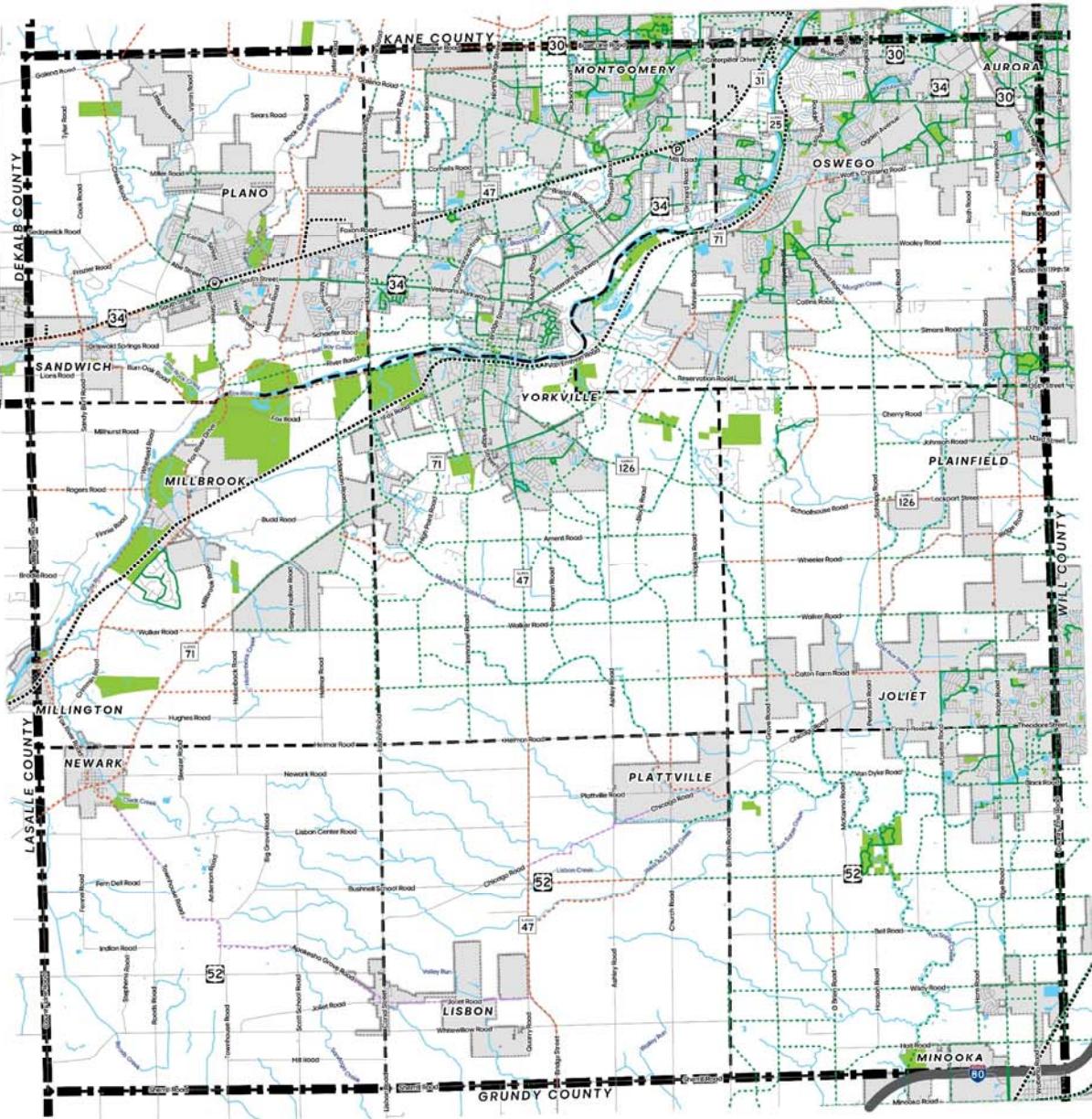
Other

- Water
- Park / Forest Preserve
- Railroad
- Railway Station
- Park-n-Ride Facility

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Future Trail Plan

Pathway

- Existing Multi-Use Path
- Multi-Use Path Extension (County Plan)
- Multi-Use Path Extension (Municipal Plan)
- Bike Route Extension (County Plan)

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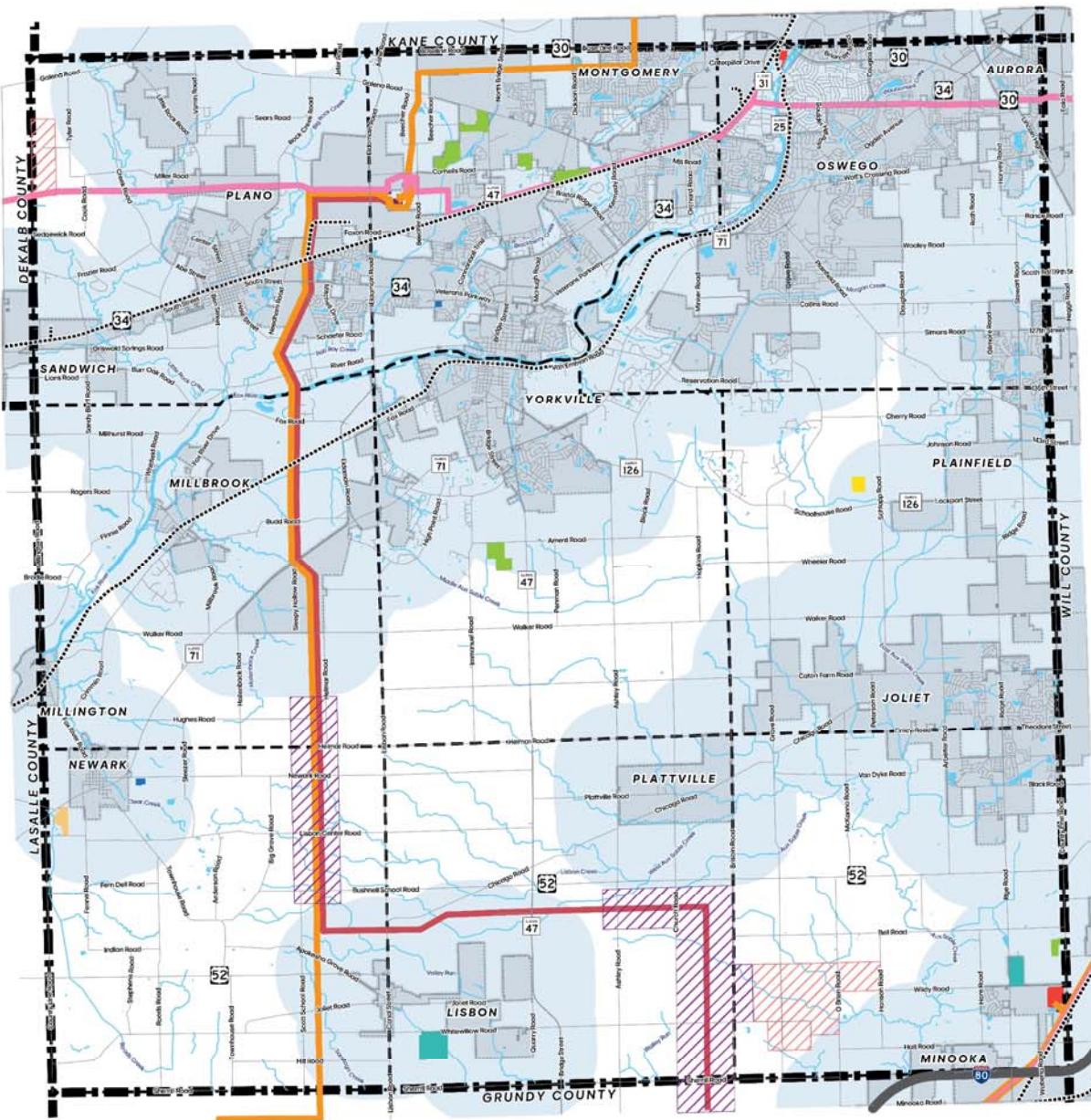
Energy & Water

Energy

Water Supply

Wastewater Treatment

Stormwater Management



Alternative Energy Opportunity Map

Solar Farm Development

Completed	Proposed
Under Construction	Opportunity (Municipal)
Approved	Opportunity (County)

Electric Transmission Infrastructure

Power Plant	Substation
138 Kilovolts Transmission Line	
345 Kilovolts Transmission Line	
765 Kilovolts Transmission Line	

Boundary

County	Township
Municipal	1.5-Mile Planning Area

Other

Water	Street
Railroad	

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Economic Prosperity

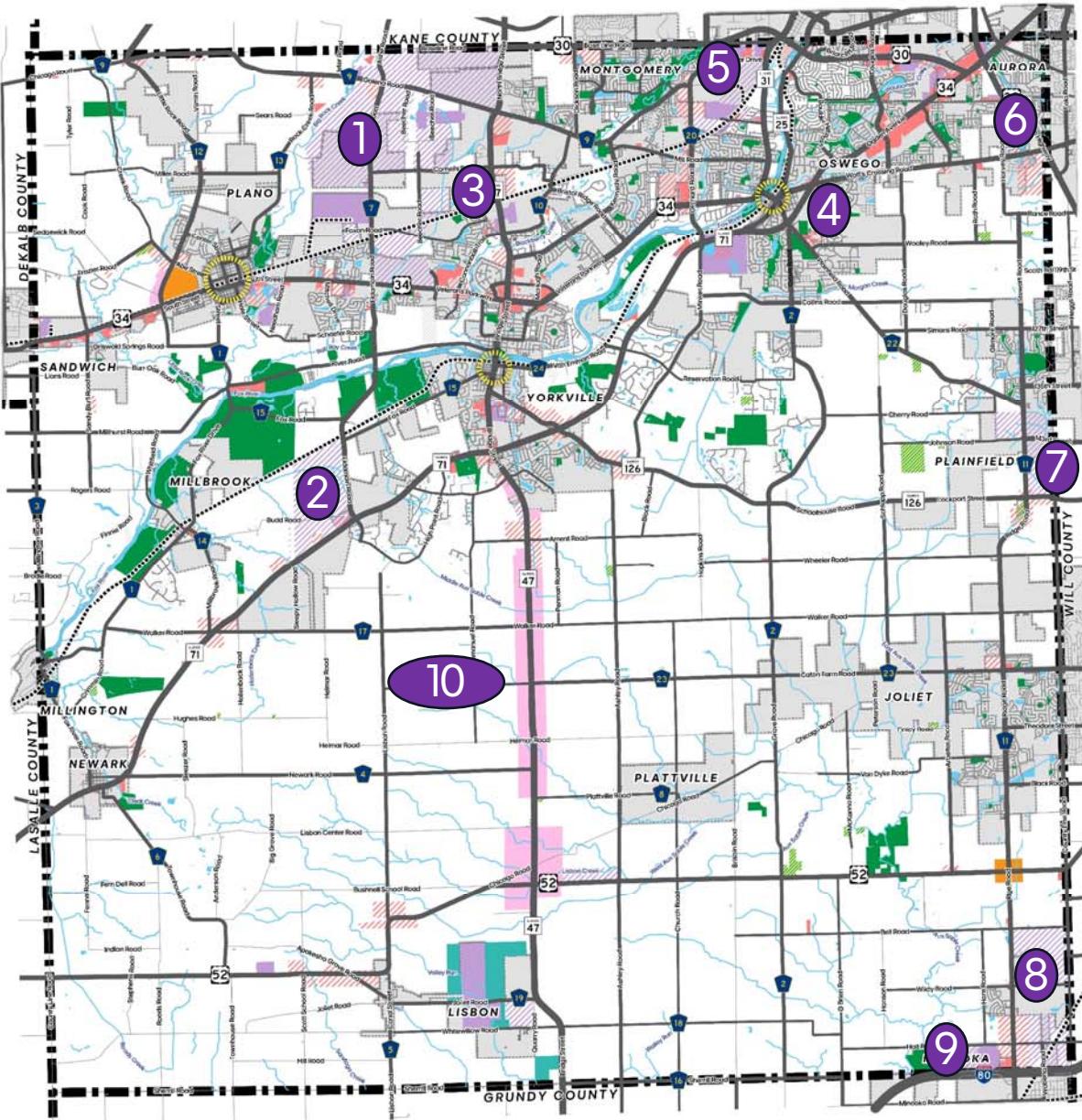
Industry

Goods & Services

Tourism

Industrial Opportunity Areas

1. Eldamain Corridor
2. Route 71 and Eldamain
3. Route 47 & BN (Wrigley, Yorkville Business Center)
4. Stonehill Drive Corridor
5. The Grid and Environs
6. Route 30 & Treasure Drive
7. Ridge Road North/Plainfield
8. Ridge Road South/Minooka
9. I-80 Corridor
10. Central Route 47 Transportation Corridor



Economic Development Opportunity Map

Existing Land Use Category

- Commercial (Red)
- Industrial (Purple)
- Mining (Teal)
- AgriTourism (Green)
- Downtown Area (Yellow)

Matching Hatch Patterns Represent Planned or Under Construction

Future Land Use Category

- Mixed Use Business (Orange)
- Transportation Corridor (Pink)

Roadway

- Highway (Thick Black)
- Collector (Medium Black)
- Arterial (Thin Black)
- Local (Grey)

Boundary

- County (Dashed)
- Municipal (Light Grey)

Other

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- Open Space (Green)
- Railroad (Dashed)

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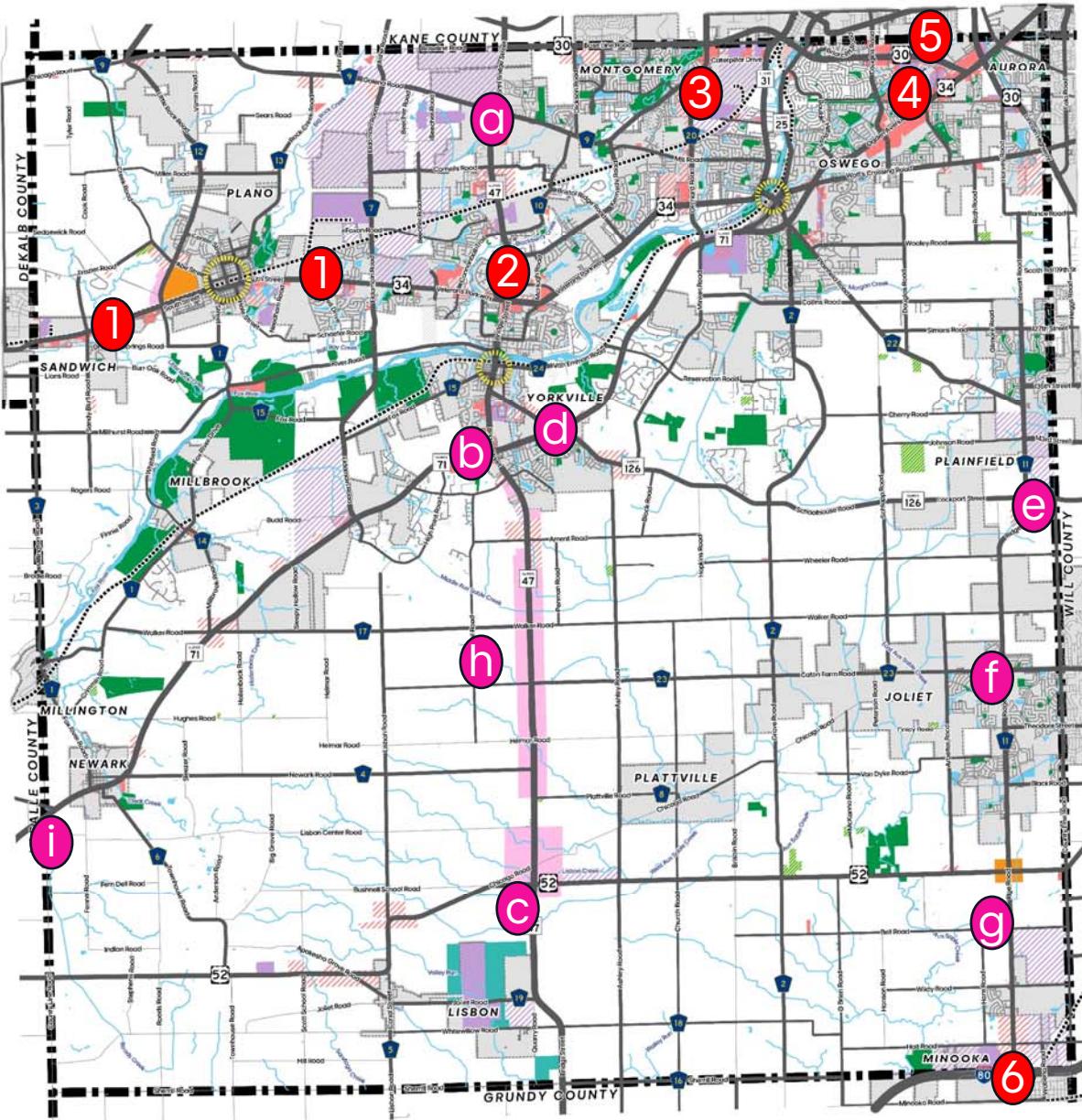
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Major Regional Retail Opportunities

1. Route 34 West
2. Route 47 and Route 34
3. Orchard Road
4. Route 34 East
5. Route 30
6. Ridge & I-80

Minor Regional Retail Opportunities

- a. Route 47 and Galena
- b. Route 47 and Route 71
- c. Route 47 and Route 52
- d. Route 126 and Route 71
- e. Route 126 and Ridge
- f. Ridge and Caton Farm
- g. Ridge and 52
- h. Route 47 South/Central at Key Intersections
- i. Newark



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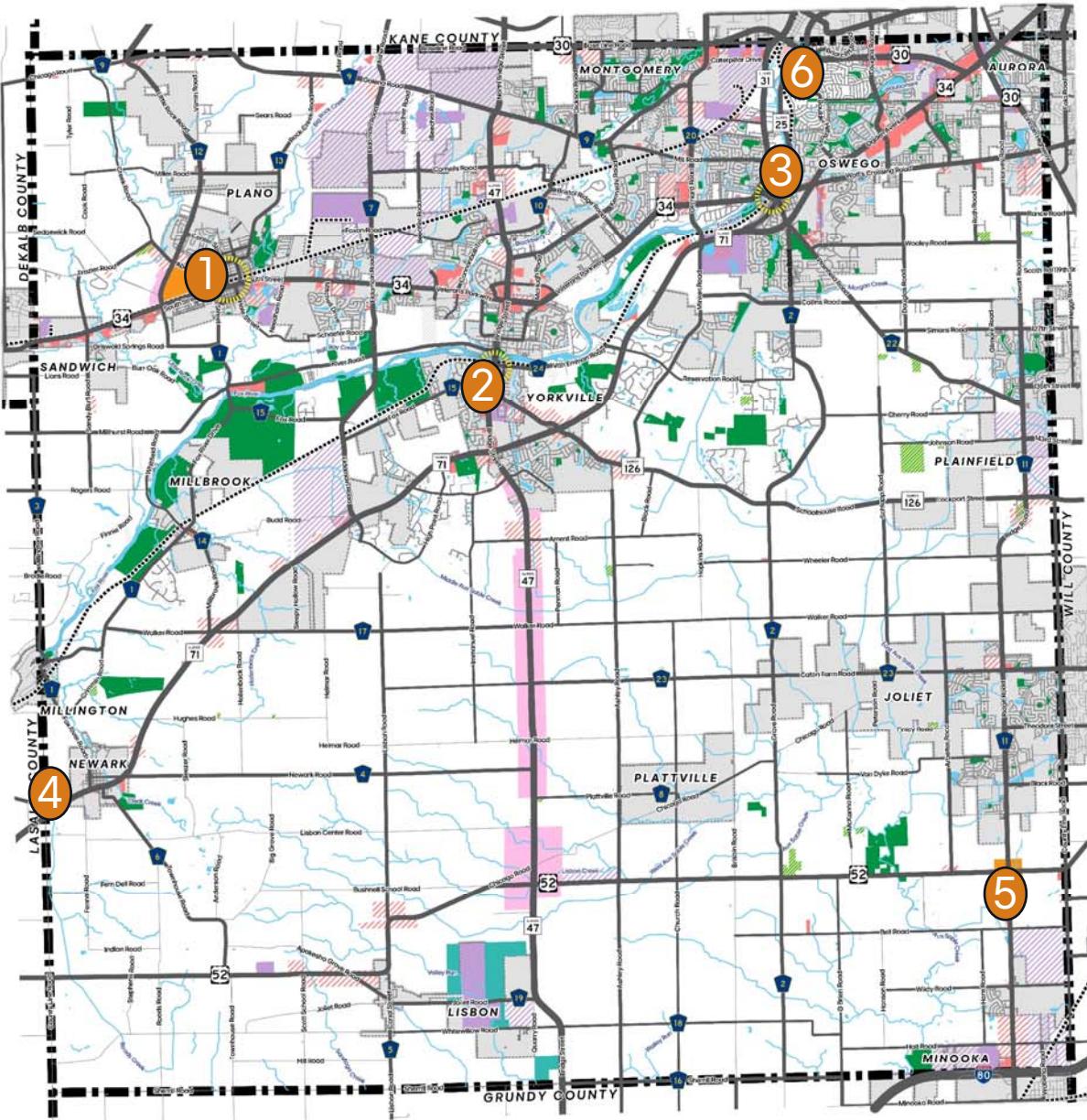
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Downtown/ Mixed Use Opportunities

1. Plano
2. Yorkville
3. Oswego
4. Newark
5. Ridge and 52
6. Boulder Hill Market



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Tourism Opportunities

Agritourism and Attractions

1. Woody's Orchard
2. Keller Farms
3. Heap's Giant Pumpkin Farm
4. Gilted Edge Winery
5. Aranmore Farm + Polo Club

Banquet Facilities

1. Meadowhawk Lodge
2. Pickerell House
3. Ellis House
4. Kendall County Fair Grounds (The Venue)
5. Ashley Farm (9111 Ashley Rd., Yorkville)
6. Heartland Farm (5438 S. Schlapp Rd. Oswego)
7. Venue 5126 (5126 Stephens Rd. Oswego)
8. The Gaylord House
9. The Homestead (611 E. Main St., Plano)
10. Northfork Farm (1998 Johnson Rd., Oswego)
11. Whitetail Ridge Golf Club
12. Brighter Daze Farm (10978 Crimmins Rd., Newark)
13. Mathre 1916 (13889 Hughes Rd., Newark)

Indoor Entertainment Venues

1. Altitude Trampoline Park, Oswego
2. White Tail Ridge Golf Dome, Oswego
3. Sport Zone, Montgomery
4. GoPro Sports Dome

Recreational Amenities

1. The Fox River
2. Marge Cline Whitewater Course
3. Silver Springs State Fish & Wildlife Area
4. Forest Preserves
 1. Jay Woods
 2. Maramech
 3. Little Rock Creek
 4. Subat
 5. Fox River Bluffs
 6. Hoover
 7. Harris
 8. Richard Young
 9. Lyons
 10. Pickerell
 11. Reservation Woods
 12. Henneberry
 13. Millbrook North
 14. Millbrook South
 15. Shuh Suba Gah
 16. Millington
 17. Newark
 18. Ellis Equestrian Center
 19. Baker Woods
 20. Blackberry Creek
5. Fox River Trail
6. Fox Paintball (10389 Fox Dr., Newark)
7. Paint Pursuit Games (2940 Van Dyke Rd., Minooka)

8. Whitetail Ridge Golf Course
9. Blackberry Oaks Golf Course
10. Fox Bend Golf Course
11. Cedardell Golf Club
12. Raging Waves
13. Fox Valley YMCA (Plano)
14. Fox Valley YMCA East

Lodging Facilities

1. Hampton (Yorkville)
2. Holiday Inn Express (Yorkville)
3. Super 8 (Yorkville)
4. Opal Banquets and Hotel (577 E. Kendall Drive)
5. The Montcler (Sandwich)
6. AmericInn (Oswego)
7. Best Western (Oswego)
8. The Homestead 1854, Plano

Museums

1. Little White School Museum
2. Chapel on the Green
3. Plano Historical Society Museum
4. Edith Farnsworth House
5. Ferndell
6. Kendall County Historical Society at Lyon Farm

Implementation

Strategies

Coordination & Partnerships

Tools (Ordinances, Grants, Legislation, etc.)

What's Next?

- Public Preview at Annual Meeting – **Feb. 7th**
- Steering Committee Meeting – **Feb. 25th**
- **5 Open House Workshops – Feb., March**
- Steering Committee Recommendation – **March 25th**
- Public Hearing – **April 22nd?**

Southeast	Central	Southwest	Northeast	Northwest
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feb. 26th• Ellis House Forest Preserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. 5th• Kendall Township Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. 11th• Newark Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. 12th• Oswego Township Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. 18th• Plano Library



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