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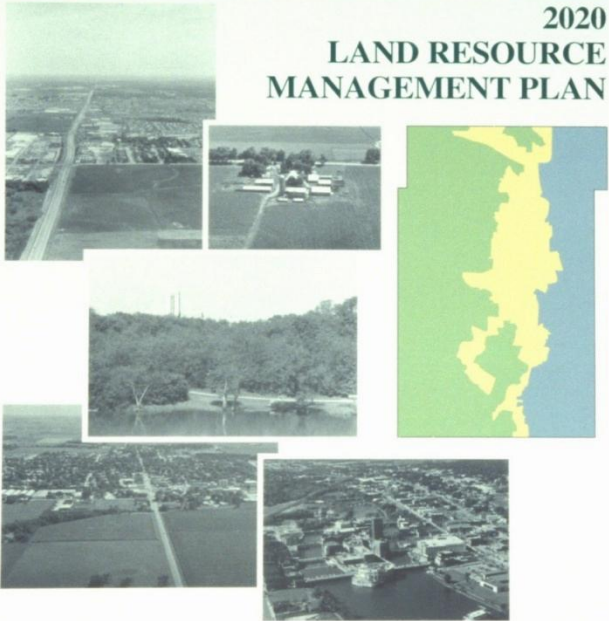
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**FARMLAND PROTECTION  
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NOW AND TOMORROW**

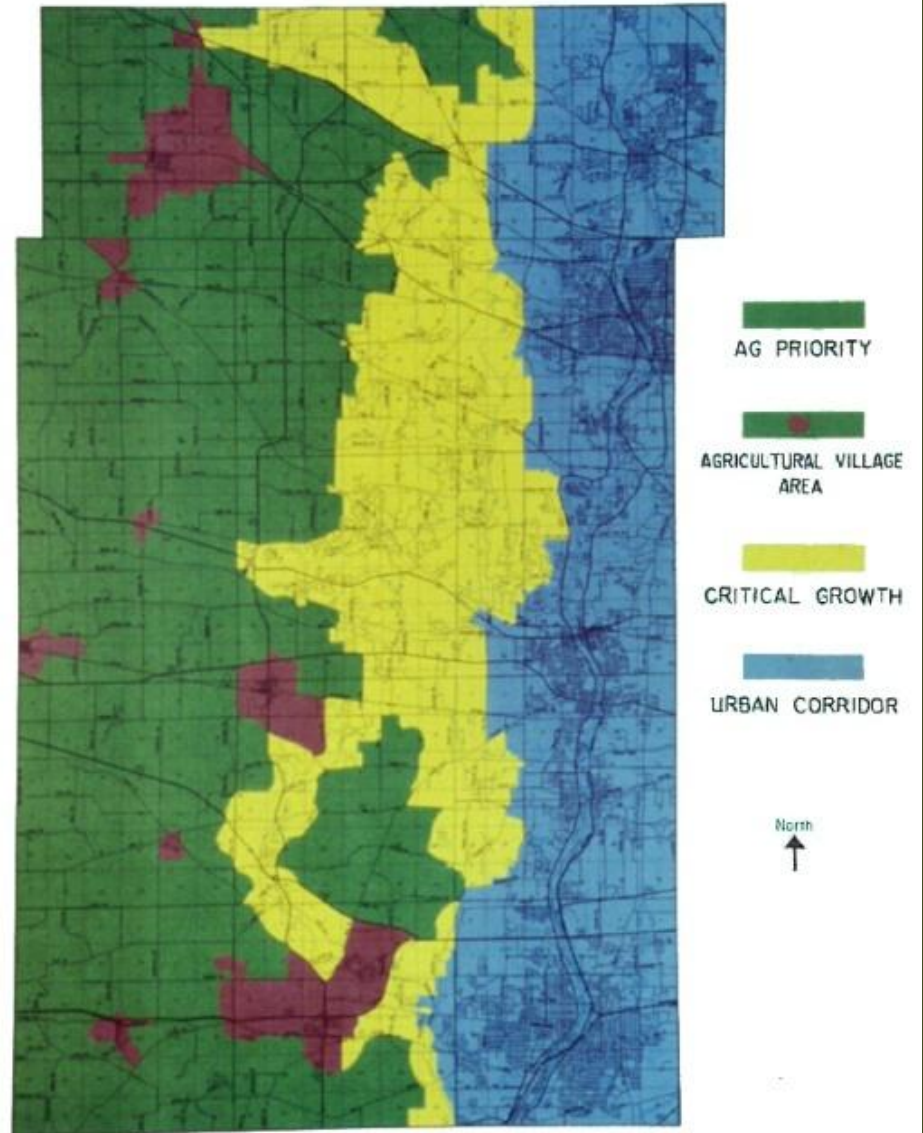
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LAND RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT PLAN



Adopted  
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by the County Board  
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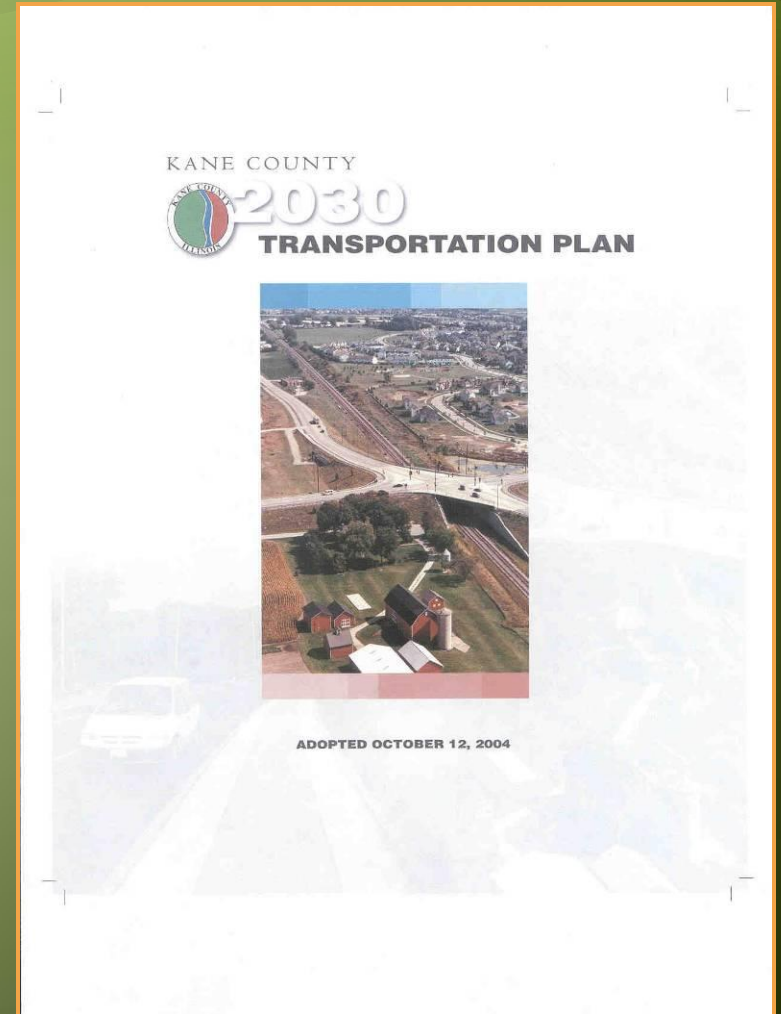
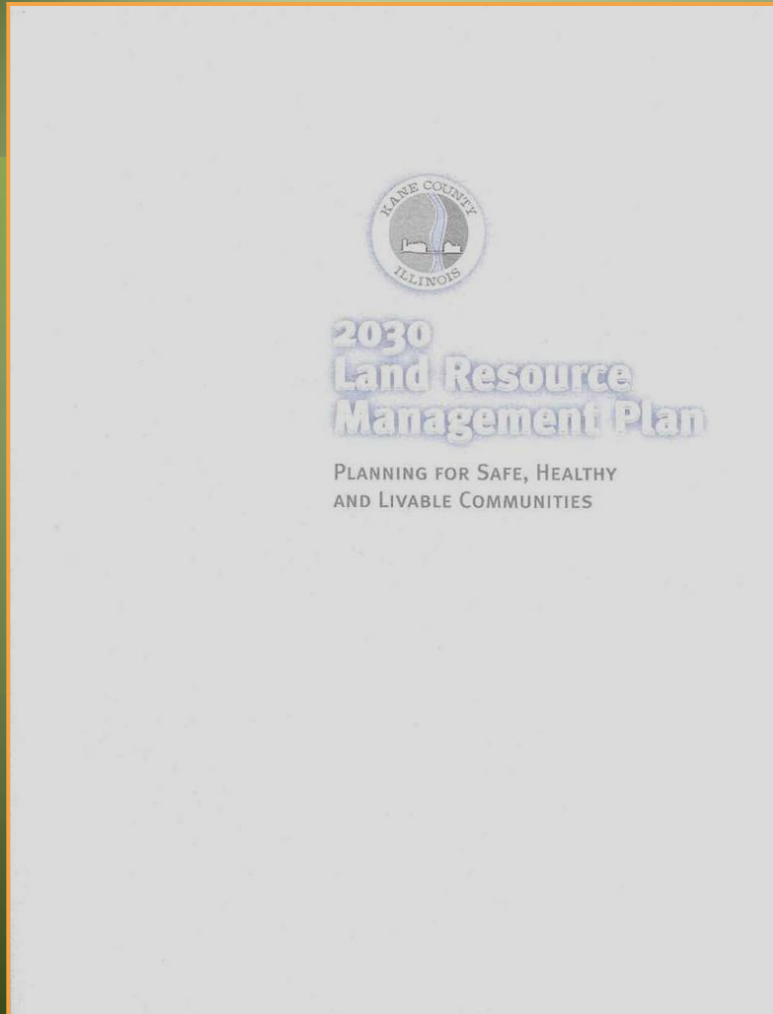
2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
LAND USE STRATEGY

Kane County, Illinois



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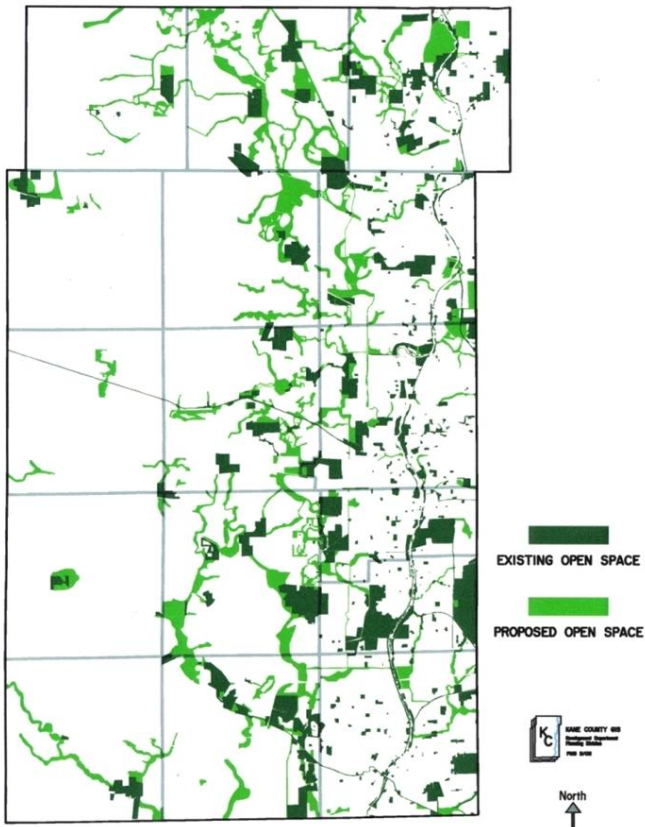
# 2030 Land Resource Management Plan & 2030 Transportation Plan



Concurrent adoption by the County Board on October 12, 2004

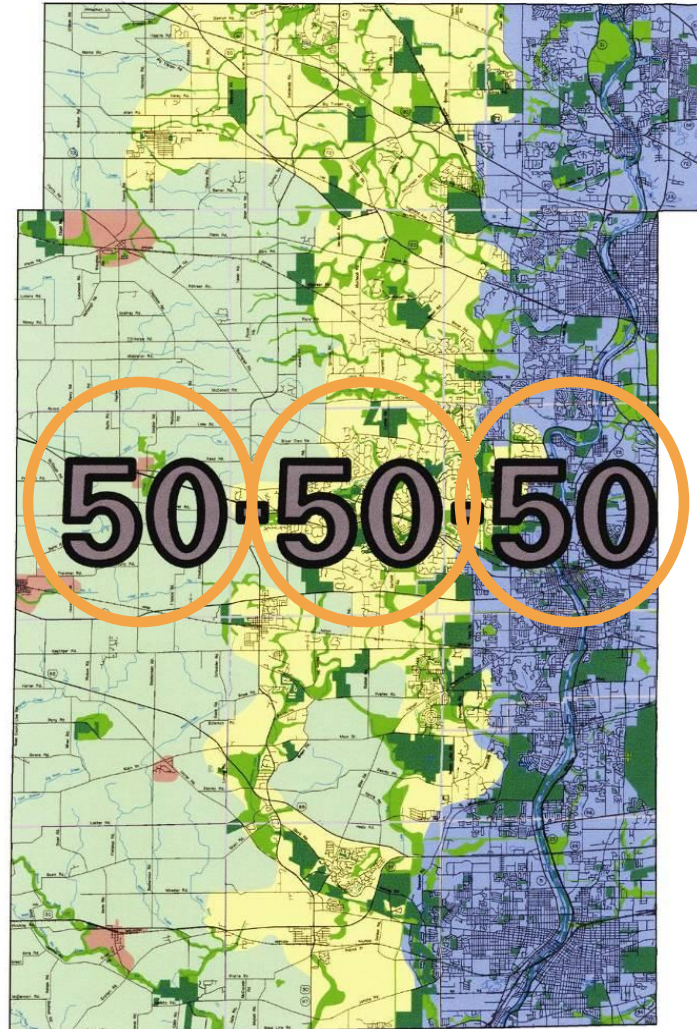
# 2030 Land Resource Management Plan

## 2030 CONCEPTUAL LAND USE STRATEGY OPEN SPACE MAP

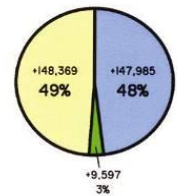


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## POPULATION INCREASE from 2000-2030



## TOTAL LAND AREA

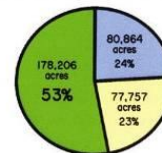
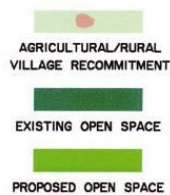
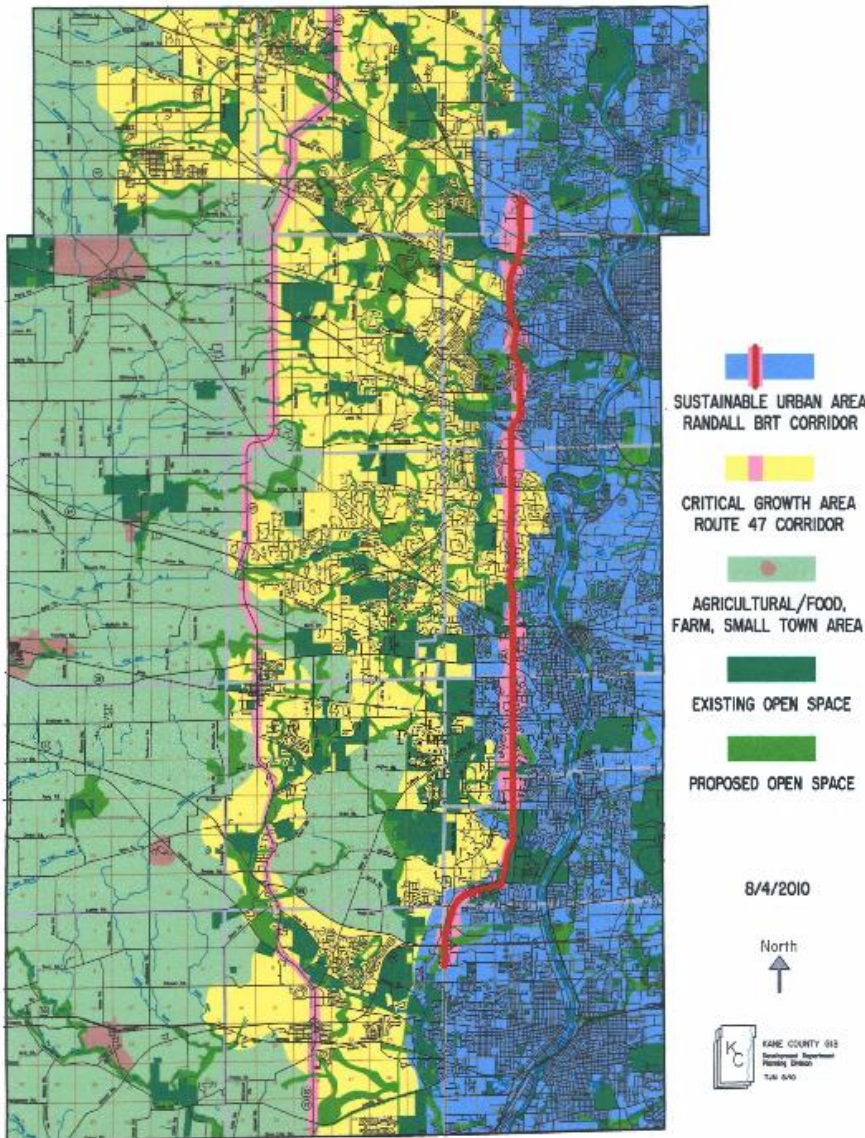


Figure 1  
2040 CONCEPTUAL LAND  
USE STRATEGY MAP



2040

# Conceptual Land Use Strategy Map

Sustainable Urban  
Area

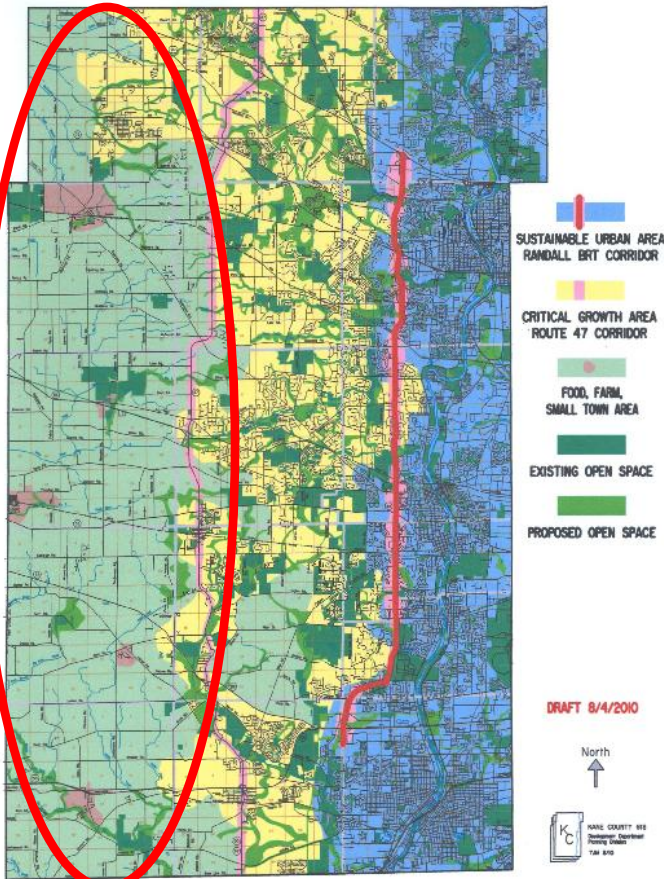
Critical Growth Area

Agricultural/  
Food, Farm, and  
Small Town Area

# Agriculture should continue to be a desired and preferred land use...



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**2040 CONCEPTUAL LAND  
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50% or more of Kane  
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in  
Agriculture  
and  
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through 2040





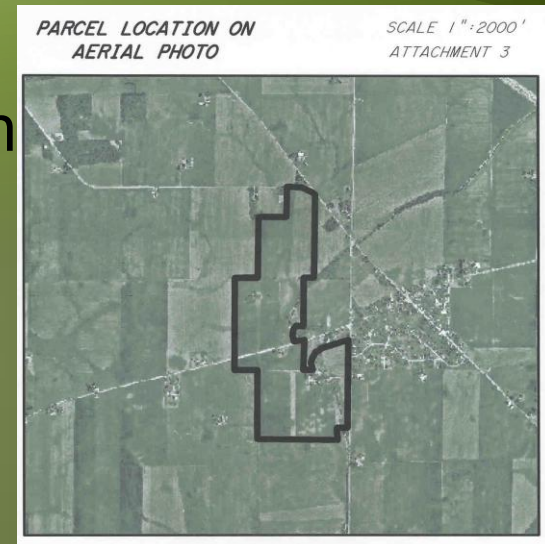
"Land consumption" refers to the conversion of open space or farmland to residential, commercial, office, or other developed land uses. As the region grows and expands, some consumption of these areas is inevitable. However, conserving open space and farmland does create economic, environmental, and social benefits, and reducing the rate of consumption of these areas is desirable. CMAP, *Go To 2040*





# Agricultural Conservation Easement

- a *voluntary*, legal agreement
- between a landowner and a conservation organization or government agency
- permanently limits a property's uses in order to protect the property's conservation values
- can be donated, sold or in combination



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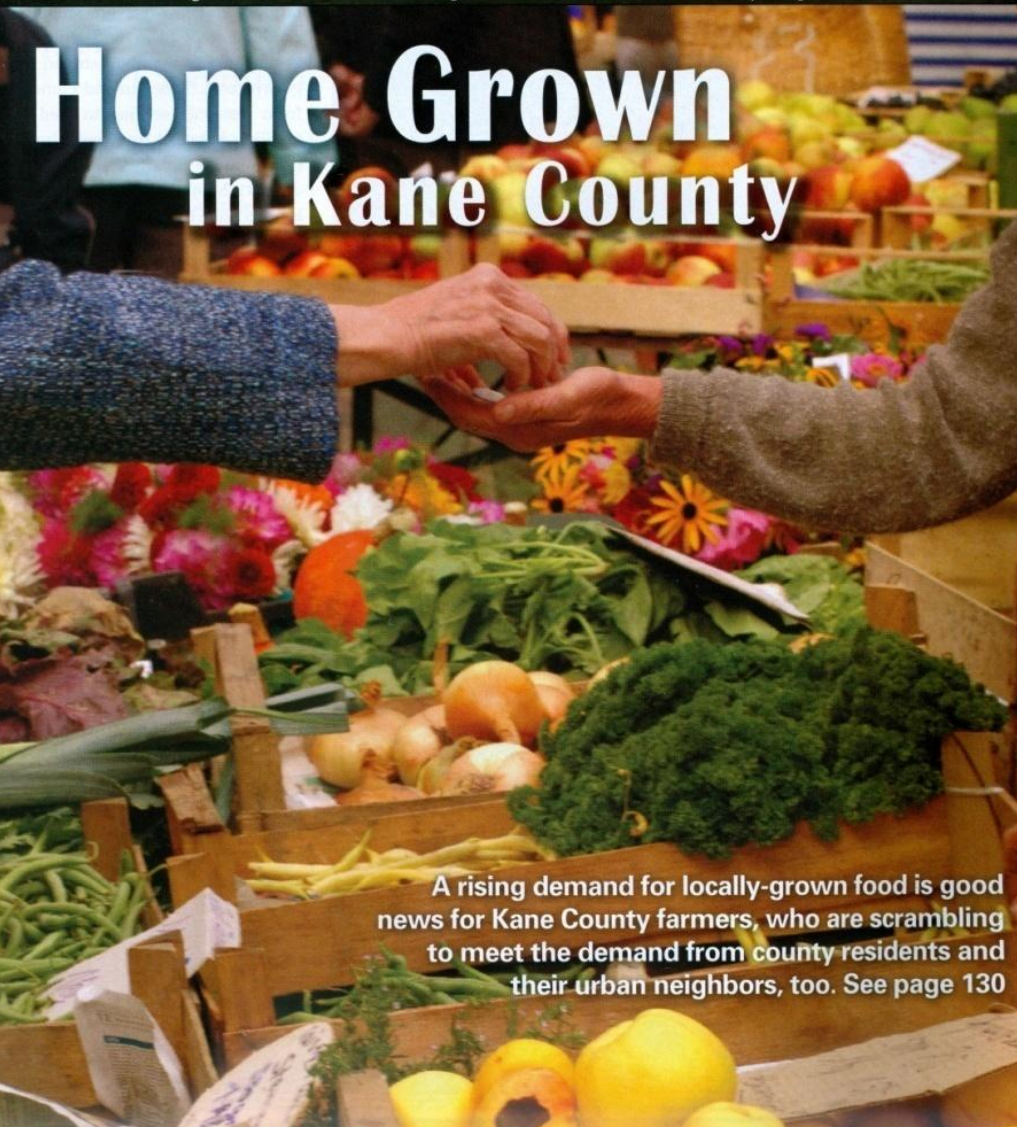
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# Northwest Business Magazine

The Business Magazine of Northwest Chicagoland

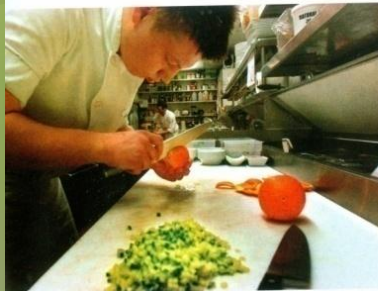
Spring 2008

## Home Grown in Kane County



A rising demand for locally-grown food is good news for Kane County farmers, who are scrambling to meet the demand from county residents and their urban neighbors, too. See page 130

### Northwest Business



Anthony Burgess, pantry chef at Niche Restaurant in Geneva, prepares fresh oranges for a cucumber salsa intermezzo.



Owner Jeremy Lycan dresses each dish before it is served.



Like many chefs, Lycan believes in preparing dishes with locally-grown food, whenever possible, because "it has intense flavor."

locally-grown products, too. As a board member representing Big Rock, Donna Lehrer recently was appointed by Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich to the Illinois Local and Organic Food and Farm Task Force.

"On the task force, we're discussing how Illinois food and fiber farmers can connect with the consumer, and how to get consumers to look for locally-grown foods," Lehrer says. "We're discussing topics such as selling products at farmer's markets, selling to chefs, selling to large-scale grocery stores and using direct marketing. We are to have an extensive report ready for the legislature in September."

Meanwhile, local farmers are doing what they can to get their products into the hands of consumers. The Lehrer, Schramer and Weaver farms are only three among dozens of operations that sell their products to consumers without using middlemen. The Kane County Farm Bureau Web site lists contact information for 33 local operations that sell products, including trees, vegetables, fruits, sod, hay and straw, flowers, honey and corn stalks. Some sell directly from stands on the farm; others sell only at farmer's markets. Some have opened year-round stores on their properties.

"We participate in farmer's markets June through September," says Schramer of Farm Direct Black Angus. "We had a number of customers who asked, 'Could you do this all winter?' So, in November 2006, we started a store on the farm." The store, formerly a two-car garage, is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays only.

Heritage Prairie Market, which sells its products at one farmer's market in Elburn and two more in Chicago, has a grocery store at the farm that's open seven days a week, offering dairy products, fresh eggs, beef, chicken, pork, honey and vinegar.

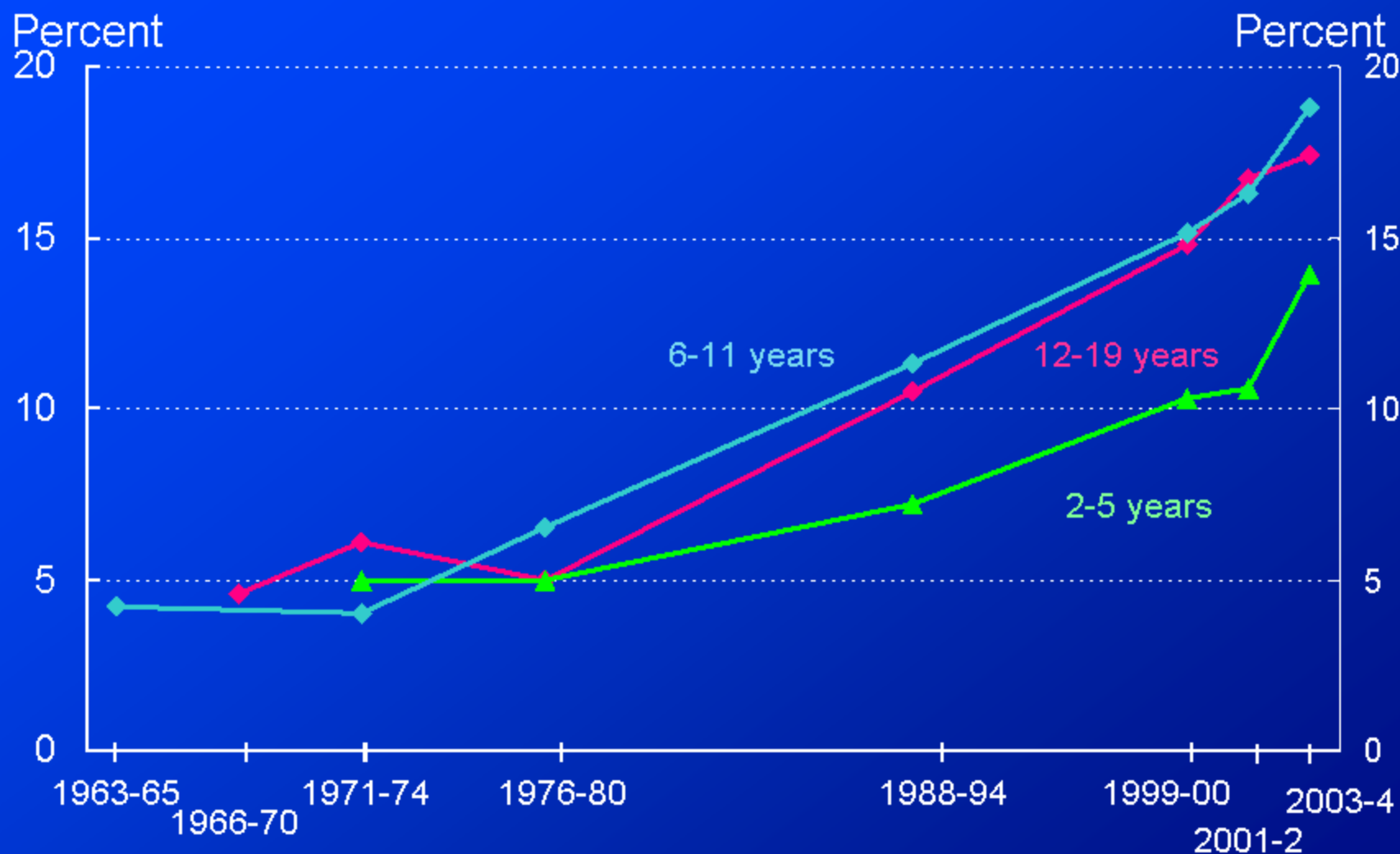
"It's an outlet for our products and those of other farmers," Weaver says. "Regular customers come in weekly for milk and eggs."

The Lamb of God Farm maintains a connection to Esther's Place, a fiber arts studio established by the Lehrers' daughter, Natasha, in Big Rock. Esther's Place sells wool, fleeces, yarn



Katie Prochaska checks on seedlings growing in the greenhouse of Heritage Prairie Market. Katie and her husband, Mike Bolinger, worked for the Chicago Botanical Garden before joining the farm in Elburn.

# Trends in Child and Adolescent Overweight



Note: Overweight is defined as BMI  $\geq$  gender- and weight-specific 95th percentile from the 2000 CDC Growth Charts.  
Source: National Health Examination Surveys II (ages 6-11) and III (ages 12-17), National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys I, II, III and 1999-2004, NCHS, CDC.

# *Unless we take action...*

**“...youth of today may, on average, live less healthy and possibly even shorter lives than their parents.”**

--- from Olshansky et al

*A Potential Decline in Life Expectancy in the United States in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

New England Journal of Medicine 352;11 March 17, 2005



# Fresh Food for Kids

## The Strategy:

1. Provide only healthy food and beverages at school.
2. Increase the frequency intensity and duration of physical activity at school.
3. Increase the availability of affordable healthy food in all communities.
4. Improve access to safe places where children play.
5. Limit screen time.







Making Kane County  
**Fit for Kids**



# Local food a short drive away

Soaring energy costs are hitting all sectors of the economy, but high pump prices actually may be driving regional "agritourism" demand.

That's according to North American Farmers' Direct Marketing Association Executive Director Charlie

Touchette. And urban agritourists likely will experience an increasingly sophisticated bucolic experience.

"The 2007 season was a phenomenal year in agritourism across the United States," he told *Partners*. "The

ry, safety, and convenience," Touchette said.

Thus, producers must "raise the bar" in terms of the goods and services they offer and the appearance and cleanliness of their operations, according to Touchette.

More farm marketers are offering what he calls a "360-degree experience" that moves beyond U-pick plots to processing tours, extended retail sales, luncheon facilities that introduce visitors to a producer's wines, and concerts or other events.

Farm markets and roadside attrac-

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As a result, he said agritourism increasingly is drawing a "very well-educated, fairly well-to-do" clientele. Those consumers seek "real rural experiences" but also demand "lu-





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