

VIBRANTNEO 2040 CLEVELAND-AKRON-YOUNGSTOWN OHIO (2012-2013)

VibrantNEO 2040 is the first regional visioning effort of its kind in Northeast Ohio, and was designed to create a decision-making framework that will help guide the region toward a healthier, more fiscally sound, and socially equitable future. Working closely with the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Community Consortium (NEOSCC), the team designed and conducted a series of region-wide workshops that engaged over 1,000 Northeast Ohio residents. Input from these workshops informed the development of five alternative land-use and transportation scenarios that explored themes of central-city revitalization, transit network expansion, and open space preservation.

The project team measured regional performance around a range of indicators and metrics that included daily household VMT, annual tax revenue, infrastructure costs, housing unit loss, and public health impacts. These indicators helped the team identify and tailor local strategies of regional significance for communities across Northeast Ohio.

VibrantNEO 2040 broke new ground in the realm of tracking the net fiscal benefit of development at a regional scale. Fregonese Associates conducted a 12-county fiscal impact analysis using its Fiscal Impact Tool (FIT) in conjunction with its scenario modeling software, Envision Tomorrow. The results of this analysis showed not only the net public benefit of new development in alternative land use scenarios, but also the loss in revenue and increase in costs associated with abandonment in Northeast Ohio's legacy cities.

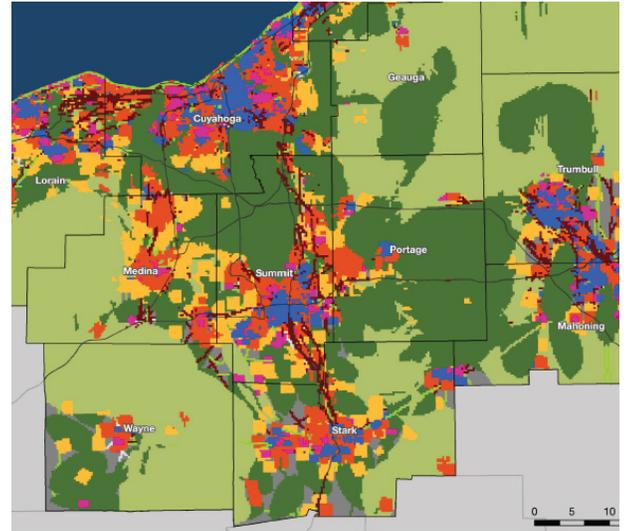
The VibrantNEO 2040 plan is due to be adopted by the NEOSCC governing board on December 17th, 2013 and is currently being incorporated into the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency's (NOACA) long-range transportation plan, Connections +2035.

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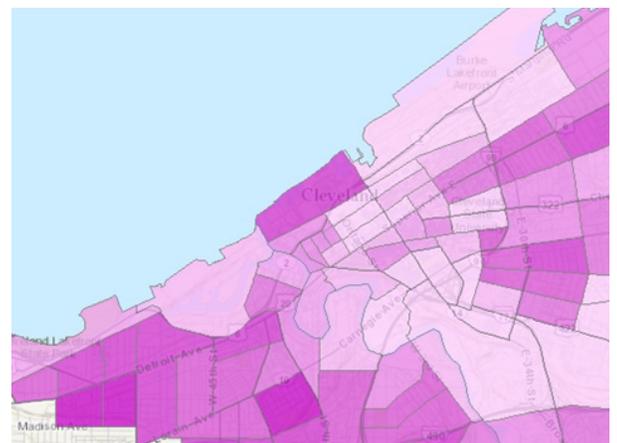
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Composite of workshop results – used to inform alternative scenarios



Regional workshop participants providing scenario input



Results of Fregonese Associates' Household 7D model showing automobile trip production in downtown Cleveland, OH