

Bikeways Plan adopted by BACOG Board

The BACOG Executive Board on June 28th, unanimously adopted "A Bikeway Planning Study" prepared by William S. Lawrence and Associates, Inc., of Chicago, Illinois.

Approximately 70 local citizens and officials took an active part throughout the last eight months in developing the plans. In addition, 430 questionnaires were responded to and returned by local residents, providing the consultants with a wealth of background information. Dangerous roadways and intersections were identified and avoided in the final plan. Areas of greatest attraction to bikes were located and planned for.

The downtown shopping district of Barrington, Langendorf Park and the respective neighborhood schools proved to be the most popular destinations for bicyclists.

A "primary demand corridor" was called for, to be constructed as a Class I route (independent pathway). This corridor would link several popular biking attractions including the library, Langendorf Park and Barrington High School. This corridor also serves as the hub of the entire regional network, with the countryside routes directed in towards it like spokes on a wheel. The successful development of the route, however, hinges on negotiations with two railroads, the CNWRR and the EJ&ERR, for easements along the edge of their right-of-ways.

The 6 countryside village members of BACOG (North Barrington, South Barrington, Deer Park, Tower Lakes, Inverness and Barrington Hills) would be linked into the central Barrington village system by Class III (shared roadway) bikeways along the less heavily traveled countryside roads. The plan suggested, however, that "more detail as to local routing should be sought from local residents during plan commission reviews . . . this detail is especially needed to identify areas of rough pavement, deteriorated shoulders," etc.

A strong emphasis was also placed on the need to establish an effective bicycling education and enforcement program. The study noted that "regardless of how safe a bikeway system is designed to be, a system is no safer than the individuals who use it."

Arlingdale Development Opposed

On May 31st, the BACOG Executive Board unanimously voted to file as an intervenor in the Arlingdale development case, if the Village of Inverness is successful as an intervenor. BACOG would have separate legal counsel. Several nearby owners are instituting a suit to protest the development proposal which has been reviewed by the Hoffman Estates Village Plan Commission and Board.

The development is planned in lots of approximately 9,200 sq. ft. The current county zoning for the site is one unit to the acre. The BACOG plan recommends one unit for 1-2 acres for the site.

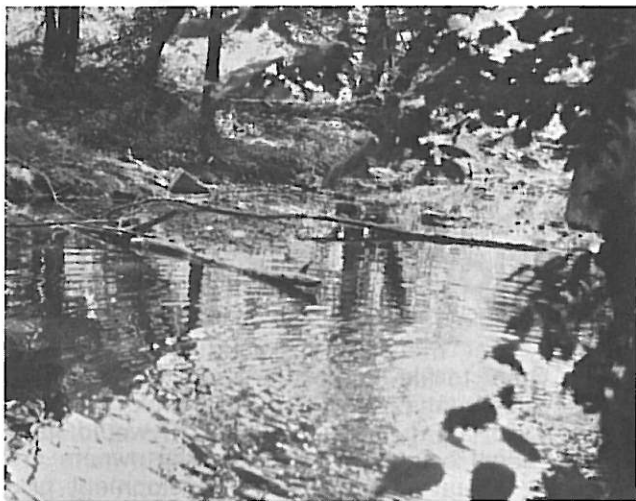
The BACOG board made an initial commitment to authorize \$2,000.00 for the legal fees. Mr. Fred Bossellman has been chosen as BACOG counsel.



Ders Anderson, BACOG's Assistant Planner presents the regional bikeways plan during the June board meeting. 100 copies of the plan will be distributed to village boards and the various districts responsible for implementation.

Protecting our Water Resources

The waterbodies of the 90 square mile BACOG planning region comprise one of our most valuable natural resources. But they also are undoubtedly our most sensitive.



Federal, state, and local efforts recognize this fact. A multitude of agencies have been established to protect our water resources. They include:

- Illinois Division of Waterways
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Illinois State Water Survey
- Illinois Division of Water Resources
- Homeowner Association regulations
- Village and county ordinances: flood plain
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But probably the most far-reaching program is on the horizon. Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 has set a goal for the nation of establishing politically acceptable local management programs to achieve "swimmable, fishable and drinkable" water in our nation's waterbodies by 1983. NIPC is currently serving as a forum for hundreds of citizens and officials to define this management program for northeastern Illinois. The question is currently being debated as to whether a truly effective program should be established on a local level, a centralized regional level, or some form in-between these extremes.



701 Grant to Fund 77-78 Planning Programs

The State Department of Local Government Affairs acting as a pass-through agency for HUD has approved a 1977-78 BACOG 701 planning grant for \$19,000. BACOG's local match for the 701 federal grant is \$9,500 in cash or in kind services. (BACOG had also received approval for \$19,000 under last year's 701 program.)

The grant will cover three BACOG program areas. Ders Anderson, BACOG assistant planner, will continue to work on housing background work and implementation programs as part of the grant. In addition, land use implementation programs will be developed to achieve BACOG's comprehensive planning goals. The two programs are funded at \$14,000.

The third program element covered by the grant is a continuation of the boundaries agreement work project. This project involves developing formal agreement among the seven BACOG member villages related to land use, environment, transportation, zoning, and other elements governing the unincorporated land on the borders of BACOG member villages. Five thousand dollars is earmarked for the boundaries agreements project.

A boundary agreements committee has been established under the chairmanship of Russ Puzey, village president of Inverness.

Housing Plan reviewed

The Lake County Regional Plan Commission is sending the draft summary of the Lake County Housing Plan to all county municipalities and villages for review and comment.

The plan commission has been reviewing a controversial draft of the plan for several months and is seeking feedback from local areas before taking the plan to the County Board.

BACOG has provided comment on the plan at the commission meetings in Waukegan. Executive Director Don Klein told the plan commission that the Lake County Housing Plan has serious planning deficiencies. These include:

- 1) An unworkable and unreasonable allocation formula.
- 2) An unnecessarily belligerent tone which would offend local officials.
- 3) Insufficient linkages to environment and land use planning.
- 4) Insufficient employment data to develop a needs formula.
- 5) No mention of local planning currently underway to provide limited income housing in local or subregional areas, such as the BACOG Housing Chapter.

Slide Show available

The first of four BACOG slide shows, **The Careful Balance—Managing the Environment**, will be available for use by local organizations and homeowner's associations beginning August 1st. Final audio work will be accomplished in July. The show deals with the characteristics and sensitivities of the environment of our area. Watersheds, lakes and streams, environmental ordinances, and management techniques are just a few of the topics covered. Reservations for the show can be made by calling 381-7871.

Task Force distributes first Solid Waste report

The first report of the Solid Waste Task Force, **Collection and Disposal Management—Today**, was distributed in early June to the 24 member village and townships of BACOG and the Northwest Municipal Conference.

The document was the result of joint staff work between the two neighboring planning agencies. The report provided a co-ordinated 'model' approach in suggesting the most practical techniques of managing solid waste systems by municipalities.

Two sets of model ordinances were proposed. The first set pertained to the collection of solid waste, and covered collection made, frequency, container type and location, mandatory separation of newsprint, penalties, severability, recycling, large item disposal, and refuse burning.

The second set involved licensing of the scavenger, insurance coverage analysis, and municipal right to choose disposal locations.

An analysis of the existing landfill situation was made. A conclusion was reached that short term capacities (0-5 years) "are more than adequate" from a regional perspective. A more detailed review will be included in the second report of the Task Force to be published this fall, **Landfills and Resource Recovery—Tomorrow**.

This report will relate the findings of the WRAP computer model (Waste Resources Allocation Program), currently being shared with the staff by the USEPA. According to Bill Muhlenfeld, executive director of the NWMC, "WRAP will analyze and program numerous alternatives to conventional management decisions concerning solid waste systems."

Public Law 94-580, the **Solid Waste Disposal Act**, which was recently passed in Washington, D.C., requires states to designate planning areas for the operation of a "continuing areawide planning process for solid waste management, hazardous waste management and system for resource recovery and resource conservation." The BACOG/NWMC effort is geared to meet this national goal.

Legislative Review

The current session of the Illinois Legislature has taken action on several bills of interest to the BACOG area.

- House Bill 1241 which would have extended the Metropolitan Sanitary District in the BACOG area was referred to a working committee by the Senate Local Government committee, effectively killing it for this session. BACOG strenuously opposed the measure, in a unanimous resolution, based on incompatibility to the Barrington Facilities Plan and the BACOG Comprehensive Plan. Senator John Graham, in whose district the expansion would take place, was on record as opposed to the Bill. Among those appearing before the Senate committee for BACOG were Barbara Hansen, chairman of the Executive Board, Russ Puzey, Inverness, Frank Munao, So. Barrington, Bill Braithwaite, legal counsel, Sears Hallett, School District 220 and Don Klein, BACOG executive director.

- A preferential assessment for Illinois farms is covered in Senate Bill 493. The bill has passed both houses and is waiting for the Governor's signature. The Illinois Constitution specifically requires uniform valuation of property assessed for tax purposes. An important exception is the limited power to classify property. BACOG has not taken a position on Senate Rule 493.

- House Bill 1041 would have amended municipal codes and county zoning laws to regulate the unincorporated land between municipalities. It provided that the municipality which adopts a plan related to this land within their 1½ mile jurisdiction would effectively set a standard which no other municipality could change through planning action.

An amendment was later added which substantially changed the intent of the bill.

The bill was killed in committee.

- House Bill 216, which received strong BACOG support, as well as endorsement by the Illinois Municipal League, would have restored local zoning control to the landfill permit process.

The bill received amendments which substantially changed its intent, but remains in committee for no action this session. It is considered alive for the next legislative session.

- House Bill 766 would have established a state-wide committee charged with the task of reviewing the status of land use controls throughout the state of Illinois.

The bill failed on its final reading in the Senate.

- House Bill 924 would authorize the Illinois Division of Water Resources to control and issue permits for well water usage. The bill remains on an interim study calendar and can be called into action during the next session.

State officials from the Division advocated passage of the bill on the premise that such a permit system is needed to insure that one community isn't wasting great quantities of water at the expense of a conservation conscious neighbor.

- Senate Bill 1032 would increase from 60 to 200 acres the maximum area of unincorporated territory that may be annexed by a municipality when wholly bounded by certain jurisdictional lines.

The bill remains in committee.

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