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## Acronyms

**CCRPC**

Champaign County Regional Planning Commission

**CEDS**

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

**DCEO**

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

**ECIEDD**

East Central Illinois Economic Development District

**EDA**

Economic Development Administration (Federal)

**EDAP**

Economic Development Program (IDOT)

**EDD**

Economic Development District

**EPA**

Environmental Protection Agency (Federal)

**IDNR**

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

**IDOT**

Illinois Department of Transportation

**ILEPA**

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

**LQ**

Location Quotient

**MFT**

Motor Fuel Tax

**NPL**

National Priorities List (hazardous waste)

**RCRA**

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (hazardous waste)

**RFP**

Rail Freight Program (IDOT)

**TARP**

Truck Access Route Program (IDOT)

**TIF**

Tax Increment Financing

**USDA**

United States Department of Agriculture

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## Executive Summary

The East Central Illinois Economic Development District (ECIEDD) is comprised of Champaign, Douglas, Ford, Iroquois, Piatt, and Vermilion Counties. In its 4,355 square miles, the District had a population of 363,214 in 2010, or about 2.8% of the state population.

The District is distinguished by:

- Lower than State average population below the poverty level;
- Higher than State average educational attainment level;
- Lower than State average unemployment rates;
- Diverse yet stable employment structure that has strengths in education, health services, and manufacturing;
- Extensive interstate and railroad system connectivity;
- Significant acreage of highly productive soil; and
- Geographic proximity to many major national markets.

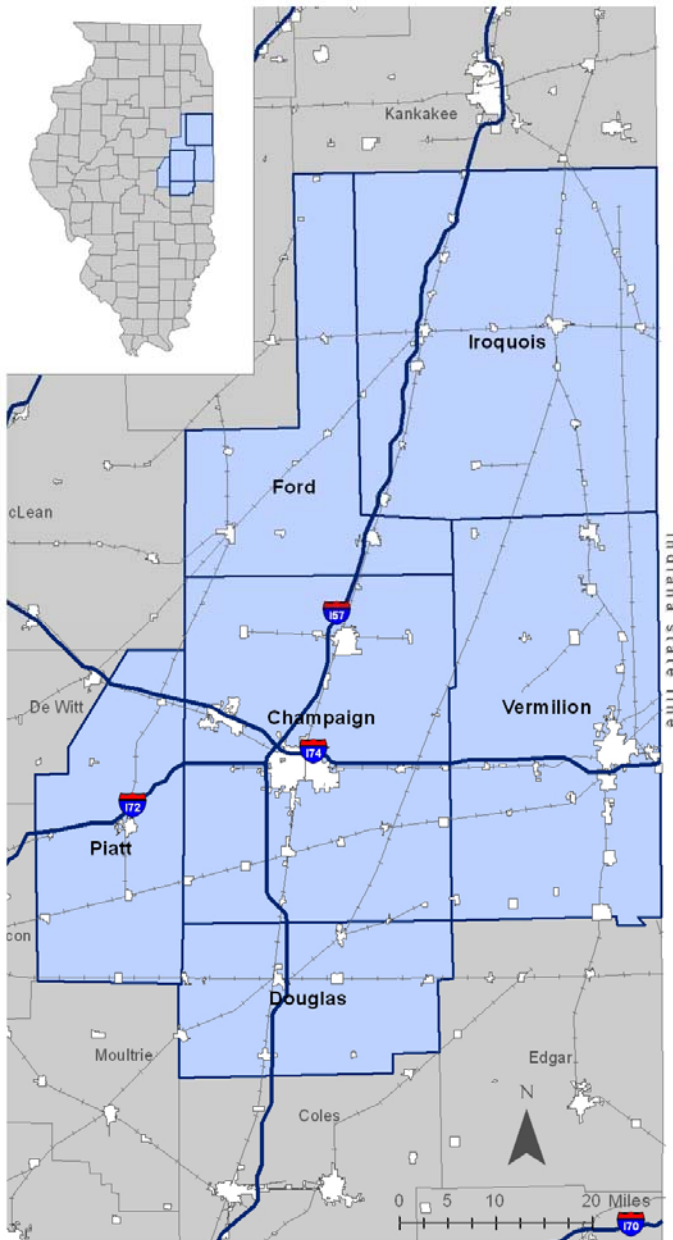
The District has identified eight primary goals for furthering quality economic development. These goals reflect national and state interests and accentuate the unique qualities of the six-county area. Key concepts of the CEDS goals include:

- Collaboration
- Strengthening Workforce and Community
- Jobs
- Increasing Global Competitiveness
- Strengthening Infrastructure and Services
- Leveraging Resources
- Environment
- Disaster Recovery

Strategies for the ECIEDD in achieving these goals include implementing projects that foster quality of life and further investment in the community, enhancing relationships with agencies and all levels of government, and continually seeking funding for research, new technologies and construction of essential infrastructure. The ECIEDD also enables continuous improvement by identifying performance measures related to the CEDS goals. The ECIEDD, using the CEDS as a blueprint, intends to constantly and positively evolve its economic development initiatives in light of changing times and needs.

## Geography

The East Central Illinois Economic Development District is comprised of six counties that range in population, land area, and development. The largest is Iroquois, with 1,122 square miles and Piatt County, the smallest, has 440 square miles. The region developed on the backbone of railroad infrastructure which connects nearly all of the towns, now paralleled by both interstate and state routes. Major interstate routes within the District include Interstate 57, which runs north-south through Iroquois, Ford, Champaign, and Douglas Counties; Interstate 72 which originates in Champaign and runs east-west through Champaign and Piatt Counties; and Interstate 74 which runs east-west through Piatt, Champaign, and Vermillion Counties. Major highways through the region include U.S. Routes 24, 136, 36, 45, and 150.



**East Central Illinois  
Economic Development District**

## Population

Growth and decline in the District can be attributed to fluctuating employment opportunities in other rural counties. Champaign County has seen relatively consistent growth. The population in Vermilion County declined due to a loss of manufacturing jobs while populations in Ford and Iroquois Counties declined to a lesser degree due to farm consolidation and a decrease in manufacturing jobs. Growth in Douglas County occurred with the addition of businesses and jobs in the area. Piatt County grew at the highest rate as it is becoming an increasingly popular location for people that commute to jobs in surrounding counties.

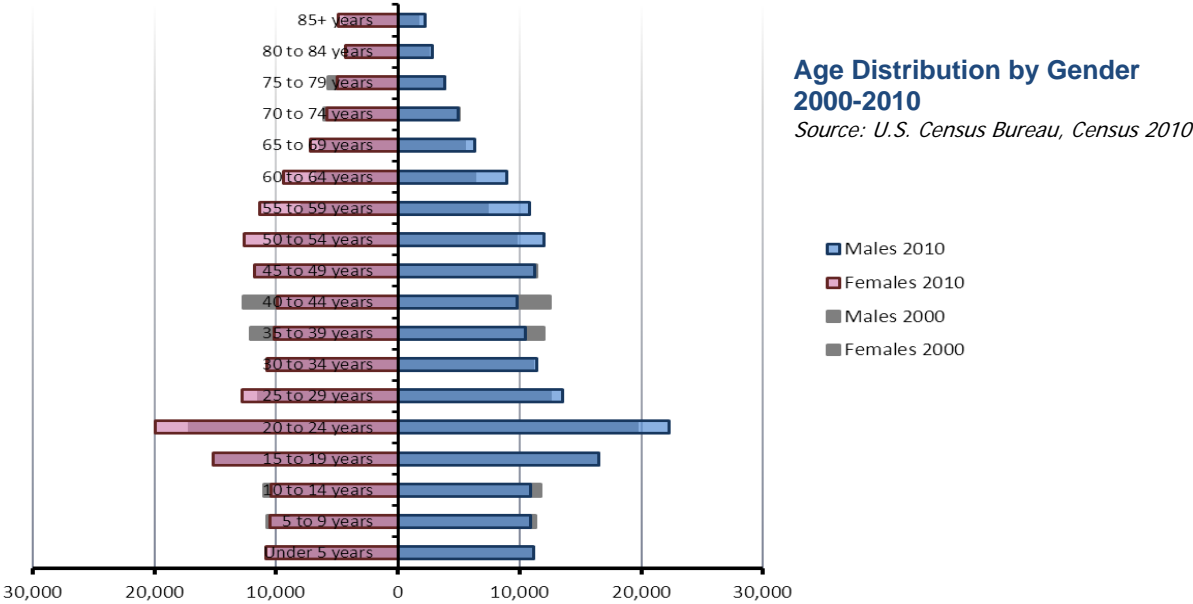
Population Change 1980-2010

	1980	1990	2000	2010	Change 2000-2010	% Change 2000-2010
<b>Champaign</b>	168,392	173,025	179,669	201,081	21,412	10.6
<b>Douglas</b>	19,774	19,464	19,922	19,980	58	0.3
<b>Ford</b>	15,265	14,275	14,241	14,081	-160	-1.1
<b>Iroquois</b>	32,976	30,787	31,334	29,718	-1,616	-5.4
<b>Piatt</b>	16,581	15,548	16,365	16,729	364	2.2
<b>Vermilion</b>	95,222	88,257	83,919	81,625	-2,294	-2.8
<b>District</b>	348,210	341,356	345,450	363,214	17,764	4.9
<b>Illinois</b>	11,434,702	11,446,412	12,419,293	12,830,632	411,339	3.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Age Distribution

The District has a large portion of its population in the 15 to 19 years and 20 to 24 years cohorts due to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which has approximately 41,000 students. The District experienced a large increase in the 50-64 year cohorts and a decline in the 35 to 44 year cohorts.



# Demographics

## Race and Ethnicity

According to the 2010 Census, Champaign County is the most diverse county in the District, followed closely by Vermilion County. Douglas, Ford, and Piatt Counties each have less than five percent of their populations of a race other than White. As a whole, the District is 80.5 percent White, 9.9 percent Black, 5.2 percent Asian, and 4.5 percent represented as Other. The Hispanic population comprised 4.8 percent of the total population. Our racial diversity has increased since the 2000 Census, with Asian and Other residents increasing by over 50%. The Hispanic population has also increased by almost 75% in the last decade.

### Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2000-2010

County	2000		2010		Change	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Champaign</b>	179,669		201,081		21,412	11.9%
White	141,536	78.8%	147,600	73.4%	6,064	4.3%
Black	20,045	11.2%	24,946	12.4%	4,901	24.4%
Asian	11,592	6.5%	17,969	8.9%	6,377	55.0%
Other	6,496	3.6%	10,566	5.3%	4,070	62.7%
Hispanic	5,203	2.9%	10,607	5.3%	5,404	103.9%
<b>Douglas</b>	19,922		19,980		58	0.3%
White	19,375	97.3%	19,113	95.7%	-262	-1.4%
Black	60	0.3%	58	0.3%	-2	-3.3%
Asian	51	0.3%	83	0.4%	32	62.7%
Other	436	2.2%	726	3.6%	290	66.5%
Hispanic	690	3.5%	1,210	6.1%	520	75.4%
<b>Ford</b>	14,241		14,081		-160	-1.1%
White	13,982	98.2%	13,677	97.1%	-305	-2.2%
Black	35	0.2%	85	0.6%	50	142.9%
Asian	46	0.3%	37	0.3%	-9	-19.6%
Other	178	1.2%	282	2.0%	104	58.4%
Hispanic	176	1.2%	294	2.1%	118	67.0%
<b>Iroquois</b>	31,334		29,718		-1,616	-5.2%
White	30,059	95.9%	28,155	94.7%	-1,904	-6.3%
Black	223	0.7%	233	0.8%	10	4.5%
Asian	94	0.3%	103	0.3%	9	9.6%
Other	958	3.1%	1,227	4.1%	269	28.1%
Hispanic	1217	3.9%	1,584	5.3%	367	30.2%

County	2000		2010		Change	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Piatt</b>	16,365		16,729		364	2.2%
White	16,173	98.8%	16,393	98.0%	220	1.4%
Black	39	0.2%	58	0.3%	19	48.7%
Asian	21	0.1%	51	0.3%	30	142.9%
Other	132	0.8%	227	1.4%	95	72.0%
Hispanic	101	0.6%	167	1.0%	66	65.3%
<b>Vermilion</b>	83919		81,625		-2,294	-2.7%
White	72,032	85.8%	67,323	82.5%	-4,709	-6.5%
Black	8,882	10.6%	10,571	13.0%	1,689	19.0%
Asian	498	0.6%	564	0.7%	66	13.3%
Other	2507	3.0%	3,167	3.9%	660	26.3%
Hispanic	2504	3.0%	3,441	4.2%	937	37.4%
<b>District</b>	345,450		363,214		17,764	5.1%
White	293,157	84.9%	292,261	80.5%	-896	-0.3%
Black	29,284	8.5%	35,951	9.9%	6,667	22.8%
Asian	12,302	3.6%	18,807	5.2%	6,505	52.9%
Other	10,707	3.1%	16,195	4.5%	5,488	51.3%
Hispanic	9,891	2.9%	17,303	4.8%	7,412	74.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Hispanic is not a racial category. It is an ethnic category based on cultural identities. "Other" race includes American Indian and Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, Some other race alone, and Two or more races.

# Socioeconomic Characteristics

## Income

Per capita income in the District increased by 21.8 percent on average from 1989-1999, 1.5% less than the average for the State. The highest per capita and median household income levels are in Piatt County. The highest median family incomes, over \$52,000, are in Champaign and Piatt Counties. It should be noted that the large, generally low income University student population skews the household and per capita income levels downward in Champaign County.

### Per Capita and Median Income in the District, 1999-2009

County	Per capita income			Median Household Income			Median family income		
	1999	2009	% Change	1999	2009	% Change	1999	2009	% Change
Champaign	19,708	23,495	19.2%	37,780	42,561	12.7%	52,591	64,102	21.9%
Douglas	18,474	21,780	17.9%	39,439	47,431	20.3%	46,117	59,341	28.7%
Ford	18,860	22,560	19.6%	38,073	46,141	21.2%	44,947	59,661	32.7%
Iroquois	18,435	22,887	24.1%	38,071	46,762	22.8%	45,417	56,035	23.4%
Piatt	21,075	26,988	28.1%	45,752	55,603	21.5%	52,218	65,149	24.8%
Vermilion	16,787	20,432	21.7%	34,071	39,249	15.2%	41,553	50,042	20.4%
District	18,890	23,024	21.8%	38,864	46,291	18.9%	47,141	59,055	25.3%
Illinois	23,104	28,469	23.2%	46,590	55,222	18.5%	55,545	67,660	21.8%

Source: US Census Bureau; 2009 data is from American Community Survey 5 year estimates 2005-2009

## Poverty

The 2009 poverty rate for the District is below the state and national averages, but increased in every ECIEDD county from 1999-2009. The greatest increase occurred in Vermilion County, which jumped from 13.3 to 18.2 percent. The lowest poverty rate is in Piatt County, at 7.3 percent of the population. Champaign County has the largest number of people in poverty, with 20.6 percent of its 201,081 residents falling below the 2009 level. The large student population may have an effect on the number, but the poverty rate does not include the group quarters population, which includes people living in institutions and college dormitories.

### Percent of People below Poverty Level, 1989-2009

	1989	1999	2009
Champaign	15.6	16.1	20.6
Douglas	9.6	6.4	7.8
Ford	9.2	7.0	8.4
Iroquois	9.2	8.7	10.7
Piatt	6.1	5.0	7.3
Vermilion	15.2	13.3	18.2
District	10.8	9.4	12.2
Illinois	11.9	10.7	13.3
U.S.	13.1	12.4	14.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Socioeconomic Characteristics

### Education

Residents in the District are well educated, with a higher percentage than that of the state having high school diplomas, associate’s degrees, graduate or professional degrees. In Champaign County, home of the largest University of Illinois campus, over 40 percent of the population has a bachelor’s degree or higher. The District also has lower percentages of residents without high school diplomas than the State average. The percentage of people in the District with an education of 8<sup>th</sup> grade or less is 4.1 percent, compared to the State average of 6.3 percent.

**Educational Attainment for Population Age 25 or Older, 2009**

	8th Grade or Less	9th-12th, no diploma	H.S. graduate, GED, or alt.	Some college, no degree	Associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Graduate Degree
Champaign	2.8%	5.2%	24.5%	19.4%	7.8%	20.3%	20.1%
Douglas	9.3%	8.2%	37.5%	22.4%	6.7%	10.9%	5.2%
Ford	4.6%	8.3%	42.2%	18.9%	8.1%	13.4%	4.5%
Iroquois	6.1%	7.6%	42.1%	22.1%	7.8%	10.0%	4.4%
Piatt	4.5%	6.5%	37.1%	21.3%	9.1%	14.3%	7.3%
Vermilion	4.6%	10.5%	40.7%	22.4%	8.7%	9.0%	4.2%
District	4.1%	7.2%	32.7%	20.7%	8.0%	15.1%	12.1%
Illinois	6.3%	8.0%	28.1%	20.6%	7.2%	18.6%	11.2%
U.S.	6.4%	9.1%	29.3%	20.3%	7.4%	17.4%	10.1%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census American Community Survey 5-year data, 2005-2009 sample estimates

# Community Infrastructure

## Schools

The District has over 40 public school districts and over 25 private schools. The enrollment for the municipalities or school districts with over 1,000 students is listed in the table at right.

There are sixteen colleges and universities in or near the District. The University of Illinois is the largest school in the District, with almost 44,000 students in 2010. It has nearly 32,000 undergraduate students enrolled in nine undergraduate divisions that together offer 5,000 courses in more than 150 fields of study. The University Library is one of the largest public university collections in the world, housing 24 million items in the main library and in the more than 30 departmental libraries and units.<sup>i</sup>

Parkland College covers parts of 13 counties, including all six of the ECIEDD counties. Parkland enrolls 18,000 students per year and offers over 100 degree and certificate programs designed for career and job placement or for transfer to programs at four-year institutions.<sup>ii</sup>

Danville Area Community College is located on the east side of Danville in Vermilion County; parts of Champaign, Ford and Iroquois also fall within its district. DACC serves over 9,000 students per year in over 100 programs of study.<sup>iii</sup> Lakeview College of Nursing has enrollment of 147 at its Danville and Charleston sites.

## School Enrollment, 2010-2011 School Year

County / Municipality	Enrollment
<b>Champaign</b>	
Champaign	8,893
Urbana	3,765
Mahomet	2,818
Rantoul	2,350
Tolono	1,651
St. Joseph - Ogden	1,608
<b>Douglas</b>	
Tuscola	1,017
<b>Ford</b>	
Paxton	1,532
Gibson City	1,029
<b>Iroquois</b>	
Clifton	1,092
Watseka	1,189
<b>Piatt</b>	
Monticello	1,707
<b>Vermilion</b>	
Danville	6,199
Hoopeston	1,369
Westville	1,251
Georgetown	1,177
Oakwood	1,143

Source: Illinois State Board of Education, District Summary Report, 2010-2011 School Year

## Housing

Housing tenure data from Census 2010 show that the percent of owner occupied housing is increasing in the District, from 60 percent to 62.6 percent between 2000 and 2010. This compares to 67.4 percent statewide. Piatt County has the highest owner occupancy rate at 81.1 percent while Champaign County has the lowest rate at 53.8 percent.

### Housing Tenure 2010

	Owned with a mortgage or loan		Owned free and clear		Renter occupied		Total
		%		%		%	
Champaign	30,149	37.4%	13,270	16.5%	37,246	46.2%	80,665
Douglas	3,446	44.6%	2,472	32.0%	1,802	23.3%	7,720
Ford	2,568	45.2%	1,725	30.4%	1,383	24.4%	5,676
Iroquois	5,012	41.9%	4,028	33.7%	2,916	24.4%	11,956
Piatt	3,576	52.7%	1,921	28.3%	1,285	18.9%	6,782
Vermilion	12,860	39.4%	9,970	30.5%	9,825	30.1%	32,655
District	57,611	39.6%	33,386	23.0%	54,457	37.4%	145,454
Illinois	2,338,493	48.3%	925,146	19.1%	1,573,333	32.5%	4,836,972

## Community Infrastructure

### Housing *(continued)*

In 2010, 37.4 percent of the housing units were renter occupied in the District, compared to about 33 percent in 2000. Champaign County has the highest percentage of renter occupied housing, at 46.2 percent. Piatt County has the lowest percentage of renter occupied housing, at 18.9 percent.

#### Housing Vacancy, 2000-2010

	2000				2010				Vacant Change 2000-2010	Vacant % Change 2000-2010
	Total	Occupied	Vacant	Percent	Total	Occupied	Vacant	Percent		
Champaign	75,280	70,597	4,683	6.2%	87,569	80,665	6,904	7.9%	2,221	47.4%
Douglas	8,005	7,574	431	5.4%	8,390	7,720	670	8.0%	239	55.5%
Ford	6,060	5,639	421	6.9%	6,282	5,676	606	9.6%	185	43.9%
Iroquois	13,362	12,220	1,142	8.5%	13,452	11,956	1,496	11.1%	354	31.0%
Piatt	6,798	6,475	323	4.8%	7,269	6,782	487	6.7%	164	50.8%
Vermilion	36,349	33,406	2,943	8.1%	36,318	32,655	3,663	10.1%	720	24.5%
District	145,854	135,911	9,943	6.8%	159,280	145,454	13,826	8.7%	3,883	39.1%
Illinois	4,885,615	4,591,779	293,836	6.0%	5,296,715	4,836,972	459,743	8.7%	165,907	56.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The vacancy rate in the District increased from 6.8 percent in 2000 to 8.7 in 2010. The highest vacancy rate in the District is in Iroquois County, at 11.1 percent. The lowest rate is in Piatt County, at 6.7 percent. A large increase in the vacancy rate can be noted in each county, with Champaign County experiencing the largest increase of 2,221 vacant homes between 2000 and 2010.

#### Median Value for Owner-Occupied Housing

	Median value (dollars)
Champaign	\$139,500
Douglas	\$91,900
Ford	\$91,300
Iroquois	\$100,500
Piatt	\$120,000
Vermilion	\$74,500
District	\$102,950
Illinois	\$200,400
U.S.	\$185,400

Source: US Census Bureau;  
2009 data is from American  
Community Survey 5 year  
estimates 2005-2009

The median value for owner occupied housing in the District was estimated at \$102,950 in 2009 based on samples taken between 2005 and 2009. The value in each District county is substantially less than for the state and nation.

## Community Infrastructure

### Water

The Mahomet Aquifer is the major groundwater resource for East Central Illinois, including the counties in the District. It extends from Vermilion and Iroquois Counties on the east to Cass, Mason, and Tazewell Counties on the west. It roughly encompasses the northern two-thirds of Champaign and Vermilion Counties, much of Ford, Piatt, and Douglas Counties, and the southern two-thirds of Iroquois County. These aquifers are generally reliable and meet the requirements of smaller communities. A number of communities also rely on surface water resources within the District. These sources include the Kankakee/Iroquois, Vermilion, Upper Sangamon, Upper Kaskaskia, and the Embarras/Middle Wabash watersheds.

<b>Water Capacities in Gallons per Day</b>					
	<b>Storage Capacity</b>	<b>Treatment Capacity</b>	<b>Avg. Daily Demand</b>	<b>Peak Daily Demand</b>	<b>Excess Capacity</b>
<b>Champaign</b>					
Illinois American Water (serves Champaign, Urbana, & Savoy)	6,650,000	40,000,000	19,270,000	33,060,000	6,940,000
Rantoul	1,800,000	4,500,000	1,600,000	2,000,000	2,500,000
Mahomet	370,000	864,000	450,000	950,000	86,000
<b>Douglas</b>					
Tuscola	750,000	1,000,000	450,000	650,000	500,000
<b>Ford</b>					
Gibson City	400,000	1,440,000	750,000	803,000	637,000
Paxton	800,000	1,520,000	600,000	1,520,000	920,000
<b>Iroquois</b>					
Watseka	650,000	2,100,000	700,000	1,300,000	280,000
<b>Piatt</b>					
Monticello	1,176,000	1,000,000	650,000	900,000	350,000
<b>Vermilion</b>					
Hoopeston	625,000	2,880,000	700,000	900,000	1,980,000
Danville	9,800,000	14,000,000	7,800,000	10,280,000	3,720,000

Source: Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Community Profiles as of 8/2011

### Solid Waste Management

Waste from the ECIEDD region is disposed of in our region, in other parts of the state, and out of state. There are two landfills in the District: Illinois Landfill, located in Hoopeston, opened in 1991 and is expected to close in 22; Brickyard Disposal and Recycling in Danville opened in 1972 and is expected to close in 2028. There are three transfer stations in the District; two in Champaign County and one in Piatt County. The Central Waste Services and Recycling Facility is located in Urbana and the University of Illinois operates the Waste Transfer and Material Recovery Facility in Champaign. The City of Monticello in Piatt County operates the Monticello Transfer Station which opens twice annually. Two compost facilities are also in operation: the Urbana Municipal Landscape Recycling Center and the Brickyard Disposal and Recycling Center in Danville. Both facilities accept grass, leaves, and brush and are open to the public for drop-off and pick-up.<sup>iv</sup>

## Community Infrastructure

### Landfills, Transfer Stations and Compost Facilities Active and Inactive, 2009

Facility Name	County	Type	Waste Accepted		Capacity
			In tons	In cu. yds	
Central Waste Services & Recycling Facility	Champaign	Transfer Station	92,145	-	
Urbana Municipal Landscape Recycling Center	Champaign	Compost Facility	12,974	-	
Waste Transfer and Material Recovery Facility	Champaign	Transfer Station	8,000	-	
Monticello Transfer Station	Piatt	Transfer Station	1,400	-	
Brickyard Disposal & Recycling Compost Facility	Vermilion	Landfill, Compost	-	784,948	14,449,000
Illinois Landfill	Vermilion	Landfill	-	101,452	19,532,000

Source: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/landfill-capacity/2009/region-4.pdf>

### Municipal Waste Recycled, 2009

County	Est. Pop, 2009	Generated Waste (tons)	Waste Recycled	
			Tons	%
Champaign	195,671	291,750	50,622	17.4
Douglas	20,000	21,900	1,166	5.3
Ford	14,049	6,289	100	1.6
Iroquois	30,787	28,093	3,669	13.1
Piatt	16,365	8,661	501	5.8
Vermilion	83,919	99,549	64,291	64.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>360,791</b>	<b>320,688</b>	<b>103,952</b>	<b>32.4</b>

Source: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/landfill-capacity/2009/region-4.pdf>

## Energy Resources

Ameren Corporation, with its operating companies of AmerenCILCO, AmerenCIPS, and AmerenIP, serve a majority of the District's electricity and natural gas needs. AmerenIP produces electricity in the market from national power grid suppliers, predominantly produced through coal-fired, gas-fired, hydroelectric and nuclear power plants owned and operated by the parent company Ameren.

Prairie Power, Inc. generates power for the Coles-Moultrie and Eastern Illini electric cooperatives in parts of Champaign, Douglas, Ford, Iroquois, Piatt, and Vermillion Counties.

Wabash Valley Power distributes through Enerstar Power Corporation in Douglas and Vermillion Counties and through Corn Belt Energy in parts of Champaign, Ford, and Piatt Counties.

## Community Infrastructure

### Electric and Gas Suppliers in ECIEDD Region

Community	Local Electric Supplier	Local Gas Supplier
<b>Champaign</b>		
Champaign	Ameren Illinois	Ameren Illinois
Urbana	Ameren Illinois	Ameren Illinois
Rantoul	Rantoul Light & Power Dept	Nicor
Mahomet	Ameren Illinois	Ameren Illinois
<b>Douglas</b>		
Tuscola	Ameren Illinois	Ameren Illinois
<b>Ford</b>		
Gibson City	Ameren CIPS	Nicor
Paxton	Ameren Illinois	Nicor
<b>Iroquois</b>		
Watseka	Ameren CIPS	Nicor
<b>Piatt</b>		
Monticello	Ameren Illinois	Ameren Illinois
<b>Vermilion</b>		
Danville	Ameren Illinois	Ameren Illinois
Hoopeston	Ameren CIPS	Ameren CIPS

Source: Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Community Profile

There are seven power plants within the District, with a design capacity of 1,110 megawatts annually. The largest power plant is Goose Creek Energy Center, a natural gas fired turbine facility in Piatt County, while others include coal-fired plants and cogeneration heat and electricity plants. These are located throughout the District except for Iroquois County. In late 2010, the Dynegy coal and natural gas plant in Vermilion County, with a design capacity of 385.3 megawatts, closed.

### Power Plants in ECIEDD Region

Name	County	Operator	Primary Fuel	Design Capacity (MW)
Goose Creek Energy Center Gas Plant	Piatt	Ameren	Natural Gas	684
Gibson City Gas Plant	Ford	Ameren	Natural Gas	270
University of Illinois Abbott Power Plant	Champaign	University of Illinois	Bituminous Coal	88
Rantoul Oil Plant	Champaign	Village of Rantoul	Distillate Oil	30
Bunge Milling Cogen Coal Plant	Vermilion	Bunge Milling Inc	Bituminous Coal	20
Tuscola Station Coal Plant	Douglas	SUEZ Energy Resources NA Inc	Bituminous Coal	18
Brickyard Energy Partners LLC	Vermilion	Illinois Electrical Gen Partners	Landfill Gas	1

Total Design Capacity (MW)

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Source: Global Energy Observatory, US Energy Information Administration, as of 2008

## Community Infrastructure

### Renewable Energy Resources

#### Wind Power

Wind power is an increasingly viable alternative for energy production with developing technology and increased interest in renewable energy. Many areas in Illinois have already undertaken wind farm projects, with more being proposed every year. Much of the District is rated as having fair potential for wind energy and all counties have a major transmission line through which generated energy can be supplied and sold to distribution companies.

The following wind farms are proposed, permitted or under construction in the six-county region:

Name	Developer	County	Capacity (MW)	Units	Project Status	Year Online	Const. Year
Settlers Trail	E.ON Climate and Renewables	Iroquois	150	94	Construction	2011	2010
Ford Ridge Wind Farm Phase 1	BP Alternative Energy	Ford	100	67	Permitted	2011	2011
California Ridge Wind Farm	Invenegy	Vermilion, Champaign	214	134	Permitted	2012	2011
K4 Wind Farm	Vision Energy	Iroquois, Ford, Livingston, Kankakee	460	307	Permitted	NA	2010
Paxton-area Project	E.ON Climate and Renewables	Iroquois & Ford	150	65 or 100	Proposed	2011	2010
Martinton Wind Farm	E.ON Climate and Renewables	Iroquois	200	NA	Proposed	2012	2010
EcoMill Wind Farm	Element Power	Vermilion, Edgar	200	87-130	Proposed	2012	2011
Blue Ridge Wind Farm	Midwest Wind Energy	Champaign, Piatt, McLean	150	NA	Proposed	2012	2011
Paxton Stewardship Energy	Stewardship Energy, LLC	Ford	160	NA	Proposed	2012	2012
Broadlands Wind Farm 1	Horizon Wind Energy	Vermilion, Champaign, Douglas, Edgar	100	NA	Proposed	2013	2012
Broadlands Wind Farm 2	Horizon Wind Energy	Vermilion, Champaign, Douglas	100	NA	Proposed	2013	2012
Ford Wind Farm 1	Horizon Wind Energy	Ford	200	NA	Proposed	2014	2013
Piatt Farms	Tradewind Energy	Piatt	250	140	Proposed	2014	2013
Hoopeston Wind Project	Element Markets, Hoopeston Wind One	Vermilion	NA	43-49	Proposed	NA	2011
Vermilion County Project	International Power	Vermilion	NA	43	Proposed	NA	NA

Source: Illinois Wind Working Group, as of July 2011

## Community Infrastructure

### Solar Power

A 2006 study from the University of Illinois have shown that while Illinois has a desirable amount of solar radiation for energy production, the cost of photovoltaic production and battery capacity, as well as currently subsidized energy costs, make this form of energy production cost prohibitive. The cost for solar energy is approximately 50 cents per kilowatt hour where current costs are around 11 cents but rising.

Illinois passed a landmark renewable energy standard in 2007 that requires 25% of Illinois' electricity be generated from renewable sources by 2025. The law requires that at least 6% of the state's renewable energy come from solar power by 2015, but it didn't provide a path for Illinois utilities to meet that goal. SB 6202 establishes those targets and sets Illinois on the path to becoming the leading Midwestern state for solar energy. Because of SB 6202 more than 5,000 solar panel installation, manufacturing and maintenance jobs will be created and significant pollution will be avoided (*Environmental Law & Policy Center, May 2010*).

### Telecommunications

The state of Illinois has been a leader in telecommunication technology development for decades, including the first electronic switching system in 1960, ISDN connections and more recently digital switching and fiber optics. Digital switching is the ability to maintain digital signals between origination and reception points providing high speed, high quality, secure voice, data and image communications. These services are present in most of the larger communities as well as many of the smaller communities due to state and federal funding initiatives. DSL and broadband internet access are also available in many of the communities through large scale private communications companies.

<b>Telecommunications Availability</b>			
<b>Community</b>	<b>Local Telephone</b>	<b>Digital Switching</b>	<b>Fiber Optics</b>
<b>Champaign</b>			
Champaign	ATT, Comcast	Yes	Yes
Urbana	ATT, Comcast	Yes	Yes
Rantoul	Frontier	Yes	Yes
Mahomet	Verizon	No	No
<b>Douglas</b>			
Tuscola	Verizon	No	Yes
<b>Ford</b>			
Gibson City	ATT	Yes	Yes
Paxton	Frontier	No	Yes
<b>Iroquois</b>			
Watseka	ATT	Yes	Yes
<b>Piatt</b>			
Monticello	Verizon	Yes	Yes
<b>Vermilion</b>			
Danville	ATT	Yes	Yes
Hoopeston	Verizon	Yes	No

*Source: Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Community Profile, accessed August 2011*

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## Community Infrastructure

### Health Care Services

There are eight hospitals located in the District.

- The largest is the not-for-profit Carle Foundation Hospital located in Urbana. Carle provides services to approximately 2.3 million people in 42 counties. The 325-bed hospital is the only in the area with the distinction of Level I Trauma Center. The hospital includes the Carle Cancer Center, the Carle Spine Institute, and the Carle Heart and Vascular Institute which provide sophisticated diagnostic and treatment options.<sup>v</sup> Carle is the primary teaching hospital for the University of Illinois, College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign.<sup>vi</sup>
- Provena Covenant Medical Center, also located in Urbana, is a 210-bed medical facility comprised of over 250 physicians that represent 37 areas of specialized care. Provena Covenant has the largest rehabilitation center in the area including facilities for physical, occupational, and speech therapy.<sup>vii</sup>
- Provena United Samaritans Medical Center in Danville is a 174-bed medical center that employs more than 100 physicians, many of whom provide specialized care. The hospital has provided health care services since 1882 to areas in East Central Illinois and Western Indiana.<sup>viii</sup>
- Veteran's Administration Hospital in Danville is part of the VA Illiana Health Care System (VAIHCS) provides care primarily to veterans residing in central Illinois and west central Indiana. The hospital offers primary, secondary, medical and surgical care, psychiatric care, and extended long-term care and nursing home care. The hospital includes 415 beds, 24 of which are located in the nursing home.<sup>ix</sup>
- Gibson Community Hospital, located in Gibson City, has a mission of providing personalized and professional health care to residents of the area. Gibson Community Hospital offers a variety of services in areas including nursing, clinical, and non-clinical.<sup>x</sup>
- Hoopeston Regional Health Center is a 25-bed facility serving the city of Hoopeston, IL and the surrounding area comprising approximately 17,000 residents. They offer laboratory, diagnostic imaging, ambulance, emergency room, physician clinic services and provide both inpatient and outpatient care to surrounding communities. They also operate nursing home and senior living apartment complex within our communities.
- Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka, is a 49-bed facility that serves 50,000 residents in a bi-state, five-county area. Iroquois Memorial provides a range of medical specialties, advanced acute care, in addition to primary care and paramedical level services.<sup>xi</sup>
- Kirby Hospital, Monticello, provides health care services in people in the City of Monticello, Piatt County and surrounding areas near Decatur and Champaign. Services provided at Kirby Hospital include diagnostic imaging, laboratory services, physical therapy, and surgery.<sup>xii</sup>

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## Community Infrastructure

### Public Safety

Crime statistics are tracked on a report by report basis and are not separated by crime against residences and crime against businesses. Crime rates have decreased within the District between 2005 and 2009, the latest year for which data is available. In 2009, Douglas, Ford, Iroquois and Piatt Counties all had less than 2,500 crimes per 100,000 people, while Champaign and Vermilion were near 3,000 and 5,000 crimes per 100,000, respectively. The region's average in 2009 was approximately 1,000 crimes per 100,000 less than the State. As can be seen in the table below, the regional average has decreased since 2006.

#### Total Crime Index Offenses (per 100,000 population), 2005-2009

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Champaign	4,536	3,928	3,808	3,805	3,163
Douglas	1,299	1,669	1,253	1,500	1,162
Ford	1,654	1,893	2,181	1,891	2,399
Iroquois	1,771	1,692	1,360	1,248	1,030
Piatt	1,298	1,463	1,606	1,583	1,236
Vermilion	4,424	5,246	5,048	5,132	4,881
Region Average	2,497	2,649	2,543	2,527	2,312
State	3,740	3,662	3,562	3,551	3,300

Source: Illinois State Police Crime in Illinois 2009 Report

# Community Infrastructure

## Transportation






### Roads

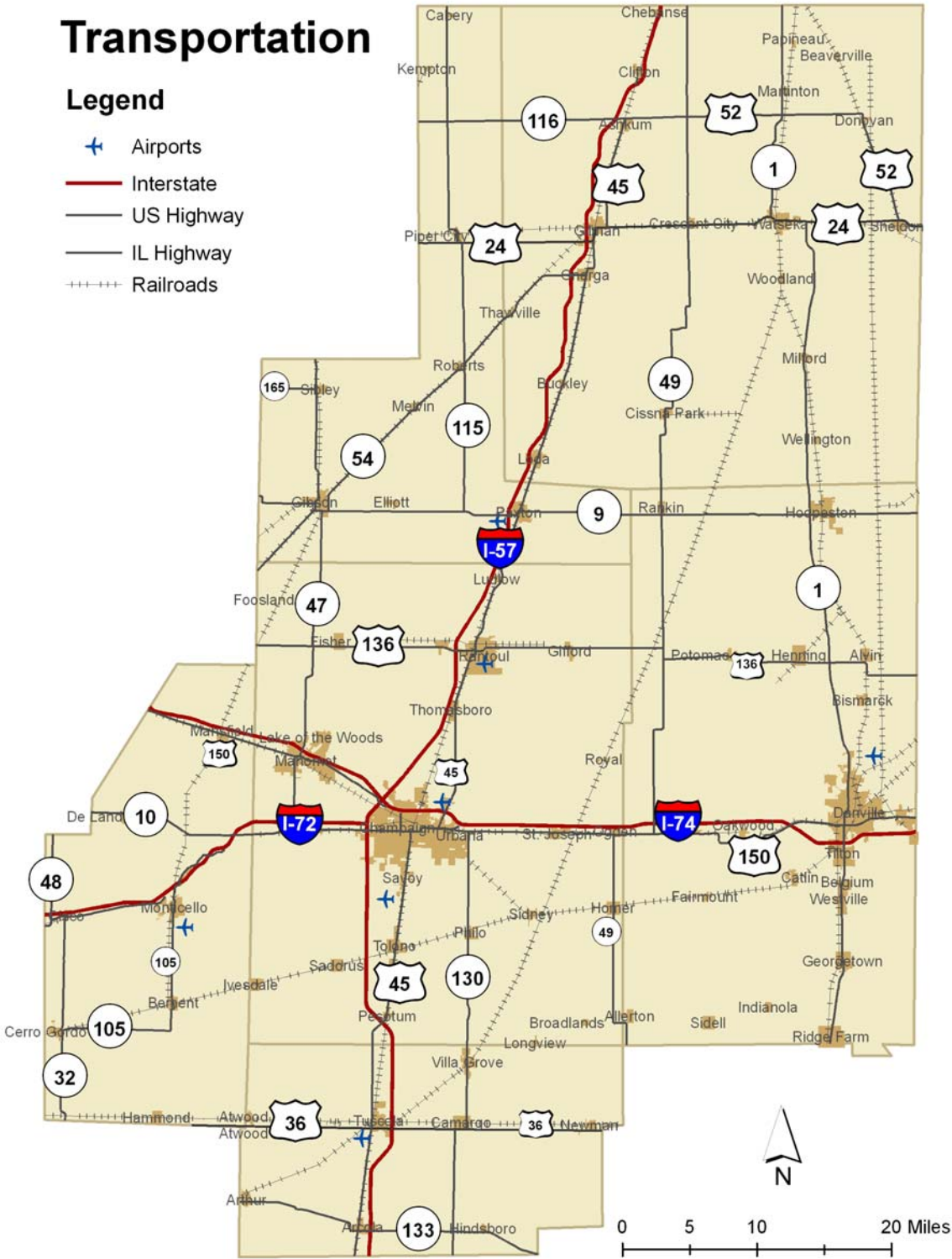
Interstates	ECIEDD Counties	Alignment	Termini	Municipalities
I-57	Champaign, Douglas, Ford, Iroquois	N - S	Chicago to Sikeston, MO	Chicago, Bradley-Bourbonnais, Rantoul, Champaign-Urbana, Tuscola, Mattoon, Effingham, Mt. Vernon, Marion, Sikeston
I-74	Champaign, Piatt, Vermilion	NW - SE	Davenport, IA to Cincinnati, OH	Davenport, Galesburg, Peoria, Bloomington-Normal, Champaign-Urbana, Danville, Indianapolis, Cincinnati
I-72	Champaign, Piatt	W - E	Quincy, IL to Champaign	Quincy, Jacksonville, Springfield, Decatur, Monticello, Champaign
US Hwys	ECIEDD Counties	Alignment	Termini	Municipalities
US 45	Champaign, Douglas, Ford, Iroquois	N - S	Ontoganon, MI to Mobile, AL	Padukah, KY; Effingham, IL; Mattoon, IL; Tuscola, Champaign-Urbana, Rantoul, Paxton, Gilman, Bradley-Bourbonnais, Chicago, IL; Milwaukee, WI
US 136	Champaign, Vermilion	W - E	Edison, NE to Speedway, IN	Macomb, IL; Rantoul, IL; Danville, IL; Indianapolis, IN
US 52	Iroquois	W - E	Portal, ND to Charleston, SC	Minneapolis-St. Paul, Dubuque, IA; Joliet, IL; Lafayette, IN; Indianapolis, IN; Cincinnati, OH; Charleston, SC
US 24	Ford, Iroquois	W - E	Minturn, CO to Pontiac, MI	Colorado Springs, CO; Kansas City; Quincy, IL; Peoria, IL; Watseka, IL; Ft Wayne, IN; Toledo, OH; Detroit, MI
US 150	Champaign, Piatt, Vermilion	W - E	Moline, IL to Mt. Vernon, KY	Moline, Galesburg, Peoria, Bloomington-Normal, Champaign-Urbana, Danville; Vincennes, IN; Louisville, KY
US 36	Douglas, Piatt	W - E	Deer Ridge Junction, CO to Uhrichsville, OH	Boulder, CO; Denver, CO; St. Joseph, MO; Decatur, IL; Atwood, IL; Tuscola, IL; Newman, IL; Indianapolis, IN
IL Hwys	ECIEDD Counties	Alignment	Termini	Municipalities
IL 130	Champaign, Douglas	N - S	Urbana to Grayville	Urbana, Villa Grove, Charleston
IL 10	Champaign, Piatt	W - E	Mason County, IL to Champaign	Lincoln, Clinton, Champaign
IL 133	Douglas	W - E	Lovington to Paris	Arcola
IL 9	Ford, Vermilion	W - E	Niota to Indiana border	Canton, Pekin, Bloomington, Gibson City, Paxton, Hoopeston
IL 115	Ford, Vermilion	N - S	Kankakee to Perdueville	Kankakee, Piper City, Roberts
IL 47	Champaign, Ford	N - S	IL/WI border to near Seymour	Yorkville, Morris, Gibson City, Mahomet
IL 54	Ford, Iroquois	SW - NE	Springfield to Onarga	Springfield, Clinton, Farmer City, Gibson City, Onarga
IL 49	Champaign, Douglas, Vermilion	N - S	Willow Hill to Ogden	Ogden, Casey
IL 1	Iroquois, Vermilion	N - S	Cave in Rock to Chicago	Chicago, Milford, Rossville, Danville, Westville, Chrisman, Paris, Lawrenceville
IL 32	Piatt	N - S	Cisco to Effingham	Sullivan, Cerro Gordo
IL 105	Piatt	SW - NE	Decatur to Monticello	Decatur, Cerro Gordo, Bement, Monticello

# Community Infrastructure

## Transportation

### Legend

-  Airports
-  Interstate
-  US Highway
-  IL Highway
-  Railroads



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## Community Infrastructure

### *Public Transit - Intracity*

Champaign Urbana Mass Transit District provides transportation to 10,000,000 passengers a year<sup>xiii</sup> on a system of sixteen routes in the Champaign-Urbana-Savoy urban area.

Danville Mass Transit provides public transportation to over 500,000 passengers per year, utilizing fourteen routes and thirteen buses.<sup>xiv</sup>

### *Public Transit - Intercity*

Danville Mass Transit provides service between Danville and Champaign-Urbana. Piattran provides service to communities in Piatt County. CRIS Rural Transit offers service between northern Champaign County and the Champaign-Urbana area. Burlington Trailways and Greyhound offer intercity bus service from Champaign and Danville to multiple cities in Illinois and other states. Megabus offers intercity bus service between Champaign and Chicago, with stations throughout the country. Lex Express offers service from Champaign and Danville to Chicago and other major cities in Illinois.

### *Rail - Passenger*

Amtrak travels daily between Chicago and New Orleans, with stops in Champaign and Rantoul in Champaign County and Gilman in Iroquois County. The Saluki and Illini lines travel between Chicago and Carbondale, also with stops in Champaign, Rantoul and Gilman.

### *Rail - Freight*

Canadian National has lines generally paralleling I-57 through the District, running through Gilman, Paxton, Rantoul, Champaign, Tolono and Tuscola and Arcola.<sup>xv</sup>

CSX has a line that parallels US36, running through Hammond, Atwood, Tuscola. Another line runs between eastern Champaign County, through Champaign-Urbana to Danville. CSX also has a north-south line that runs from Danville through Hoopeston, in Vermilion County then Wellington, Milford, and Woodland in Iroquois County.<sup>xvi</sup>

Norfolk Southern has a line between Champaign and Mansfield, another between Gibson City and Bement, also running through Mansfield, and a line running through Danville, Tolono, and Bement.<sup>xvii</sup>

Union Pacific runs southwest to northeast through the District, traversing Arthur, Tuscola, Villa Grove, Sidney, Woodland, Watseka, Martinton and Papineau.

Toledo, Peoria & Western runs parallel to US24, traversing Piper City, Gilman, Crescent City, Watseka and Sheldon.

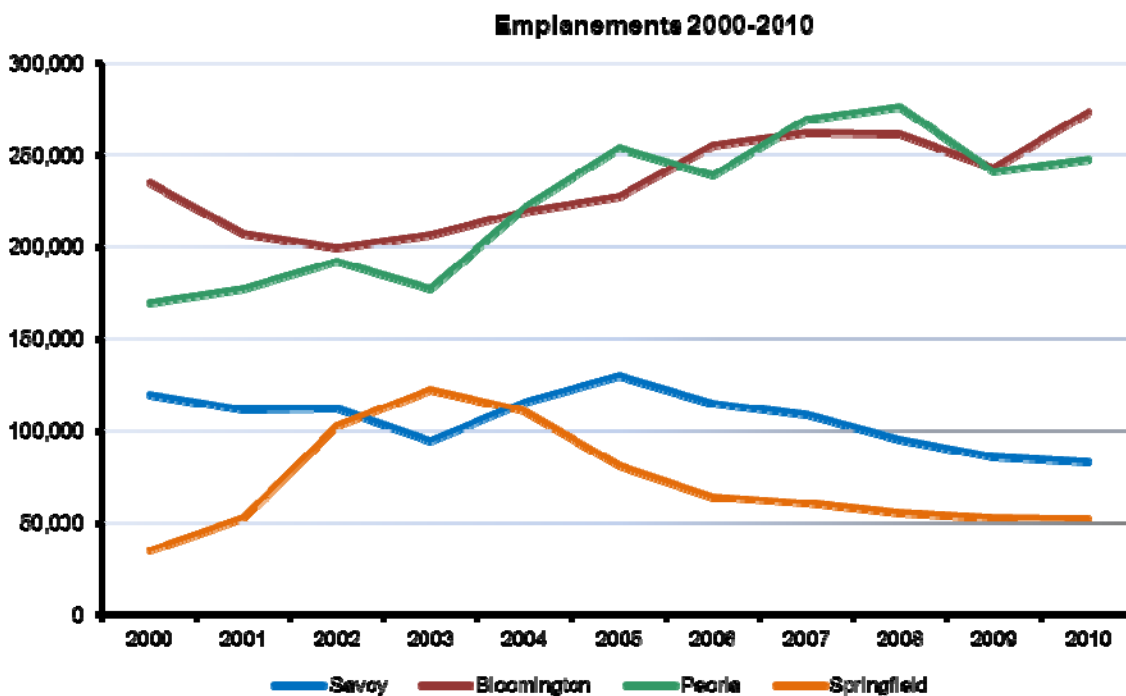
Kankakee, Beaverville & Southern Railroad has a line running north from Danville up to Kankakee, traversing rural Vermilion County and Sheldon, Donovan and Beaverville in Iroquois County.

## Community Infrastructure

### Air

The University of Illinois Willard Airport located in Savoy, Champaign County is the only commercial airport in the region. As of August 2011, Willard serves Chicago O’Hare and Dallas-Ft. Worth via American Airlines.

The term “enplanements” is used to identify the number of persons that board a plane. The figure below illustrates annual enplanements at Willard Airport in Savoy from 2000 to 2010. Also included are enplanements from three other regional airports in central Illinois: Peoria, Bloomington and Springfield. While Peoria, Bloomington and Springfield have higher populations compared to the Champaign-Urbana urban area, these airports are important to evaluate because they draw passengers from our District. Peoria and Bloomington also support more carriers than Willard at five and four, respectively. These additional carriers result in approximately 50% more flights departing per year at Peoria and Bloomington than at Willard. Both Willard and Springfield have lost carriers, flights and enplanements. In 2005, Willard Airport peaked at 129,900 enplanements, but has been declining ever since, with 83,391 enplanements in 2010.



Source: [http://www.transtats.bts.gov/Data\\_Elements.aspx?Data=1](http://www.transtats.bts.gov/Data_Elements.aspx?Data=1)

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There are numerous public, non-commercial airports in the District. For comparison purposes, Willard Airport is included in the following table.

Airport Name	City	County	Operations
University of Illinois - Willard Airport	Savoy	Champaign	avg 248/day for 12-month period ending 31 December 2009
Frasca Field Airport	Urbana	Champaign	avg 41/day for 12-month period ending 31 December 2007
Rantoul National Aviation Center	Rantoul	Champaign	avg 55/day for 12-month period ending 31 December 2008
Tuscola Airport	Tuscola	Douglas	avg 24/day for 12-month period ending 31 July 2010
Paxton Airport	Paxton	Ford	avg 77/week for 12-month period ending 31 December 2008
Piatt County Airport	Monticello	Piatt	avg 115/week for 12-month period ending 31 December 2008
Vermilion Regional Airport	Danville	Vermilion	avg 27/day for 12-month period ending 31 December 2007

Source: <http://www.airnav.com/airports/search.html>

### Commuting

The mean travel time to work within the District is 20.9 minutes, 7.2 minutes less than the average for the State. Champaign County had the lowest mean travel time at 16.7 minutes. Iroquois County had the highest time, 23.9 minutes, most likely a result of over half of its residents commuting to jobs in other counties.

Census 2000 has the most recent data available regarding commuting patterns amongst counties. As can be seen in the table below, Champaign and Vermilion counties hold the major employment centers in the District. Piatt County is emerging as a bedroom county, with more workers commuting out of the county than working in it.

### Mean Travel Time to Work (in minutes)

<b>Champaign</b>	16.7
<b>Douglas*</b>	19.8
<b>Ford*</b>	21.2
<b>Iroquois</b>	23.9
<b>Piatt*</b>	23.6
<b>Vermilion</b>	19.9
<b>District</b>	20.9
<b>Illinois</b>	28.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau ACS 2005-2009 estimates

\*from 2000 Census; sample size of 2005-2009 ACS data was too small to calculate

### Commuting Patterns, 2000

	Live In	Work In	Live & Work In	Commute Out	Commute In	% Live & Work In	% Commute Out	% Commute In
<b>Champaign</b>	91,368	100,737	86,425	4,943	14,312	85.8%	5.4%	14.2%
<b>Douglas</b>	9,423	8,296	5,670	1,127	2,626	68.3%	12.0%	31.7%
<b>Ford</b>	6,774	5,823	3,903	2,871	1,920	67.0%	42.4%	33.0%
<b>Iroquois</b>	14,728	10,601	9,208	5,520	1,393	86.9%	37.5%	13.1%
<b>Piatt</b>	8,375	4,583	3,460	4,905	1,123	75.5%	58.6%	24.5%
<b>Vermilion</b>	34,948	34,490	30,042	4,906	4,448	87.1%	14.0%	12.9%

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security, U.S. Census Bureau 2000

# Community Infrastructure

## Travel Mode

The primary mode of travel when commuting in the District is by car, truck, or van, used by 80% to 91% of workers aged 16 or older. Public transit accounted for 3.6 percent of commuting traffic. Bicyclists and walkers comprised 8.4 percent of commuter modes in the region, compared to 7 percent in 2000.

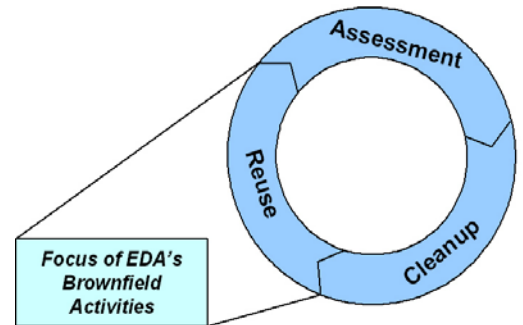
**Travel Mode Split for Commuting Purposes by County, 2005-2009 Estimate**

	Champaign		Douglas		Ford		Iroquois		Piatt		Vermilion		District	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Car, truck, or van:	73,315	80.2%	8,056	85.5%	6,166	91.0%	12,660	86.0%	7,571	90.4%	31,168	89.2%	138,936	83.9%
<i>Drove alone</i>	64,926	88.6%	6,631	82.3%	5,215	84.6%	11,209	88.5%	6,639	87.7%	27,387	87.9%	122,007	87.8%
<i>Carpooled</i>	8,389	11.4%	1,425	17.7%	951	15.4%	1,451	11.5%	932	12.3%	3,781	12.1%	16,929	12.2%
Public transportation	5,618	6.1%	15	0.2%	0	0.0%	47	0.3%	20	0.2%	236	0.7%	5936	3.6%
Motorcycle	136	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	0.1%	19	0.2%	51	0.1%	218	0.1%
Bicycle	2,226	2.4%	294	3.1%	13	0.2%	46	0.3%	77	0.9%	111	0.3%	2767	1.7%
Walked	8,831	9.7%	324	3.4%	188	2.8%	483	3.3%	259	3.1%	1003	2.9%	11088	6.7%
Other means	367	0.4%	68	0.7%	45	0.7%	69	0.5%	79	0.9%	263	0.8%	891	0.5%
Worked at home	3,395	3.7%	447	4.7%	355	5.2%	717	4.9%	219	2.6%	1,028	2.9%	6,161	3.7%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>93,888</b>		<b>9,204</b>		<b>6,767</b>		<b>14,034</b>		<b>8,244</b>		<b>33,860</b>		<b>165,997</b>	

Source: US Census Bureau, 2005-2009 ACS Sample Estimates

## Brownfield Redevelopment

A Brownfield is a property on which presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant complicates the development or redevelopment of that site. There are eight different Brownfield sites within the District that have or are currently receiving funds through the Municipal Brownfield Redevelopment Grant administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The IEPA is involved with the assessment and cleanup portions of the diagram shown at right, while EDA provides funding to redevelop the site with a suitable use such as retail or open space.



Source: Economic Development Administration

**Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Sites in the District**

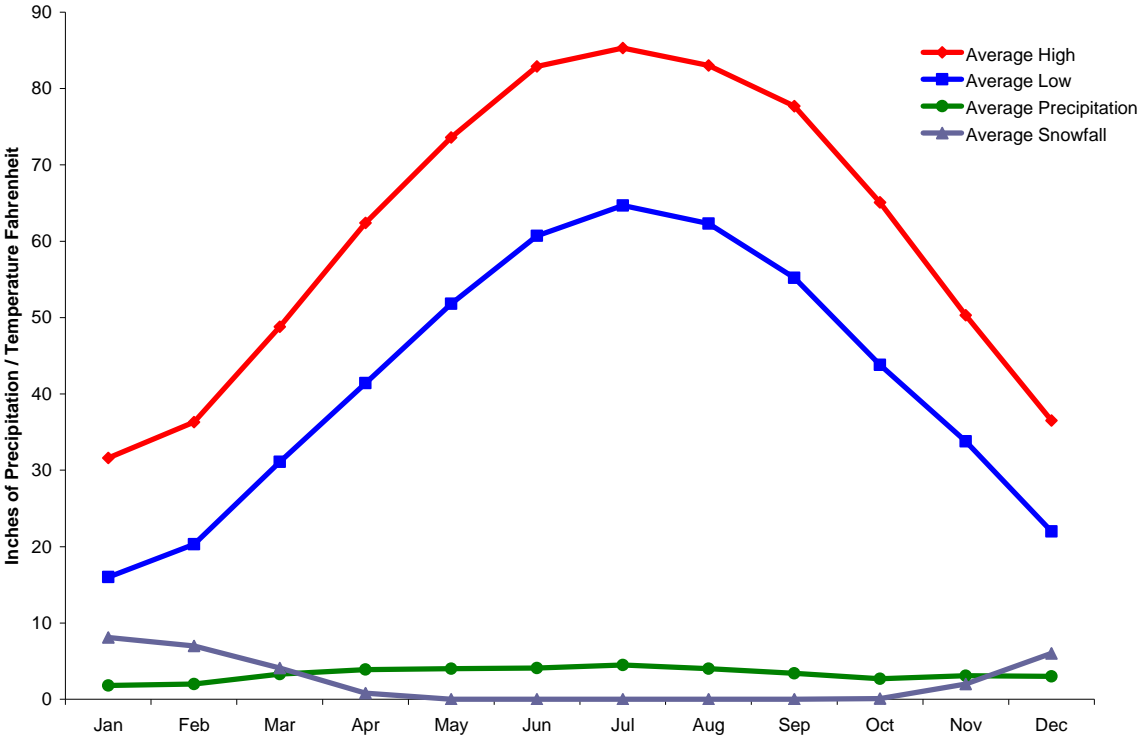
Municipality	County	Location	Address	Grant Amount	Planned End Use
Rantoul	Champaign	Former One Hour Martinizing	110 S Garrard Street	\$103,432	Park/Greenspace
Monticello	Piatt	Reeder Property	426-406 W. Livingston/203 N. Park	\$239,618	Retail/Commercial
		Pepsin Building	432-408 W. Washington		
		C&C Performance Auto Repair	432-424 W. Main		
		Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts	416-400 W. Main		
Hoopeston	Vermilion	Former Carnival Video	821 S. Dixie Highway	\$134,485	Commercial
		Former Baer's Motel	901 S. Dixie Highway		
		Former Trailer Park	IL Rt. 1 + IL Rt. 9		

Source: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/brownfields/faq.html>; database last updated February 2010

Climate

The District has a temperate, humid climate. January is the coldest month and July is the warmest month. The growing season is approximately 170 days. Typically, 40 inches of rain falls each year. June and July generally have the most rain, with over four inches each month. The winter months of January and February are the driest, with less than two inches of precipitation each month. The average annual snowfall is 28 inches. The prevailing wind speed in the District is approximately six miles per hour.<sup>xviii</sup>

30-Year Historic Climate Averages for Champaign, Illinois



Source: [www.weatherbase.com](http://www.weatherbase.com), 2010

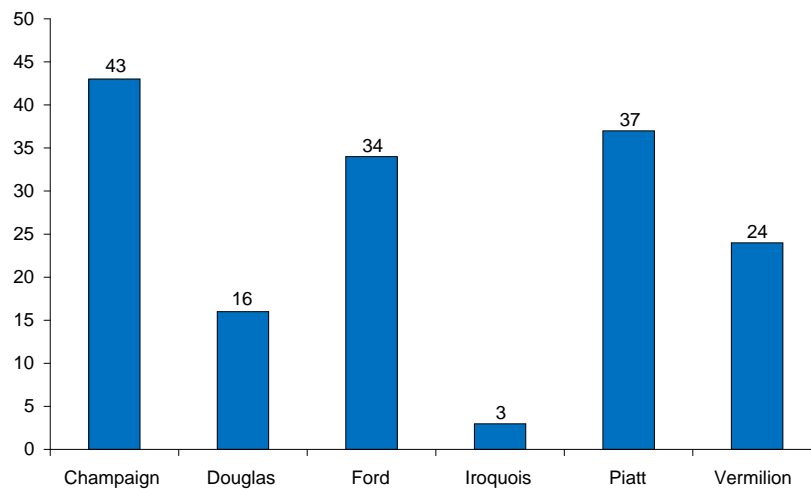
Air Quality

All of the counties in the District are classified as “Air Quality Attainment Areas” by the Illinois State Environmental Protection Agency. This classification means that the counties within the District meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, which observes six criteria established by federal law.

### Water Quality

The leading pollutants and stressors for water bodies in the District are sediments, nutrients, and low dissolved oxygen. Primary sources for these stressors include agriculture based activities, municipal point source, and hydromodification or habitat modification. The chart below is an approximation of the percentage of surface water that is impaired or threatened due to water quality issues and the activity that is impaired.

Number of Impaired Waterbodies by County



Source: U.S. EPA through <http://scorecard.goodguide.com/>

### Hazardous Waste

Twelve superfund sites are located in the District; three in Champaign County and nine in Vermilion County<sup>xiii</sup>. Only one is on the National Priorities List (NPL), which identifies the nation’s highest priority sites. Sites given this designation are the most hazardous sites in the nation and are prioritized to determine funding. An initial assessment determines the risk or potential risk to human health; however, other tests and surveys must be completed to fully determine priority status and funding. Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul is Proposed NPL, meaning that it is currently being assessed for inclusion as NPL but has not yet completed the tests and surveys. Hegeler Zinc in Danville is recorded as a Final NPL and is currently undergoing a National Priorities List Responsible Parties Search that intends to find potential responsible parties. The other ten sites are designated as non-NPL, having cleaned or are in the process of cleaning the site. Safety Kleen Corp. in Urbana is the only RCRA permitted Hazardous Waste site in the District and is categorized as a transfer/storage site.<sup>xix</sup>

# Natural Resources

## Land Cover

Douglas County leads the other District counties in the acreage of its land used for farming with 98%, followed by Piatt, Iroquois, Ford, Champaign, and Vermilion. Over 89 percent of the land in the District is farmed. Corn and soybeans are the major crops grown. Secondary crops include winter wheat, oats, hay, vegetables, as well as cattle, hogs, and eggs.

**Farmed Land by County, 2007**

County	Acreage Farmed	Total Acreage	Percent of Total
Champaign	550,481	637,605	86.3%
Douglas	261,513	266,718	98.0%
Ford	270,720	310,806	87.1%
Iroquois	677,803	715,075	94.8%
Piatt	267,265	281,346	95.0%
Vermilion	457,375	574,863	79.6%
District	2,485,157	2,786,413	89.2%

Source: USDA Census of Agriculture, 2007

## Soil Resources

Soils in East Central Illinois are highly productive and are a direct result of continental glaciation that affected this part of the state. Of the 2.8 million acres in the District, nearly 2.55 million are rated as Prime Farmland soils by USDA. Prime Farmland is defined as those soils having the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, fiber and forage crops. Piatt and Douglas Counties have the highest percentage of Prime Farmland at 96 percent, followed by Ford County at 95 percent, 90 percent in Champaign County, and 89 percent in Iroquois and Vermilion Counties. These soils are also very favorable for non-agricultural uses due to low slopes, adequate drainage, and low susceptibility to shifting. Engineering alternatives have been developed for many of the local soil conditions, making nearly all areas in the District suitable for development.<sup>xx</sup>

## Mineral Resources

Mineral resources in the District consist mostly of coal, sand and gravel, and lime. Vermilion County has more than 3 billion tons of minable coal reserves. Past mining produced more than 160 million tons of coal. More than 6,000 acres of land in Vermilion County were strip mined. Champaign County has 305 million tons of coal. Douglas and Piatt Counties have excavations for sand and gravel. In the western part of Vermilion County, near Fairmount, there is a large limestone quarry that has been in operation since the early 1900's, producing crushed limestone for concrete aggregate. Gravel, stone, and agricultural lime are quarried in Douglas County east of Tuscola.<sup>xxi</sup>

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## Employment Rates

In 2010, the District had over 187,000 people in the labor force; the average unemployment rate of the counties was 9.7 percent, 0.6 point lower than that of the State. The lowest unemployment rate was in Piatt County, which had a rate of 8.4 percent, and the highest rate was in Vermilion County, at 12.1 percent.

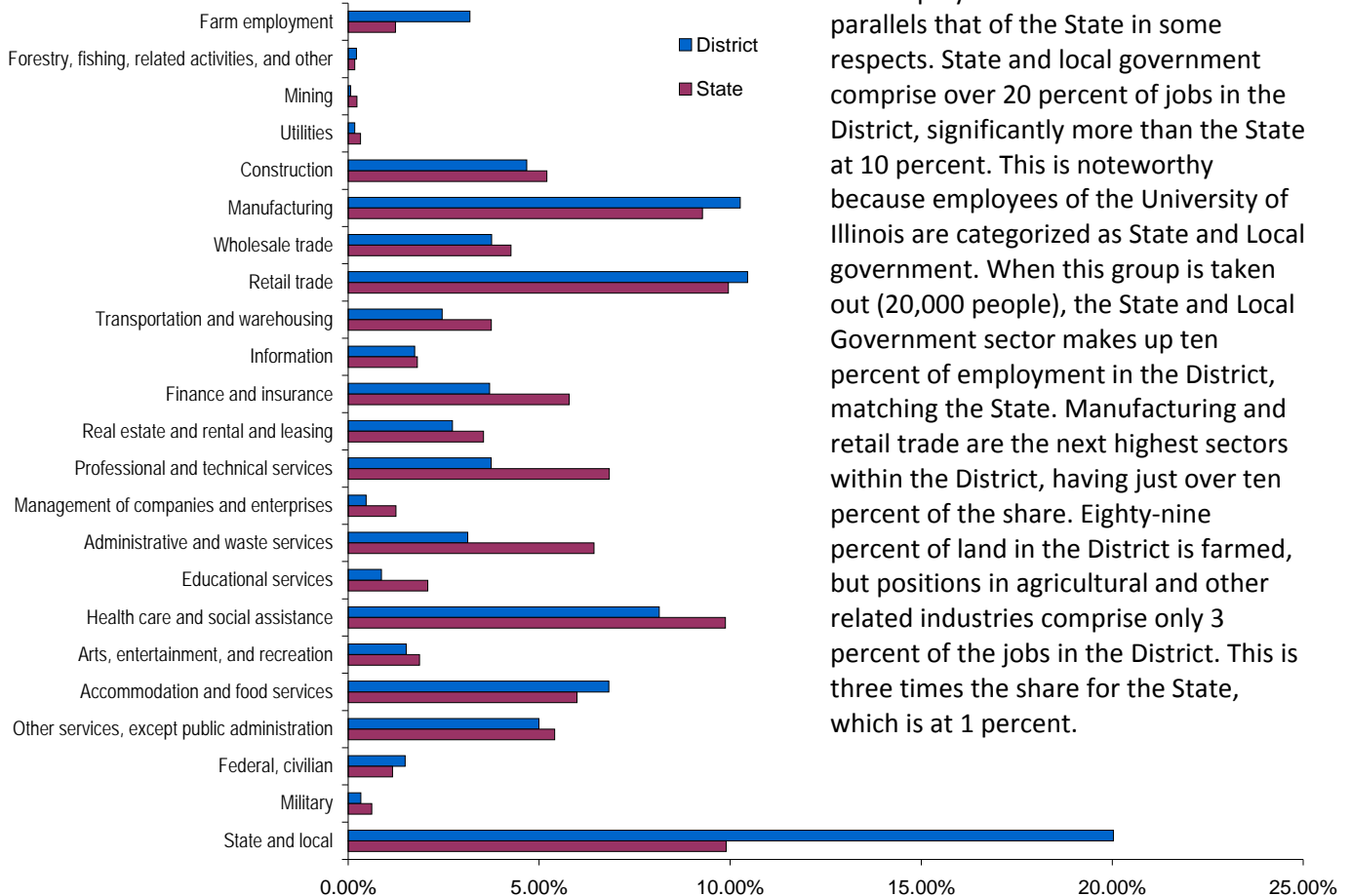
Employment Data by County, 2010

County	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Champaign	106,393	96,826	9,567	9.0%
Douglas	10,281	9,326	955	9.3%
Ford	7,130	6,412	718	10.1%
Iroquois	17,138	15,418	1,720	10.0%
Piatt	8,952	8,199	753	8.4%
Vermilion	37,494	32,947	4,547	12.1%
District	187,388	169,128	18,260	9.7%
Illinois	6,646,200	5,964,900	681,300	10.3%

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security, 2010 Annual Averages

## Employment Structure

Employment Sectors, District and State levels, 2008



The employment structure of the District parallels that of the State in some respects. State and local government comprise over 20 percent of jobs in the District, significantly more than the State at 10 percent. This is noteworthy because employees of the University of Illinois are categorized as State and Local government. When this group is taken out (20,000 people), the State and Local Government sector makes up ten percent of employment in the District, matching the State. Manufacturing and retail trade are the next highest sectors within the District, having just over ten percent of the share. Eighty-nine percent of land in the District is farmed, but positions in agricultural and other related industries comprise only 3 percent of the jobs in the District. This is three times the share for the State, which is at 1 percent.

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## Top District Employers, 2010

<b>Champaign County</b>		<b>Iroquois County</b>	
University of Illinois	11,676	Iroquois Memorial Hospital	420
Carle Clinic Association	2,918	The Arc of Iroquois County	220
Carle Foundation Hospital	2,750	Robert Bosch Tools, LLC	200
Champaign Unit 4 Schools	1,350	Nexus Academy, Onarga	185
Kraft Foods Inc.	1,300	Ford-Iroquois Educ. Co-op	180
Parkland Community College	1,200	Pride Metal	180
Provena Covenant Medical Center	1,200	Iroquois County CUSD #9	150
Urbana School District 116	900	Incobrasa, Gilman	130
Plastipak Packaging	810	T&D Metal Products	120
Champaign County	800	Iroquois Paving	115
Hobbico	700	Bork Nurseries	100
Christie Clinic Association	700		
Jeld-Wen	675	<b>Piatt County</b>	
Devonshire Group LLC	591	Monticello Schools Unit #25	174
Horizon Hobby	550	Kirby Hospital	170
Busey Bank	510	City of Monticello	150
Super Valu	500	Piatt County Nursing Home	150
City of Champaign	500	Bement Schools	100
Health Alliance Medical Plans	480	Cim-Tek Filtration	100
Guardian West	460		
		<b>Vermilion County</b>	
<b>Douglas County</b>		Department of Veteran Affairs	1,406
Master Brand Cabinets	700	Vermilion County Public Schools	904
CHI Overhead Doors	375	Provena United Samaritans Medical Center	746
Libman Company	280	McLane Midwest Company, Inc.	660
Herff Jones Cap & Gown Division	190	Vermilion County Government	620
Thomas Monahan Company	175	Danville School District 118	600
Cabot Corporation	160	Quaker Foods & Beverages	600
Tuscola CUSD #301	152	KIK Custom Products	600
Arcola CUSD #306	114	Genpact	520
LyondellBasell Industries-Equistar Chemicals	100	Blue Cross/ Blue Shield of Illinois	435
		Danville Metal Stamping	371
<b>Ford County</b>		ThyssenKrupp Crankshaft Company	348
Gibson Area Hospital	350	AutoZone	325
Solae Co	142	Danville Correctional Center	300
Alamo Group Illinois	140	Viscofan USA, Inc. (formerly Teepak)	298
Toll Packaging Group LLC	100	DND Witzel Enterprise Inc. dba McDonald's	298
		City of Danville	253
		ThyssenKrupp Presta-Danville	240
		The Sygma Network	220
		NACCO Materials Handling Group, Inc.	211
		Walgreens - Services	200
		Watchfire/TimeOMatic	200

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### Employment Trends

The District's employment strengths over time show that agricultural services/forest/fishing and mining showed the largest increase between 1970 and 2000, followed by the service industry, which increased by 117%. The largest decrease in that time occurred in the military industry, attributed to the closing of Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul in the early 90's. Farm employment also showed a 40% decrease in that time. Steady increases were found in construction, wholesale and retail trade, finance/insurance/real estate, and services.

#### District Employment by Industry, 1970-2000

Industry	District								Percent Change 1970-2000
	District	Share	1980	Share	1990	Share	2000	Share	
Farm employment	11,952	7.6	11,473	6.5	8,283	4.3	7,181	3.5	-39.9
Ag services, forestry, fishing, and mining	912	0.6	1,570	0.9	2,950	1.5	2,625	1.3	187.8
Construction	6,822	4.3	6,696	3.8	7,737	4.0	9,371	4.5	37.4
Manufacturing	24,073	15.3	24,070	13.6	25,292	13.2	26,829	12.9	11.4
Transportation and public utilities	6,926	4.4	7,090	4.0	6,666	3.5	7,536	3.6	8.8
Wholesale trade	4,641	3.0	7,361	4.2	7,258	3.8	8,231	4.0	77.4
Retail trade	23,278	14.8	26,959	15.3	30,302	15.9	36,793	17.7	58.1
Finance, insurance, and real estate	7,280	4.6	10,427	5.9	9,403	4.9	13,290	6.4	82.6
Services	23,965	15.2	33,847	19.1	44,974	23.5	52,080	25.1	117.3
Government and government enterprises	47,328	30.1	47,286	26.7	48,319	25.3	43,793	21.1	-7.5
Federal, civilian	5,713	3.6	5,371	3.0	5,323	2.8	3,360	1.6	-41.2
Military	11,022	7.0	8,579	4.9	5,493	2.9	804	0.4	-92.7
State and local government	30,593	19.5	33,336	18.9	37,503	19.6	39,629	19.1	29.5
Total full-time and part-time employment	157,177	100.0	176,779	100.0	191,083	100.0	207,729	100.0	32.2

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Industry	Illinois								Percent Change 1970-2000
	1970	Share	1980	Share	1990	Share	2000	Share	
Farm employment	149,116	2.9	146,386	2.6	111,007	1.7	101,167	1.4	-32.2
Ag services, forestry, fishing, and mining	42,010	0.8	64,093	1.1	80,750	1.3	84,368	1.1	100.8
Construction	224,322	4.4	233,554	4.1	304,282	4.7	367,873	5.0	64.0
Manufacturing	1,360,740	26.5	1,201,587	21.1	998,714	15.5	962,497	13.0	-29.3
Transportation and public utilities	300,564	5.8	298,044	5.2	340,309	5.3	407,960	5.5	35.7
Wholesale trade	289,890	5.6	348,445	6.1	382,302	5.9	385,409	5.2	33.0
Retail trade	784,020	15.2	882,101	15.5	1,023,905	15.9	1,143,247	15.4	45.8
Finance, insurance, and real estate	352,479	6.9	473,603	8.3	565,681	8.8	674,530	9.1	91.4
Services	904,603	17.6	1,240,963	21.8	1,789,429	27.8	2,394,359	32.3	164.7
Government and government enterprises	736,092	14.3	799,223	14.1	843,494	13.1	894,899	12.1	21.6
Federal, civilian	117,863	2.3	103,985	1.8	114,704	1.8	99,808	1.3	-15.3
Military	92,677	1.8	68,533	1.2	75,506	1.2	57,616	0.8	-37.8
State and local government	525,552	10.2	626,705	11.0	653,284	10.1	737,475	9.9	40.3
Total full-time and part-time employment	5,143,836	100.0	5,687,999	100.0	6,439,873	100.0	7,416,309	100.0	44.2

Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis CA25, 1970 - 2000

## Economic Clusters

The analysis of the East Central Illinois Economic Development District uses 17 business clusters that were defined by the Indiana Economic Development Council. These clusters are based on a cluster component list used by Porter and Feser for the entire United States. The team from Indiana removed clusters from this list such as jewelry and precious metals which would more likely be found in large metropolitan areas. The team also aggregated the clusters to be as inclusive and broad as feasible. This allows for potentially weak connections between urban and rural areas to be identified by the analysis. The industry clusters were defined using six digit NAICS codes, for the average user, this creates a problem of data suppression.

1. Advanced Materials
2. Agribusiness, Food Processing & Technology
3. Apparel & Textiles
4. Arts, Entertainment, Recreation & Visitor Industries
5. Biomedical/Biotechnical (Life Sciences);
6. Business & Financial Services
7. Chemicals & Chemical Based Products;
8. Defense & Security;
9. Education & Knowledge Creation
10. Energy (Fossil & Renewable)
11. Forest & Wood Products
12. Glass & Ceramics
13. Information Technology & Telecommunications
14. Transportation & Logistics
15. Manufacturing Supercluster
  - a. Primary Metal Mfg
  - b. Fabricated Metal Product Mfg
  - c. Machinery Mfg
  - d. Computer & Electronic Product Mfg
  - e. Electrical Equipment, Appliance & Component Mfg
  - f. Transportation Equipment Mfg
16. Mining
17. Printing & Publishing

The clusters were evaluated on the following criteria and compared to the United States:

- Number of employees
- Number of establishments
- Location quotient 2004 and 2008
- Change in location quotient, 2004-2008

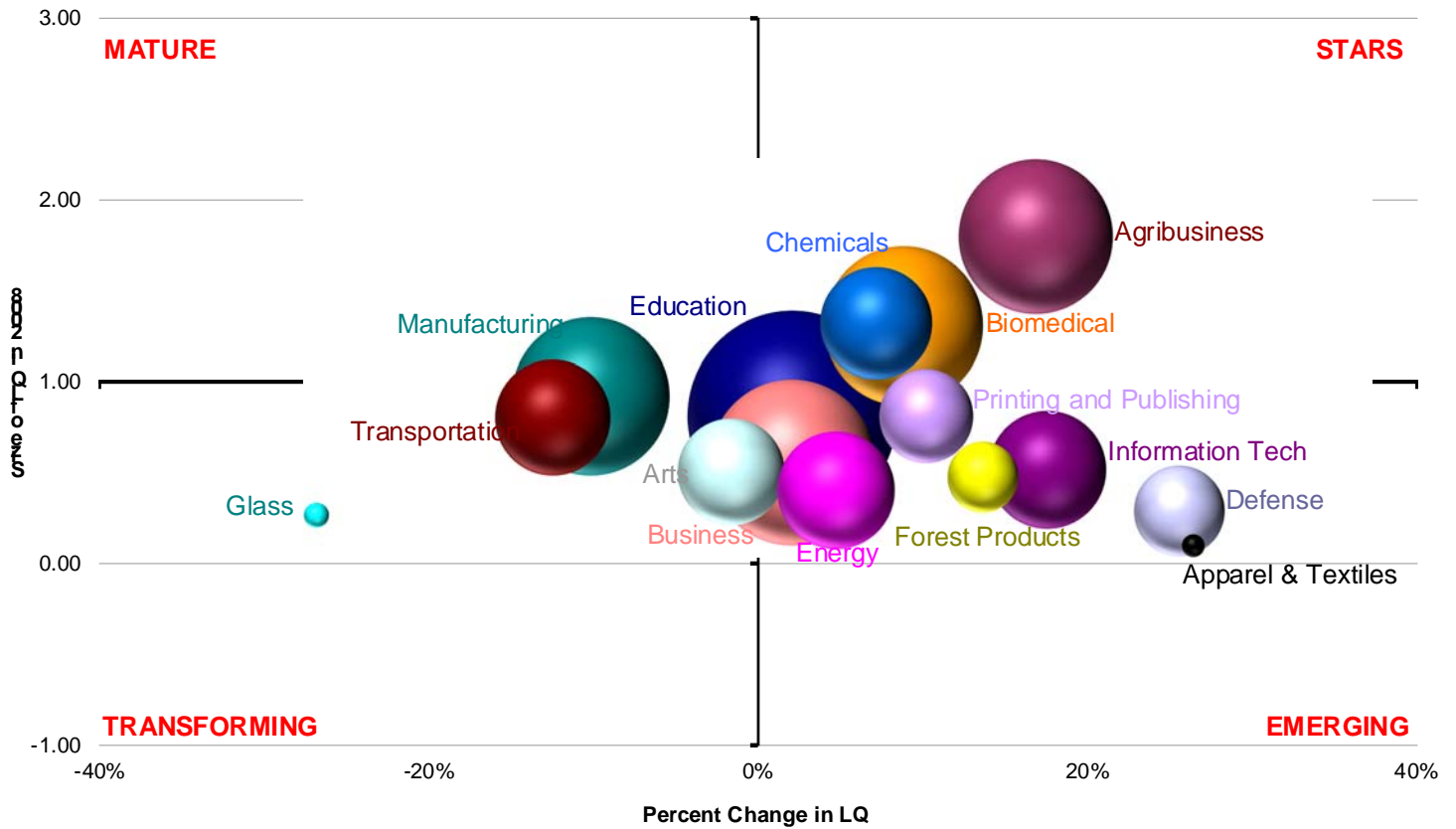
Location quotients (LQ) show where industry sector in particular localities are more strongly represented than they are in the nation as a whole. For an industry or cluster where the LQ is greater than one, the area is considered to be more specialized in that industry or cluster than the nation. With that specialization is the expectation that products or services are being produced for export as well as local consumption.

The cluster analysis uses size to reflect employment and locates the cluster within one of four quadrants. These quadrants indicate degree of specialization through concentration of industry in the region as compared to the nation, and change in specialization over the time frame of the study.

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<p><b>“Mature”</b> — clusters that are relatively specialized (LQ &gt; 1) compared to the national economy but are becoming less specialized over time within the study area.</p>	<p><b>“Stars”</b> — clusters that are relatively specialized (LQ &gt; 1) compared to the national economy and are becoming even more specialized over time within the study area.</p>
<p><b>“Transforming”</b> — clusters that are relatively unspecialized (LQ &lt; 1) compared to the national economy and are becoming even less specialized over time within the study area.</p>	<p><b>“Emerging”</b> — clusters that are relatively unspecialized (LQ &lt; 1) compared to the national economy but are becoming more specialized over time within the study area. These are often thought of as having the potential to become part of the “Star Category”</p>

**ECIEDD Cluster Size, Location Quotient, and Percent Change Primary Clusters**



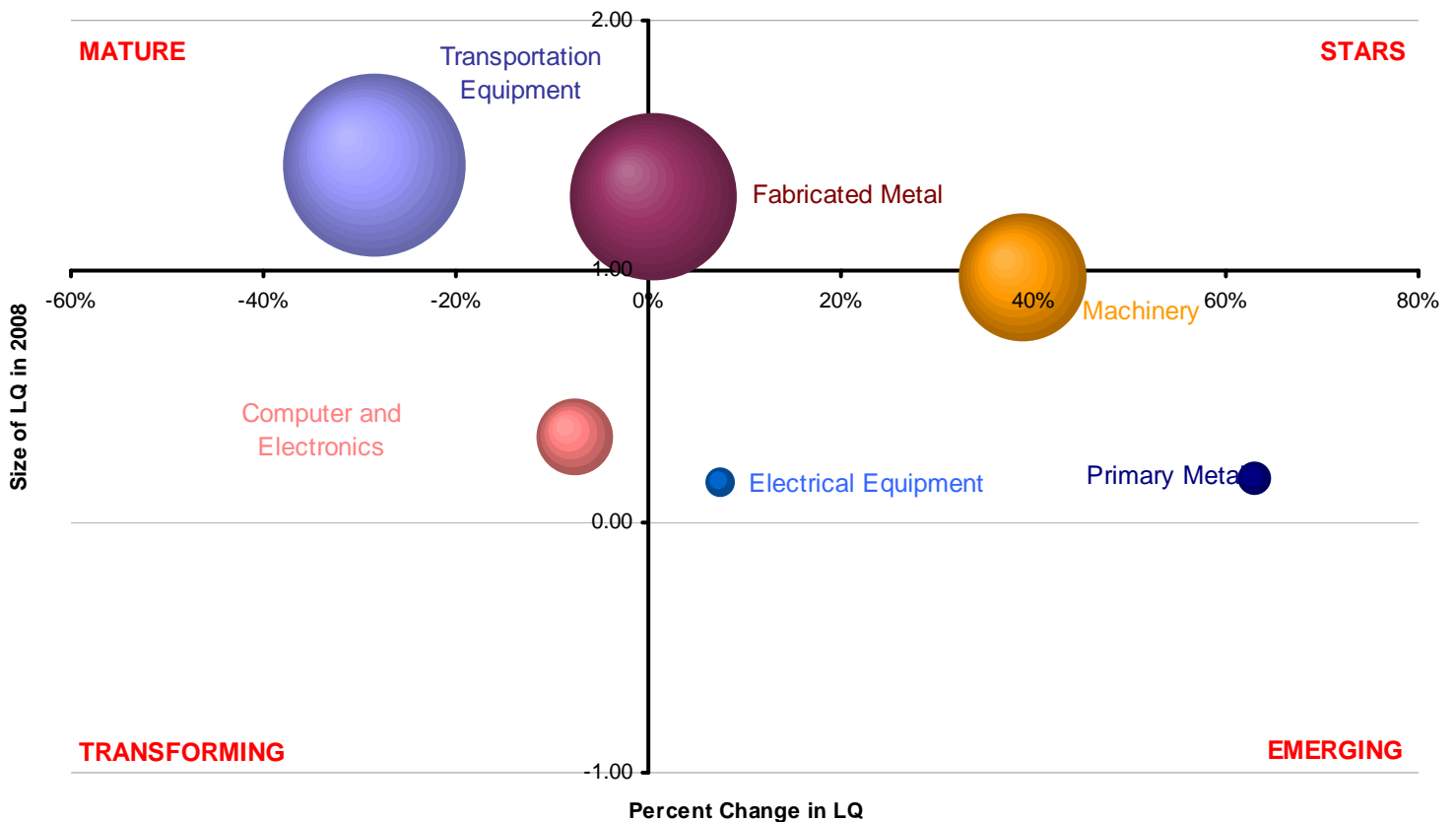
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The ECIEDD cluster with the highest location quotient in 2008 was Agribusiness. This cluster includes Fishing, support activities for farming, food and beverage manufacturing, pesticides, manufacturing for farms, and farm equipment and supply wholesalers. Other clusters with high LQ's in the region include Biomedical and Chemicals. These are the only three that have positive location quotient changes indicating increased specialization from 2004-2008.

No ECIEDD Clusters fell into the 'Mature' quadrant of the cluster analysis. A number of clusters had relatively low LQ and showed a decrease in specialization. These include manufacturing, transportation, arts and glass.

Among the six subclusters of the ECIEDD manufacturing supercluster, as illustrated in the chart below, three fell into the 'Emerging' category: machinery, primary metal, and electrical equipment. The fabricated metal subcluster is specialized, but did not experience growth or decline within the timeframe of the study. Transportation equipment and computer and electronics manufacturing both experienced decline between 2004 and 2008.

**ECIEDD Cluster Size, Location Quotient, and Percent Change**  
Manufacturing Subclusters



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The cluster analysis can be extended further by using the index of relative rurality. Location Quotient and change in Location Quotient were calculated for Champaign and Vermilion Counties as counties with low rurality and for Douglas, Ford, Iroquois and Piatt as counties with high rurality. These graphs show a number of similarities throughout the District. Agribusiness and chemicals /chemical based products, are both located in the 'Star' quadrant for 2004 - 2008. The high rurality counties excel within the Manufacturing Supercluster.

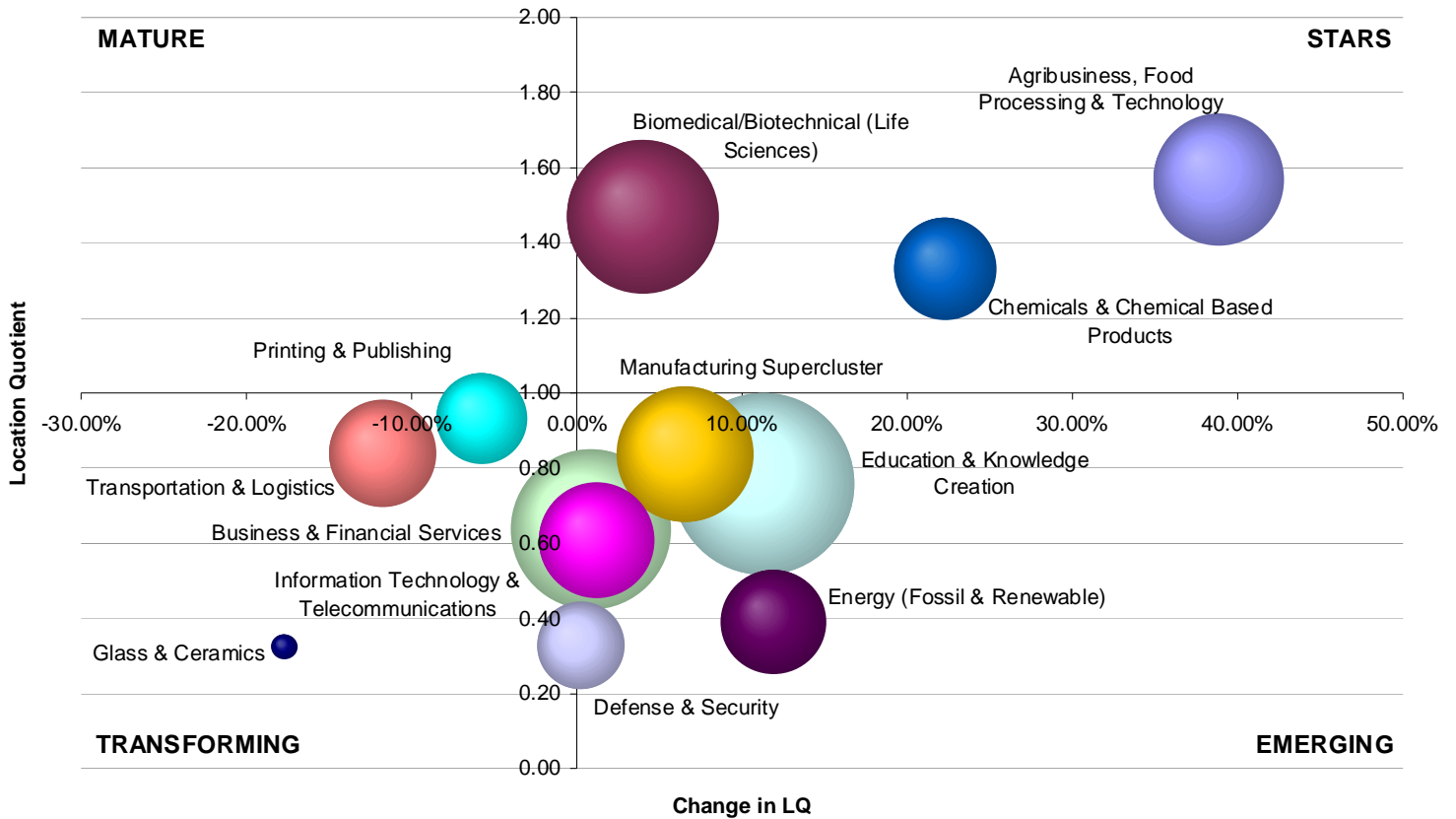
### Clusters with Location Quotients of 1.2 or more by County

	Low Rurality		High Rurality			
	Champaign	Vermilion	Douglas	Ford	Iroquois	Piatt
Advanced Materials						
Agribusiness, Food Processing & Technology	1.34	2.28	1.87	2.13	4.88	2.03
Apparel & Textiles						
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation & Visitor Industries						
Biomedical/Biotechnical (Life Sciences)	1.55	1.24				
Business & Financial Services						
Chemicals & Chemical Based Products		1.87	2.46	2.53		
Defense & Security						
Education & Knowledge Creation					1.30	1.29
Energy (Fossil & Renewable)						
Forest & Wood Products			4.50			
Glass & Ceramics						
Information Technology & Telecommunications						
Transportation & Logistics						
Manufacturing Supercluster		1.84	2.40	2.02		
Primary Metal Mfg						
Fabricated Metal Product Mfg		1.80	10.11			
Machinery Mfg		1.80		11.08		
Computer & Electronic Product Mfg					2.73	
Electrical Equipment, Appliance & Component Mfg						
Transportation Equipment Mfg		3.98				
Mining						
Printing & Publishing						
Total Clusters	2	7	5	4	3	2

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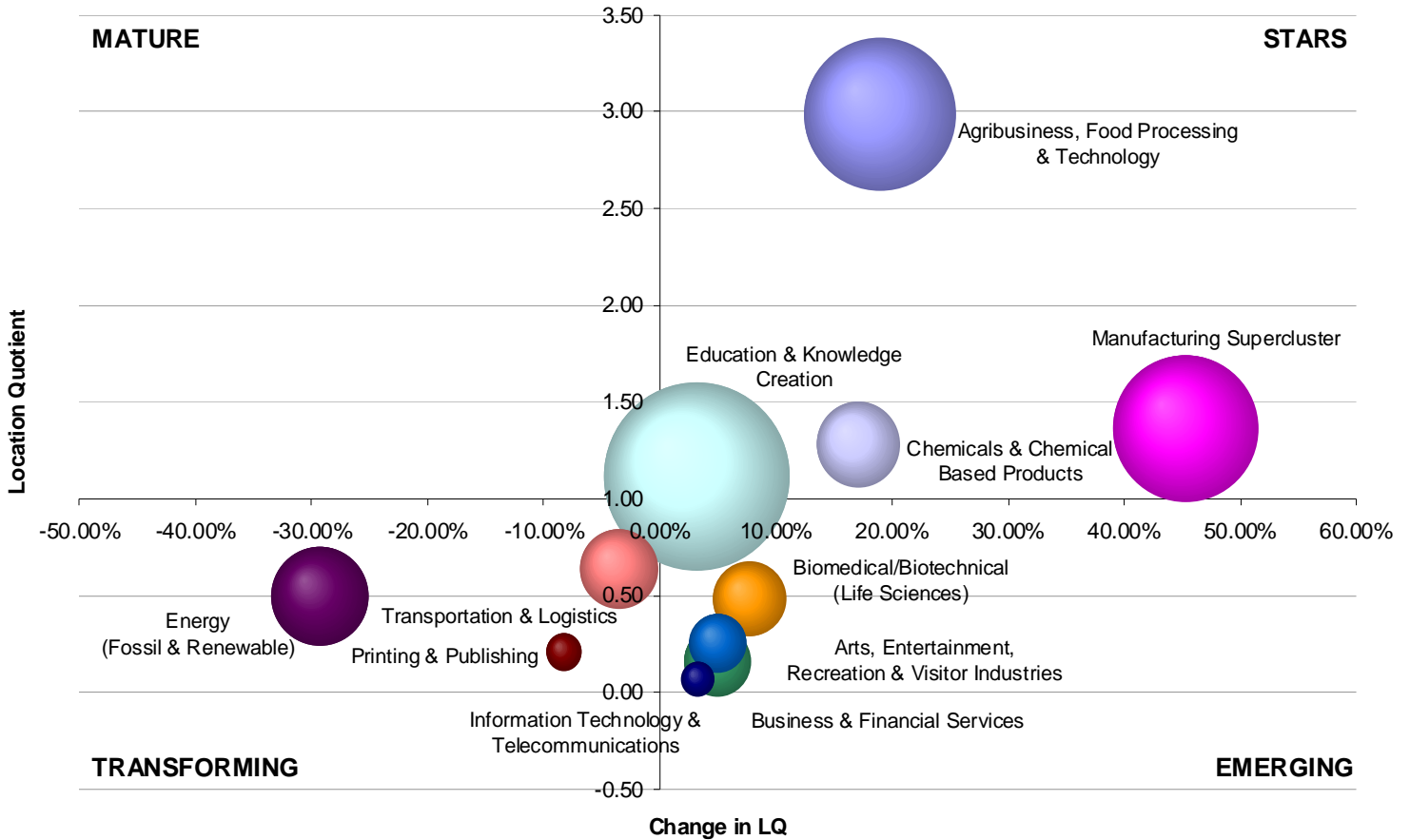
The clusters that obtain the “Star” category for both high and low rurality are Agribusiness, Chemical and Chemical Based Products. Several clusters are either stars or emerging for both types of rurality most notably Manufacturing, Biomedical/Biotechnical. Energy has an emerging role in low rurality counties and a transforming role in high rurality counties.

**ECIEDD Cluster Size, Location Quotient, and Percent Change in LQ, 2004-2008**  
Low Rurality



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ECIEDD Cluster Size, Location Quotient, and Percent Change in LQ, 2004-2008  
High Rurality



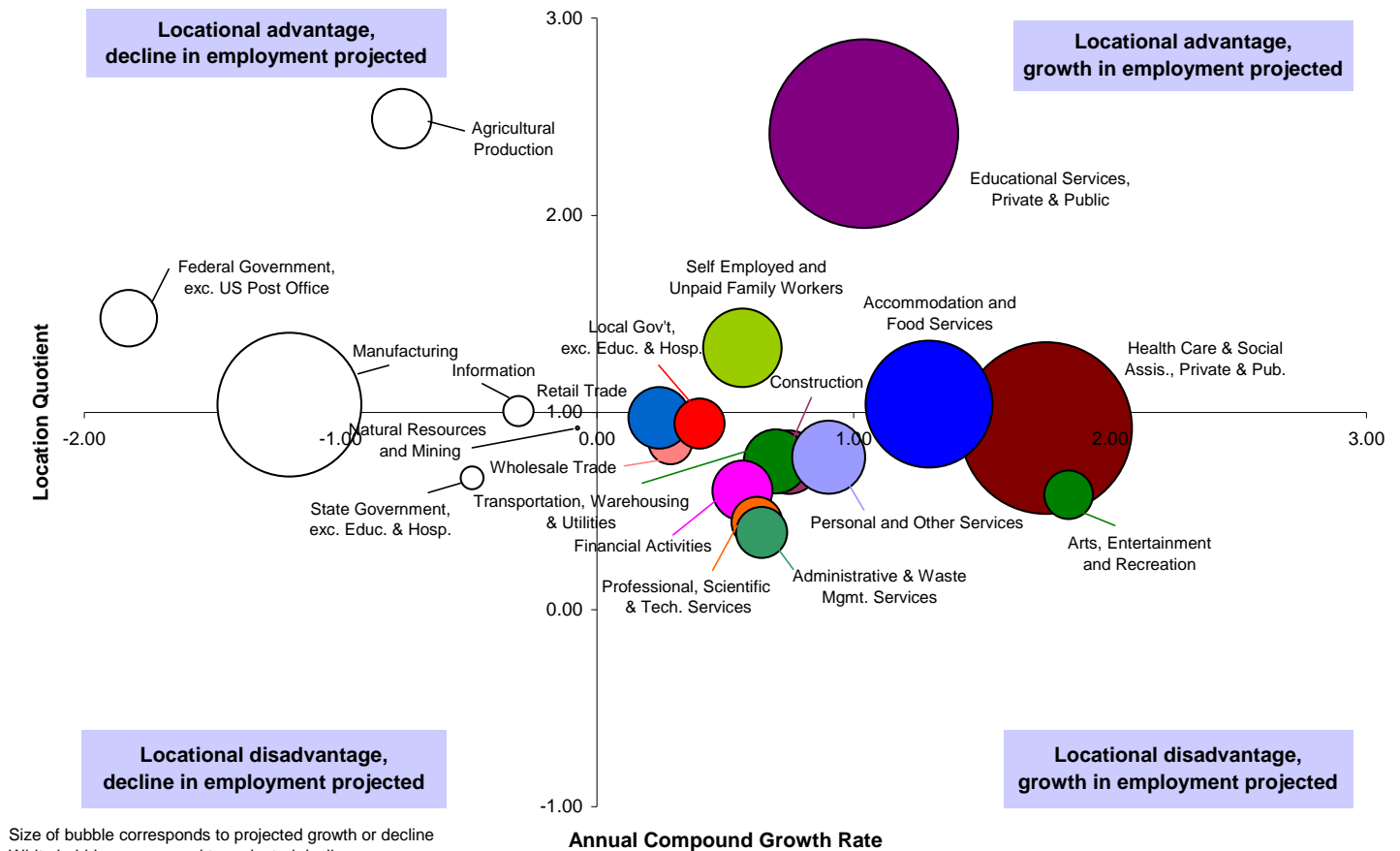
In conclusion, ECIEDD has a number of industry clusters with some degree of specialization which are spatially distributed throughout the region. However, each county only represents a few of these industries. One strategy is to build up individual cluster industries in each separate location. However, this strategy will likely be greatly enhanced by searching for complementarities between cluster industries in the entire region and working collaboratively to strengthen the regional clusters. Comparison of the cluster analysis and existing businesses can help refine the clusters into a select group that can be given primary focus.

# Economic Development

## Job Growth and Competitive Advantage

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) developed ten year employment projections for County and MSA areas for Illinois in 2006. These projections show the District as having steady growth in a range of sectors over the next ten years. These sectors include Educational Services; Health Care, both public and private; Accommodation and Food Services, and self employed workers.

**District Estimated Job Growth by Sector, 7-10 year projection (2006)**

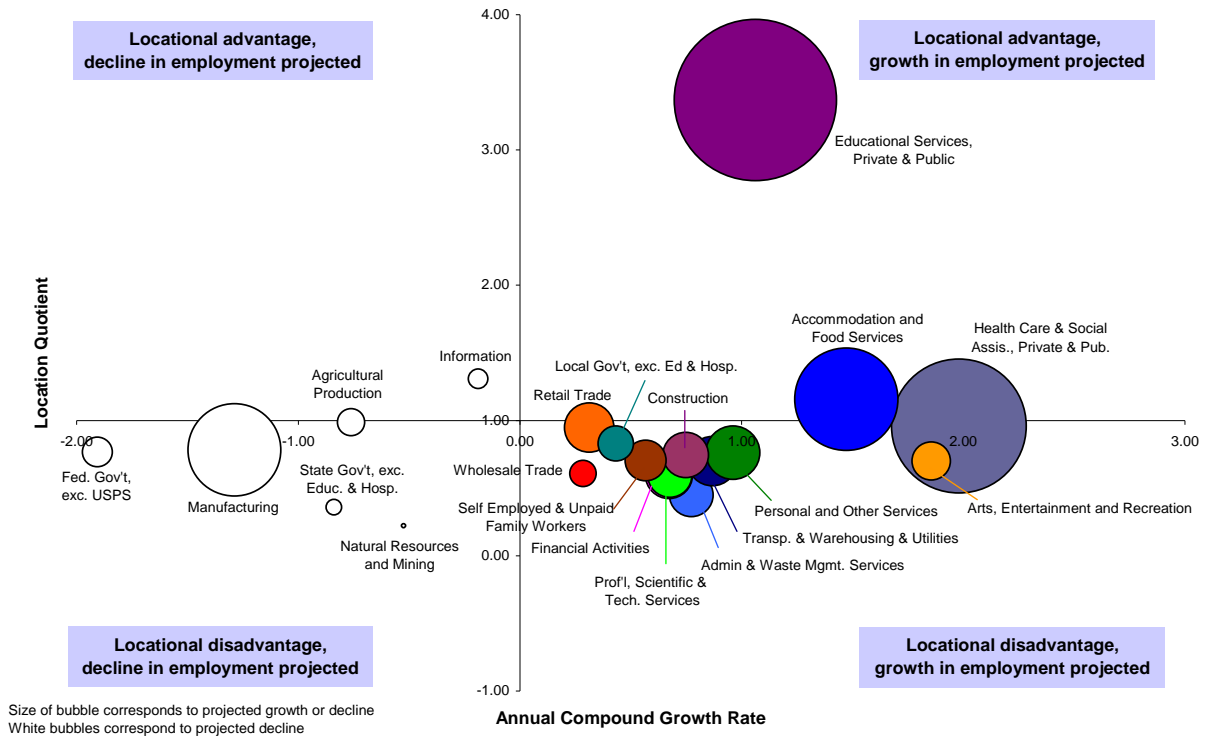


*Labor Market Information – Illinois Department of Employment Security, 2006*

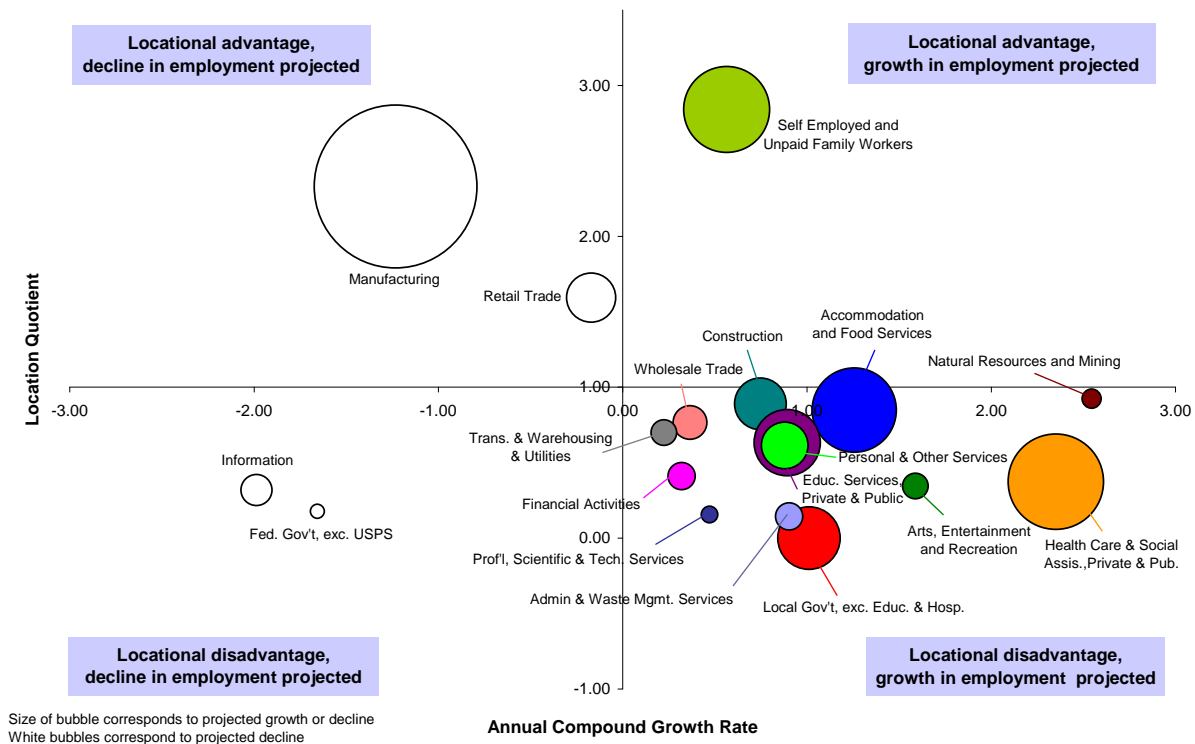
Each county has a distinct role in the District's competitive advantage, as can be seen in the following charts. Champaign County has a competitive advantage in Education and Food Services. Douglas, Ford, Iroquois and Piatt in Self Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, while Vermilion County has had an advantage and anticipated growth in wholesale trade and in occupations that are declining such as manufacturing, Federal and State Government, and agricultural production. The individual county charts present much different information than when combined in the District. This indicates a separation in the economic strength of the District and presents opportunities to develop a variety of economies within the District.

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Projected Champaign County Growth & Locational Advantage Compared to Illinois

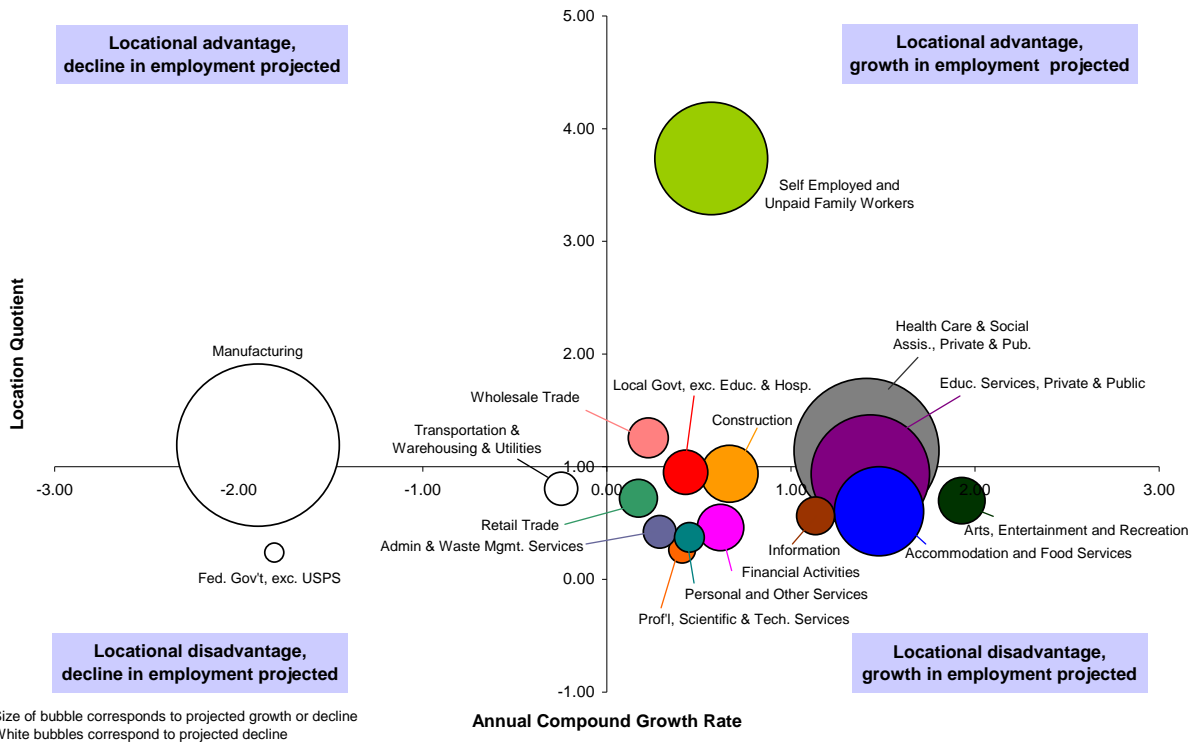


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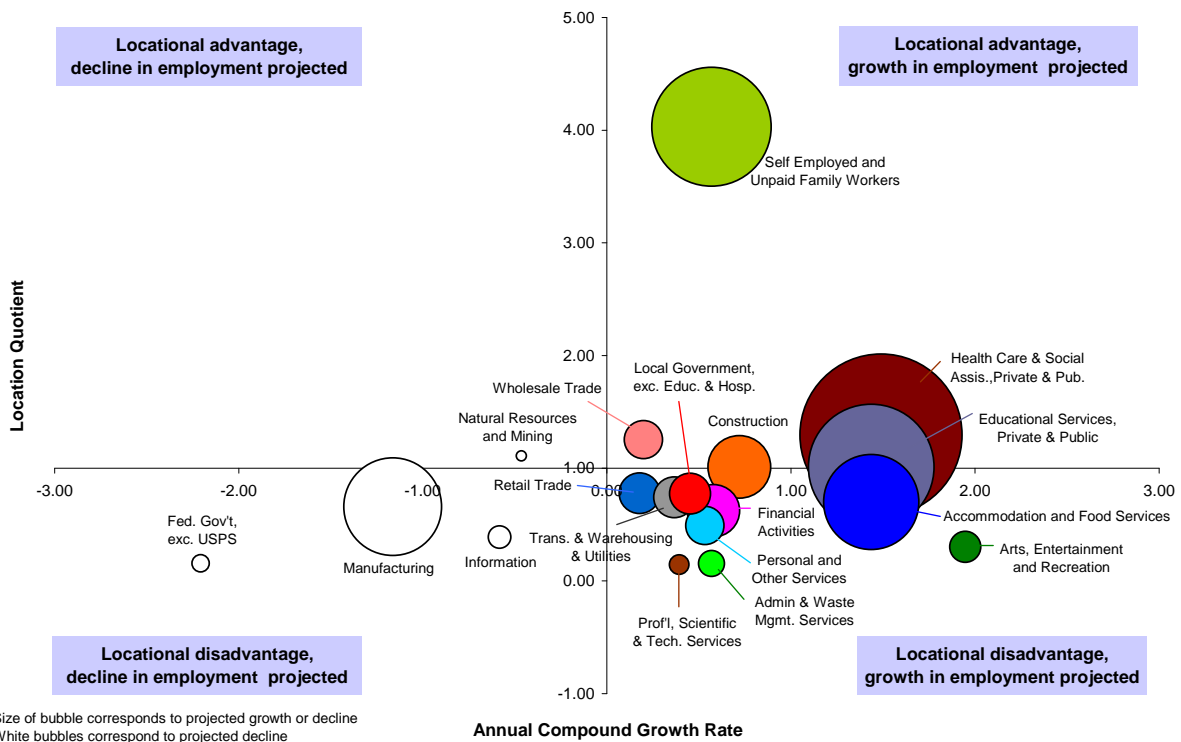


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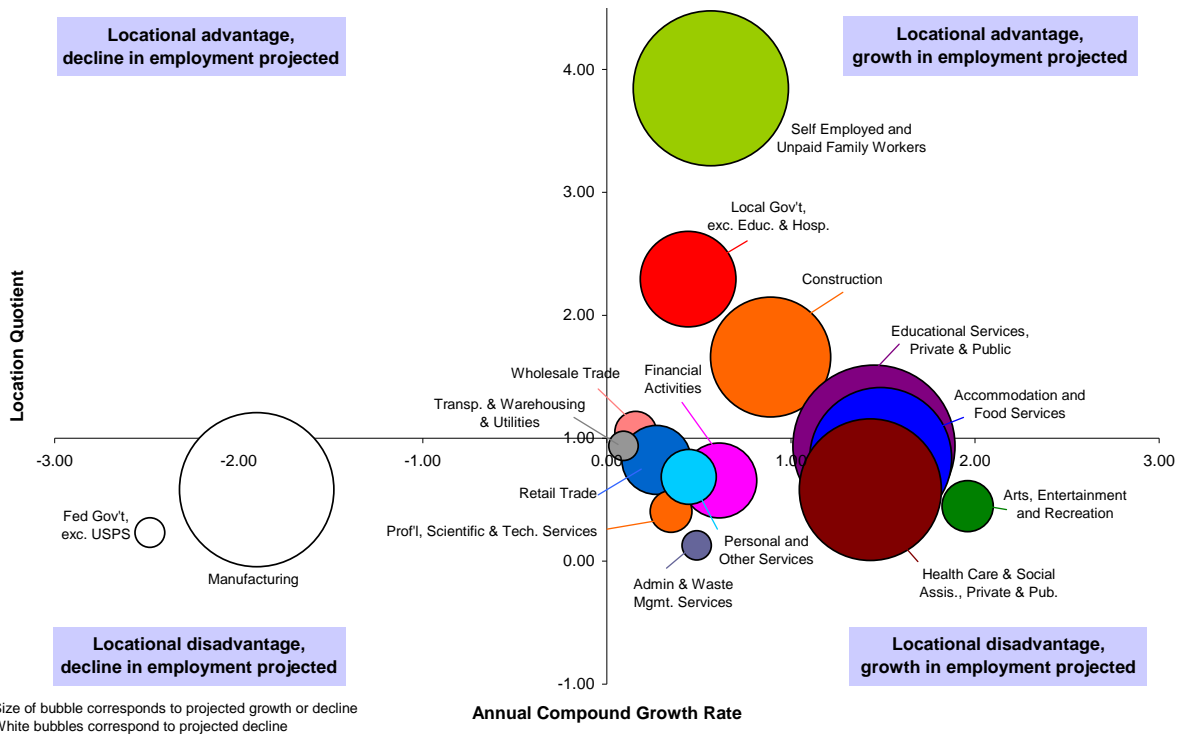


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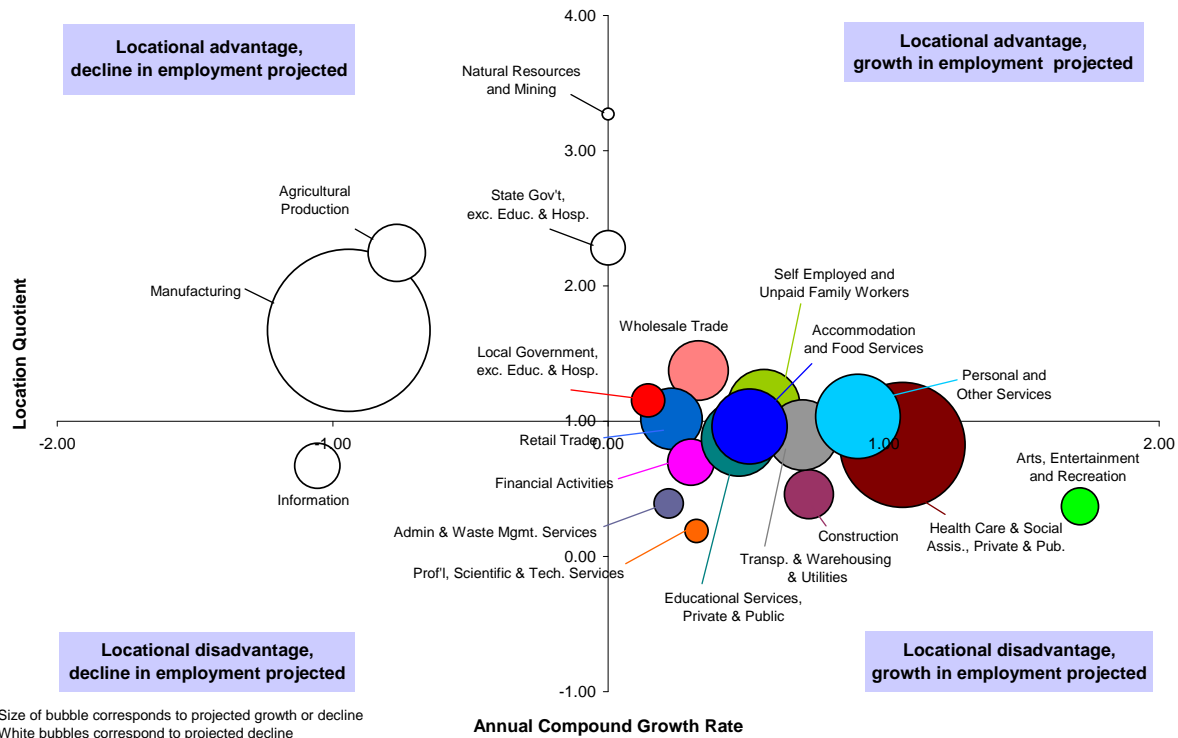


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Projected Piatt County Growth & Locational Advantage Compared to Illinois



Projected Vermilion County Growth & Locational Advantage Compared to Illinois

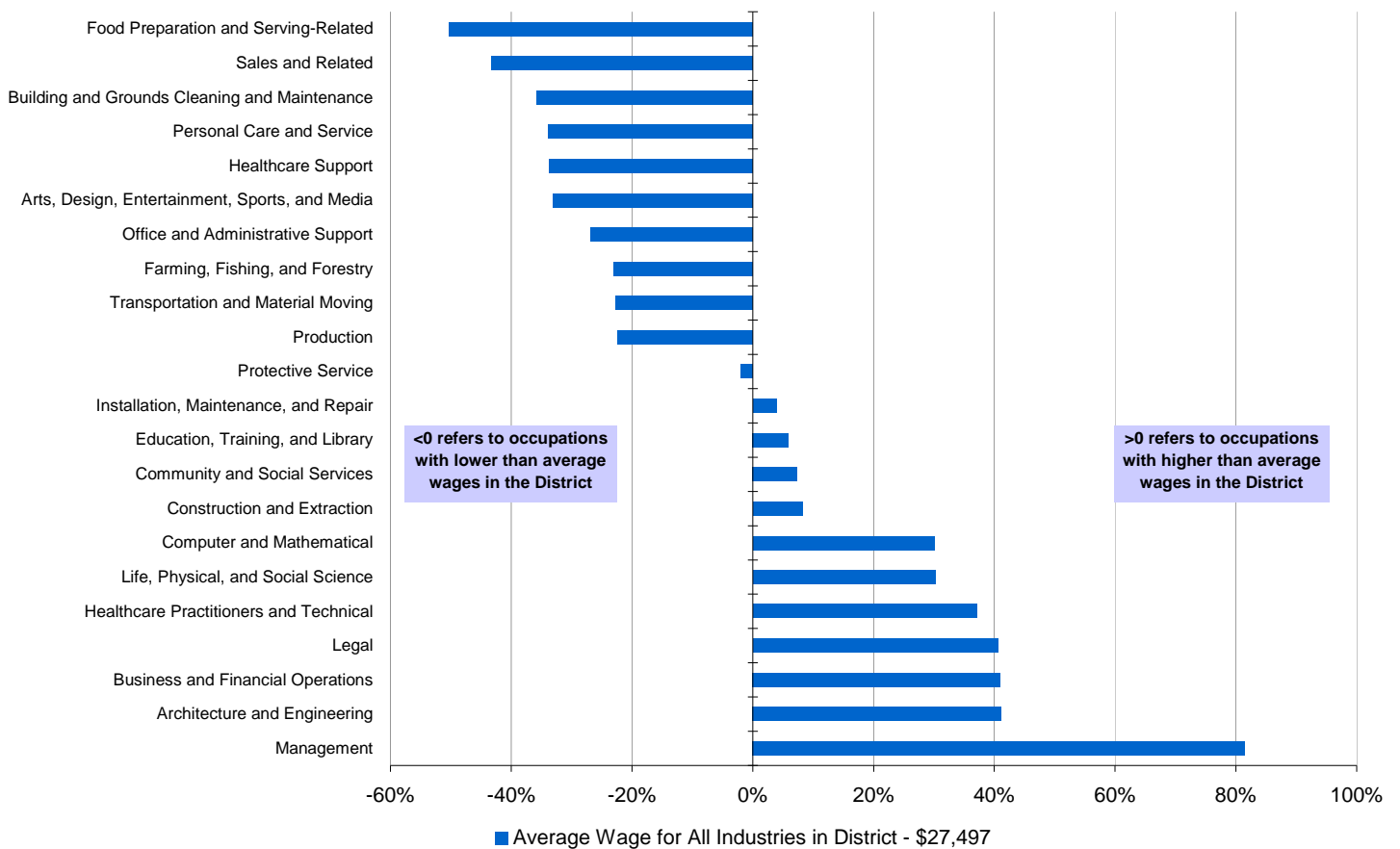


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## Wages

Occupational wages for the first quarter of 2008 are compared to average District wages to determine an economic prosperity factor. This factor identifies occupations that have higher or lower than average wages within the District. The chart below shows occupations in the District with higher than average wages to the right of zero and occupations with lower than average wages in the District to the left of zero. As an example, Management occupations have an average wage that is 81% higher than the average wage for all industries in the District.

**Occupational Wages Compared to Average District Wage, 2008 3rd Quarter**  
*Standard Occupational Classification*



Source: Labor Market Information – Illinois Department of Employment Security

## Competitive Advantages and Challenges

In the opinion of economic development professionals in the District, the six-county area has a sufficient number of location advantages to outweigh the challenges. The challenges include increasing the number of jobs throughout the District, improving the quality of jobs, and enhancing our economic identity and diversity.

Topic	Advantages	Challenges
Global Competitiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proximity to larger cities—Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adequacy of Willard Airport/air service in our region</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We are located in middle of the country; we're in a good position to export globally</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Market for Bloomington or other airports outside region is better than our region's service</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Emerging technologies in agriculture is a positive skill set unique to our area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Other states do a better job of helping businesses understand their place in the global market</li> </ul>

Topic	Advantages	Challenges
Infrastructure and Services Strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Access to highway and rail corridors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Catching up with developers in terms of building adequate and connective roadways</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Some areas in our region are infrastructure-ready for development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lack of infrastructure in some areas</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Readily available and reliable electrical and natural gas services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lack of electricity-distribution system is inadequate</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Good telecommunications services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lack of broadband/internet service</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Numerous hospitals in region</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Medical services lacking in rural areas</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vacant buildings ready for businesses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fire protection-response times in rural areas, ISO ratings</li> </ul>

Topic	Advantages	Challenges
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Local loan programs availability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perception of Illinois being high tax, high cost; difficult to compete</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Local funding available for some unique agencies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lack of venture capital for entrepreneurial activities</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ State/federal funding availability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lack of local matching funds to match federal/state grants</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lower capital development costs than larger metropolitan areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Local budgets are very tight</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Willingness to offer development incentives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cost of business compared to other locations in the world</li> </ul>

## Competitive Advantages and Disadvantages

Topic	Advantages	Challenges
Workforce Strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Relatively affordable housing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintenance on older housing can be expensive</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ People come to smaller communities such as our region to raise kids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Housing supply does not meet demand</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aging population needs housing where they can receive assistance; this can be opportunity for job creation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hard to find lower cost and/or rental housing in smaller communities</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Midwestern work ethic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Affordable housing needed for younger, lower-paid workforce</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Opportunity for capacity to retain a larger workforce instead of losing it to other areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Older workforce sometimes does not know how to use emerging technologies, training necessary</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Locally accessible technical and vocational employee training programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Few people in rural areas, affects labor force potential</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Competitive cost of skilled and unskilled labor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aging workforce retiring brings in younger workers with little or no experience</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Education-quality of K-12 system/choice helps decide where to live</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hard time holding on to younger population (brain drain)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Quality of life, recreation choices-affects whether a business will locate here</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ People perceive the area as a boring place to go. Marketing is largely left untouched for the area</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community colleges for training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hard for high-tech companies to find employees</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Enthusiasm for new technology, can do spirit-example Gibson City - survival versus thriving mentality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hard to match population with available jobs</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pride in our place and community-helps sell or kill a business prospect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Possible lack of training to start a business, especially in more rural areas</li> </ul>	

Topic	Advantages	Challenges
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This region is becoming known for green/renewable/alternative energy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Water quantity and quality</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Biofuels can be grown on our agricultural land- miscanthus, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aquifer protection and expending more than can be recharged</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ideal location for carbon sequestration due to our geology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Negative impact of some energy resources that could be "greener"</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rich farmland, good growing seasons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ High energy prices affect where businesses do business and locate employment centers</li> </ul>

## Competitive Advantages and Disadvantages

Topic	Advantages	Challenges
Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ University of Illinois - its staff, students, knowledge, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Many layers of government make economic development difficult to coordinate</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parkland and DACC, other community colleges are resources that should be used more to attract companies to our area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Many agencies do not hear about funding and data sources, especially smaller communities</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public/private partnerships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Often economic development is competitive among local agencies rather than cooperative</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Regional agencies disseminating information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Related industries that use same skill set (clusters) are not fully understood; need that information to train our population</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Regional planning efforts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How much partnership occurs between high school and industries? Could be better relationship and potential for training.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Projects between industries and University students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Data distribution, centralized source, is lacking</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Good technical/professional support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Smaller businesses may lack information to grow</li> </ul>

Topic	Advantages	Challenges
Disaster Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Most District Counties have an EPA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Flooding is principal natural disaster that can affect our District</li> </ul>

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## Action Plan

The purpose of the Action Plan is to provide a strategy for how economic development can be successfully implemented in the District, and highlight tasks and projects that can be undertaken by local stakeholders to implement the goals and objectives created for the six-county area. In addition, the Plan includes discussion on community and private sector participation, and how the CEDS document relates to the State's economic development priorities. The implementation of the CEDS document must:

- Promote economic development and opportunity;
- Foster effective transportation access;
- Enhance and protect the environment;
- Maximize effective development and use of the workforce consistent with any applicable state or local workforce investment strategy;
- Promote the use of technology in economic development, including access to high-speed telecommunications;
- Balance resources through sound management of physical development; and
- Obtain and utilize adequate funds and other resources.

The first section will detail our District's goals, objectives, and action items. The second section details the CEDS implementation plan, which includes all activities outlined in the goals and objectives, proposed responsible parties for implementing those activities, potential resources, a time frame for implementation, and whether the activity is of high, medium, or low priority. The time frames are classified into short (within two years), medium (within five years) and long (more than five years). The third section focuses on infrastructure projects that our District's representatives have prioritized as integral to economic development. Potential funding sources at Federal, State, and local levels are then provided. The final section of the Action Plan provides discussion about cooperation and coordination with different interest groups.

### Goals, Objectives, and Actions

These goals, objectives, and actions establish the East Central Illinois Economic Development District's comprehensive system to achieve global competitiveness, job creation, public private investment, and project readiness all measured by specific actions.

#### Goal Theme: Collaboration

GOAL: THE SIX-COUNTY REGION WILL HAVE STRONG, COLLABORATIVE NETWORKS BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE REGION.

Objective: Work with other jurisdictions, agencies, and interested parties to achieve regional benefits as well as local benefits.

#### Actions

- Support and facilitate discussion forums for local stakeholder groups.
- Disseminate information of interest from local, regional and national sources to stakeholders through press releases, newsletters, email, and other media.
- Participate in conferences outside the region and bring the information back to communities that might not have the resources to attend.
- Schedule one-on-one meetings with stakeholders to develop and maintain strong relationships.
- Provide information to all communities about what site location consultants are seeking and what information they need to do their jobs.

Objective: The District will focus its efforts and considerations on urban, suburban, and rural areas.

#### Actions

- Define urban, suburban and rural areas within the Economic Development District, including the unique economic development issues they face.
- Identify actions and resources that can improve economic development for each of the geographies.

### Goal Theme: Strengthening Workforce & Community

GOAL: THE SIX-COUNTY REGION WILL HAVE A GROWING WORKFORCE THAT ENHANCES OUR ECONOMIC STRENGTHS, ATTRACTS HIGH-WAGE EMPLOYMENT CENTERS, AND TAKES ADVANTAGE OF NEW LEARNING EXPERIENCES TO FORTIFY OUR COMMUNITIES.

Objective: Support personal growth of our residents by providing educational opportunities that are compatible with industries well suited to the District.

#### Actions

- Research, identify and recommend local training and educational opportunities across broad sectors.
- Help establish a program within local schools that will connect schools to local businesses.
- Develop relationships between local businesses and high school students that increase the probability of graduation and potential for local jobs.

Objective: Increase the District's attractiveness for businesses.

#### Actions

- Use community input to build support for new businesses and development.
- Build a culture of regional economic development that reduces competitiveness within the District.
- Review incentives and disincentives to locate in our District.

Objective: Support growth of both existing and emerging industries.

#### Actions

- Complement and build on existing BR&E programs within the region.
- Complete a Business and Retention and Expansion Strategy (e.g. <http://www.extension.umn.edu/businessretention/reports.html>)
- Formulate and initiate implementation of an action plan based on the March 2010 Business Retention Workshop.

Objective: The District will help its communities establish a positive mentality that helps attract business and prosperity.

#### Actions

- Publish best practice reports for economic development strategies on the ECIEDD website.
- Highlight success stories on the ECIEDD website.
- Encourage communities to actively try local economic development.

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### Goal Theme: Jobs

GOAL: THE SIX-COUNTY REGION WILL HAVE JOBS THAT PAY WELL, ARE HIGH QUALITY AND STABLE FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

Objective: The District will help communities gain access to 'good' jobs.

#### Actions

- The District will maintain a definition of a 'good' job based on local conditions and community desires.
- The District's partners will collaborate on strategies for helping all communities bring good jobs to the area.

### Goal Theme: Increasing Global Competitiveness

GOAL: THE SIX-COUNTY REGION WILL HAVE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE GLOBAL MARKET.

Objective: Identify opportunities for regional innovation.

#### Actions

- Link businesses and partners in the District to existing innovation or research and development networks.
- Participate as a District in existing innovation or research and development networks.
- Research methods of targeting prospective investment (e.g. Pennsylvania's Global Competitiveness Initiative).

Objective: Acquire more knowledge of how well we are connected here to understand the global market, and opportunities for becoming part of it.

#### Actions

- Complete an industry-based analysis of our region's products that have potential in the global market.
- Identify potential relationships that can be built for businesses in those industries.

### Goal Theme: Strengthening Infrastructure and Services

GOAL: THE SIX-COUNTY REGION WILL UNDERSTAND ITS LIMITATIONS AND WILL ESTABLISH METHODS FOR MANAGING AND ADDRESSING THOSE LIMITATIONS.

Objective: Understand geographic, infrastructure, and services limitations in the District.

#### Actions

- Create and maintain a database and map inventory of existing transportation, sewer, water, electricity, and internet infrastructure.
- Create and maintain a database and map inventory of existing first responder services.
- Identify gaps in infrastructure that are critical to regional economic development.
- Identify gaps in services that are critical to attracting investors.

Objective: Prioritize projects and seek funding for them as opportunities allow.

#### Actions

- Maintain a list of potential funding sources.
- Maintain a district-wide project prioritization list.

### Goal Theme: Leveraging Resources

GOAL: THE SIX COUNTY REGION WILL COMPLETE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THAT MAXIMIZE USE OF LOCAL FUNDS.

Objective: The District will leverage both public and private resources in its initiatives.

#### Actions

- The District will expand its funding sources database research to include potential angel investors, venture capital, in-kind opportunities with other agencies, and other collaborative funding mechanisms.

Objective: To the extent possible, smaller and/or disadvantaged communities and businesses will be made aware of available funding sources.

#### Actions

- The District will conduct a regular review funding opportunities.

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Objective: Public investment will be backed by appropriate benchmarks and guarantees.

### Actions

- The District will foster the development of clearly written expectations for companies that receive public financial assistance. These expectations will be available for local adoption throughout the District.
- The District will encourage local jurisdictions to adopt transparency and disclosure protocols for publicly funded projects.

Objective: Land regulation and development patterns will be identified as methods of leveraging resources.

### Actions

- Research and consider alternative funding mechanisms and disincentives/incentives for smart growth and development. Concepts may include but are not limited to: not qualifying for incentives unless accessible by public transit; regional sharing of local sales tax revenue; regional sharing of some property tax revenue; no TIF sales tax; no subsidies for Greenfield development; and no subsidies for sprawling retail.

### Goal Theme: Environment

GOAL: THE SIX-COUNTY REGION WILL ACCOUNT FOR THE STABILITY OF SYSTEMS AND ELEMENTS OF OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT DURING PLANNING, DESIGN, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES.

Objective: The District will define critical components of our natural environment that need special consideration from an economic development perspective.

### Actions

- Identify considerations and best practices for environmental concerns with economic development.

Objective: The District will encourage the use of clean energy and green technologies.

### Actions

- Facilitate an awareness campaign about clean energy and green technology options.

Objective: The District will promote sustainable manufacturing protocols.

### Actions

- Research and publish sustainable methods of manufacturing and identify opportunities to implement it in the six-county region.

### **Goal Theme: Disaster Recovery**

GOAL: THE SIX-COUNTY REGION WILL RESPOND TO ECONOMIC STRESS CREATED BY NATURAL DISASTERS AND WILL HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE TOOLBOX THAT CAN PROACTIVELY AID RECOVERY.

Objective: The District will prioritize investments that strengthen communities suffering from disproportionate economic losses.

#### Actions

- District staff will work with affected communities to seek funding, assist in writing applications for funding, and pursue other agencies' support in their recovery.
- The District will create a set of tools to foster recovery and prosperity in communities stricken by natural disaster.

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### Implementation Plan

Goal Theme	Action	Proposed Responsible Parties	Resources	Time Frame	Priority
Collaboration	Support and facilitate discussion forums for local stakeholder groups.	EDD Staff	Speakers such as Eric Canada, Ed Morrison	Ongoing	High
	Disseminate information of interest from local, regional and national sources to stakeholders through press releases, newsletters, email, and other media.	EDD Staff		Ongoing	High
	Participate in conferences outside the region and bring the information back to communities that might not have the resources to attend.	EDD Staff and other economic development professionals in the District		Ongoing	Low
	Schedule one-on-one meetings with stakeholders to develop and maintain strong relationships.	EDD Staff and other economic development professionals in the District	Economic Development agencies within and outside the District	Ongoing	Medium
	Provide information to all communities about what site location consultants are seeking and what information they need to do their jobs.	EDD Staff		Short	Medium
	Define urban, suburban and rural areas within the Economic Development District, including the unique economic development issues they face.	EDD Staff and participating agencies		Short	Medium
	Identify actions and resources that can improve economic development for each of the geographies.	EDD Staff and participating agencies		Short	Medium

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Goal Theme	Action	Proposed Responsible Parties	Resources	Time Frame	Priority
Strengthening Workforce & Community	Research, identify and recommend local training and educational opportunities across broad sectors.	EDD staff	Parkland Workforce Development; DACC business center	Medium	Low
	Help establish a program within local schools that will connect schools to local businesses.	Econ. Dev't. Agencies in County; EDD Board; EDD staff	School Districts; Chambers of Commerce	Medium	Low
	Develop relationships between local businesses and high school students that increase the probability of graduation and potential for local jobs.	Economic Development Agencies in County; EDD Board; EDD staff	School Districts; Chambers of Commerce	Medium	Low
	Use community input to build support for new businesses and development.	EDD staff, development agencies		Ongoing	Medium
	Build a culture of regional economic development that reduces competitiveness within the District.	EDD Board; EDD staff	Economic Development agencies	Ongoing	High
	Review incentives and disincentives to locate in our District.	individual counties, municipalities, EDD staff	local ordinances, other agencies' ordinances	Short	High
	Complement and build on existing BR&E programs within the region.	Econ. Dev't. Agencies in County; EDD Board; EDD staff		Ongoing	Medium
	Complete a Business and Retention and Expansion Strategy	EDD staff	Eric Canada workshop and related resources; <a href="http://www.extension.umn.edu/businessretention/reports.html">http://www.extension.umn.edu/businessretention/reports.html</a>	Medium	High
	Formulate and initiate implementation of an action plan based on the March 2010 Business Retention Workshop.	individual counties, municipalities, EDD staff	Eric Canada workshop and related resources	Short	High
	Publish best practice reports for economic development strategies on the ECIEDD website.	EDD staff		Ongoing	Medium
	Highlight success stories on the ECIEDD website.	EDD staff		Ongoing	Medium
Encourage communities to actively try local economic development.	EDD staff, municipalities and counties		Ongoing	Medium	

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Goal Theme	Action	Proposed Responsible Parties	Resources	Time Frame	Priority
Jobs	The District will create a definition of a 'good' job based on local conditions and community desires.	EDD staff	EDD Board input	Short	Medium
	The District's partners will work collaboratively on strategies for helping all communities bring good jobs to the area.	all EDD counties, EDD staff		Ongoing	High
Increasing Global Competitiveness	Link businesses and partners in the District to existing innovation or research and development networks.	EDD staff	UIUC Research Park, Illinois WorkNet	Medium	Medium
	Participate as a District in existing innovation or research and development networks.	EDD staff; EDD Board	UIUC Research Park, Illinois WorkNet	Ongoing	Medium
	Research methods of targeting prospective investment	EDD staff	e.g. Pennsylvania's Global Competitiveness Initiative	Medium	High
	Complete an industry-based analysis of our region's products that have potential in the global market.	EDD staff		Short	High
	Identify potential relationships that can be built for businesses in those industries.	EDD staff		Short	High
Strengthening Infrastructure and Services	Create and maintain a database and map inventory of existing transportation, sewer, water, electricity, and internet infrastructure.	EDD staff		Short	Medium
	Create and maintain a database and map inventory of existing first responder services.	EDD staff		Short	Medium
	Identify gaps in infrastructure that are critical to regional economic development.	EDD staff	EDD counties' input	Short	Medium
	Identify gaps in services that are critical to creating an attractive environment for investors.	EDD staff	EDD counties' input	Short	Medium
	Maintain a list of potential funding sources.	EDD staff		Ongoing	High
	Maintain a district-wide project prioritization list.	EDD staff		Ongoing	Low

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Goal Theme	Action	Proposed Responsible Parties	Resources	Time Frame	Priority
Leveraging Resources	The District will expand its funding sources database research to include potential angel investors, venture capital, in-kind opportunities with other agencies, and other collaborative funding mechanisms.	EDD staff		Short	Medium
	The District will conduct a regular review of funding opportunities.	EDD staff		Ongoing	Low
	The District will foster the development of clearly written expectations for companies that receive public financial assistance. These expectations will be available for local adoption throughout the District.	EDD Board; EDD staff		Long	Low
	The District will encourage local jurisdictions to adopt transparency and disclosure protocols for publicly funded projects.	EDD Board; EDD staff		Long	Medium
	Research and consider alternative funding mechanisms and disincentives/incentives for smart growth and development.	EDD staff	Concepts may include but are not limited to: not qualifying for incentives unless accessible by public transit; regional sharing of local sales tax revenue; regional sharing of some property tax revenue; no TIF sales tax; no subsidies for Greenfield development; and no subsidies for sprawling retail.	Long	High

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Goal Theme	Action	Proposed Responsible Parties	Resources	Time Frame	Priority
Environment	Identify considerations and best practices for environmental concerns with economic development.	EDD staff		Medium	Medium
	Facilitate an awareness campaign about clean energy and green technology options.	EDD staff	local green energy/technology groups	Long	Medium
	Research and publish sustainable methods of manufacturing and identify opportunities to implement it in the six-county region.	EDD staff		Long	Low
Disaster Recovery	District staff will work with affected communities to seek funding, assist in writing applications for funding, and pursue other agencies' support in their recovery.	EDD staff	IEMA, FEMA	Ongoing	High
	The District will create a set of tools to foster recovery and prosperity in communities stricken by natural disaster.	EDD staff		Short	Medium

### Future Projects

This section highlights projects that local stakeholders have prioritized for the six-county EDD. The CEDS committee has determined that each of these projects achieves at least one of the goals identified in this document. Projects were verified for relevancy with the goals identified, and prioritized at the local level based on community need. The resulting prioritization thus takes into account both regional and local goals and needs. This prioritization does not necessarily signify that projects will be implemented in the order in which they are prioritized; it is merely an indication of the strength of a project in achieving the overarching principles established by the EDA.

The following information was requested of stakeholders submitting projects to be included in the CEDS:

- Project title
- County/Municipality
- Lead agency
- Participating Agencies
- Project Beneficiaries
- Exact Project Location
- Earliest Possible Start
- Project Description
- Project Cost Estimate
- Guaranteed Funding Sources
- Non-guaranteed by anticipated funding sources
- Job Creation/Retention
- How project advances economic development

The following table summarizes projects submitted for the CEDS, including their title, county of origin, and prioritization as defined by each county. One project was chosen as top priority for each county based on the aforementioned prioritization. Remaining projects are listed by county and, when applicable, municipality. Appendix 1 details all projects submitted for this document.

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## Highest Priority Projects

County	Jurisdiction	Project
Champaign	Urbana/County	Olympian Drive Extension
Douglas	Tuscola	Flood Mitigation
Ford	Gibson City	ECO Plasma Gasification Plant
Iroquois	Watseka	Storm and Sanitary Sewer Separation
Piatt	Monticello	Bear Industrial Park
Vermilion	Danville	Fairchild Subway Replacement

## Other Projects

### Champaign County

Champaign	Urbana	Lincoln Avenue Extension
Champaign	Forest Preserve	Urbana to Danville Trail
Champaign	Ludlow	Ludlow Sewer Extension
Champaign	Rantoul	Century Gateway Development/Drainage
Champaign	Rantoul	South Murray Road Improvements
Champaign	Rantoul	Northwest Sanitary Sewer Improvements
Champaign	Rantoul	Stone Bridge Development Water Distribution Improvements
Champaign	Rantoul	Industrial Park Water Tower

### Douglas County

Douglas	Tuscola	Amishland Area Phase II
Douglas	Tuscola	Tuscola Business Centre
Douglas	Arcola	East Tower Water Main Reliability Project
Douglas	Atwood	Atwood Industrial Park
Douglas	Tuscola	Tuscola Local Area Steam Utility

### Ford County

Ford	Gibson City	Jordan Industrial Park
Ford	Paxton	Paxton Municipal Airport
Ford	Paxton	City of Paxton Proposed TIF District
Ford	Melvin	Melvin Water Main Upgrade
Ford	Ford County	Growing from Within Program

### Iroquois County

Iroquois	Iroquois County	Satellite Emergency Room
Iroquois	Iroquois County	Incubator
Iroquois	Iroquois County	High Speed Internet Connection
Iroquois	Watseka	Flood Control
Iroquois	Iroquois County	Sewage Treatment System
Iroquois	Iroquois County	Route 49 infrastructure between Gilman and Onarga
Iroquois	Gilman	Sheldon Natural Gas
Iroquois	Watseka	Infrastructure improvements
Iroquois	Iroquois County	Truck Access Route
Iroquois	Onarga	Infrastructure improvements

*Other Projects, continued*

<b>Piatt County</b>		
Piatt	Bement	Commercial area pedestrian access
<b>Vermilion County</b>		
Vermilion	Danville	Reconstruction of North Bowman Avenue
Vermilion	Danville	New Interstate 74 Interchange and "Beltline" Road
Vermilion	Tilton	Re-design of I-74/Rt 1 Interchange & Rt 1/14th St. junction
Vermilion	Danville	Reconstruction of East Winter Avenue
Vermilion	Danville	Extension of the Southgate Industrial Park
Vermilion	Vermilion County	Lyons Road Reconstruction and Connection to Indianola Road
Vermilion	Vermilion County	Ross Lane (CR 1500 N) Extension to Catlin/Tilton Road
Vermilion	Vermilion County	
Vermilion	Conservation District	Kennekuk Education and Conference Center
Vermilion	Danville	Wastewater Service Extension to I-74/MLK Drive Interchange
Vermilion	Vermilion County	Fithian Farm Right-of-Way Acquisition
		Natural Gas Capacity Upgrade for East Danville Industry Corridor
Vermilion	Danville	
Vermilion	Bismarck	Sanitary Sewer Construction
Vermilion	Oakwood	Oakwood Water System Upgrade
Vermilion	Danville	Upgrade Bus Transfer Zone
Vermilion	Hoopeston	Water Storage Tank Renovation
Vermilion	Hoopeston	Infrastructure on the Route 1 South Industrial Site
Vermilion	Hoopeston	Infrastructure on Route 1 North Industrial Site
Vermilion	Hoopeston	Infrastructure on the South Rail Industrial Site
Vermilion	Hoopeston	Infrastructure on the Route 9 site
Vermilion	Hoopeston	Residential Development Infrastructure

## Potential Funding Sources

### *Federal Funding Sources*

#### Economic Development Administration

- Public Works and Economic Development Investments
- Partnership Planning Grants

#### United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- Community Facilities Direct Loans
- Community Facilities Grants
- Rural Community Development Initiative
- Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants

### *State Funding Sources*

#### Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP)

- Economic Development Loans
- Public Facilities Assistance
- Housing and Rehabilitation Programs

#### Community Services Block Grant Loan Program (CSBG)

#### DCEO Grant Programs

- Business Development Public Infrastructure Program
- Large Business Development Program
- Employer Training Investment Program

#### DCEO Participation Loan Programs

- Illinois Capital Access Program
- State Treasurer Loan Program
- Manufacturing Modernization Loan Program
- Minority, Women, and Disabled Participation Loan Program
- Rural Micro-Business Participation Loan Program

#### Illinois Department of Agriculture (AgriFIRST Grant Program)

#### Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

- Motor Fuel Tax Funds (MFT)
- Economic Development Program (EDP)
- Truck Access Route Program (TARP)
- Rail/Freight Program (RFP)

#### Illinois Entrepreneurship Center Challenge Grant Program

### Illinois Finance Authority

- Industrial Revenue Bonds
- Loan Programs
- Guarantee Program

### IEPA Brownfield Grant Program

### *Local Funding Sources*

Local Budgets - County, Municipal, and township budgets sometimes have funding available for projects. If funding for a project is not in the budget, a budget amendment and prioritizing a project can take place.

Loan Programs – Local business groups and/or financial organizations provide gap financing for businesses, such as community development corporations.

Redevelopment Incentive Programs – Municipalities set aside general revenue and economic development funds to provide business incentives in a designated area of the community.

Municipal Bonds – Municipal Bonds are debt obligations issued by states, cities, counties and other governmental entities to raise money to build projects in their communities.

Special Service Areas – Municipalities establish a designated area of the community in which a special tax is generated, providing funds for a special service or improvement in that area.

Tax-Increment Financing (TIF) Districts – This program can assist by providing a variety of financial assistance options for development purposes ranging from project grants, tax and expense reimbursement, to interest subsidy.

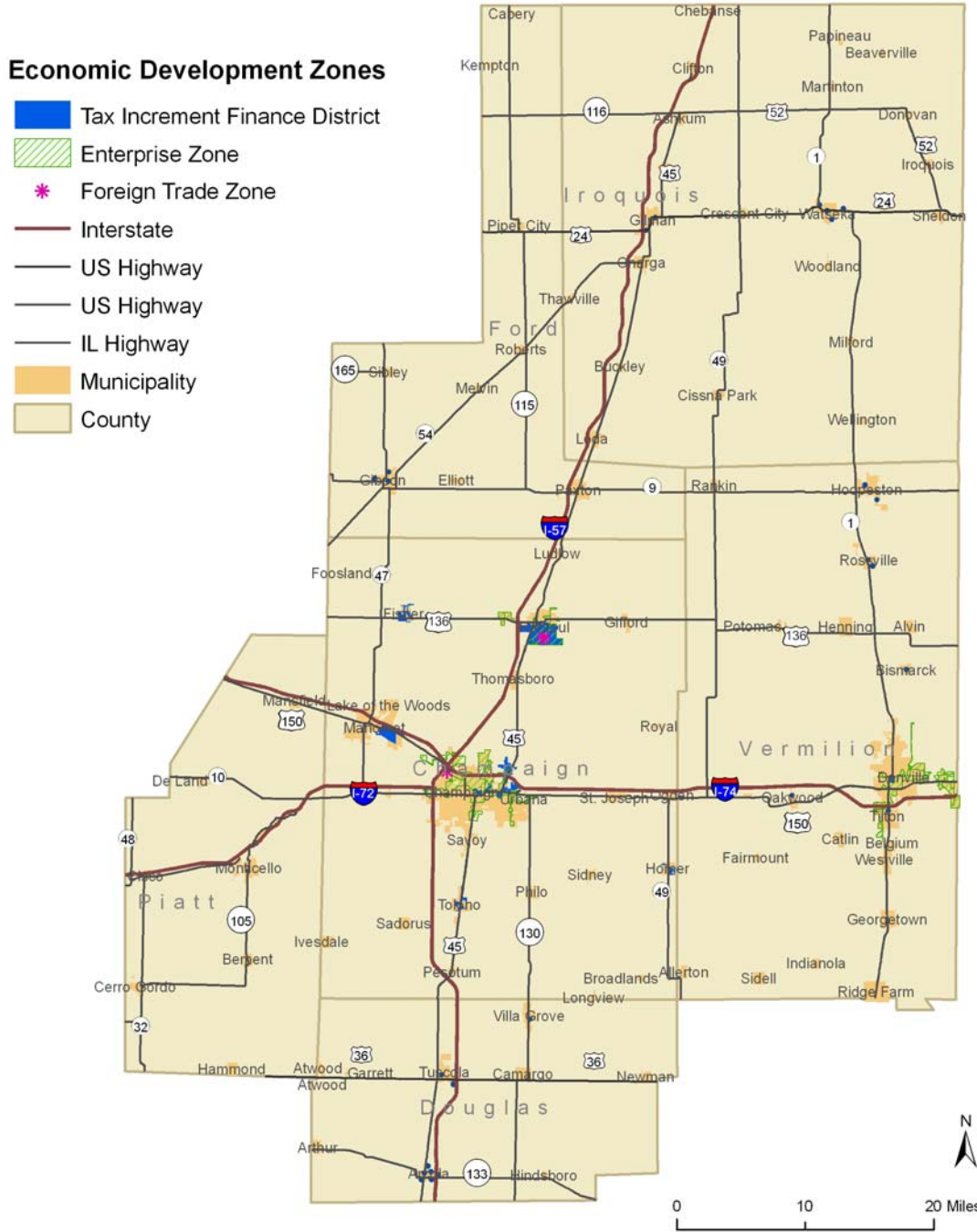
Enterprise Zones – This is another program that can assist with start-ups or expansions. Multiple tax incentives are available for qualifying projects in the designated areas, including tax exemptions, tax abatements, tax deductions, and tax credits.

Foreign Trade Zones – Businesses that are located in designated areas near ports of entry may be eligible for tariff and duty incentives.

Private Contributions – Private donations of land, capital, or infrastructure can be essential to starting and/or completing a project.

Angel Investor Networks – Local coordination of interested investors from the region who are invited to participate in substantial high-tech or capital-sensitive projects.

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### Cooperation and Coordination

#### Public-Private Partnerships

Public-private partnerships can help remove some of the burden from municipal budgets while promoting community involvement and interest in a project. Public-private partnerships between businesses and other stakeholders, such as governments, can apply the resources and competencies of business for social gain. The East Central Illinois region realizes that economic and community development initiatives must include collaborative public-private partnerships that span our Economic Development District and beyond.

#### Integrating the CEDS with Illinois economic development priorities

ECIEDD strives to coordinate economic development efforts in a manner that is conducive to both state and local interests. Anticipated future projects are discussed and prioritized in terms of their regional significance and other principles espoused by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). Local stakeholders are continuously in contact with state staff and representatives, working to make east central Illinois an important and pioneering resource for the state of Illinois.

### Evaluation

The East Central Illinois Economic Development District (ECIEDD) understands and encourages the evaluation process within the organization. Evaluation should be a critical element of an ongoing planning process and answer the question "How are we doing?" in order to make the District as an agency, and the region as a whole, effective. As a designated Economic Development District by the Counties of Champaign, Douglas, Ford, Iroquois, Piatt and Vermilion, the ECIEDD conducts annual evaluations of performance based on the goals and objectives provided in this document. The results of this evaluation will be included in the annual report submitted to the EDA as part of the requirements of a planning grantee. The East Central Illinois Economic Development District will conduct its annual evaluation based on the performance measures listed in this section.

Performance measures will be used to determine areas that are in need of revision or more intensified efforts. It must be noted that not all activities have been allocated a specific performance measure. This is due to the fact that all the strategies, objectives, and activities are interrelated when referring to economic development and a specific measure of performance cannot be applied to every activity. Many of the activities of the East Central Illinois Economic Development District have intangible long-term results, and are necessary to bring about a positive change to the economic picture of the East Central Illinois region.

The table on the following page shows performance measures that will be utilized to help gauge implementation success of economic development initiatives in the ECIEDD. The table also references relevant CEDS goals for each performance measure.

## Evaluation and Performance Measures

Goal	Performance Measure
<p><b>Collaboration</b> The six-county region will have strong, collaborative networks both within and outside the region.</p>	<p>Number of new Intergovernmental or public-private agreements</p> <p>Number of information requests received by local Economic development organizations from outside of Illinois</p>
<p><b>Strengthening Workforce &amp; Community</b> The six-county region will have a growing workforce that enhances our economic strengths, attracts high-wage employment centers, and takes advantage of new learning experiences to fortify our communities.</p>	<p>Educational attainment</p> <p>Continuing education programs offered</p>
<p><b>Jobs</b> The six-county region will have jobs that pay well, are high quality and stable for local residents.</p>	<p>Number of jobs created</p> <p>Number of jobs retained</p> <p>Average salary in the region by industry</p>
<p><b>Increasing Global Competitiveness</b> The six-county region will have active participants in the global market.</p>	<p>Number and types of investments undertaken in the region</p>
<p><b>Strengthening Infrastructure and Services</b> The six-county region will understand its limitations and will establish methods for managing and addressing those limitations.</p>	<p>New lane miles added to system by functional classification</p> <p>New miles of water infrastructure</p> <p>New miles of sewer infrastructure</p> <p>Number of emplanements at regional airports</p>
<p><b>Leveraging Resources</b> The six county region will complete economic development projects that maximize use of local funds.</p>	<p>Private sector investment</p> <p>Number of new public-private partnerships</p>
<p><b>Environment</b> The six-county region will account for the stability of systems and elements of our natural environment during planning, design, and implementation of economic development initiatives.</p>	<p>Converted farmland</p> <p>Aquifer usage</p> <p>Water pollution</p> <p>Air pollution</p>
<p><b>Disaster Recovery</b> The six-county region will respond to economic stress created by natural disasters and will have a comprehensive toolbox that can proactively aid recovery.</p>	<p>Number of applications submitted due to disaster recovery</p> <p>Amount of funding received after disaster recovery from applications</p>

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Project Title:	Olympian Drive Improvements from Market to US Route 45		
County/Municipality:	Champaign		
Lead Agency:	City of Urbana		
Participating Agencies:	City of Urbana, City of Champaign, Champaign County, IDOT		
Project Beneficiaries:	Champaign County businesses and residents		
Exact Project Location:	Apollo Drive to US Route 45		
Earliest Possible Start:	FY 2013		
Project Description:	<p>The majority of the land within the Champaign and Urbana city limits north of Interstate 74 is zoned industrial, general business, and residential and is developing into a major regional center that generates employment and attracts traffic from well beyond Champaign County. In order for these tracts to develop as zoned, east-west transportation access must be improved. There is no direct east-west connection through the areas north of Champaign-Urbana between Interstate 74 and Ford Harris Road, a distance of two and one-half miles. This roadway is part of the enhanced arterial system that is proposed to surround the urbanized area in the Long Range Transportation Plan.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$27million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	STPU (\$2.5 M) and local funding (\$2.5M)		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	To be determined; Local and EDA investments anticipated		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
\$5.0M			
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>This project will open up local areas for economic development. Permanent jobs at those developments plus increased property, sales, and utility taxes would also be realized.</p>		



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Project Title:	North Lincoln Avenue Extension to Olympian Drive		
County/Municipality:	Champaign County/City of Urbana		
Lead Agency:	City of Urbana		
Participating Agencies:	City of Urbana and Champaign County		
Project Beneficiaries:	N. Lincoln Ave. industrial/commercial businesses, local and county residents		
Exact Project Location:	From current terminus north of Saline Court to Olympian Drive intersection		
Earliest Possible Start:	Construction 2013		
Project Description:	<p>The North Lincoln Avenue Extension project is approximately one mile in length from its current terminus (just north of Saline Court) to the proposed Olympian Drive intersection. The proposed Lincoln Avenue is a sweeping "S" curve and is located per the approved North Lincoln Avenue Location Study dated October, 1998. The right-of-way proposed in the Location Study are nominally 100' in width (wider in some fill locations) to accommodate an ultimate four lane roadway with an 18' raised curb median, streetlights and sidepath. It is proposed to phase the project by initially acquiring right-of-way for and constructing two travel lanes and deferring the installation of two travel lanes, the sidepath and streetlights.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Initial Phase \$3,521,000		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation: 3600	Retention: 600	Average Wage: \$18.10/hr
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation: 400	Retention: 100	Average Wage: \$14.62/hr
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation: 200	Retention: 0	Average Wage: \$24.63/hr
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>This project would enhance connectivity to existing highways and industrial businesses and open up additional land for industrial and light office/technology park uses that will create up to an estimated \$12 million in direct annual tax revenues to local taxing districts and thousands of jobs (according to a City fiscal analysis). The project also opens up a large area of land to multi-modal connectivity and the possibly of future high-speed rail access.</p>		



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Project Title:	Ludlow Gravity Flow Sanitary Sewer Extension		
County/Municipality:	Champaign		
Lead Agency:	Rantoul / Champaign County		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:			
Exact Project Location:	Along the east and west sides of South Murray Road		
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>The Village of Ludlow is a small northern Champaign County community without a sanitary collection system or treatment capability. Their residents have long depended on individual septic systems. The Village has been seeking to develop a sanitary sewer collection system to meet the environment requirements of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for their community. The Villages of Rantoul and Ludlow have been in ongoing negotiations to determine the viability of Rantoul accepting and treating this additional wastewater stream. The Village of Rantoul's concern involves the development of a gravity sanitary sewer interceptor along North Maplewood Drive to accept the flow and allow its use for existing residential and proposed residential development around the Brookhill Golf Course region.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$975,000		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	Village of Rantoul, State of Illinois, EDA Investment		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>The development of the proposed sanitary sewer extension north along Maplewood Drive would provide residential development opportunities in and around the region (1000+ acres) of an established public recreational facility, Brookhill Golf Course, offer a sanitary service connection opportunity for existing rural families seeking improved utility service, and most importantly provide a necessary sanitary outlet for treatment of a northern Champaign County community needing to comply with IEPA requirements.</p>		



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Project Title:	Century Gateway Development / Drainage		
County/Municipality:	Champaign/Rantoul		
Lead Agency:	Village of Rantoul		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:			
Exact Project Location:	Adjacent to general aviation airport in Rantoul		
Earliest Possible Start:	2011		
Project Description:	<p>This project provides for the development of the storm drainage basins for 150 acres adjacent to the general aviation airport in Rantoul. This area has utility infrastructure (electric, gas, water, sanitary) in place (shovel ready), but is void of the necessary storm water management system that will allow for development. The proposed basins will also provide a benefit to existing residents of this region that suffer during heavy rainfall events. The Village of Rantoul's Comprehensive Plan identified this area as an excellent industrial site that will afford a much needed redevelopment opportunity for the former air base while laying the foundation of support to aviation activities.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$1.6 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	none		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	Rantoul TIF Program		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount: TBD		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation: 25	Retention: 50	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation: 25	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?			



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Project Title:	South Murray Road Improvements		
County/Municipality:	Champaign/Rantoul		
Lead Agency:	Village of Rantoul		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	Village of Rantoul, Rantoul Township		
Exact Project Location:	Adjacent to Stone Center Development and Wal-Mart Supercenter		
Earliest Possible Start:	2011		
Project Description:	<p>This project provides for the reconstruction of an oil and chip municipal street into an arterial street that will serve as the primary link and access into the new business district and residential development along South Murray Road.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$2 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	none		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	Rantoul TIF Program		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount: TBD		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation: 195	Retention: 150	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation: 225	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>This 300+ acre development is located south of the new Wal Mart Supercenter and has been annexed into the village, approved as a new TIF development, and has had the final plat accepted by the village board. Mr. Warner now has developers standing by waiting for the infrastructure of the development to be designed and constructed. As of today, a hotel, retail mall, two restaurants, and a light industrial facility (100,000+ sq ft) are ready to move forward.</p>		



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Project Title:	Northwest Sanitary Sewer Improvements		
County/Municipality:	Champaign/Rantoul		
Lead Agency:	Village of Rantoul		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	Village of Rantoul		
Exact Project Location:	Along North Murray Road		
Earliest Possible Start:	2011		
Project Description:	<p>This project provides for the construction of a new sanitary sewer pump station along north Murray road, the construction 4875 feet of 14 inch diameter force main and 1875 feet of 24 inch gravity sewer discharging to the Village's Northwest Pump Station located along 3100N.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$2.2 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	Village Wastewater Fund		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
\$900,000			
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation: 75	Retention: 200	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation: 20	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>This improvement is necessary to prevent future occurrences of sewer overflows and increase developable areas in the existing Industrial Park and along North Murray Road.</p>		



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Please fill out the following form for each project, program and activity in your area that would promote economic development and/or regional competitiveness. Funding sources should not be limited to EDA programs.

Project Title:	Stone Bridge Development Water Distribution Improvements		
County/Municipality:	Champaign/Rantoul		
Lead Agency:	Village of Rantoul		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	Village of Rantoul		
Exact Project Location:	Along Murray Road		
Earliest Possible Start:	2011		
Project Description:	<p>This project provides for the construction of approximately 9800 linear feet of 12" water main along Murray south of Wal-Mart and looping back to the existing water main west of Wal-Mart. This extension will also route the new main east under Route 45 and the CN railroad to Borman Drive.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$2.655 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	Rantoul TIF Program		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation: 195	Retention: 150	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation: 225	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>This 300+ acre development is located south of the new Wal-Mart Supercenter and has been annexed into the village, approved as a new TIF development, and has had the final plat accepted by the village board. Mr. Warner now has developers standing by waiting for the infrastructure of the development to be designed and constructed. As of today, a hotel, retail mall, two restaurants, and a light industrial facility (100,000+ sq ft) are ready to move forward.</p>		



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Project Title:	Industrial Water Park Tower, Village of Rantoul		
County/Municipality:	Champaign		
Lead Agency:	Village of Rantoul		
Participating Agencies:	Champaign County		
Project Beneficiaries:	Village residents and business owners		
Exact Project Location:	West of Interstate 57 to support the needs of the Rantoul Industrial Park		
Earliest Possible Start:	TBD		
Project Description:	<p>In 2006, the Village approved a new community comprehensive plan to serve as a guide for development and growth. The regions of the community experiencing growth and strong interest are the industrial area west of Interstate 57 (400+ acres) and at the Interchange itself. This growth is taxing the existing water distribution system and has resulted in insufficient fire flow in the Industrial Park. The construction of a new 500,000 gallon water tower was identified in an October 2005 study performed by Donohue and Associates, Inc.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$1.7 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	To be determined; Local and EDA investments anticipated		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>The addition of a new water tower in the Industrial Park will result in improved fire flow delivery rates and provide additional reserve capacity to meet future anticipated demands and economic incentives to existing and future industrial customers in the form of reduced property insurance costs.</p>		



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Project Title:	Urbana to Danville Trail		
County/Municipality:	Champaign		
Lead Agency:	Urbana Park District / Champaign County		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:			
Exact Project Location:	3100 acres bound by I-74, High Cross Road, Curtis Road, and Race Street		
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>The Urbana to Danville trail is proposed as a Rail-to-Trail initiative on the currently inactive and railbanked CSX rail line between Urbana and Danville. This 24.5 mile strip of land is currently owned by CSX, but is being leased by the Champaign County Design and Conservation Foundation (CCDC) in the hopes that it can be purchased. Once the land is acquired, a paved shared-use path is proposed that will connect the communities as well as some major regional attractions such as Kickapoo State Park and the Urbana Parks system. There is a need to create an east-west link for pedestrians and bicyclists for recreation and commuter purposes between the areas. Assistance in land acquisition and negotiations with CSX is needed in the short term. Construction of the shared-use path is required in the longer term.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$7.9 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	City of Urbana, State of Illinois, EDA Investment		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>This would help create more multimodal opportunities in the county, which is one of the goals of the Long Range Transportation Plan 2025 and is also a theme in the County Vision. Urban, rural, and unique scenic landscapes would all be connected along this corridor. Commuter and recreational users' safety would also be increased due to the off-street nature of the proposed facility. This amenity would help enhance the regional attractiveness of Urbana-Champaign and Danville as places to live and work.</p>		



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Project Title:	Tuscola Area Floodplain Mitigation		
County/Municipality:	Douglas/City of Tuscola		
Lead Agency:	City of Tuscola		
Participating Agencies:	City of Tuscola		
Project Beneficiaries:	City of Tuscola		
Exact Project Location:	Hayes Branch & Scattering Forks Drainage Districts in Tuscola		
Earliest Possible Start:	July 2010		
Project Description:	<p>The proposed project consists of modifications to the Hayes Branch and Scattering Fork drainage channels to improve their hydraulic capacities, thereby lowering the base flood elevations throughout the Tuscola area. The modifications consist of land acquisition and both “double-trapezoidal” and “one-sided floodplain shelf” methods of channel excavation, as detailed in “City of Tuscola Floodplain Remapping Report” prepared by Clark Deitz, Inc. in November, 2006 and updated in Fall 2009.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$3.4 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	none		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	City of Tuscola TIF Program		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:			Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount: \$480,000
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation: 200	Retention: 100	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation: 100	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation: 20	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>Flood prone areas exist throughout the Tuscola area; the mitigation of chronic flooding would substantially increase the area available for development and decrease the relative cost of development activities in the Tuscola area. Key business districts in Tuscola have undeveloped tracts as a result of floodplain encumbered properties. This project would allow for the future development of those areas consistent with municipality's comprehensive plan.</p>		



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Project Title:	Atwood Industrial Park		
County/Municipality:	Village of Atwood (site would be in Douglas County)		
Lead Agency:	Village of Atwood		
Participating Agencies:	Village of Atwood		
Project Beneficiaries:	Village of Atwood, Douglas County		
Exact Project Location:	~1/4 mile east of corporate limits of Atwood, IL, immediately north of US 36		
Earliest Possible Start:	July 1, 2010		
Project Description:			
Project Cost Estimate:	\$8,000		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	There are no guaranteed funding sources. The success of this project is based on the ability to receive external funding.		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	None.		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	\$0.00		Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount: \$0.00
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation: N/A	Retention: N/A	Average Wage: N/A
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation: N/A	Retention: N/A	Average Wage: N/A
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation: 0	Retention: <1	Average Wage: N/A
How does this project advance economic development? This project would determine the capacity for the site of the future Atwood Industrial Park. By determining the site needs, the Village of Atwood would be in a position to effectively market the locale for business expansion/relocation on build-to-suit spaces along a major highway centrally located between the Decatur and Champaign-Urbana metro markets.			



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Project Title:	East Tower Water Main Reliability Project		
County/Municipality:	Douglas/City of Arcola		
Lead Agency:	City of Arcola		
Participating Agencies:	City of Arcola		
Project Beneficiaries:	Arcola Industrial Park		
Exact Project Location:	Arcola Industrial Park		
Earliest Possible Start:	2010		
Project Description:	<p>Construct approximately 10,000 linear feet of 8-inch water main. The main will be extended from the existing distribution main along the north side of the city to serve as a primary feed to the tower in the Industrial Park.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$1.5 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	None		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	City of Arcola TIF District funds		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	None		Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount: Unknown at this time
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>The water tower in the industrial park is served by a single 6-inch water main connected to a residential loop. A dedicated service would provide adequate water to the park to improve fire flows and support industries that use water in their processes.</p>		



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Project Title:	Amishland Area Phase II		
County/Municipality:	Douglas/City of Tuscola		
Lead Agency:	City of Tuscola		
Participating Agencies:	Tuscola National Bank, Amishland Development, LLC, TEDI		
Project Beneficiaries:	All participating agencies, Tanger Outlet, developers		
Exact Project Location:	Immediately adjacent to and south of the Tanger Outlet Center off Progress Blvd		
Earliest Possible Start:	August 2010		
Project Description:	<p>This project would include the completion of a final plat for Phase II and would complete the extension of South Progress Boulevard including the installation of curb and gutter street, storm sewer and sanitary sewer and other utilities. A draft preliminary plat has been completed and is being evaluated by participating parties and landowners. Participating parties have begun discussions on potential development agreement.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$650,000		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	none		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	City of Tuscola TIF Program		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount: \$400,000		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation: 100	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation: 100	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation: 30	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>This tract of land is the most suitable area for development in the Tuscola area. Death of original developer had delayed completion of Phase II and limiting marketability of developable tract. Tuscola lacks sufficient "ready to go" sites for business expansion and new project development. Completion of this project would provide incentive for two new projects under consideration to go forward. Provide momentum for the completion of the entire Amishland Development Area.</p>		



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Project Title:	Tuscola Local Area Steam Utility		
County/Municipality:	Douglas		
Lead Agency:	City of Tuscola		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	various industries in Tuscola		
Exact Project Location:	Industrial corridor west of City of Tuscola, Douglas County, Tuscola Township		
Earliest Possible Start:	Spring 2009		
Project Description:	<p>Creation of Local Area Utility for transport and operation of a steam pipeline providing for the distribution of steam to a variety of industrial consumers. New entity would own and operate pipeline from exit at existing steam production facility operated by Duke Energy Generating Services at Tuscola; Duke currently supplies steam to Lyondell – Equistar Chemicals and Cabot Corporation at their Tuscola facilities. Construction of pipeline would provide additional opportunities for further development by complimentary industries which have steam demand needs and/or excess steam supply capabilities. New steam assets and additional user as part of overall system would provide for additional cost sharing and cost reduction to current users, enhancing long term viability of their operations.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$25 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	Tax Exempt Revenue Bonds with assistance from Illinois Finance Authority		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation: 40-55	Retention: 140	Average Wage: \$40,000
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>Provides path for existing industry and new development to partner together in order to reduce long term operating costs of each individual facility while also increasing likelihood of long term viability of existing facilities. Demonstrates potential for operational synergies to be utilized between existing industry and new renewable energy development in East Central Illinois. Builds on utility infrastructure assets for exploration of future potential synergies with renewable energy development and new coal power.</p>		



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Project Title:	Tuscola Business Centre		
County/Municipality:	Douglas/City of Tuscola		
Lead Agency:	City of Tuscola		
Participating Agencies:	City of Tuscola		
Project Beneficiaries:	City of Tuscola		
Exact Project Location:	Southeast of the intersection of US Route 36 and Interstate 57 in Tuscola		
Earliest Possible Start:	January 2011		
Project Description:	<p>This project would include the installation of public facilities to include roads, drainage systems, water, wastewater and telecommunications to accommodate the development of a 240 acre parcel as a mixed use business/industrial park. The parcel is located on the south side of US Route 36 and the northbound Interstate 57 off-ramp. Installation of public facilities would provide this high traffic intersection within Tuscola with an ideally placed location with shovel ready sites. Preliminary infrastructure studies have been completed. Phase I environmental and archeological surveys have been completed. Design engineering could be completed within 4-6- months with construction activities to follow immediately thereafter.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$2.5 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	none		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	City of Tuscola TIF Program		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:			Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount: \$1 million
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation: 300	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation: 100	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation: 50	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>While Tuscola has not lacked reputable industrial and high-skilled employer prospects in recent years, there is a great need for shovel-ready development sites along the Interstate 57 - US Route 36 corridor. This project would open a significantly under-utilized development area in a pre-existing mixed use location of industrial agribusiness and manufacturing. This project would increase regional readiness with attractive sites in an area with below average costs to competing locations in the Midwest.</p>		



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Project Title:	ECO Plasma Gasification Plant		
County/Municipality:	Ford County/Gibson City		
Lead Agency:	Gibson City		
Participating Agencies:	Community and Economic Development Foundation, Inc.		
Project Beneficiaries:	Gibson City, Ford County and surrounding areas		
Exact Project Location:	west of Gibson City, IL		
Earliest Possible Start:	unknown		
Project Description:	<p>Construction of a plasma gasification plant which will recycle waste products into syngas, water, and carbon with the use of plasma converters.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$70 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	privately funded		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	CDAP funds, TIF District, ECIEDD		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation: 50	Retention:	Average Wage: \$50K/year
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>This project will provide much needed employment opportunities in the area with excellent wage scale. It will provide a green alternative to waste disposal, and will complement other green industries in Ford County, including wind farms, ethanol production, and sustainability programs. The project will be able to market the synthetic gas produced to neighboring industries at a lower cost than natural gas.</p>		



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Project Title:	Jordan Industrial Park		
County/Municipality:	Ford		
Lead Agency:	Gibson City / Ford County		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	Ford County businesses and surrounding counties will benefit from this project.		
Exact Project Location:	Located on Route 9 with access to Routes 47 and 54		
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>The Jordan Industrial Park is 89 acres in size, is located inside a TIF district and is rail served. The industrial park is owned by Gibson City, has infrastructure in place and is within a short distance to many interstate interchanges.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	CDAP Revolving Loan Funds, Tax-Increment Financing District, EDA Investment and local dollars		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>Having this site ready and available would be attractive and would allow for industrial companies to start or expand a business.</p>		



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Project Title:	Paxton Municipal Airport		
County/Municipality:	Ford/Paxton		
Lead Agency:	City of Paxton		
Participating Agencies:	Community and Economic Development Foundation, Inc; Pilots Association		
Project Beneficiaries:	City of Paxton, Ford County		
Exact Project Location:	West of Paxton, IL on Route 9		
Earliest Possible Start:	ongoing		
Project Description:	<p>The project includes marketing and promotion of Ford County's only municipal airport facility; finding ways to generate additional income; improving and resurfacing runways; procuring a fixed base operator for managing the airport, developing a legacy plan for the aircraft certification business that is located there (the owner will retire in a few years).</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$500,000, the majority of which would go to resurface the runways		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	small amount of funding available from the City of Paxton		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation: 1	Retention: 1	Average Wage: \$35,000/year
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation: 2-5	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation: 10	Retention:	Average Wage: \$30,000/year
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>The Paxton Municipal Airport is vital to Ford County. If it closes, it will be highly unlikely that the county would get another airport. The airport generates revenue for the City of Paxton through gasoline taxes and food/lodging sales to local restaurants. The aircraft certification business draws a large number of private pilots because there are few airports in the area offering this service. The facility is used by private pilots and business owners, Angel Star medical flights, and crop dusting.</p>		



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Project Title:	City of Paxton Proposed TIF District		
County/Municipality:	Ford/Paxton		
Lead Agency:	City of Paxton		
Participating Agencies:	Community and Economic Development Foundation, Inc		
Project Beneficiaries:	City of Paxton, Paxton businesses and investors, Ford County residents		
Exact Project Location:	intersection of I-57 and IL 9, extending to downtown business district		
Earliest Possible Start:	ongoing		
Project Description:	<p>The project includes finalizing and supporting plans for City of Paxton's first TIF District and promoting development in that area.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	unknown		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	City of Paxton, CDAP funds		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>The area at the I-57 interchange is currently under-utilized and under-developed with vast potential for commercial and residential development. The blighted downtown area will benefit from a TIF for redevelopment and rehabilitation.</p>		



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Project Title:	Melvin Water Main Upgrade		
County/Municipality:	Ford County/Melvin		
Lead Agency:	Village of Melvin		
Participating Agencies:	Community and Economic Development Foundation, Inc.		
Project Beneficiaries:	Village of Melvin, Arends Brothers Farm Equipment		
Exact Project Location:	east of IL 54		
Earliest Possible Start:	at funding		
Project Description:	<p>Increasing the size of a water main from the Village of Melvin to the Arends Brothers Farm Equipment dealership</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$120,000		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	none		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>By increasing the size of the water main, it will provide better fire protection to one of Melvin's largest employers and businesses, and it will reduce the ISO fire rating for Melvin, which in turn should lower insurance rates for Melvin residents.</p>		



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Project Title:	Growing from Within Program		
County/Municipality:	Ford County		
Lead Agency:	Community and Economic Development Foundation, Inc		
Participating Agencies:	Gibson City Chamber of Commerce, Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce		
Project Beneficiaries:	GCMS, PBL, and Tri-Point School Districts and all county residents		
Exact Project Location:	Countywide		
Earliest Possible Start:	at funding		
Project Description:	<p>A series of workshops explaining business start-up, development and strategies for entrepreneurship, featuring Ford County business owners who have grown their businesses substantially without relocating outside the County. Special emphasis will be placed on high school and college youth to aid them in developing new businesses within the County.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$15,000		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	none		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	City of Paxton, CDAP funds		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>The project will train youth and county residents to develop businesses and grow them within the county, thus increasing employment and revenues using local human resources.</p>		



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Project Title:	Flood Control - Northwest Watseka		
County/Municipality:	Iroquois		
Lead Agency:	Iroquois Economic Development Association		
Participating Agencies:	City of Watseka		
Project Beneficiaries:	Homeowners, Business owners, travelers, and emergency responders		
Exact Project Location:	Rts IL1 and US24 West and northwest residential in Watseka		
Earliest Possible Start:	TBD		
Project Description:	<p>Construct a limited levee system to eliminate flooding, evacuations, business interruptions and closing of the heavily traveled routes US 24 and IL 1.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	TBD		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?			



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Please fill out the following form for each project, program and activity in your area that would promote economic development and/or regional competitiveness. Funding sources should not be limited to EDA programs.

Project Title:	Storm and Sanitary Sewer Separation		
County/Municipality:	Iroquois		
Lead Agency:	City of Watseka		
Participating Agencies:	Iroquois Economic Development Association		
Project Beneficiaries:	Homeowners, Business owners, travelers, and emergency responders		
Exact Project Location:	Limited locations within the City of Watseka		
Earliest Possible Start:	TBD		
Project Description:	<p>Separate the storm and sanitary sewers to prevent sewage backup into homes and businesses during flooding periods. Project is a must to allow other flood control projects to succeed.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	TBD		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?			



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Please fill out the following form for each project, program and activity in your area that would promote economic development and/or regional competitiveness. Funding sources should not be limited to EDA programs.

Project Title:	Satellite Emergency Room		
County/Municipality:	Iroquois		
Lead Agency:	Iroquois Memorial Hospital		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	Area residents and travelers in Iroquois County		
Exact Project Location:	Gilman		
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>Develop a satellite emergency room at Gilman, near I-57, that is connected to the full-service emergency facility at Iroquois Memorial Hospital by cutting edge communications and equipment.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?			



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Project Title:	Iroquois County Incubator		
County/Municipality:	Iroquois		
Lead Agency:	Iroquois Development Association		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:			
Exact Project Location:	Milford		
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>Acquire the abandoned 140,000 square feet former Howard Industries building and refurbish it to serve as a small manufacturing incubator for local entrepreneurs and others.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$2.5 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?			



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Please fill out the following form for each project, program and activity in your area that would promote economic development and/or regional competitiveness. Funding sources should not be limited to EDA programs.

Project Title:	Iroquois County Sewage Treatment System		
County/Municipality:	Iroquois		
Lead Agency:	Iroquois Development Association and County Government		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:			
Exact Project Location:			
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>Establish a sewage treatment system that connects all communities in Iroquois County to existing or new sewage treatment facilities.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?			



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Project Title:	Gilman – Sheldon Natural Gas Line Improvement		
County/Municipality:	Iroquois		
Lead Agency:	Iroquois Development Association and City of Watseka		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:			
Exact Project Location:			
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>Install a larger, higher pressure natural gas line with appropriate storage capacity from Gilman east to Sheldon.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?			



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Please fill out the following form for each project, program and activity in your area that would promote economic development and/or regional competitiveness. Funding sources should not be limited to EDA programs.

Project Title:	County High-Speed Connection		
County/Municipality:	Iroquois		
Lead Agency:			
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:			
Exact Project Location:			
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	Establish a public-owned cutting edge, high speed computer and communications system to serve IMH, Iroquois County Public Schools, governments, and businesses.		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?			



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Project Title:	Infrastructure – Establishment in Northeast Watseka		
County/Municipality:	Iroquois		
Lead Agency:	Witseka		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:			
Exact Project Location:			
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>Obtain right of way to establish roads, utilities, and related infrastructure around the proposed Super Wal-Mart location on the northeast side of Watseka.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?			



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Please fill out the following form for each project, program and activity in your area that would promote economic development and/or regional competitiveness. Funding sources should not be limited to EDA programs.

Project Title:	Truck Access Road		
County/Municipality:	Iroquois		
Lead Agency:	Iroquois Development Association		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:			
Exact Project Location:			
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>Improve 1 mile of Iroquois County road to heavy truck status to access a parcel of land in Watseka that has been designated for industrial development.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?			



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Please fill out the following form for each project, program and activity in your area that would promote economic development and/or regional competitiveness. Funding sources should not be limited to EDA programs.

Project Title:	Onarga Existing Infrastructure Expansion		
County/Municipality:	Iroquois		
Lead Agency:	Onarga		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:			
Exact Project Location:			
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>Acquire land options and right of way at the Onarga I-57 exit to install access roads and utilities to attract motels, convenience stores, gas stations, restaurants, and related businesses.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?			



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Please fill out the following form for each project, program and activity in your area that would promote economic development and/or regional competitiveness. Funding sources should not be limited to EDA programs.

Project Title:	Infrastructure – Establish along Route 49 between Gilman and Onarga		
County/Municipality:	Iroquois		
Lead Agency:			
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:			
Exact Project Location:			
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	Obtain right of ways to establish roads, utilities, and related infrastructure along Route 49.		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?			



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Please fill out the following form for each project, program and activity in your area that would promote economic development and/or regional competitiveness. Funding sources should not be limited to EDA programs.

Project Title:	Bear Industrial Park		
County/Municipality:	Piatt		
Lead Agency:	Monticello / Piatt County		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	Piatt County businesses and surrounding counties will benefit from this project.		
Exact Project Location:	Located 2 miles from Interstate 72 on the south-end of town, Route 105		
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>These 24 acres within the City of Monticello city limits has rail access and a new lift station serving the property. There are also 2 other manufacturing firms that sit adjacent to this industrial park.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	CDAP grant, Local funds, and EDA Investment		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>Having this site ready and available would be attractive and would allow for industrial companies to start or expand a business.</p>		



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Project Title:	Pedestrian Access Enhancement		
County/Municipality:	Piatt		
Lead Agency:	Village of Bement		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	Village Government, Local Retailers, Area Residents		
Exact Project Location:	800-900 block of North Macon		
Earliest Possible Start:	October 2010		
Project Description:	<p>Develop and construct new sidewalk to link village to new retail grocery. Concerns are drainage and layout to avoid a catch basin and utility poles.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$12,000 - \$16,000		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	none		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	TBD		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
none	TBD		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?			
<p>The site area possesses more opportunities for retail or commercial development. Access to and retention of the grocery keeps retail customers in town, which enhances sales of other retailers.</p>			



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Project Title:	Fairchild Subway Replacement		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion/Danville		
Lead Agency:	City of Danville		
Participating Agencies:	State, Local, ICC		
Project Beneficiaries:	Businesses, east side industrial area, emergency and school vehicles		
Exact Project Location:	Fairchild Street between Baldwin Street and Bowman Avenue, Danville, Illinois		
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>Replacement of the 1,280 foot Fairchild Subway supporting 6 railroad tracks with 80 trains per day operated by the Norfolk and Southern and the CSXT railroad companies. This project will preserve the industrial area on the east side of the community and the only east-west emergency response grade separated corridor in the City. The project will correct horizontal and vertical clearance issues at the subway. The corridor is a main route for school buses and public transportation and links to the east end of the community to Illinois Route 1.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$40 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	City of Danville, State of Illinois, Illinois Commerce Commission, Local Funds		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount: Danville \$20m, State \$7m, Local \$7m, ICC \$6m		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>It is a vital east/west connection in Danville, linking I-74 to IL Rt. 1. It connects industrial areas to retail areas and to the high school. This project will preserve the industrial area on the east side of the community and the only east-west emergency response grade separated corridor in the City.</p>		



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Project Title:	Reconstruction of North Bowman Avenue		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion/City of Danville		
Lead Agency:	City of Danville		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	Lynch Rd/I-74 Industrial Park tenants, Airport, City of Danville, Vermilion County		
Exact Project Location:	North Bowman from Crestview to Winter Road		
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>Reconstruct North Bowman Avenue from Crestview to Winter Rd. This segment is in poor condition and is a rural two lane cross section in an urban setting serving large truck generators in the Lynch Road/I-74 industrial park. The project includes adding a center turn lane, installing curbs and gutters and storm sewer, and constructing a shared use path to accommodate the high volume of pedestrian activity along this arterial.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$4 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	City of Danville		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:			Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount: \$4 million
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development? Improves access to Lynch Road/I-74 Industrial Park			



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Please fill out the following form for each project, program and activity in your area that would promote economic development and/or regional competitiveness. Funding sources should not be limited to EDA programs.

Project Title:	New Interstate 74 Interchange and "Beltline" Road (pre-construction work)		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion/City of Danville		
Lead Agency:	City of Danville		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	Danville and Vermilion County		
Exact Project Location:	East side of Danville just west of the Brewer Road overpass		
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>Construction of a new limited access divided roadway on the east side of Danville commencing at a new interchange with Interstate 74 just west of the Brewer Road overpass with a proposed alignment parallel to and west of Brewer Road. The Beltline would then proceed to Main Street and then continue to Voorhees Street. The long term intent would be to eventually link the Beltline back into Route 1 on the North side of Danville. The primary purposes for the Beltline as identified in the feasibility studies would be to open up much needed new lands for development, provide an alternative North-South transportation connection through the Danville area, and divert the majority of through truck traffic off of Route 1. This entire project would be completed in multiple phases over several years.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$3 million for Phase 2 Engineering, ROW Acquisition and Earthwork		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	City of Danville, IDOT		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>The primary purposes for the Beltline would be to serve areas reserved for industrial development, provide an alternative North-South transportation connection through the Danville area, and decrease truck traffic within the city.</p>		



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Project Title:	Re-design of I-74 / Rt 1 Interchange & Re-design of Rt1 / 14th St. junction		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion County/Village of Tilton		
Lead Agency:	Village of Tilton		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	Vermilion County, Village of Tilton		
Exact Project Location:	Route 1 near the I-74 interchange		
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>The project will improve mobility and travel efficiency, enhance economic stability and create an attractive atmosphere for business by providing reasonable and desirable access to properties along Illinois Route 1 (Rte. 1) near the Interstate 74 Interchange. The project study area is situated in Vermilion County and extends along the Rte. 1 corridor generally from Ross Lane in Tilton at the southern limit to 4th Street in Danville at the northern limit.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$15.29 million for PE, ROW, Interchange reconstruction and access roads		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?			



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Project Title:	Reconstruction of East Winter Ave.		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion		
Lead Agency:	Danville/Vermilion County		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	City of Danville, Vermilion County		
Exact Project Location:	East Winter Avenue from Bowman Avenue to Michigan Avenue		
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>Reconstruct East Winter Avenue from Bowman Avenue to Michigan Avenue on the Northeast side of Danville. This segment of East Winter Avenue is currently a narrow unimproved rural roadway. A significant amount of traffic uses this roadway as a shortcut into or around Danville. This roadway will be rebuilt to accommodate additional traffic and growth. Further, East Winter Avenue will eventually be rebuilt further eastward to link into the new Beltline road.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	City of Danville, Vermilion County, IDOT		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>The project will open up additional land for development and will connect into the new Beltline road.</p>		



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Project Title:	Extension of the Southgate Industrial Park		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion County/City of Danville		
Lead Agency:	City of Danville		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	City of Danville, Vermilion County		
Exact Project Location:	City of Danville, west of existing Southgate Industrial Park		
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>The current Southgate Industrial park is located on the south side of Interstate 74 at exit 220. There are only 3 shovel ready sites left in this park. One is 30 acres, one is 42 acres and one is 111 acres. Over the past year, the average site request has been 200 acres/project with two requesting 1,000+ acres. The project would include, but is not limited too, land acquisition, site due diligence, road construction and utility extensions.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	City of Danville, Vermilion County		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>Over the past three years, site requests have been up to 200 acres/ with two projects requesting 1,000+ acres. In order to be able to compete, we need to further develop the Southgate Industrial Park to the west.</p>		



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Project Title:	Lyons Road Reconstruction and Connection to Indianola Road		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion County		
Lead Agency:	Vermilion County		
Participating Agencies:	Danville Township, Catlin Township, Village of Belgium		
Project Beneficiaries:	all participating agencies		
Exact Project Location:	Lyons Road from Catlin east to IL 1		
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>Reconstruction of Lyons Road from Catlin east to Illinois Route 1 would allow for additional development of land for economic development projects and would allow better traffic flow for residents and employees alike. Some of the parcels of land in this area would have rail access making it more attractive for development. Included with this project is a connection from Lyons Road to the Indianola Road allowing access without having to cross the Norfolk Southern Railroad. It would also provided enhanced emergency vehicle access to the south side of Catlin. Improvements would include, but is not limited to widening, resurfacing, drainage improvements and utility adjustments.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	Vermilion County		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	Vermilion County, IDOT		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
\$1.5 million			
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>The reconstruction of Lyons Road from Catlin east to Illinois Route 1 would allow for additional development of land for economic development projects and would allow better traffic flow for residents and employees alike. Some of the parcels of land in this area would have rail access making it more attractive for development.</p>		



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Project Title:	Ross Lane (CR 1500 N) Extension to Catlin/Tilton Road		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion County		
Lead Agency:	Vermilion County		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	Vermilion County		
Exact Project Location:	Ross Lane (CR 1500 N)		
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>This project would encompass the west end of Ross Lane that is not already improved. The east end of Ross Lane has already been upgraded with a signalized intersection with Illinois Route 1. This project would require the reconstruction of the existing roadway for approximately a mile to the west and then the construction of new alignment for approximately a half mile to make a direct connection with the Catlin/Tilton Road. Utility adjustments would have to be made to make this a viable economic development site. A feasibility study on this area was completed on September 27, 2006.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	Vermilion County		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>This extension would open up land that is currently used for agriculture and allow for economic development. Some parcels of land would have access to the Norfolk Southern railroad making it more viable.</p>		



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Project Title:	Kennekuk County Park Education Center		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion/City of Danville		
Lead Agency:	Vermilion County Conservation District		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	Park users		
Exact Project Location:	Kennekuk County Park		
Earliest Possible Start:	TBD		
Project Description:	<p>Construction of an environmental education center at Kennekuk County Park to replace outdated facility. The building will focus on all aspects of green technology which will include a handicapped accessible roof prairie. A 500 seat, timber framed conference center will attract local, regional, state and national meetings located in a natural setting and will serve as the headquarters for the Middle Fork National Scenic River. Infrastructure for this project is nearly complete.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$4 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>The facility will fill a void for east central Illinois by being a premier education facility as well as attracting tourism.</p>		



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Please fill out the following form for each project, program and activity in your area that would promote economic development and/or regional competitiveness. Funding sources should not be limited to EDA programs.

Project Title:	Wastewater Service Extension to I-74/MLK Drive Interchange		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion/City of Danville		
Lead Agency:	City of Danville		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	Communities of Hillery and Batestown, Westgate development sites		
Exact Project Location:	I-74/MLK Drive Interchange and surrounding area		
Earliest Possible Start:	TBD		
Project Description:	<p>This project would extend wastewater collection and treatment capabilities to the unincorporated communities of Hillery and Batestown and the surrounding area including the I-74 /MLK Dr. Junction. This extension will serve two needs. The first is to allow residents to move from septic and leach field systems in this heavily populated unincorporated area and to provide safe disposal of wastewater. The County and Danville Township have a recorded history of unsafe waste water disposal in this area. This area is especially prone to problems during heavy rain occurrences. The second benefit is to provide wastewater treatment to the Westgate business corridor. Waste water treatment is necessary to be able to call a site "Shovel Ready". Currently, there are no shovel ready sites in the West Gate Corridor.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$4 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>Waste water treatment is necessary to be able to call the interchange sites "Shovel Ready". Currently, there are no shovel ready sites in the West Gate Corridor.</p>		



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Project Title:	Fithian Farm Right-of-Way Acquisition		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion County		
Lead Agency:	Vermilion County		
Participating Agencies:	Vermilion Advantage		
Project Beneficiaries:	Vermilion County businesses and residents		
Exact Project Location:	Intersection of US150 and US 49		
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>The Fithian Farms site is a single-owner 1,200 acre “mega-site” located immediately west of Fithian just 2 miles from the Champaign County line. It was a finalist site in the 2005 Honda plant site search and was the only Illinois site under consideration. It is one of a half-dozen “mega-sites” in IL with this amount of acreage by one owner, immediate access to rail and inter-state highway, gas transmission lines and large, high-voltage 138 KV electrical service lines. However, water and sewer service must be extended from major providers located in Danville. To keep this site on the top of the list, we need to acquire ROW for such an extension so we are that much further along for the next project.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$100,000		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	none		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>Having a site this large that is ready for development would be attractive to large industrial developments.</p>		



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Project Title:	AmerenIP Natural Gas Capacity Upgrade for East Danville Industry Corridor		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion/City of Danville		
Lead Agency:	Ameren		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	City of Danville		
Exact Project Location:	North side of Danville		
Earliest Possible Start:	TBD		
Project Description:	<p>Construct a new gas line from the northwest side of Danville, east and across the river through property partially controlled by the City and then back northwest of the Winter Avenue regulator station to increase capacity by 615M needed for growing gas demand by Danville's gas-intensive industry on the east side. Without assistance, industry is expected to pay for this upgrade.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$3 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
<p>How does this project advance economic development?</p> <p>This project would support existing as well as potential industries with more natural gas capacity.</p>			



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Please fill out the following form for each project, program and activity in your area that would promote economic development and/or regional competitiveness. Funding sources should not be limited to EDA programs.

Project Title:	Bismarck Sanitary Sewer Project		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion County		
Lead Agency:	Village of Bismarck		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	residents and businesses in Bismarck		
Exact Project Location:			
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	Construct sewer infrastructure in the Village.		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$3.5 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	none		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	Bismarck is an un-sewered community and is seeking funding for sanitary sewers. It is one of the few communities in Vermilion County realizing residential growth.		



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Please fill out the following form for each project, program and activity in your area that would promote economic development and/or regional competitiveness. Funding sources should not be limited to EDA programs.

Project Title:	Oakwood Water System Upgrade		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion County/Village of Oakwood		
Lead Agency:	Village of Oakwood		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	residents and businesses in Oakwood		
Exact Project Location:			
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>The Village of Oakwood needs to replace approximately 90% of their water mains that are undersized. These are the original mains that were put in during the Depression. They are either 2 – 4” mains and they would be replaced with 6” or greater mains. They would also replace all existing fire hydrants and add additional hydrants in order to provide adequate coverage.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$1.5 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:	none		
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>Oakwood would benefit with improved fire protection and sufficient water infrastructure for existing and potential businesses.</p>		



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Project Title:	Danville Upgrade Bus Transfer Zone		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion/City of Danville		
Lead Agency:	Danville/Danville Mass Transit		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	City of Danville		
Exact Project Location:	Bus Transfer Zone at Hazel and North		
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>Design and construct a number of improvements to the current bus transfer zone at Hazel/North in Danville. These include a heated building containing a waiting area, washrooms, vending machines and public information, increased bus operating flexibility, outdoor waiting areas with canopy, bicycle parking area, informational signs, security cameras, and environmental features.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$1.8 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>Transit oriented development of a variety of land use types may be spurred by upgrading the bus transfer zone.</p>		



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Please fill out the following form for each project, program and activity in your area that would promote economic development and/or regional competitiveness. Funding sources should not be limited to EDA programs.

Project Title:	Water Storage Tank Renovation		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion/City of Hoopeston		
Lead Agency:	City of Hoopeston		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	City of Hoopeston		
Exact Project Location:			
Earliest Possible Start:	To be determined		
Project Description:	<p>The City of Hoopeston has been working on the engineering stage for the renovation of two water storage tanks. The 500,000 gallon ground storage tank for untreated water is in serious need of structural repairs, both internally and externally. The 150,000 gallon elevated storage tank needs recoated both inside and out. The tank also needs many items brought up to current regulations. These are "shovel ready" projects awaiting funding.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	\$1.25 million		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:			
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>This project can help with both business retention and attraction as improvements are made to vital systems in the community.</p>		



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Please fill out the following form for each project, program and activity in your area that would promote economic development and/or regional competitiveness. Funding sources should not be limited to EDA programs.

Project Title:	Infrastructure on the Route 1 South Site		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion		
Lead Agency:	City of Hoopeston		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:			
Exact Project Location:			
Earliest Possible Start:	As soon as possible		
Project Description:	<p>The City of Hoopeston has experienced a significant decline of manufacturing in the past decade. This has resulted in the loss of businesses and in turn a significant number of jobs. In the last two years, the City of Hoopeston has become active in laying the foundation for future economic growth. The Hoopeston Economic development Steering Committee has identified 4 sites surrounding Hoopeston that are in the process of being designated for future industrial development (Appendix A). The third site is the Route 1 south site. This 112 acre site is owned by one individual. At this time the owner is not interested in selling but will consider working with the City in the future.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	The City of Hoopeston is putting together an annual TIF plan to allow for the yearly allocation of funds toward infrastructure extensions and improvements.		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>In order to compete with other communities for new industry, it is important that the City of Hoopeston have shovel-ready sites. The infrastructure component adds to the direct cost of a project. Having shovel-ready sites would provide an additional incentive to prospective industries; making Hoopeston potentially more attractive than other communities. The City would like to have utilities extended to the sites so when a prospect shows interest the process can be expedited.</p>		



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East Central Illinois Economic Development District

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Project Title:	Infrastructure on Route One North Industrial Site		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion		
Lead Agency:	City of Hoopeston		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	City of Hoopeston		
Exact Project Location:			
Earliest Possible Start:	As soon as possible		
Project Description:	<p>The City of Hoopeston has experienced a significant decline of manufacturing in the past decade. This has resulted in the loss of businesses and in turn a significant number of jobs. In the last two years, the City of Hoopeston has become active in laying the foundation for future economic growth. One method of accomplishing this growth is through the identification of sites for industrial development. The Hoopeston Economic Development Steering Committee has identified 4 sites that are in the process of being designated for future industrial development. The first site is the Route One North Site which is owned by 3 different land owners and totals 449 acres. This contains a 125 acre parcel, a 134 acre parcel, and a 228 acre parcel. The City is working with remaining land owners to get the parcels under option.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	The City of Hoopeston is putting together an annual TIF plan to allow for the yearly allocation of funds toward infrastructure extensions and improvements.		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>In order to compete with other communities for new industry, it is important that the City of Hoopeston have shovel-ready sites. Having utilities extended to the sites prior to construction would eliminate time delays and the associated increased costs. The infrastructure component adds to the direct cost of a project. Having shovel-ready sites would provide an additional incentive to prospective industries; making Hoopeston potentially more attractive than other communities.</p>		



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Project Title:	Infrastructure on the South Rail Industrial Site		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion		
Lead Agency:	City of Hoopeston		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	City of Hoopeston		
Exact Project Location:			
Earliest Possible Start:	As soon as possible		
Project Description:	<p>The City of Hoopeston has experienced a significant decline of manufacturing in the past decade. This has resulted in the loss of businesses and in turn a significant number of jobs. In the last two years, the City of Hoopeston has become active in laying the foundation for future economic growth. One method of accomplishing this growth is through the identification of sites for industrial development. The Hoopeston Economic development Steering Committee has identified 4 sites surrounding Hoopeston that are in the process of being designated for future industrial development.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	The City of Hoopeston is compiling an annual TIF plan to allow for the yearly allocation of funds toward infrastructure extensions and improvements.		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>In order to compete with other communities for new industry, it is important that the City of Hoopeston have shovel-ready sites. Having utilities extended to the sites prior to construction would eliminate time delays and the associated increased costs. The infrastructure component adds to the direct cost of a project. Having shovel-ready sites would provide an additional incentive to prospective industries; making Hoopeston potentially more attractive than other communities.</p>		



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Project Title:	Infrastructure on the Route 9 site		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion		
Lead Agency:	City of Hoopeston		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	City of Hoopeston		
Exact Project Location:			
Earliest Possible Start:	As soon as possible		
Project Description:	<p>The City of Hoopeston has experienced a significant decline of manufacturing in the past decade. This has resulted in the loss of businesses and in turn a significant number of jobs. In the last two years, the City of Hoopeston has become active in laying the foundation for future economic growth. The Hoopeston Economic development Steering Committee has identified 4 sites surrounding Hoopeston that are in the process of being designated for future industrial development. The fourth site is the Route 9 site. This 117 acre site is owned by one individual. This site would require water and sewer to be extended .73 miles to reach the southeast corner of the site.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	The City of Hoopeston is in the process of putting together an annual TIF plan to allow for the yearly allocation of funds toward infrastructure extensions and impro		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>In order to compete with other communities for new industry, it is important that the City of Hoopeston have shovel-ready sites. Having utilities extended to the sites prior to construction would eliminate time delays and the associated increased costs. The infrastructure component adds to the direct cost of a project. Having shovel-ready sites would provide an additional incentive to prospective industries; making Hoopeston potentially more attractive than other communities.</p>		



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Project Title:	Residential Development Infrastructure		
County/Municipality:	Vermilion		
Lead Agency:	City of Hoopeston		
Participating Agencies:			
Project Beneficiaries:	City of Hoopeston, school district		
Exact Project Location:			
Earliest Possible Start:	As soon as possible		
Project Description:	<p>The City of Hoopeston has a need for new moderate income housing. The City of Hoopeston was recently included in a grant through the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs to receive technical assistance in conducting a housing study. This project will begin in mid February 2007 and will aid in initiating the planned residential development in Hoopeston. The economic development committee is in the process of working with the land owner and the TIF District Administrator to identify a possible developer. The infrastructure needed on this site includes utilities, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and roads. The engineering should be planned for the entire project but actual construction would be implemented with each of the four phases for mixed use housing development.</p>		
Project Cost Estimate:	Unknown at this time		
Guaranteed Funding Sources:			
Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding sources:	A portion of TIF funds have been designated for infrastructure for residential development.		
Guaranteed Funding Amount:	Non-guaranteed but anticipated funding amount:		
Full time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Part time job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
Temporary job creation/retention:	Creation:	Retention:	Average Wage:
How does this project advance economic development?	<p>Having a new housing development in Hoopeston would aid in attracting new residents. It would also help the community retain younger families that prefer a new home. The schools would also see a direct benefit through increased enrollment. Additional benefits to the community would include increased economic activity associated with new residents living in Hoopeston, increased tax revenues, and the increased value of recreational services often provided through land for parks and schools.</p>		