



# 2020 State of the County

**JOLIET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**DENISE WINFREY**

**WILL COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**OCTOBER 7, 2020**

Lawrence M. Walsh  
March 3, 1948 – June 3, 2020  
Will County Executive 2004-2020



# CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

(COVID-19)



**You can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses with these actions:**

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth.
- Practice social distancing by putting space between yourself & others.
- Wash hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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County Government Adapts



**Social Distancing**



**6ft**



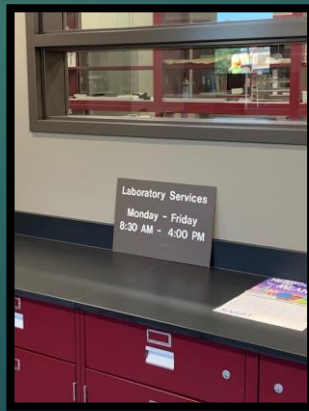
**During This Pandemic We Are Requiring  
All Visitors To Wear A Mask And  
Maintain A Distance Of Six Feet In  
Order To Stay In Accordance With The  
Governor's Social Distancing Mandate.**

**Thank You For Your Cooperation!**



# Workforce Center of Will County








# Will County Health Department





# Land Use Department




**Will County Land Use Department Public Portal**  
Apply, pay, request, and view information regarding permits online.

[Sign Up or Log In](#)  
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Will County IL

support: 815-774-3321  
building@willcountylanduse.com




**My Portal**  
Apply, view & pay for permits-  
Schedule inspections

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**IMPORTANT UPDATES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 - PLEASE SEE THE DOCUMENTS SECTION BELOW**

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**Other services**



Reports



Documents

## Land Use Department

69 percent of building permits were completed online.

March 2020 – August 2020

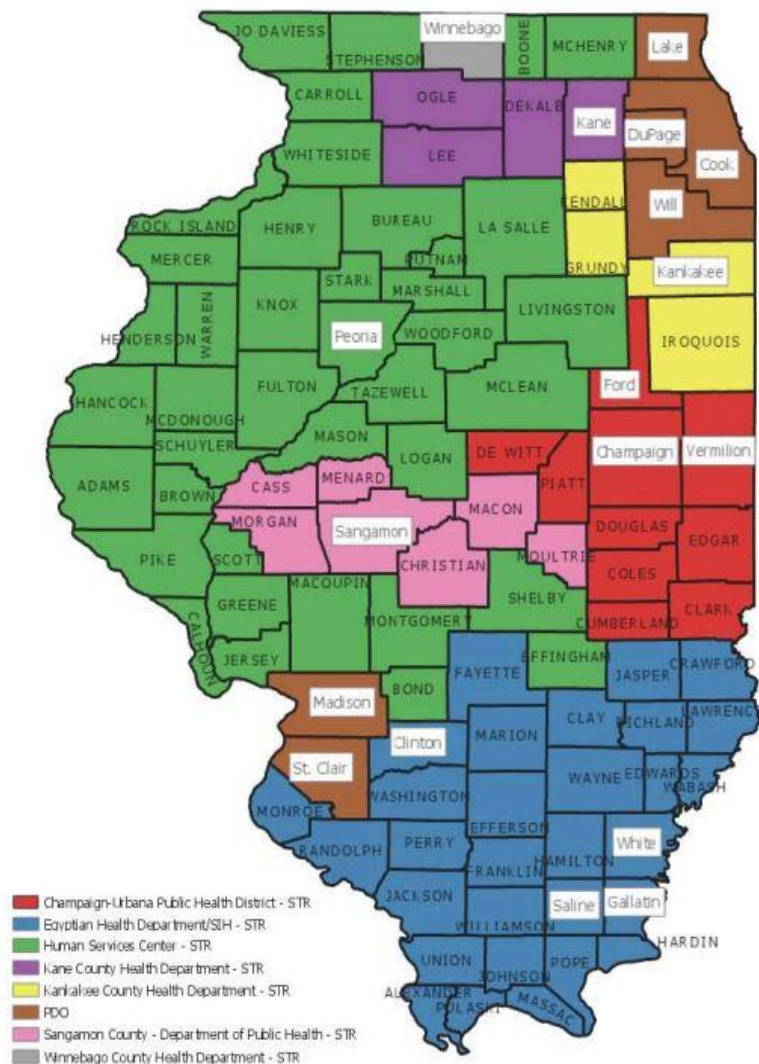


29 percent

# Illinois Overdose Prevention Programs (IDHS/DASA)

## Substance Use Initiatives

Committed to addressing  
opioid overdose death &  
misuse for 10 years.





# Substance Use Initiatives

## **Key Accomplishments:**

- ▶ Rapid Response Naloxone Program
- ▶ Trained officers in all 23 police departments & Will County Sheriff
- ▶ Established Recovery Coach Training Program

# CARES

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act



[www.willcountyillinois.com/CARES-Act](http://www.willcountyillinois.com/CARES-Act)

**\$120.5 million to Will County**

**\$33 million to county government**

**\$33 million for local governments**

**\$24 million for small businesses**

**\$12 million for local households**

**\$ 6 million for nonprofit agencies**



**Participation encouraged to reflect diversity of Will County**

**Determines county's portion of federal funding**

**Ensures equitable congressional representation**



# Diversity & Inclusion



# Capital Improvements

# Animal Control

2019



- Four animal control officers
- 1,337 animal-related residents' complaints
- 1,411 animal bites investigated
- 683 stray animals processed



# Emergency Management Agency



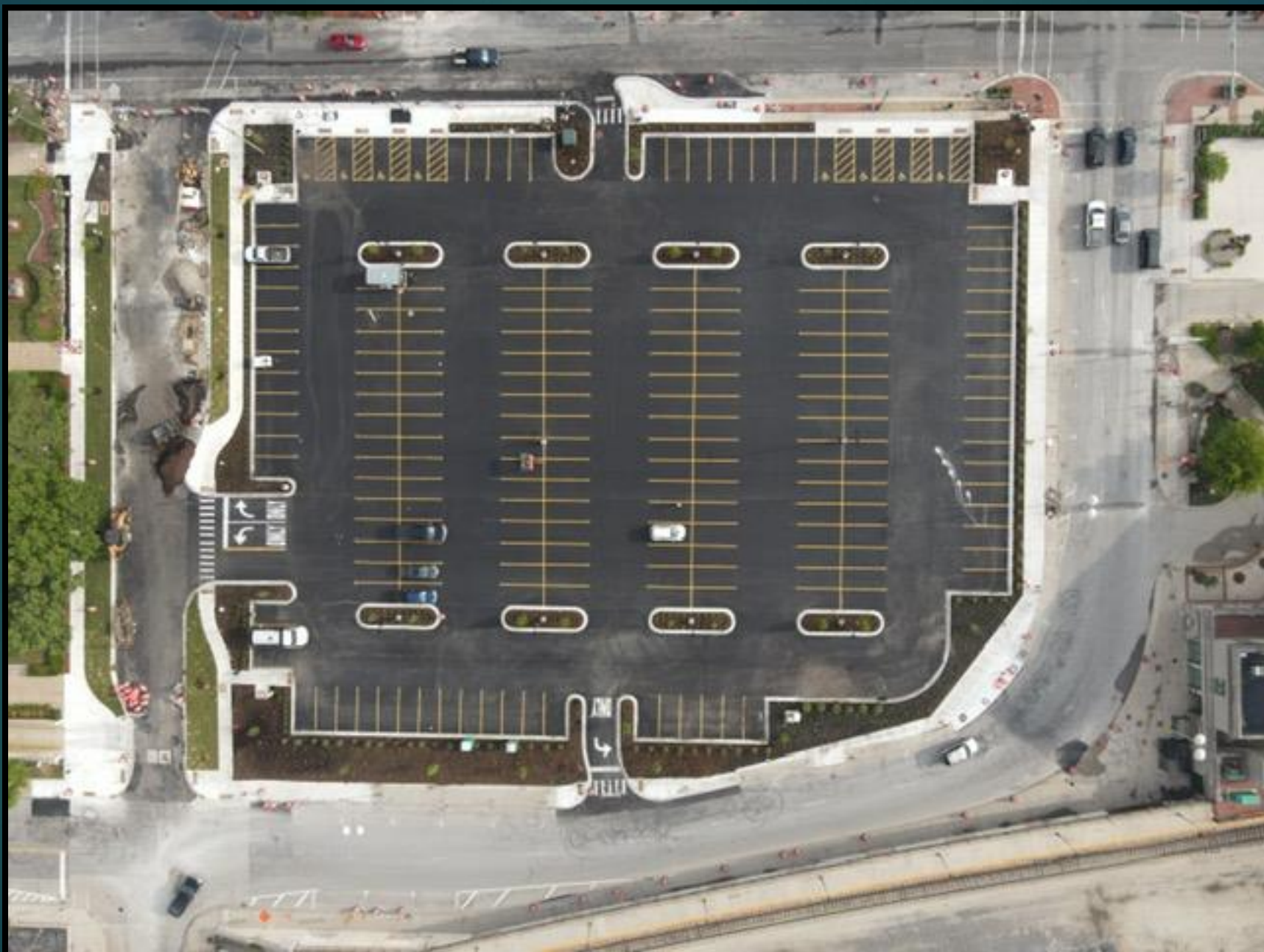
- 11,000 square feet
- 9,000 square feet garage space
- 900 square feet of training space
- Offer training in-house and for other agencies

# Will County Courthouse

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# Child Advocacy Center & Storage for Clerk's Office







# Transportation



SEPTEMBER, 2017

# Will County Community Friendly Freight Mobility Plan

SUMMARY



WILL COUNTY  
COMMUNITY FRIENDLY  
FREIGHT MOBILITY PLAN

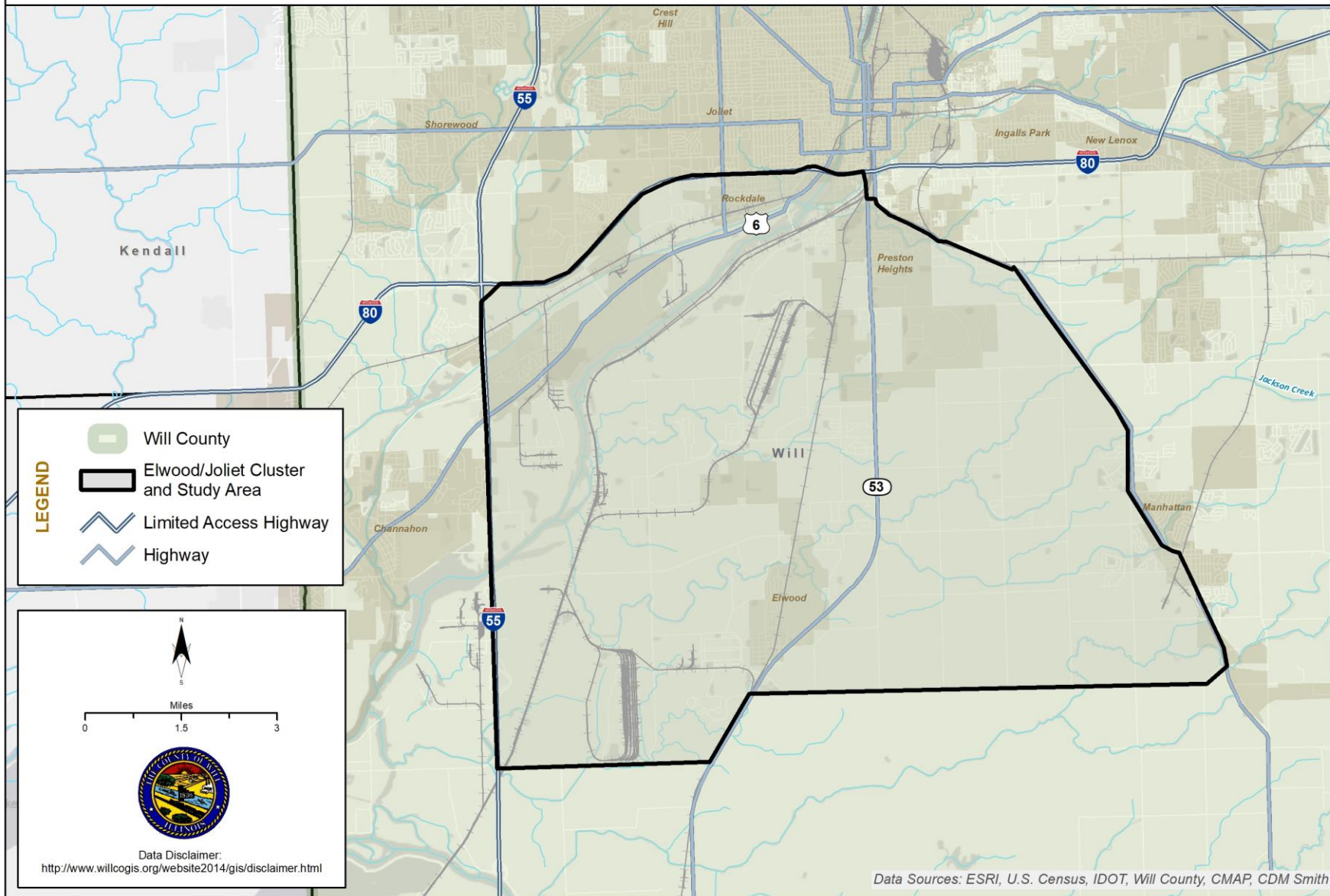


**CED** WILL COUNTY  
CENTER FOR  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Key objectives for this plan include:

- Understand freight economy to secure funding & economic opportunities
- Rank projects to make informed funding decisions
- Integrate current plans with long range transportation plans
- Identify priority freight corridors
- Create a common voice among stakeholders

# Will County Joliet Intermodal Transportation Master Plan Study Area





## Will County Joliet Intermodal Transportation Master Plan Study

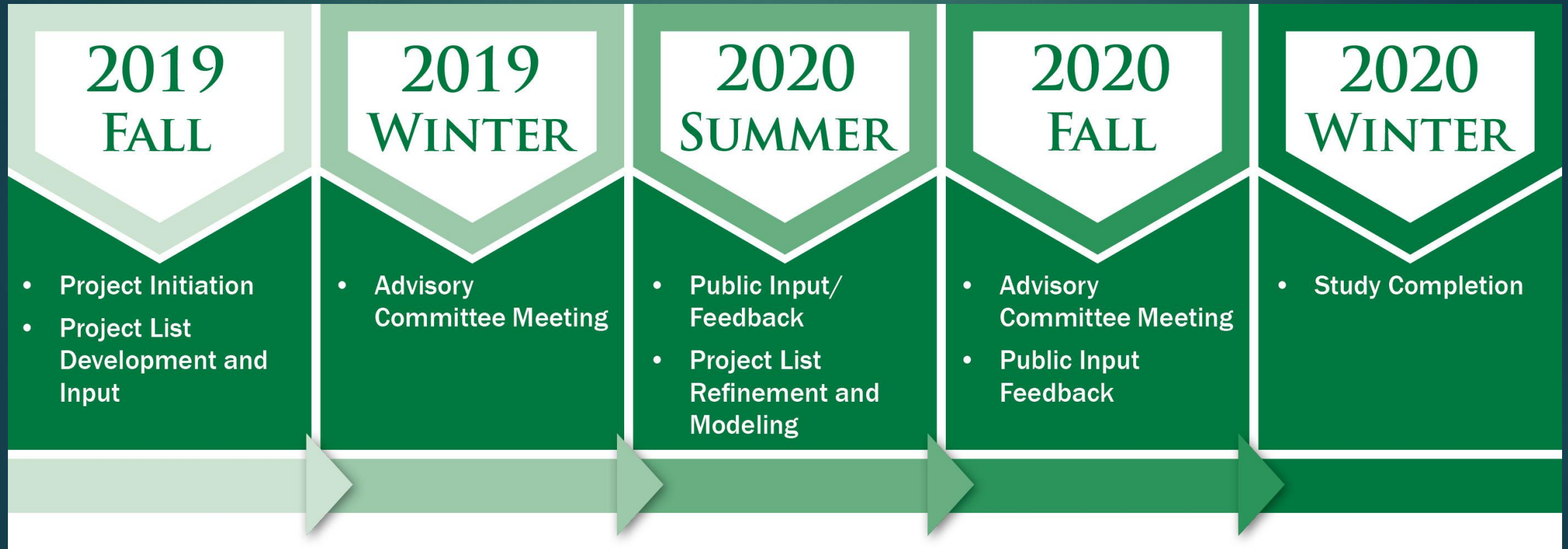
List of potential projects across Elwood/Joliet sub region

Partners include:





[www.JolietWillCountyIntermodal.org](http://www.JolietWillCountyIntermodal.org)





## **MOVING WILL COUNTY**

*TRUCK ROUTING + LAND USE*



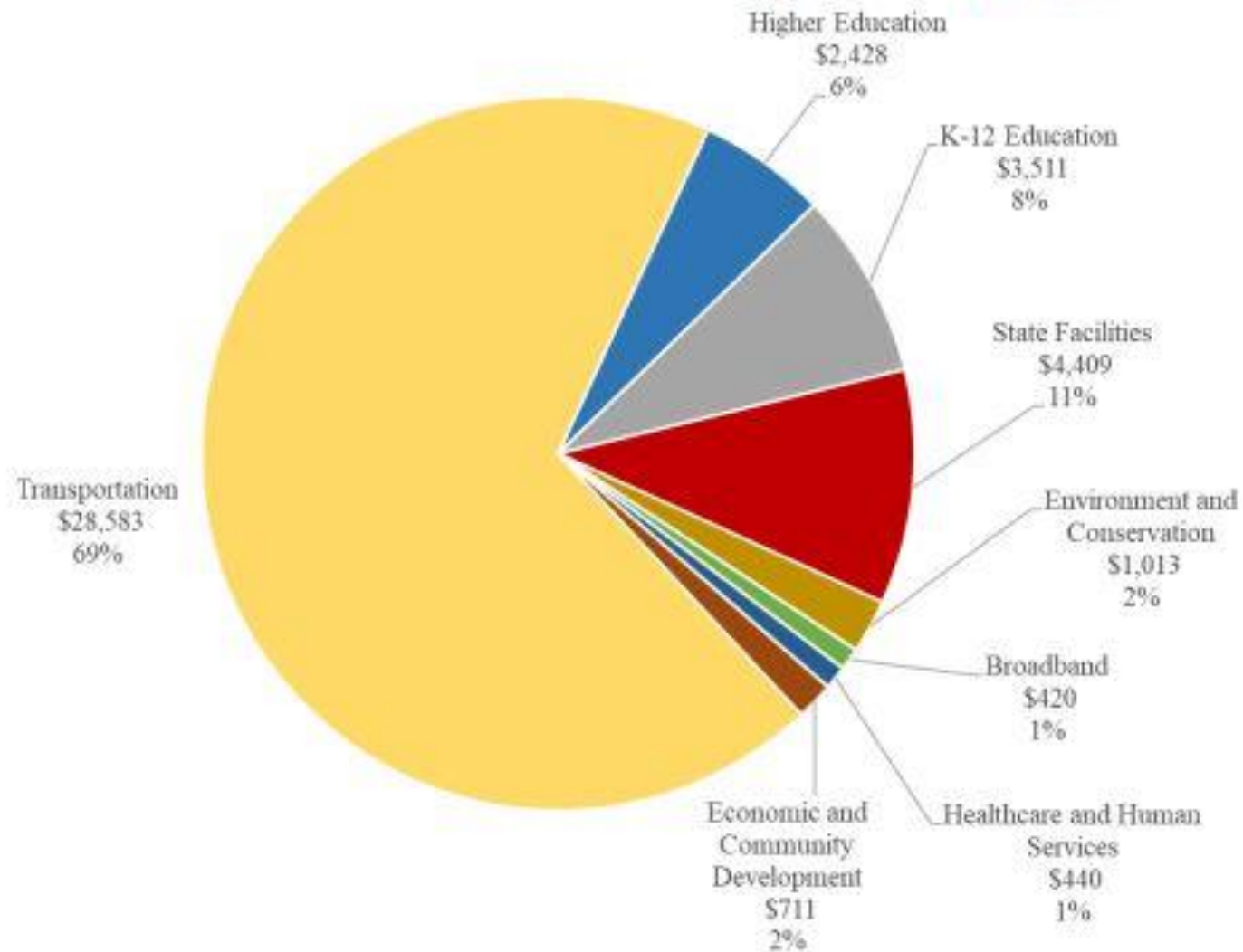
### **MOVING WILL COUNTY TIMELINE**



[www.willcountyfreight.org](http://www.willcountyfreight.org)



## Rebuild Illinois by Category

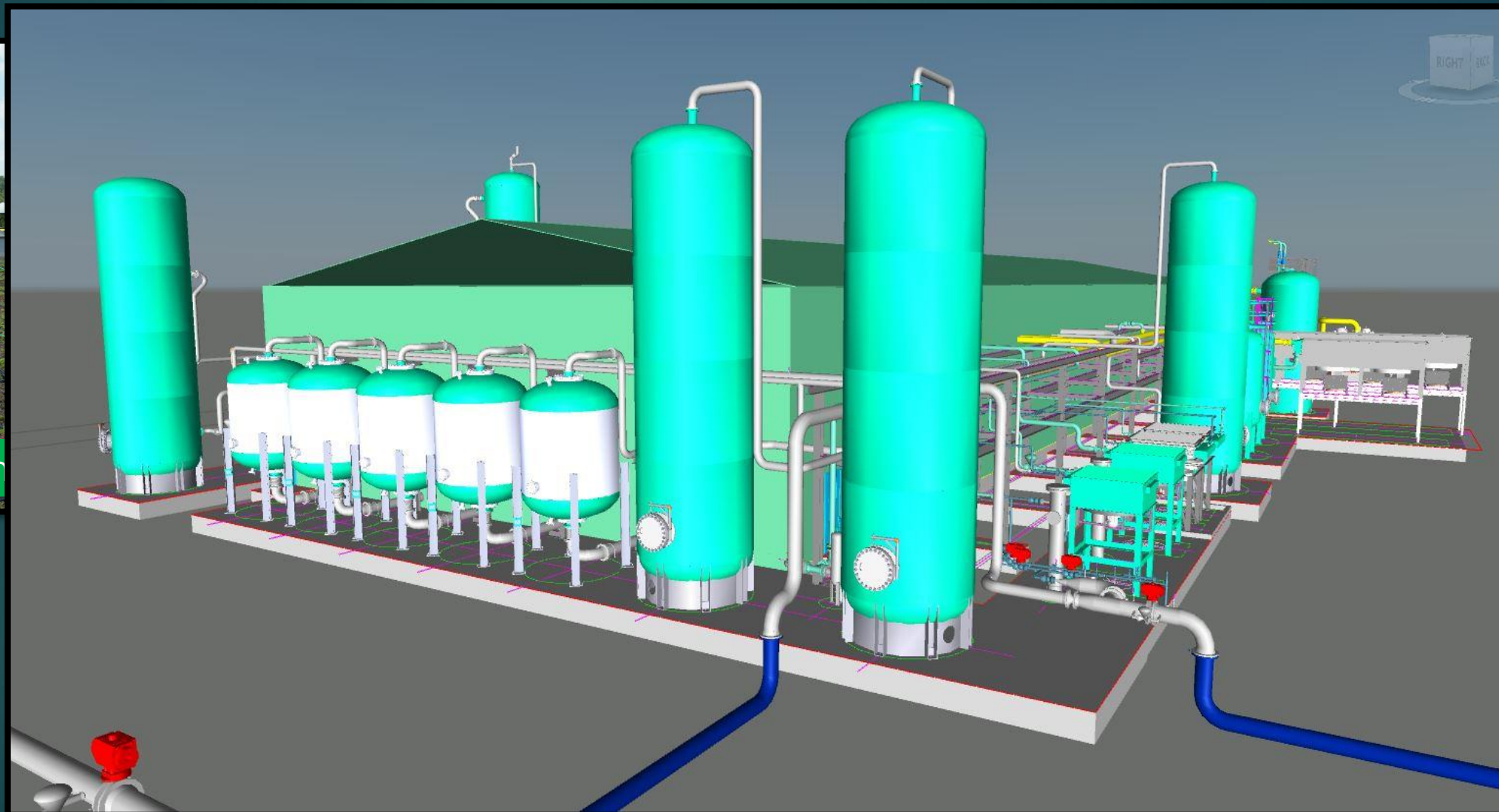






Project	Amount
<b>I-80</b> Reconstruction of 16 miles of roadway, construction of two new bridges over the Des Plaines River	<b>\$1.2 billion</b>
<b>I-55</b> Airport/Lockport Road at IL 126 in Romeoville	<b>\$181.4 million</b>
<b>I-55</b> IL 129 to Lorenzo Road, East and West Frontage Roads from Kavanaugh Road to Lorenzo Road	<b>\$148.7 million</b>
<b>US 52 (Jefferson Street)</b> River Road to Houbolt Road	<b>\$113.2 million</b>
<b>IL 53 (Chicago Street)</b> US 52 to Arsenal Road	<b>\$50 million</b>

# WILL COUNTY IS GREEN





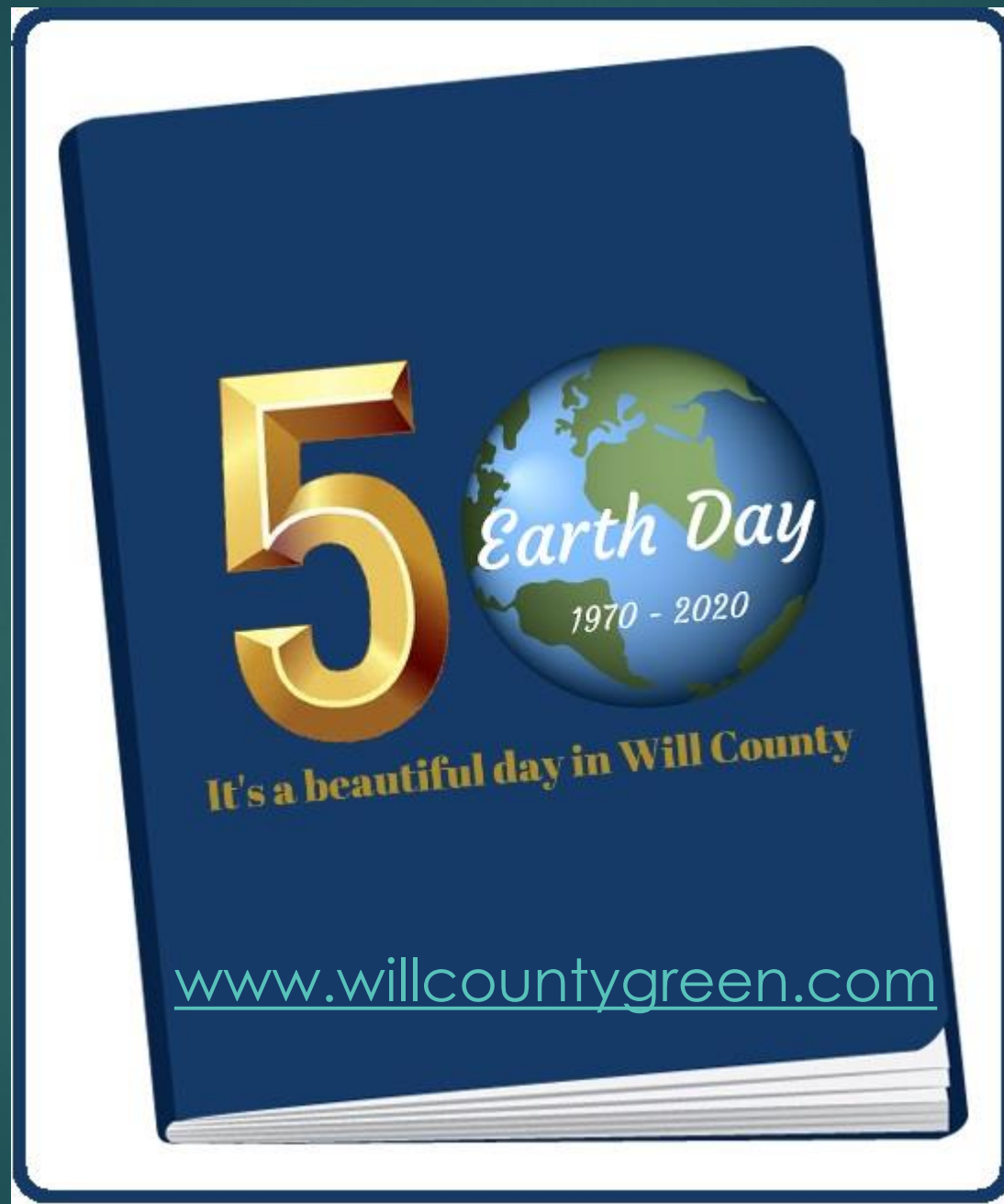
## 8 permanent electronic recycling sites

- \*Bolingbrook
- \*Channahon
- \*Frankfort Township
- \*Lockport
- \*Manhattan Township
- \*New Lenox Township
- \*Peotone
- \*Wilmington

## One day Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

- \*Chemicals
- \*Batteries
- \*Automotive Fluids
- \*Aerosol Products
- \*CFL (compact fluorescent lights)
- \*Medications
- \*Propane Tanks
- \*Thermostats









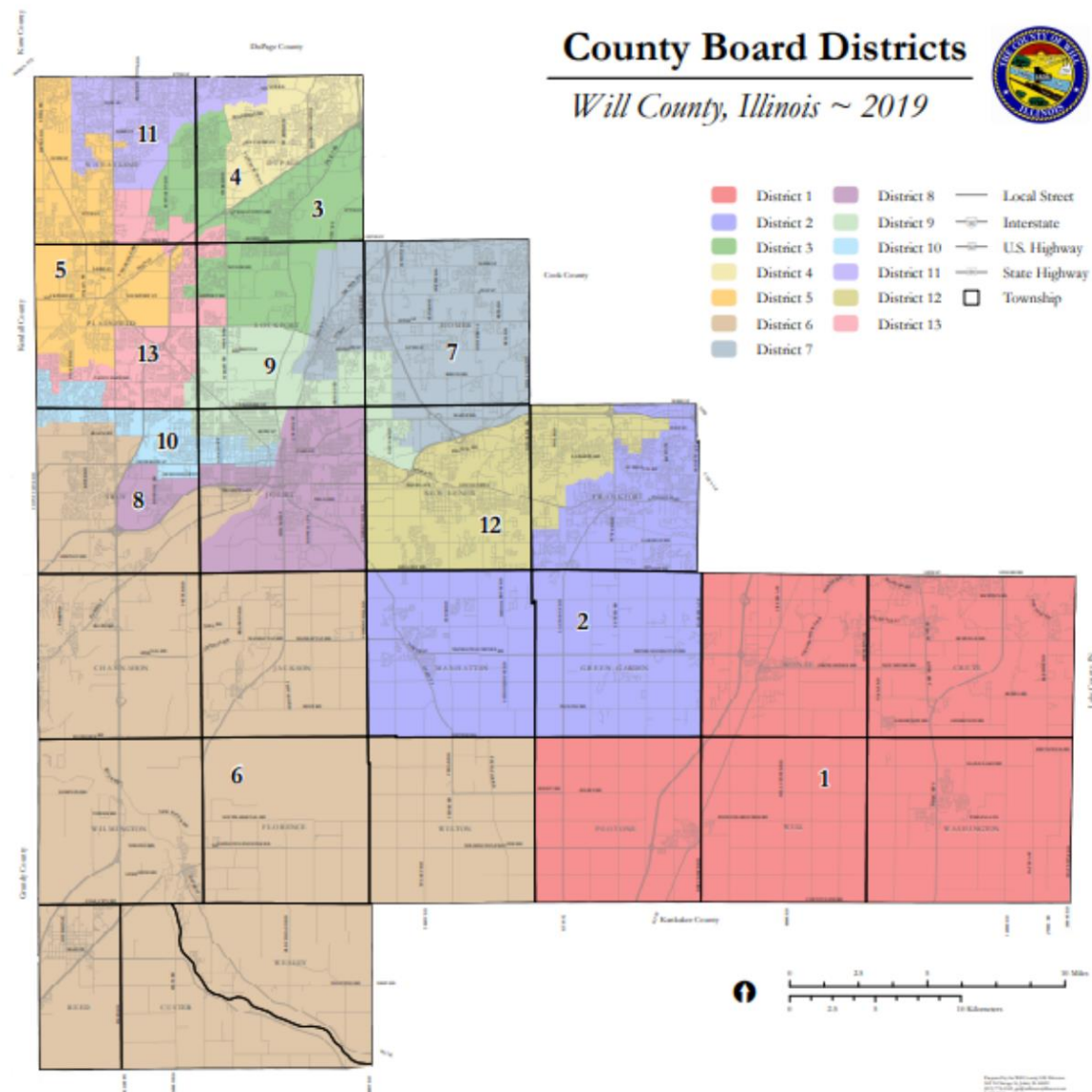
# 2021 Budget



- Balanced and meets all debt obligations
- Maintains a AA+ bond rating
- 2020 tax rate lower = revenue increase of 2%
- \$41 million to fund ongoing road projects



## Will County, Illinois ~ 2019

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Adapting



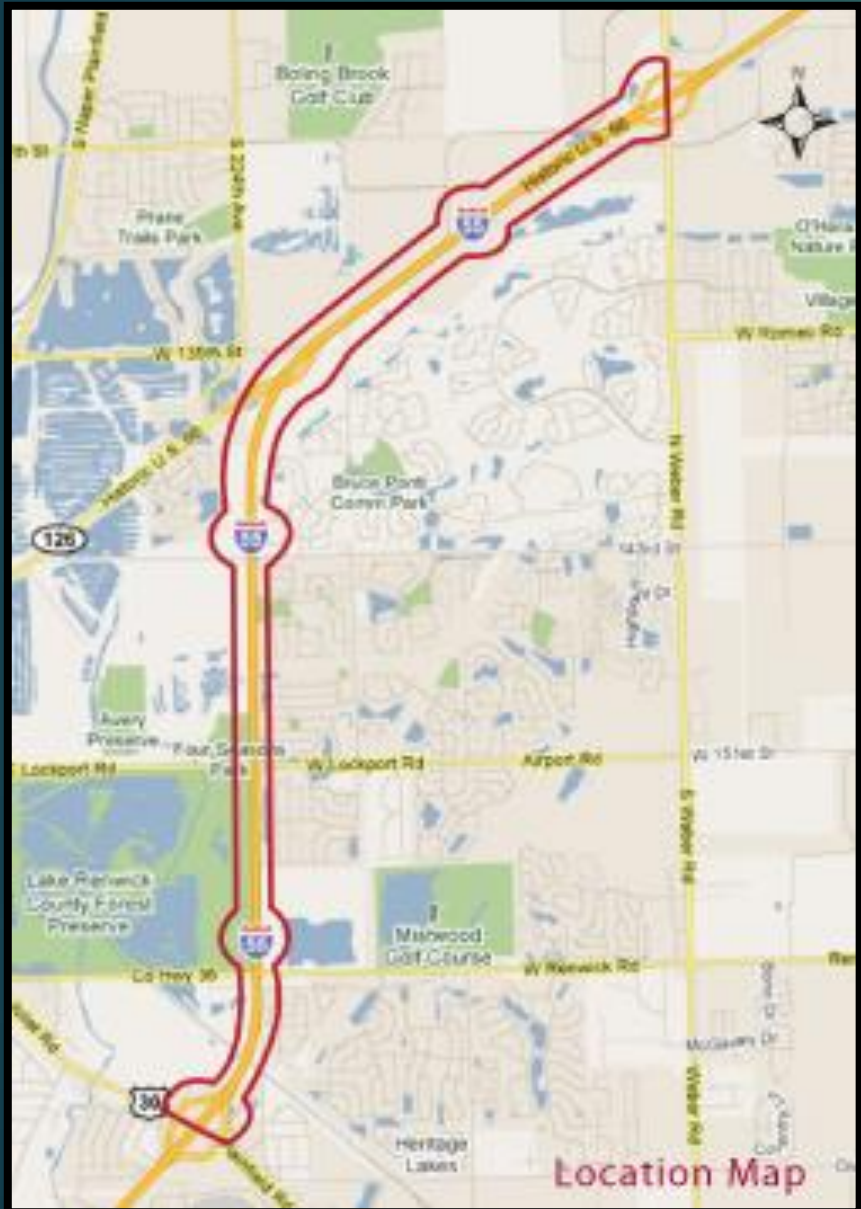
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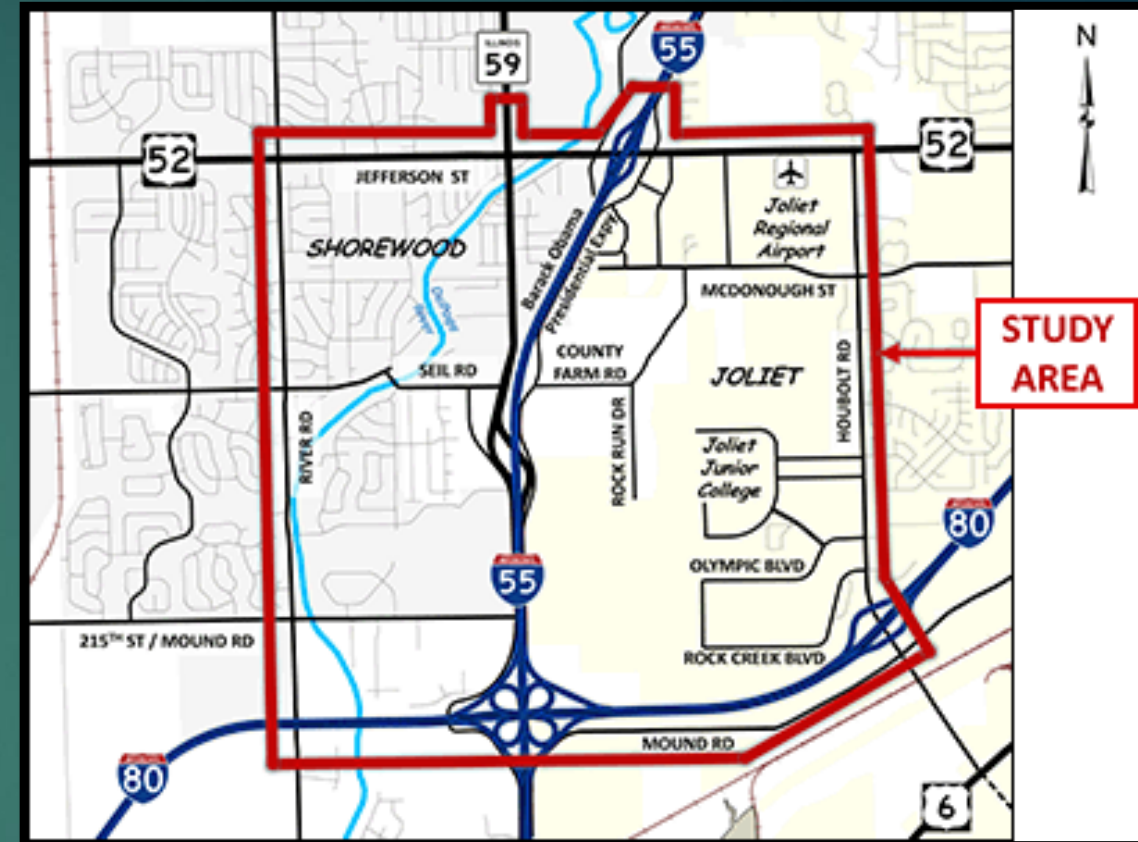
Thank you



## I-55 and Airport Road



## I-55 and Route 59



Key objectives for this plan include:

- Developing a real-time understanding of our freight economy to secure funding and other economic opportunities.
- Creating a project ranking mechanism to make informed funding decisions.
- Integrate current plans with long range transportation plans.
- Identify priority freight corridors.
- Create a common voice among stakeholders.