The Fox River Corridor Plan
Villages of Algonquin and Carpentersville, Illinois

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Livable Communities

Human Capital

Efficient Governance

Regional Mobility
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

ADOPT
Water Conservation

MANAGE
Stormwater
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

OPTIMIZE
Water Sources

CREATE
Livable Communities

MANAGE AND CONSERVE WATER AND ENERGY RESOURCES
Local Technical Assistance Program

- Locally-led process
- Focus on public engagement
- Data-driven recommendations
- 18-month process involving several CMAP staff
Background | Project Origins

- Algonquin and Carpentersville submitted joint application to CMAP
- Both Villages had recent subarea plans through LTA
- Both plans recommended utilizing the river for downtown placemaking, recreation, and business attraction
- Project kicked off in July 2014
Background | Existing Plans

- Recent Downtown and Old Town plans see the Fox River as key asset.
- Both seek vibrant, mixed-use, walkable downtown development.
- Several additional comprehensive plans, park plans, TIF districts, and studies.
Background | Study Area

- Parcels directly adjoining the Fox River
- Prairie/Fox River Trail
- Parts of Downtown Algonquin and Old Town Carpentersville
Context | Prairie Trail
Downtown Algonquin
PROCESS | PUBLIC OUTREACH

Public Kickoff: July 2014
Existing Conditions Report: January 2015
Visioning Workshop: January 2015
Recommendations Memo: May 2015
Draft Plan: October 2015
Adoption (Algonquin): December 2015
Adoption (Carpentersville): February 2016
EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT

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Governance Structure
Demographics
Land Use and Development
Transportation and Circulation
Natural Resources and the Environment
FOX RIVER CORRIDOR PLAN
VISION
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A Connected Fox River
A Recreational Fox River
A Natural Fox River
A Clean Fox River
A Vibrant Fox River
FOX RIVER CORRIDOR PLAN
NATURAL RESOURCES & THE ENVIRONMENT
Pursue collaborative environmental improvement efforts

Support removal of Carpentersville Dam
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OPEN SPACE & RECREATION
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Plan for changes to the site of Carpentersville Dam
Explore the addition of new recreational amenities
Improve canoe and kayak launches and portages
Support motorized boating north of Algonquin Dam
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TRANSPORTATION & CIRCULATION
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Connect local bicycle trails to the regional network

Advocate for Corridor needs in Longmeadow Parkway process

Invest in walkability
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PLACEMAKING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Pursue downtown economic development

Draw people to the Fox River through programming and open space

Market the Fox River Corridor as a paddling destination

Develop signage and wayfinding
FUTURE AND ONGOING PLANS

Fox River Water Trail
http://foxriverecosystem.org/trail.htm

Fox River Plan II
LTA plan with McHenry County
ON TO 2050

Metropolitan Chicago’s Next Comprehensive Regional Plan

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THANK YOU

Plan available at www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs-and-resources/lta/fox-river

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