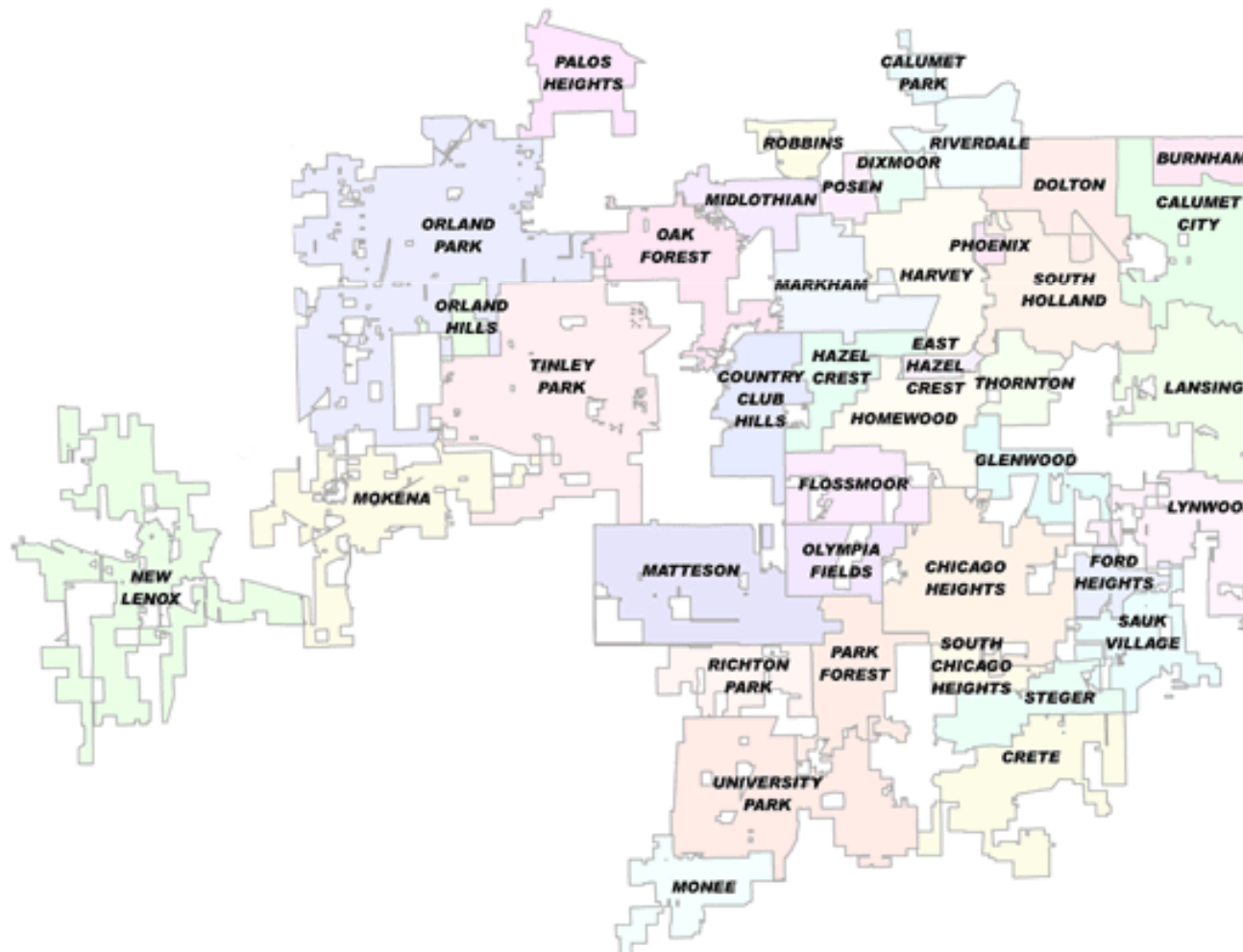


# Collaboration in Chicago's Southern Suburbs



## South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association

An intergovernmental agency providing technical assistance and joint services to 42 municipalities representing a population over 650,000 in Cook and Will Counties



## Southern Suburbs and Northwest Indiana's Urban Core

These two sub-regions face similar challenges:

- Deindustrialization and a changing economy
- Years of disinvestment
- Vacant properties
- Lack of resources, staffing and capacity

Yet both contain underutilized assets that offer opportunities

# Example: Rail Assets in the Southern Suburbs



# SSMMA: A History of Collaboration

A long history of collaboration on:

- Transportation
- Economic development
- Public safety
- Public works
- Housing
  - Diversity and fair housing
  - Recent formation of an interjurisdictional housing collaborative (2009)

## Recent Momentum for Collaboration

- The state of the economy demands it
- Philanthropy stepped up and supported interjurisdictional efforts
- Federal encouragement of collaborative approaches
- Support from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

## Key Components of Collaboration

- Bringing people to the table for conversation and trust building
- Agreement on key goals and criteria
- Mayoral and municipal commitment
- Staff participation
- Working together on prioritization of projects

## SSMMA and its Partner Entities

- Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation
  - Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative
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- Center for Neighborhood Technology
  - Metropolitan Planning Council
  - Business and Professional People for the Public Interest
  - Diversity, Inc.
  - Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
  - Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
  - Chicago Metropolitan Housing Development Corporation
  - Regional Transportation Authority
  - Delta Institute
  - DLA Piper
  - Regional Home Ownership Preservation Initiative
  - Preservation Compact
  - Center for Community Progress
  - NCB Capital Impact
  - The Chicago Community Trust
  - Grand Victoria Foundation
  - Field Foundation



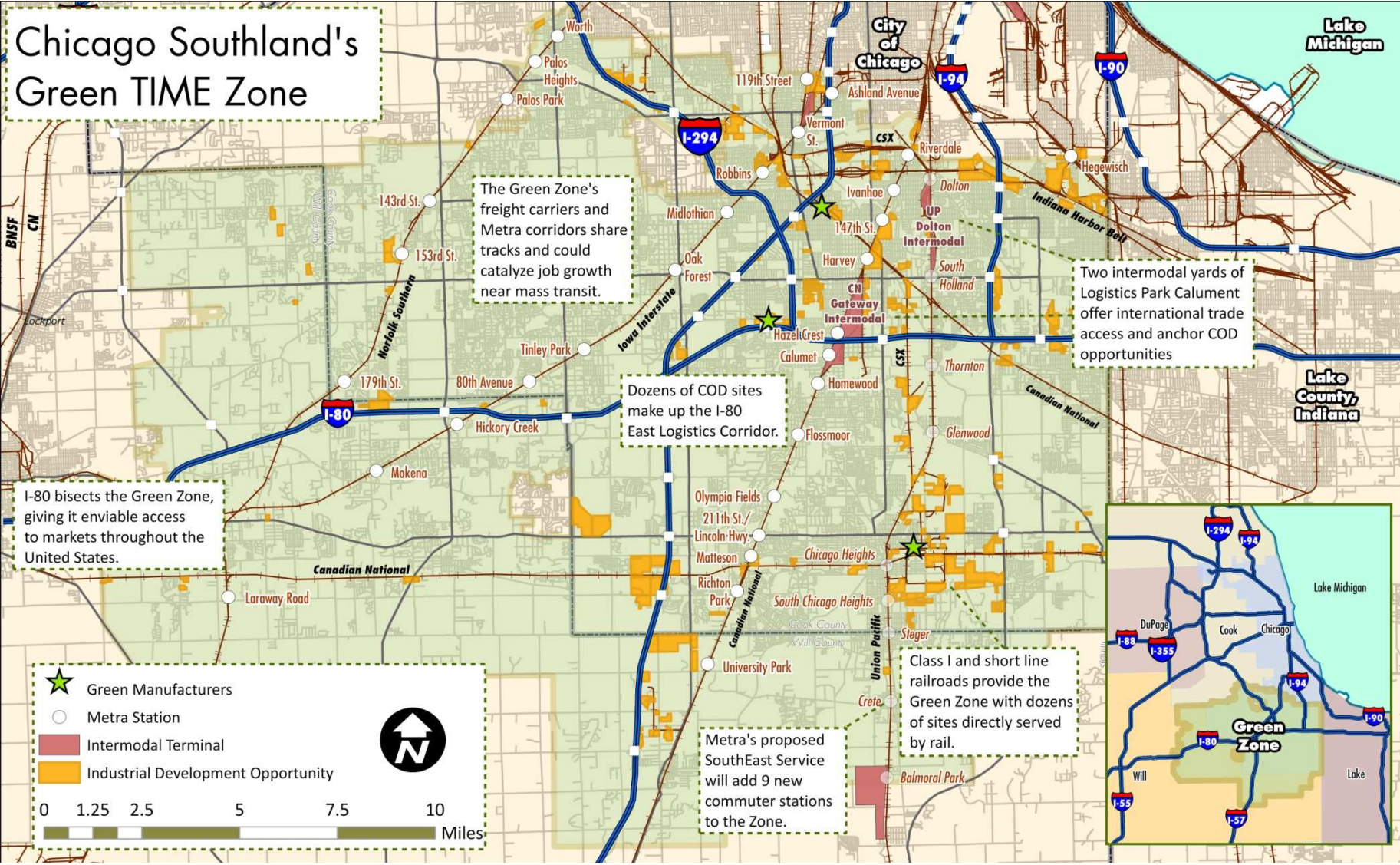


## Chicago Southland's Green TIME Zone: (Green Transit, Intermodal, Manufacturing Environment Zone)



**A Core Element of the Southland Vision 2020 for Sustainable Development**

# Opportunities: The Green TIME Zone



## Progress to Date

- Years of effort went into taking an inventory of assets in the southern suburbs and building the needed partnerships
- Capacity challenges remain a significant hurdle
- Current public sector mindset, especially from the federal government, is beginning to encourage this kind of collaborative approach
- All the hard work is starting to pay off, but it does take time

## Progress to Date

A number of recent successes:

- Transit-Oriented Development Corridor Planning Study
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- Brownfield Remediation
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
- Environmental Protection Agency - Smart Growth Implementation Assistance
- HUD Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant
- Continued philanthropic support

All to be supported through CMAP's Regional Planning Grant, which prioritizes interjurisdictional collaboration

We're just over the border and happy to help

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