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Abstract

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Map of the Greater Egypt Region:

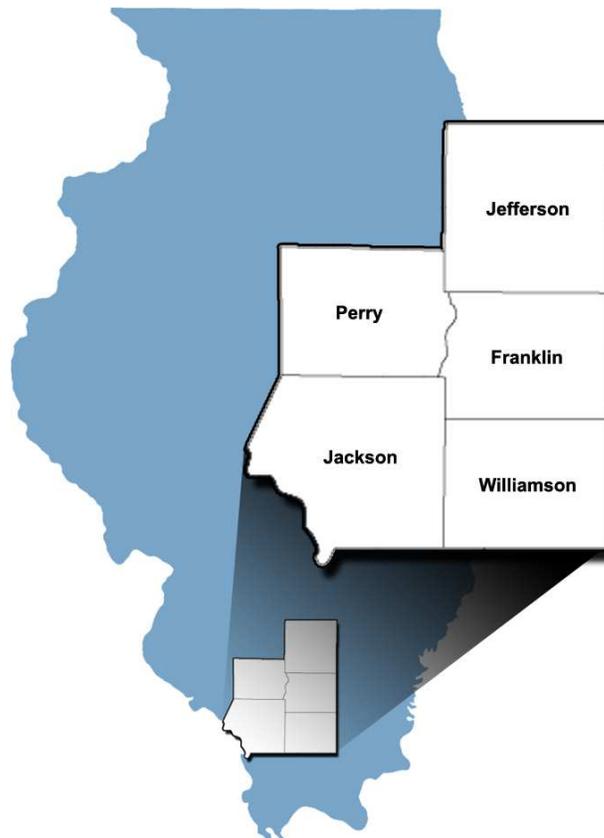


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Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission Roles and Services

Background

The Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission was established in 1961 to “provide a plan for the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the Franklin, Jackson, Perry, and Williamson County region, and of public improvement and utilities therein for the purpose of best promoting health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, efficiency and economy in the process of development and the general welfare of said region.” In 1967, Jefferson County was added to the Greater Egypt Region, and the Commission was re-established as the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission (Greater Egypt). During the re-establishment of the Commission in 1967, Greater Egypt received designation as an Economic Development District by the federal Economic Development Administration.

Staff

Greater Egypt is staffed by professionals who provide assistance to local governments, communities, citizens, and businesses, by providing technical assistance and comprehensive planning within the five counties of Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Perry, and Williamson. The staff consists of an interdisciplinary team coordinated by the Executive Director. Together they carry out the planning and development activities of the Commission.

A listing of the staff as of June 2012 is included in the following table:

**Greater Egypt Staff
June 2012**

Name	Title
Cary Minnis	Executive Director
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Inter-Organizational Linkages

Greater Egypt staff maintains formal and informal linkages with numerous partnering agencies to ensure the Region’s economic and workforce development entities are collaborating to ensure the most efficient use of public and private investments in the region. The formal linkage is often manifested in a contract for planning and development activities/services or service on the organization’s board of directors.

Formal linkages include the following:

Units of Local Government:

Greater Egypt is formally linked with its units of local government through their annual membership dues. These local contributions allow Greater Egypt to provide services within the District. The member local governments are:

<u>Counties</u>	<u>Municipalities</u>	<u>Municipalities</u>	<u>Conservancy Districts</u>
Franklin	Benton	Marion	Kinkaid-Reed's Creek
Jackson	Carbondale	Mt. Vernon	Rend Lake
Jefferson	Cartersville	Murphysboro	
Perry	Du Quoin	Pinckneyville	
Williamson	Herrin	West Frankfort	

Formal governmental linkages with Greater Egypt also exist through the Assembly of Local Governments. Municipalities under 5,000 in population and special units of government other than conservancy districts can join the Assembly of Local Governments. There are currently 31 members of the Assembly of Local Governments.

Economic Development Administration (www.eda.gov)

Greater Egypt was designated an Economic Development District in 1967. Through this designation, Greater Egypt became the entity responsible for Economic Development Administration planning activities as well as EDA project development and administration. Greater Egypt receives planning funds and administrative funding to maintain the CEDS process, develop projects for EDA funding, and administer EDA funded projects. Greater Egypt serves as the District's regional economic development organization.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (www.epa.state.il.us)

Greater Egypt is contracted by IEPA to coordinate the Regional Water Quality Coordinating Council (RWQCC) and the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP). The RWQCC serves as a public forum that reviews facility plans and domestic wastewater National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, specifically construction and operating permits of public, private, and industrial facilities within the ten county region of Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Perry, Pope, Saline, and Williamson. The VLMP serves as an educational program for citizens to learn about lake ecosystems, as well as a cost-effective method of gathering fundamental information on Illinois' inland lakes. The VLMP is coordinated in the southern tip of Illinois: Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union and Williamson Counties.

Delta Regional Authority (www.dra.gov)

Greater Egypt serves as a Local Development District for the Delta Regional Authority. In that role Greater Egypt receives planning funds and administrative funding to develop projects for DRA funding and to administer DRA funded projects. The executive directors of the three southernmost economic development districts in the state, the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission, Southeastern Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission, and Southern Five Regional Planning and Development Commission, meet periodically to discuss issues of mutual concern. The executive director of Greater Egypt serves as Illinois' alternate for the DRA Chairman's LDD Advisory Council. DRA program area includes four of the five counties comprising the Greater Egypt District (Franklin, Jackson, Perry, and Williamson).

Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (www.siwib.org)

The Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board serves as the premier source for information about and access to the array of workforce development programs and services offered for citizens and employers in Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Perry, and Williamson Counties in southern Illinois. To that end, the Board makes an unswerving commitment to meet the workforce development needs of all youth and adults in the region as well as the training and retraining needs of the southern Illinois business community. Greater Egypt's executive director serves as a board member on the SIWIB as well as their economic development committee.

Connect SI Foundation (www.connectsi.us)

The mission of the Connect SI Foundation is to connect assets throughout the region to advance the 20-southernmost counties in Illinois. As the name implies, Connect SI facilitates collaboration across municipalities, political subdivisions, and regional configurations to collectively leverage assets focused on improving the quality of life in southern Illinois. The Connect SI Foundation has a proven record of maximizing the assets of southernmost Illinois through strategic convening and facilitation of competing interests, provision of and training in the use of innovative economic development tools, and development of effective technology solutions to identified barriers to success. Greater Egypt's executive director serves as a board member on the Connect SI Foundation.

Champion Community Investments (www.ccinvestments.org)

Champion Community Investments is the business name for the Southern Illinois Coal Belt Champion Community, Inc., an Illinois-registered not-for-profit corporation founded in early 2002 with the purpose of providing economic and community development support to parts of Perry, Franklin, and Williamson Counties. Today, CCI has expanded its fundamental service area to five counties of southern Illinois – Perry, Franklin, Williamson, Jackson, and Jefferson. In addition to continuing its support for numerous economic, community, and infrastructure development projects, CCI is recognized throughout the region for providing low-interest business loan programs, with funds made available through the USDA Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) and Rural Microenterprise Assistance Program (RMAP). Greater Egypt's executive director serves on the board of directors for CCI as the Secretary. As an officer of the board the executive director also serves on the loan review committee.

Informal linkages include the following:

Greater Egypt maintains membership with state and national associations including the Illinois Lake Management Association, National Association of Development Organizations, and the Illinois Association of Regional Councils. Staff attends meetings, conferences, trainings as well as reviewing publications and correspondence from these organizations.

Greater Egypt's staff also works closely with all local development organizations on an as needed basis in the provision of technical assistance and data. Further, the staff maintains liaison with the economic development staff of local electric utilities, and provides selected data and assistance to those organizations as part of the overall economic development effort to local governments. Greater Egypt maintains informal linkages with other organizations in the District whose programs interface with those of the Commission. Communication results from

attendance and participation at special and regular meetings of local government, organizations with program-based linkages, as well as with developmental and promotional organizations.

Examples of organizations the Commission maintains contact with include:

- Champion Community Investments
- Chambers of Commerce
- Connect SI
- Franklin Regional Economic Development Corporation (FREDCO)
- Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Illinois Emergency Management Agency
- Jackson Growth Alliance
- Jefferson County Development Corporation
- REDCO
- John A. Logan College
- Man-Tra-Con (operates the Workforce Investment Program)
- Perry County Economic Development Director
- Rend Lake College
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

Citizen input is derived from the meetings and communications with all the groups discussed above to increase the viability and utility of the District's economic development planning process. All Commission meetings are held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Services

Greater Egypt provides direct technical assistance and planning services to organizations in the District. The type of service varies greatly depending on the need and capabilities of the organization being served. Examples of the typical services provided by Greater Egypt are detailed below.

Economic Development Planning and Assistance - Greater Egypt serves as the Region's Economic Development District for the federal Economic Development Administration and the Local Development District for the Delta Regional Authority. Greater Egypt utilizes funds made available by the member local governments and EDA to complete an ongoing Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Funds from EDA and DRA also allow Greater Egypt to work within the region to develop economic development projects and seek funds for their implementation. Greater Egypt also administers an EDA Revolving Loan Fund to provide financial assistance to local business.

Grant Administration - Greater Egypt provides grant administration for entities within the District for local, state, and federal programs such as: Economic Development Administration grants, Delta Regional Authority grants, Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants, and the Community Development Assistance Program.

Water Quality Management Planning - Greater Egypt is contracted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to coordinate the Regional Water Quality Coordinating

Council (RWQCC) within the ten county region of Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Perry, Pope, Saline, and Williamson. The RWQCC serves as a public forum that reviews facility plans and domestic wastewater National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, specifically construction and operating permits of public, private, and industrial facilities. Greater Egypt is also under contract with IEPA to coordinate the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) in the southern tip of Illinois: Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union and Williamson Counties. The VLMP serves as an educational program for citizens to learn about lake ecosystems, as well as a cost-effective method of gathering fundamental information on Illinois' inland lakes.

Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning – Greater Egypt provides assistance to the local governments to complete Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans. These plans are then used by the region to implement projects designed to minimize the loss of property and life in the event of a natural disaster. Greater Egypt assists organizations in the region with applications for funding hazard mitigation projects.

Technical Assistance – Greater Egypt provides a wide variety to technical assistance services. These services include demographic data collection and distribution, GIS mapping, and indentifying and assisting with grant opportunities.

Local Government Services – Greater Egypt also provides specific services to the local governments. An example of these services is the administration of the Williamson County Enterprise Zone and assistance with the administration of the Jackson County Enterprise Zone.

Website - Information about the services as well as past and current publications is maintained on the Greater Egypt website www.greateregypt.org.

Evaluation of Progress on Achieving CEDS Goals

Greater Egypt Regional CEDS Goals Project Report 2011-2012

Progress Toward CEDS Goals

Much progress has been made over the last year toward achieving the goals in the CEDS. Each of the goals from the CEDS are listed below with a brief description of the progress toward achieving that goal.

Policy I – Infrastructure

Goal 1 - Industrial Infrastructure: Develop suitable land and facilities, environmentally problem-free, needed to maintain existing, expanding or locating employers.

- The City of West Frankfort has completed the construction of a parking lot on the east side and resurfaced the south lot of the Business Incubator. The project also included the renovation of semi-truck access to a business, insulation of certain areas, and the installation and replacement of a major portion of the guttering in the incubator. The City also replaced and repaired crumbling asphalt on the west side of the business incubator for additional parking as well as provided space for assembly/machine loading and off loading. Storm drains have also been repaired and replaced and a small parking area on the north side of the building repaired.
- The City of Benton is reconstructing and widening approximately 8,850 feet of existing roadway, constructing approximately 2,400 feet of new roadway, including storm sewer and other items, the installation of approximately 2,400 feet of water and sewer main, and the relocation of approximately 4,760 feet of water main, all to serve and improve approximately 199.87 acres of property, with approximately 123.87 acres owned by the City of Benton, within the Benton Industrial Park II.
- The City of Du Quoin completed a \$525,000 road extension in the Du Quoin Industrial Park. The extension provides access to 30 more acres in the industrial park, bringing the total accessible land in the park to 90 acres.

Goal 2 - Communications Infrastructure: Develop fiber optic and other telecommunications facilities that will enhance the flow of information and support new technologies

- Clearwave Communications is constructing more than 740 miles of new fiber optic cable in southern Illinois to connect 232 community anchor institutions including; 111 schools (K-12), 60 medical and healthcare providers, 28 public safety entities, 23 libraries, 9 community colleges, and 1 major university (SIU-C) with speeds between 10 Mbps and 1 Gbps.
- The Southern Illinois Airport constructed an extension of nearby fiber optic cabling to the airport campus to interconnect its 27 buildings with funds from the Delta Regional Authority. The fiber optic lines will also assist in the promotion of a new business park to be developed surrounding the airport.
- In 2011, the Carbondale Business Development Corporation installed fiber optic conduit with funds from the Delta Regional Authority. The conduit runs through Carbondale's Business Park East along Reed Station Road, north and south of Illinois Route 13.

Goal 3 - Business Expansion and Location: Make available land, labor, capital, and assistance needed by businesses to expand or locate in the District.

- Champion Community Investments closed on an additional \$1 million Intermediary Relending Program through USDA Rural Development. These funds will provide low interest loans to businesses in Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Perry, and Williamson counties.
- SIUC broke ground on a new multi-tenant building in the research park. The 15,000 square foot multi-use, multi-tenant building will be located east of the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center and is set to open in 2012.

Policy II – Quality of Life

Goal 1 - Community Infrastructure: Develop housing and other physical facilities that are healthful and attractive.

Goal 2 - Public Services: Maintain, upgrade and make readily accessible public services essential to orderly development, safety and well-being.

- Greater Egypt assisted the Village of Cutler in submitting an application for a design engineering grant under the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) The Village is requesting \$91,900 for the design of a radium removal system for the Village's public water supply in order to achieve compliance with EPA mandated radium limits.
- In 2012, Greater Egypt began transportation planning for the District. After holding a meeting with key transportation and economic development professionals in each of the District's five counties, Greater Egypt has identified several transportation issues in the region. Some issues identified include interconnectivity between public transportation services, the lack of parking areas for mass transit users, and the challenges with rural non-emergent medical transportation.

Goal 3 - Health and Medical Care: Provide and make accessible to all residents the best health and medical care possible.

- Connect SI completed a plan to implement a Health Information Exchange in Southern Illinois and has created a new not-for-profit within the region to operate the HIE. Connect SI in collaboration with the Regional Extension Center has been assisting physicians with implementation of electronic medical records systems in order to meet the meaningful use guidelines.
- Within the past year, St. Mary's Good Samaritan celebrated two achievements. The first was the construction on a new 154 bed hospital in Mt. Vernon which nears completion. The second was the groundbreaking for a new medical office surgical center also located in Mt. Vernon.
- Crossroads hospital in Mt. Vernon also found reason to celebrate as the hospital broke ground on its \$20 million expansion. The expansion will connect two wings of the hospital and put in a three story structure in the hospital's current courtyard.
- St. Joseph Memorial hospital in Murphysboro has undergone extensive renovations. These renovations include new operating/procedure rooms and the expansion of the sleep disorders center.

Goal 4 - Education: Improve all levels of education through effectiveness, efficiency, expansion, consolidation, as well as encourage upgrading of physical facilities, new technologies and special programs.

- Clearwave Communications is constructing more than 740 miles of new fiber optic cable in southern Illinois and will connect 111 schools (K-12), 9 community colleges, and 1 major university (SIU-C) with speeds between 10 Mbps and 1 Gbps. This new technology will allow for shared instruction, online learning, expanded research capabilities, and many other technology driven advances in education.
- Several schools in the District have seen Improvements. Carterville completed construction on a new high school and inaugural school year started in August 2011. Several schools have begun construction with Du Quoin breaking ground in August 2011. Nearing completion are the Pinckneyville high school which is slated to be open for the 2012-2013 school year and the Creal Springs K-8 school. The new Mt. Vernon Township High School is also seeing progress as the high school purchased land and has been awarded \$47.629 million for its construction.
- SIU-C is constructing a new Transportation Education Center at the Southern Illinois Airport. The Center will provide for a centralized location to provide training to SIU-C automotive and aviation students. Future plans involve leveraging the Center and its students to promote automotive and aviation related business development around the airport.
- SIUC broke ground on a new student services building. This new state of the art building will offer one location for students to register, attend open houses, and play fees. It is estimated that construction will cost about \$36.6 million and be completed in Fall 2013.
- John A. Logan College completed a 68,000 square-foot, multistory communications building addition in 2011. The building will hold a regional center for the deaf and those suffering from impaired hearing, classroom space for foreign language instruction, and subjects such as speech and English. The top floor will house the state-of-the-art nurse training center, a collaborative project between JALC and Southern Illinois Healthcare.

Goal 5 - Workforce Development: Refine and make accessible to all residents workforce training and adult training programs.

- Partnering toward a common goal, Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) and John A. Logan College are opening a cutting edge nursing training facility. This simulation laboratory will inhabit a 6,000 square foot space on the top floor of the College's new communication building. Nurses will be able to engage in hands-on activities that simulate real life medical scenarios. The projected completion date of this facility is set for January 2013.

Goal 6 - Specialized Human Services: establish, refine and coordinate human services for the aged, youth, handicapped and socially maladjusted.

- The AccessSI database was updated

Goal 7 - Cultural and Recreation Activities: Encourage and provide for a more stimulating and rewarding use of leisure time through the development of regional attractions and events.

- The City of Marion plans to construct a community recreation center downtown. The 20,000 square-foot facility will house an indoor swimming pool, basketball courts, and a wellness center.
- Carbondale Park District is beginning to raise funds for an Aquatic Park in Carbondale. The outdoor aquatic center will be built on the Carbondale SuperBlock grounds and will include a lap pool, leisure pool, play structure, lazy river, slide splashdown area, and bath house.
- The City of Mt. Vernon is in the design planning stage of the construction of a new aquatic center to be located on South 34th Street by Lincoln Park. Scheduled completion of the park is set for May 2013.

Policy III – Regionalism

Goal 1: Regional Development: Work cooperatively to promote the southern Illinois region

- The LEAD SI program is held as part of a 20-county regional youth engagement strategy designed to foster among regional young people a deep appreciation of Southern Illinois by engaging them in peer networking, and helping them to learn important leadership and community development skills, and to expand the existing leadership base to support the future of Southern Illinois. The LEAD SI initiative was designed to ensure a continuous supply of homegrown leaders for the future of Southern Illinois. For the 2012 Lead SI program 43 youths were selected from 46 applicants.
- Connect SI received a Technical Assistance grant from EDA to update their economic scenario model and to gain access to Research 360 data services for the Connect SI region. With this funding, Connect SI provided Greater Egypt and three other Southern Illinois Regional Planning Commissions access to these extensive online data services.

Goal 2: Regional Policies: Develop and implement policies controlling issues that affect the entire region.

- Champion Community Investments (CCI), Greater Egypt, and other USDA IRP lenders have partnered to develop a joint small business loan application for the district. This application will streamline the process for small businesses in the area, allowing them to submit one application to determine eligibility for Greater Egypt's Revolving Loan Funds or Intermediary Relending Program funds.
- Greater Egypt continues to coordinate the Regional Water Quality Coordinating Council, a local advisory body to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on matters related to wastewater treatment, public water supply, and the water quality impacts of mining, agriculture, industry and waste disposal. The Council covers the Southern Illinois Water Quality Management Planning Area which includes the Illinois counties of Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Perry, Pope, Saline, and Williamson.
- Destination 13 continues to work to develop a strategy to leverage the Destination Development in Marion IL to maximize the benefits to the region. Destination 13 is a partnership among economic development professionals and local officials with the common goal to develop the Illinois Route 13 corridor

Major Projects and Developments

Franklin County

Benton Industrial Park II Improvements

The City of Benton is reconstructing and widening approximately 8,850 feet of existing roadway, constructing approximately 2,400 feet of new roadway, including storm sewer and other items, the installation of approximately 2,400 feet of water and sewer main, and the relocation of approximately 4,760 feet of water main. This project will serve and improve approximately 199.87 acres of property, with approximately 123.87 acres owned by the City of Benton, within the Benton Industrial Park II.



Benton Road Improvements.

Jackson County

SI Airport High Tech Zone and Industrial Park

A partnership between several Jackson County groups could yield large results for the area. The Southern Illinois Airport, Jackson County Growth Alliance, and the Entrepreneurship and Business Development Center at SIU-C have partnered to plan and develop a high tech zone near the Southern Illinois Airport.

The construction of the SIU Transportation Education Center has opened new opportunities for



SIUC Transportation Education Center

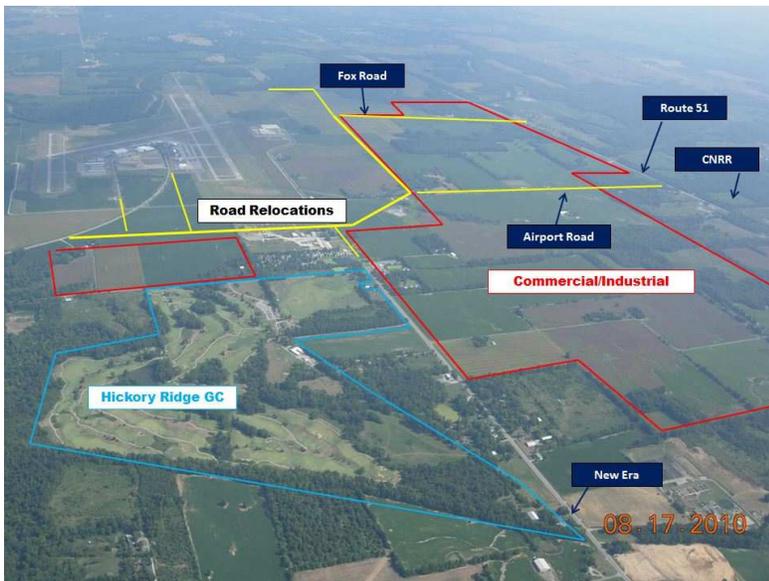
the area surrounding the airport. With planned opening in fall 2012, the Center provides a centralized location to train SIU-C's automotive and aviation students in advanced manufacturing skills. Approximately 70 automotive and 40-50 aviation graduates are placed in high level positions in their industry each year. Realizing that these assets are leaving the area, there is now an attempt to leverage the Transportation Education Center to promote growth in the area.

With the development of the appropriate infrastructure, the High Tech Zone will be able to attract businesses seeking these skilled students.

The Center will prepare students for immediate entry into the aviation and the automotive industry. These highly skilled students provide a good incentive for aviation and automotive organizations to locate to Southern Illinois Airport.

With this thought, roads and other infrastructure are being put in place to support the development of a business park. Several key infrastructure requirements are already in place, including fiber optic cable, water, electric, and sewer lines. The realization of these efforts could

open up around 1,000 acres for development.



Proposed High Tech Zone

This zone will have a special focus on manufacturing innovation in an attempt to bridge the gap between university research and commercialization. This partnership will utilize the assets in the university and the airport to support both academic and private sector needs in the area. New road expansions, fiber optic capability, and immediate access to the airport are all assets this park will offer to potential businesses.

Jefferson County

New Mt. Vernon Industrial Park

The City of Mt. Vernon is in the planning stage of developing a new 200 acre industrial park. The City plans to apply for EDA assistance after the property is secured.

Road Extensions in Mt. Vernon

The extensions of Veterans Memorial Drive and South Davidson Avenue are underway with bid letting beginning in 2012. The project entails a 5,355 foot extension of Veterans Memorial Drive beyond Wells Bypass to intersect with an extension of South Davidson Avenue. The City of Mt. Vernon is also about to begin bid letting for water main extensions along the roadways



Mt. Vernon Road Extensions

accompanied by a sanitary sewer extension and lift station. These extensions will open about 600 acres for potential development in the area which has already been designation as a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district.

Perry County

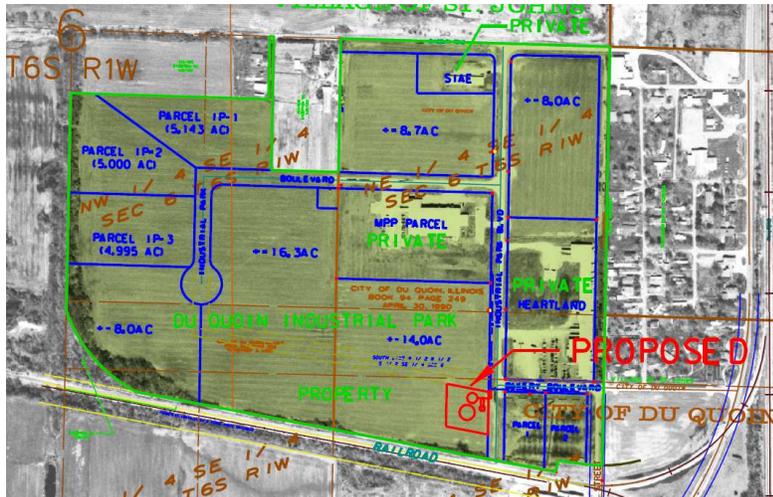
Du Quoin Industrial Park Expansion and Improvements

Solar Field

The Du Quoin industrial park is now harnessing the sun's energy to power its industries. The project, funded primarily by Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant funds, is one of the largest in the state costing about \$500,000. The 408 solar panels constructed in the park can generate 100kW of power. This electricity will be split between the businesses in the park with the goal of 20 percent of the power, or one business day a week, in the park being provided at no cost to the businesses.



Du Quoin Industrial Park Solar Panels



Du Quoin Industrial Park Road Improvements.

Industrial Park Road Expansion

In addition to the creation of the solar energy field, Du Quoin has also expanded their industrial park. The original park was comprised of 60 acres, but a \$525,000 street extension completed in 2011 provided access to the 30 acres obtained in 1992. This project has resulted in a unified 90 acre industrial park that, with the assistance of energy cost savings, will be more attractive for future developers.

Williamson County

Boulder Creek at the Hill

The 300 acre planned regional development is located northeast the intersection of Interstate 57, Illinois Route 13in Marion. The development area is highly visible from I-57, the longest interstate in Illinois which serves as a major artery for transportation through the state seeing more than 75,000 cars per day pass by the development site. Boulder Creek will be centrally



located within Southern Illinois providing access to the areas attractions, including the Southern Illinois Miners' Rent One Park, one major university (SIU-C), four community colleges, multiple golf courses, more than 26 wineries, the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, and the Shawnee National Forest.

Regional

Clearwave Broadband Update

In 2010, Clearwave Communications began running high-speed fiber optic cable throughout a 23-county region in southern Illinois. This project seeks to address inadequate broadband access in southern Illinois while providing affordable access to many critical community institutions. Since the project began, Clearwave has made great strides in the progress of bringing southern Illinois high-speed broadband. With a goal of constructing 740 miles of new fiber optic cable by August 2013, the project is well ahead of schedule having 550 miles of conduit and 470 miles of fiber optic cable laid as of May 2012.



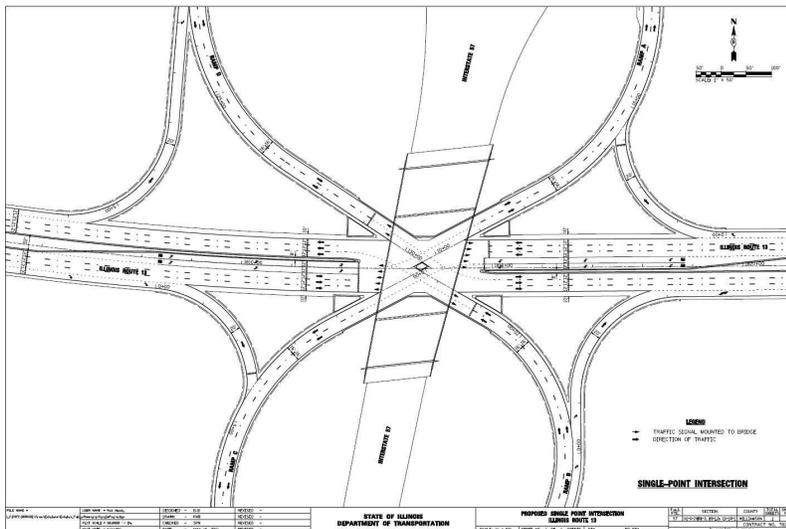
Clearwave Broadband Project Area

Major Road Improvements (IDOT District 9)



Section of Illinois Route 13 Expansion and Frontage Road Extension

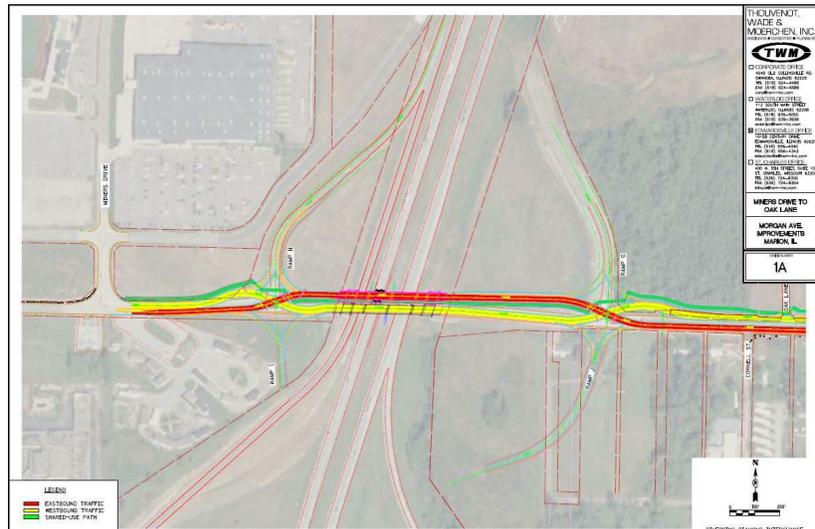
The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) began work on numerous road improvement projects in the district. One major road improvement underway will improve traffic flow on Illinois Route 13. This project consists of adding a third lane to both eastbound and westbound Route 13 from Greenbriar in Carterville to Briggs Road West of Illinois 148 in Marion. Beginning at Greenbriar will help improve transportation issues entering and exiting John A. Logan College in Carterville, Illinois. Also included in this expansion is the addition of a railroad overpass over the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad crossing and Marathon Drive near the Illinois Centre Mall. Furthermore, supplemental frontage roads will be included in portions of the corridor consisting of one 12-foot travel lane in each direction and an adjacent 10-foot wide bicycle/pedestrian path.



Interstate 57/Illinois Route 13 Single Point Interchange

One transportation project lies close to the destination development in Marion. IDOT plans to reconstruct the I-57 interchanges in Marion. IDOT will reconstruct the I-57 and IL Route 13 interchange into a new Single Point Urban Interchange (pictured left). I-57 and Route 13 will be widened to 3 through lanes in each direction and the profile grade of I-57 will be raised in order to correct the existing low clearance on IL-13.

A project by the City of Marion will reconstruct the Morgan Avenue and I-57 Interchange into a diverging diamond configuration (pictured right). This configuration will allow for seamless entering and exiting to I-57 from Morgan Avenue and vice versa. All of these changes will aid in the attraction of business and patrons to the future destination development in Marion.



Morgan Avenue Diverging Diamond Configuration

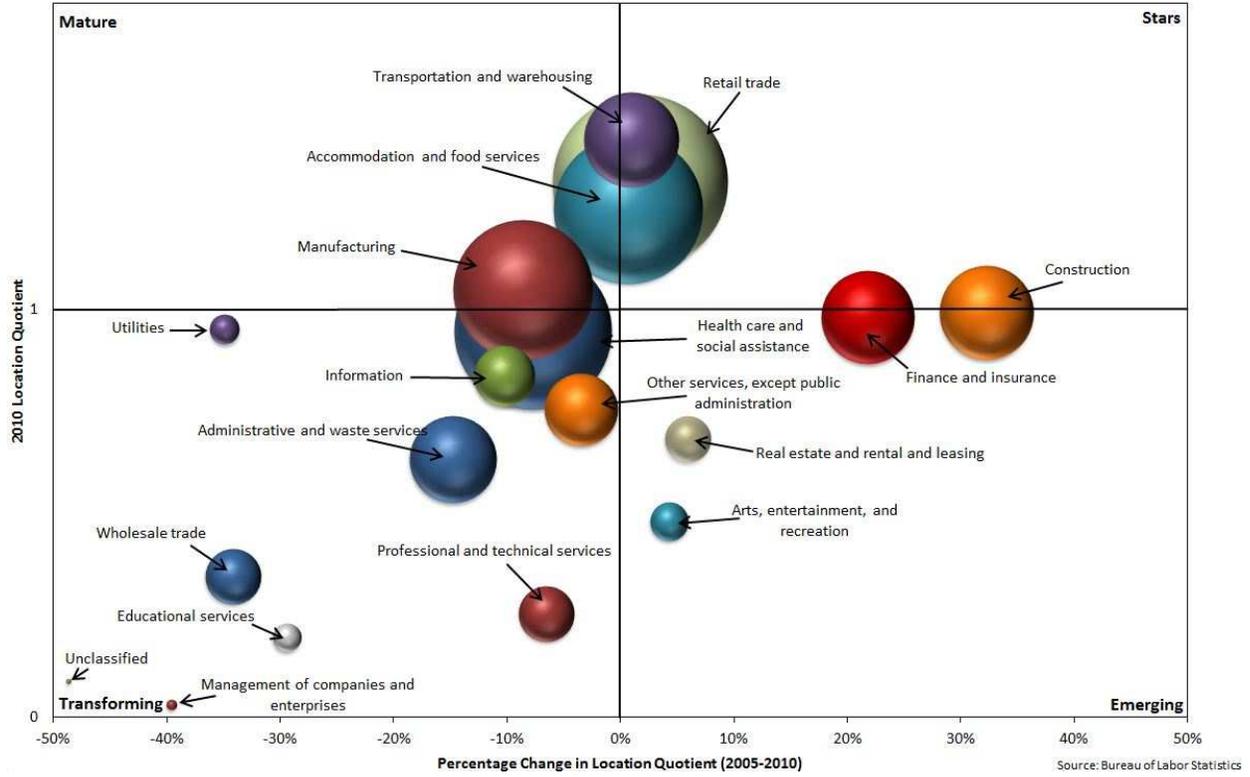
Industry Cluster Analysis

The CEDS Committee and Greater Egypt staff began the identification and analysis of local industry clusters in 2012. Utilizing the data from StatsAmerica.com and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Greater Egypt staff presented two different sets of Industry Clusters with information concerning their employment levels, their location quotients, and the five (5) year change in location quotients to the CEDS Committee. The CEDS Committee expressed a need to fully understand how the clusters were organized by StatsAmerica and BLS. Since the StatsAmerica and BLS clusters excluded public sector jobs it made it hard to understand the current composition of industries in the district. In response to the committee's need for more information, Greater Egypt staff began analyzing industry clusters utilizing data from the Illinois Department of Employment Security, with hopes that these clusters align themselves more appropriately with the industries in the area. Future CEDS documents will employ this industry cluster analysis to target industry clusters and develop strategies around these clusters. Examples of the cluster analysis are below.

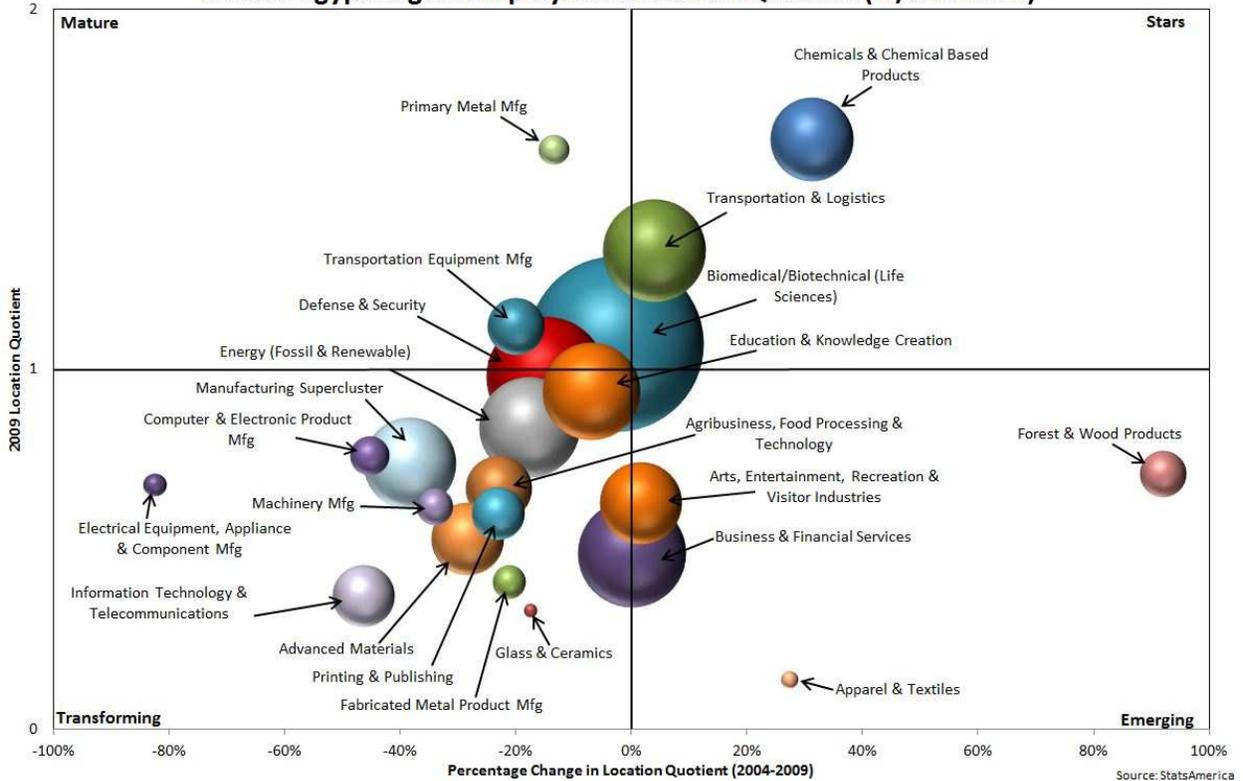
Geography Name	Description	2010 Industry Cluster Employment LQ
Jefferson County, IL	Chemicals & Chemical Based Products	6.34
Perry County, IL	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	4.21
Franklin County, IL	Primary Metal Mfg	4.02
Jefferson County, IL	Transportation & Logistics	2.97
Perry County, IL	Glass & Ceramics	2.67
IL Greater Egypt EDD	Primary Metal Mfg	2.34
Franklin County, IL	Forest & Wood Products	2.21
Perry County, IL	Electrical Equipment, Appliance & Component Mfg	2.21
Jackson County, IL	Primary Metal Mfg	2.14
Williamson County, IL	Primary Metal Mfg	1.96
Jackson County, IL	Defense & Security	1.94
Perry County, IL	Transportation & Logistics	1.89
IL Greater Egypt EDD	Chemicals & Chemical Based Products	1.88
Jackson County, IL	Education & Knowledge Creation	1.86
Perry County, IL	Agribusiness, Food Processing & Technology	1.73
Franklin County, IL	Transportation Equipment Mfg	1.54
Jefferson County, IL	Machinery Mfg	1.49
Jackson County, IL	Energy (Fossil & Renewable)	1.46
Williamson County, IL	Mining	1.45
Williamson County, IL	Biomedical/Biotechnical (Life Sciences)	1.37
Perry County, IL	Energy (Fossil & Renewable)	1.36
Franklin County, IL	Machinery Mfg	1.35
Jefferson County, IL	Forest & Wood Products	1.34
Franklin County, IL	Manufacturing Supercluster	1.31
Jefferson County, IL	Agribusiness, Food Processing & Technology	1.27
Perry County, IL	Biomedical/Biotechnical (Life Sciences)	1.25
Williamson County, IL	Transportation Equipment Mfg	1.21

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW) and Purdue Center for Regional Development (cluster definitions).

Greater Egypt Region Employment Location Quotient (w/o outliers)

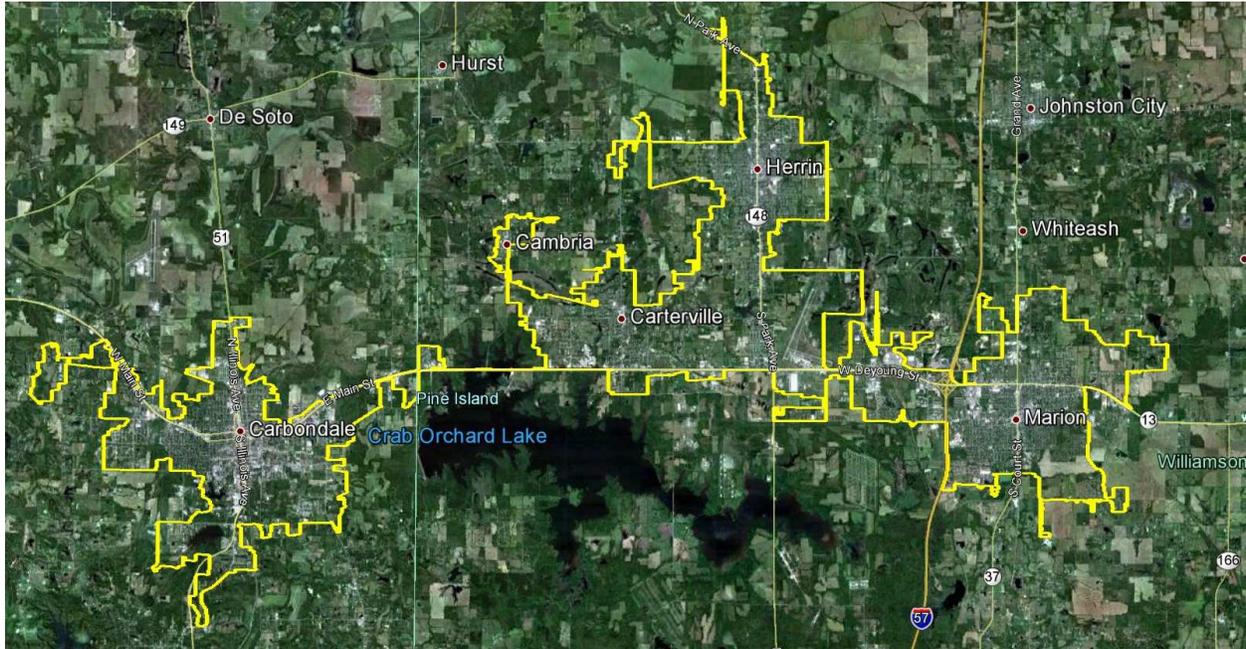


Greater Egypt Region Employment Location Quotient (w/o outliers)



Urbanized Area Designation

The U.S. Census designated 36 new Urbanized Areas in the United States including one located along the Route 13 Corridor which has a population of 67,821. Along the Route 13 Corridor there are nine Illinois municipalities spanning two counties in the Urbanized Area's boundary. The communities included are: Cambria, Carbondale, Carterville, Colp, Crainville, Energy, Herrin, Marion, Spillertown, Jackson County, and Williamson County.



Other government agencies use the Census Bureau's urban and rural definitions to determine program eligibility and funding formulas. For example, the Federal Highway Administration uses Census Bureau urbanized areas to qualify Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

More information about the potential implications of the Urbanized Area designations will be available in the next couple of months as local officials meet with State and Federal representatives.

Projects Completed or Underway Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012

The tables below list economic development projects underway or completed in the region between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. Some of these projects were listed in the 2010 CEDS, while others were initiated outside of the CEDS process. Projects listed in the 2010 CEDS are in bold. Some items have been discussed in the previous section.

Table 1

Major Economic Development Projects Completed Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012						
Location	Name/Description	Jobs Created	Jobs Retained	Total Cost	Private Investment	Public Investment
Du Quoin	Du Quoin Solar Park - The City of Du Quoin recently unveiled a 408 panel Solar Park. The project, funded primarily by Energy Efficiency & Conservancy Block Grant funds, can generate 100kW of power. This electricity will be split between the businesses in the park with the goal of 20 percent of the power, or one business day a week, in the park being provided at no cost to the businesses.			\$815,330		\$815,330
Carbondale IL	Carbondale Business Park Fiber Optic Installation - Carbondale Business Development Corporation installed fiber optics to the business park east of Reed Station Road. The project was expanded to install fiber optics on North Reed Station Road to serve 5 businesses and a newly built office building.		229	\$117,427	\$10,000	\$107,427
Region	Microentrepreneurship Loan Fund - Champion Community Investments secured a \$500,000 loan to provide low interest loans to microentrepreneurs and an additional \$105,000 grant for technical assistance to support borrowers in the pre- and post-award phases.	31	19	\$2,085,627	\$1,410,627	\$ 175,000
DuQuoin IL	DuQuoin Industrial Park Road Improvement/Expansion - The project consists of an extension of the public street in Du Quoin Industrial Park to improve access to existing industry and open access to 30 acres of previously undeveloped land in the Industrial Park owned by the City of Du Quoin.		7	\$625,000		\$625,000

Table 1 (Continued)

Major Economic Development Projects Completed Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012						
Location	Name/Description	Jobs Created	Jobs Retained	Total Cost	Private Investment	Public Investment
West Frankfort IL	West Frankfort Business Incubator Improvements I - The City of West Frankfort built a parking lot and resurfaced the south lot of the Business Incubator. The project also included renovation of semi-truck access to a business, insulate certain areas, and install and replace a major portion of the guttering in the incubator.	15	60	\$235,400		\$235,400
West Frankfort IL	West Frankfort Business Incubator Improvements II - The City of West Frankfort replaced and repaired crumbling asphalt on the west side of the business incubator for additional parking as well as provided space for assembly/machine loading and off loading. Storm drains were also repaired and replaced and a small parking area on the north side of the building will also be repaired.	6	61	\$127,500		\$127,500
Carbondale IL	SI Airport Fiber Optic Installation - The Southern Illinois Airport constructed an extension of nearby fiber optic cabling to the airport campus to interconnect its 27 buildings.			\$67,400	\$16,850	\$50,550
Carbondale IL	SIU-C Wet Laboratory – SIU-C Small Business Incubator is renovating existing industrial space on the first floor of the Small Business Incubator. Funds are being used to convert this space into a basic wet laboratory.	10		\$215,369		\$215,369
Mt. Vernon	North Davidson Road – An extension connecting Illinois State Route 15 to Walgreens Distribution and other properties located in the Rolland W. Lewis Industrial Park. The road results in easier access to the industrial park with a better potential for more businesses and jobs in the park.			\$492,000		

Table 1 (Continued)

Major Economic Development Projects Completed Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012						
Location	Name/Description	Jobs Created	Jobs Retained	Total Cost	Private Investment	Public Investment
Carbondale IL	Southern Illinois Research Park Drive – Infrastructure including road, water, sewer, and utilities have been completed for Research Park Drive which connects the research park to SIUC Campus and US Highway 51. The project was funded by the University and the 2005 Highway Transportation Act.			\$2,100,000		\$2,100,000
Mt Vernon IL	Pepsi MidAmerica opened a distribution and service center in the Mt. Vernon Industrial Park. The center is located at the crossroads of Interstates 57 and 64 and houses about 40 employees working in sales distribution, service, and maintenance.	20				
Totals		82	376	\$6,881,053	\$1,437,477	\$4,451,576

Table 2

Major Economic Development Projects Underway Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012						
Location	Name/Description	Jobs to be Created	Jobs to be Retained	Total Cost	Private Investment	Public Investment
Benton IL	Benton Industrial Park Road Improvement/Expansion - The project consists of reconstruction and widening of approximately 8,850 feet of existing roadway, construction of approximately 2,400 feet of new roadway, including storm sewer and other items, the installation of approximately 2,400 feet of water and sewer main, and the relocation of approximately 4,760 feet of water main.	120		\$3,014,037		\$3,014,037
Mt. Vernon IL	With help from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, coal mining equipment manufacturer Magnum Steel Works, Inc, is investing and expand operations in Mt. Vernon, IL. This investment could potentially quadruple the facilities size.	150		\$13,000,000		

Table 2 (Continued)

Major Economic Development Projects Underway Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012						
Location	Name/Description	Jobs to be Created	Jobs to be Retained	Total Cost	Private Investment	Public Investment
Southern Illinois	Clearwave Fiber Optic Installation - Clearwave Communications will deploy a high-speed fiber middle mile network across a 23-county region of southern Illinois to address the lack of adequate broadband access.	315		\$45,395,020	\$2,128,517	\$43,266,503
Mt Vernon IL	Jefferson County's largest employer, Continental Tire the Americas, LLC, announced that increasing demand for passenger and light truck tires has prompted an investment in the Mt. Vernon plant. \$171 million will be invested in new machinery and equipment and \$53 million directed toward building and infrastructure.	444		\$224,000,000		
Du Quoin IL	Located in the Du Quoin industrial park, MPP has plans to add 6,000 square feet to its warehouse and adding a new hoist	15		\$400,000	\$400,000	
Du Quoin IL	New water main - Du Quoin Central Business District will receive a new \$800,000 water main			\$800,000		\$800,000
Du Quoin IL	Du Quoin will be constructing Sunset Avenue which will initially support the construction of the new \$2 million dialysis clinic.			\$100,000		\$100,000
Pinckneyville IL	An 18,000 square foot retail center will be constructed in Pinckneyville in 2012			\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	
Regional	Partnering toward a common goal, Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) and John A. Logan College are opening a cutting edge nursing training facility. This laboratory will inhabit a 6,000 square foot space on the top floor of the College's new communication building. Nurses will be able to engage in hands-on activities that simulate real life medical scenarios. The projected completion date of this facility is set for January 2013.		2,500	\$1,795,247	\$1,007,735	\$787,512

Table 2 (Continued)

Major Economic Development Projects Underway Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012						
Location	Name/Description	Jobs to be Created	Jobs to be Retained	Total Cost	Private Investment	Public Investment
Mt Vernon IL	Crossroads Community Hospital is completing a \$20 million expansion. In an effort to evolve in concert with the community's expanding healthcare needs the expansion will connect two wings of the hospital and construct a modern three-story structure in the courtyard area. The expansion will include upgraded patient care areas with latest healthcare technology to enhance services, patient safety, and the patient experience.			\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	
Energy IL	The Village of Energy – Plans have been solidified to elevate the tank and pump station for the Village.			1,340,000		1,340,000
Pittsburg IL	New water storage tank - The Village of Pittsburg will begin construction of a new water storage tank in 2012.			\$60,800		\$60,800
Marion IL	Millennium Destination Development is working on a large-scale project in the City of Marion to build a destination an entertainment mixed use development. The development that is planned would improve approximately 340 acres. The development will include a major destination retail outlet, entertainment venues and other traditional retail.	1,346		\$380,000,000	\$247,000,000	\$133,000,000
Mt. Vernon IL	St. Mary's Good Samaritan Regional Health Center in Mt. Vernon IL- Construction started on the 359,000 square foot replacement hospital that will double the size of the existing facility. Included in the project is a brand new Medical Office Building, which will include a Surgery Center and numerous outpatient diagnostic services.	112		\$237,000,000	\$237,000,000	
Region	Destination 13 – A partnership has been formed to develop a strategy to leverage the Destination Development in Marion IL to maximize the benefits to the region.					

Table 2 (Continued)

Major Economic Development Projects Underway Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012						
Location	Name/Description	Jobs to be Created	Jobs to be Retained	Total Cost	Private Investment	Public Investment
Carbondale IL	Southern Illinois Research Park Building – A new multi-use, multi-tenant building is being built in the SIU Research Park. The 15,000 square foot building will offer office space to new and existing research park tenants. The building is funded by the university and the US Small Business Administration.			\$2,500,000	\$2,025,000	\$475,000
Mt. Vernon IL	New Water Tower – The City of Mt. Vernon continues construction on a new 500,000 gallon water tower to replace the old Times Square Mall water tower			\$1,001,300		\$1,001,300
Jackson County	SIU Transportation Education Center (TEC) – SIU is constructing a new TEC center at the Southern Illinois Airport, a \$63 million project, composed of three buildings. The main building (185,910 square feet) is over two football fields long. Also included is a fleet storage building with a covered lot (31,868 square feet) and a test cell center (10,910 square feet). TEC will provide plenty of space for classrooms, faculty offices, teaching bays, meeting rooms and labs.	30		\$63,000,000		\$63,000,000
Totals		2,532	2,500	\$994,406,404	\$510,561,252	\$246,845,152

Performance Measures

The CEDS committee has recommended tracking the following measures to determine the success of the economic development efforts in the District.

Population Growth

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census the 2009 population estimates for the District was 224,952 and according to the 2010 U.S. Census the population was 227,313. This represents a 1.05% increase which is not far from the ten year population gain of 1.90%. The population is growing, but at a very slow pace.

Number in the Labor Force

The average labor force for the district reached a five year high in 2007 at 118,341. The average labor force then took a significant hit in 2008 dropping to 115,947 and hit a five year low in 2011 at 114,158. This low is a decline of 4,183 (3.54%) from 2007. In 2012, the district has seen a

slight increase from 2011, but the figures are not seasonally adjusted so an accurate comparison cannot be made.

Unemployment Rate

The average unemployment rate for the District reached a five year low in 2007 at 6.4%, before climbing to 9.9% in 2010. The 2012 three month average shows a district average mimicking 2010 numbers at 9.9% after 2011 saw a decrease in the unemployment rate to 9.1%. It should be noted, however, that the number employed in 2011 (103,762) was less than 2010 (104,471) implying that some workers are being considered marginally attached workers and as a result are no longer being reported in the unemployment rate. Firm conclusions cannot be accurately drawn as these figures are not seasonally adjusted.

Reports from Local Governments on Jobs Created and Retained

According to the information collected from the local counties, municipalities, and economic developers listed in Table 1 above, the projects that were completed in the last year resulted in 82 jobs created and 376 jobs retained.

State Sales Tax Receipts

The District's state sales tax receipts have increased every year over the last five years. In 2011 the District's state sales tax receipts were \$121,354,780. From 2010 to 2011 there was a 2% increase.

Per Capita Personal Income

The District's per capita personal income has grown every year for the last five years that data is available. During that time the per capita income has risen from \$26,094 in 2006 to \$30,657 in 2010 which represents a 17.49% increase. During this same timeframe the National per capita income has increased 5.94%. While the District's per capita income grew at a faster rate than the nation's, the District's 2010 per capita income is only 76.76% of the National per capita income.

Number and Types of Investments Made in the Region Since the Last CEDS

According to the information collected from the local counties, municipalities, and economic developers listed in Tables 1 and 2 above, 11 projects were completed and 18 were underway in the last year.

Amount of Private Sector Investment in the Region

According to the information collected from the local counties, municipalities, and economic developers listed in Table 1 above, there was \$1,437,477 in private sector investments made during the last year in the District.

According to the information collected from the local counties, municipalities, and economic developers listed in Table 2 above, there is expected to be \$510,561,252 in private sector investments in the District in the next several years.

District Development Strategy and Goals for the Upcoming Year

District Development Strategy

No significant changes happened in the region since the revised CEDS was submitted in August 2010 that would necessitate a change in the districts development strategy. The strategy below remains as submitted in August 2010, but projects/objectives that have been completed have been removed and new projects/objectives have been added.

The implementation plan is carried out by the Commission in cooperation with numerous development and promotion groups and by units of local government. The decentralization of these development efforts requires extraordinary encouragement of coordination and cooperation. This decentralization is reflected in the many and varied projects proposed for the District, as listed at the end of this chapter.

Mission and Vision Updates

At the recommendation of Greater Egypt Staff, the CEDS Committee began discussing the creation of a CEDS mission and vision for the district. Through setting a mission and vision, the committee hopes to establish a common theme through which the committee can develop economic development strategies and prioritize projects. The CEDS Committee anticipates having an established and accepted mission and vision for future CEDS documents. The following are draft mission and vision statements discussed by the committee in 2012.

Mission

Foster community and economic development in the Greater Egypt Region by conducting an ongoing collaborative process to develop and implement a comprehensive economic development strategy.

Vision

The Greater Egypt Region will become a thriving, economically diverse environment for business and industry with a growing population, labor force, per capita income and expanding tax base.

EDA and State of Illinois Goals

The Goals formulated by EDA for river valley rural sub-category remain relevant to the Greater Egypt District. They are listed below:

1. Modernize and make effective use of major central business districts.
2. Encourage infrastructure investments in areas with concrete potentials for natural resource processing with emphasis on energy production.
3. Develop port facilities
4. Assist firms and communities impacted by foreign trade.
5. Develop and/or recycle land and industrial facilities.
6. Develop adequate labor force with relevant skills.
7. Develop institutional capability in areas of high distress.
8. Develop infrastructure and facilities for tourist industry.
9. Assist in the economic development of minority businesses and neighborhoods.

10. Assist qualified organizations and neighborhoods.

In the Governor of Illinois "Opportunity Returns" plan for the southern region lists six primary goals which apply to the District. The goals are:

1. Modernize and Expand Local Businesses
2. Improve Local Infrastructure
3. Strengthen Education and Job Training
4. Support Coal Industry and Use of Renewable Energy
5. Promote Regional Tourism
6. Assist Entrepreneurs and Small Business

District Goals and Objectives

The following policy areas and goals remain consistent with the 2011 CEDS update. Policy I addresses basic Infrastructure needs for businesses. Policy II addresses Quality of Life issues. Policy III addresses the values and philosophies of regionalism. The policies and goals are listed in a prioritized order. Therefore, the sequence from Policy I, Goal 1 to Policy 3, Goal 7, are prioritized in order. As this is an Economic Development Administration document, industrial and business infrastructure goals were prioritized higher than general community goals with values and philosophies lowest.

Policy I – Infrastructure

Policy Statement: Develop and maintain the basic Infrastructure required to retain, expand, and attract businesses.

Goal 1 - Industrial Infrastructure: Develop suitable land and facilities, environmentally problem-free, needed to maintain existing, expanding or locating employers.

Goal 2 - Communications Infrastructure: Develop fiber optic and other telecommunications facilities that will enhance the flow of information and support new technologies

Goal 3 - Business Expansion and Location: Make available land, labor, capital, and assistance needed by businesses to expand or locate in the District.

Policy II – Quality of Life

Policy Statement: Develop and maintain a high Quality of Life for residents, businesses and their employees.

Goal 1 - Community Infrastructure: Develop housing and other physical facilities that are healthful and attractive.

Goal 2 - Public Services: Maintain, upgrade and make readily accessible public services essential to orderly development, safety and well being.

Goal 3 - Health and Medical Care: Provide and make accessible to all residents the best health and medical care possible.

Goal 4 - Education: Improve all levels of education through effectiveness, efficiency, expansion, consolidation, as well as encourage upgrading of physical facilities, new technologies and special programs.

Goal 5 - Workforce Development: Refine and make accessible to all residents workforce training and adult training programs.

Goal 6 - Specialized Human Services: establish, refine and coordinate human services for the aged, youth, handicapped and socially maladjusted.

Goal 7 - Cultural and Recreation Activities: Encourage and provide for a more stimulating and rewarding use of leisure time through the development of regional attractions and events.

Policy III – Regionalism

Policy Statement: Develop and support projects, programs and initiatives that encourage economic development and improve the quality of life throughout the region

Goal 1 - Regional Development: Work cooperatively to promote the southern Illinois region

Goal 2 - Regional Policies: Develop and implement policies controlling issues that affect the entire region

Goals for the Upcoming Year

To achieve the goals and objectives above Greater Egypt will take the actions while working in collaboration with numerous partnering agencies. The goals/actions for the upcoming year are to:

CEDS Process:

- Facilitate an ongoing CEDS process that engages all of the District's stakeholders
- Educate all new CEDS committee members as well as the newly elected officials about the CEDS process and the types of investment incentives available for its implementation

CEDS Document:

- Create a mission and vision statement to guide the District's CEDS process
- Analyze the current CEDS goals and objectives to ensure they will achieve the mission and vision of the CEDS
- Develop specific goals and objectives for promoting and developing leading industry clusters in the region.

Policy I – Infrastructure

Goal 1 - Industrial Infrastructure: Develop suitable land and facilities, environmentally problem-free, needed to maintain existing, expanding or locating employers.

- Continue to seek local, state, and federal funding to implement the projects consistent with the CEDS

Goal 2 - Communications Infrastructure: Develop fiber optic and other telecommunications facilities that will enhance the flow of information and support new technologies

- Continue to support Clearwave Communications with their Broadband Deployment project.
- Work with Connect SI to further broadband availability and adoption in the District.

Goal 3 - Business Expansion and Location: Make available land, labor, capital, and assistance needed by businesses to expand or locate in the District.

- Continue to offer financial assistance through the EDA Revolving Loan Fund.
- Continue to support Champion Community Investments Intermediary Relending Program and the Rural Microenterprise Assistance Program.

Policy II – Quality of Life

Goal 1 - Community Infrastructure: Develop housing and other physical facilities that are healthful and attractive.

- Assist Cambria with their design engineering project to upgrade and improve the existing water infrastructure in their community.

Goal 2 - Public Services: Maintain, upgrade and make readily accessible public services essential to orderly development, safety and well being.

- Continuing working with the units of local government to enhance the public services in the region.

Goal 3 - Health and Medical Care: Provide and make accessible to all residents the best health and medical care possible.

- Assist Connect SI with the implementation of the Health Information Exchange of Southern Illinois

Goal 4 - Education: Improve all levels of education through effectiveness, efficiency, expansion, consolidation, as well as encourage upgrading of physical facilities, new technologies and special programs.

- Continue to support Clearwave Communications Broadband Deployment project and assist educators in the region with utilizing the new technology and capabilities to improve education.

Goal 5 - Workforce Development: Refine and make accessible to all residents workforce training and adult training programs.

- Continue to support the John A. Logan College, Rend Lake College, Southern Illinois University, and the Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Man-Tra-Con) to make workforce training accessible to youth and adults in the District.

Goal 6 - Specialized Human Services: establish, refine and coordinate human services for the aged, youth, handicapped and socially maladjusted.

- Update and Maintain the AccessSI database

Goal 7 - Cultural and Recreation Activities: Encourage and provide for a more stimulating and rewarding use of leisure time through the development of regional attractions and events.

- Continue to support the development of the STAR Bond District in Marion IL.
- Help facilitate regional experiences for local and out of district travelers seeking to take advantage of the District's local cultural and recreational activities.

Policy III – Regionalism

Goal 1: Regional Development: Work cooperatively to promote the southern Illinois region

- Continue to support Connect SI with their work to enhance economic prosperity within the 20-southernmost counties in Illinois as well as the LEAD SI program which is designed to instill a deeper appreciation in the region's youth while teaching them leadership skills.
- Continue to meet with the three other planning commissions that serve southern Illinois to discuss issues of a regional nature.
- Seek technical assistance grants that can provide the tools and expertise to develop and implement projects that will enhance the District as well as the Region.
- Support Destination 13, a partnership formed to develop a strategy to leverage the Destination Development in Marion IL to maximize the benefits to the region.

Goal 2: Regional Policies: Develop and implement policies controlling issues that affect the entire region

- Improve the overall climate for the growth of regional entrepreneurship, small businesses, and innovation and technology by establishing collaborative frameworks for providing financial and technical assistance.

Regional Economic and Demographic Data Update

Population

The 2010 Census data shows slow growth (1.90%) over the last ten years in the District as a whole. Jefferson and Perry Counties lost 3.04% and 3.22% of their population respectively. Williamson County had the largest increase which was 8.26%. Williamson County has had a population increase every ten years since 1960. In that time their population has grown from 46,117 to 66,357 a 43.89% increase. The district's population has increased in the same timeframe from 179,048 to 227,313 a 26.96% increase.

2000-2010 Population Change

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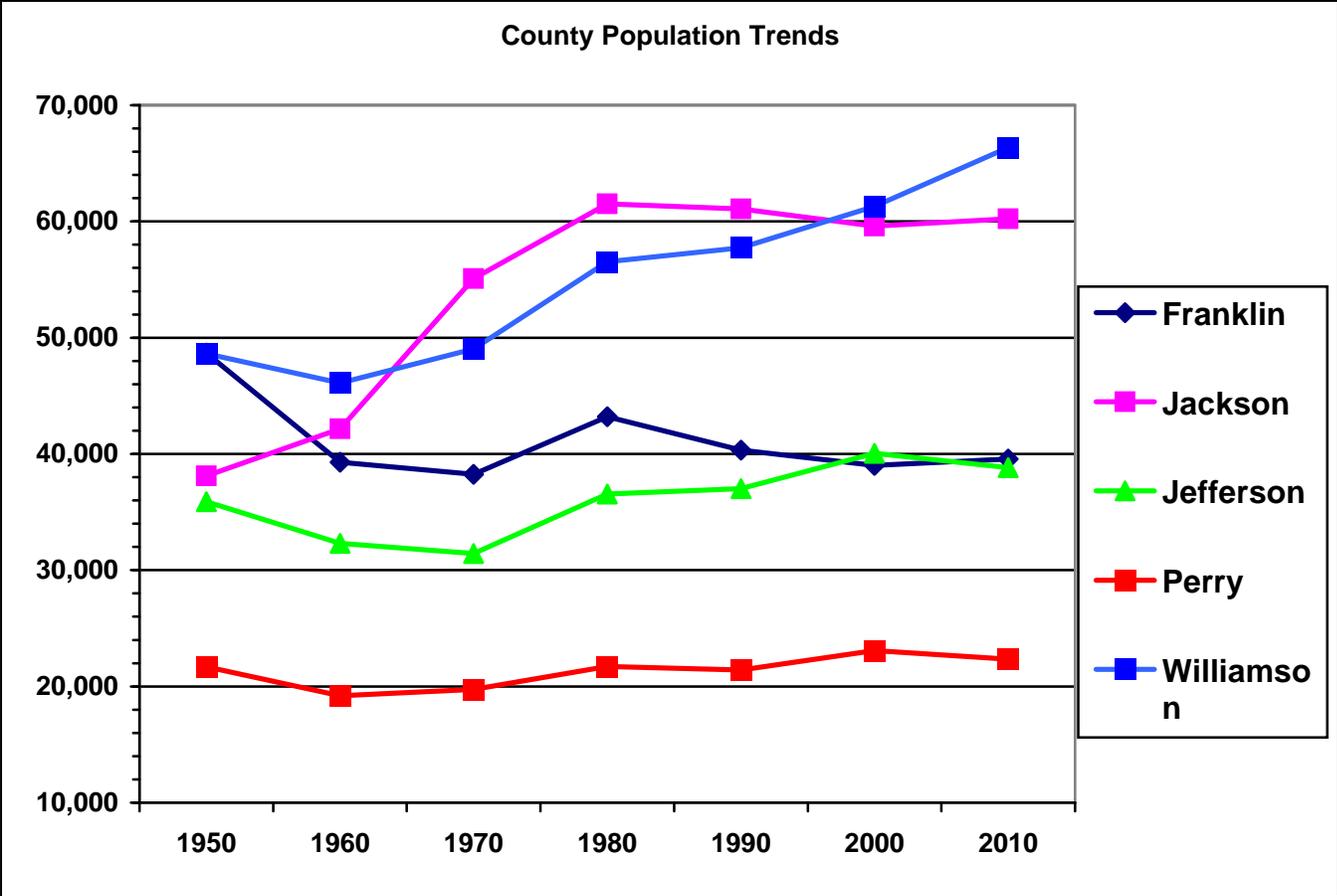
City	2010	2000	% Change
Ava city, Illinois	654	662	-1.21%
Belle Rive village, Illinois	361	371	-2.70%
Benton city, Illinois*	7,087	6,879	3.02%
Bluford village, Illinois	688	785	-12.36%
Bonnie village, Illinois	397	424	-6.37%
Buckner village, Illinois	462	479	-3.55%
Bush village, Illinois	275	257	7.00%
Cambria village, Illinois	1,228	1,330	-7.67%
Campbell Hill village, Illinois	336	333	0.90%
Carbondale city, Illinois*	25,902	25,597	1.19%
Carterville city, Illinois	5,496	4,616	19.06%
Christopher city, Illinois*	2,382	2,833	-15.92%
Colp village, Illinois	225	224	0.45%
Crainville village, Illinois	1,254	992	26.41%
Creal Springs city, Illinois	543	702	-22.65%
Cutler village, Illinois	441	543	-18.78%
De Soto village, Illinois	1,590	1,653	-3.81%
Dix village, Illinois	461	494	-6.68%
Dowell village, Illinois	408	441	-7.48%
Du Quoin city, Illinois	6,109	6,448	-5.26%
Elkville village, Illinois*	928	988	-6.07%
Energy village, Illinois	1,146	1,175	-2.47%
Ewing village, Illinois	307	310	-0.97%
Freeman Spur village, Illinois	287	273	5.13%
Gorham village, Illinois	236	256	-7.81%
Grand Tower city, Illinois	605	624	-3.04%
Hanaford village, Illinois*	327	214	52.80%
Herrin city, Illinois	12,501	11,298	10.65%
Hurst city, Illinois	795	805	-1.24%
Ina village, Illinois	2,338	2,455	-4.77%
Johnston City city, Illinois	3,543	3,557	-0.39%
Macedonia village, Illinois	63	51	23.53%
Makanda village, Illinois	561	419	33.89%
Marion city, Illinois	17,193	16,035	7.22%
Mount Vernon city, Illinois	15,277	16,269	-6.10%
Murphysboro city, Illinois*	7,970	8,694	-8.33%
Nason city, Illinois	236	234	0.85%
North City village, Illinois	608	630	-3.49%

City (Continued)	2010	2000	% Change
Orient city, Illinois*	358	307	16.61%
Pinckneyville city, Illinois	5,648	5,464	3.37%
Pittsburg village, Illinois	572	575	-0.52%
Royalton village, Illinois	1,151	1,130	1.86%
St. Johns village, Illinois	219	218	0.46%
Sesser city, Illinois	1,931	2,128	-9.26%
Spillertown village, Illinois	203	220	-7.73%
Stonefort village, Illinois	297	292	1.71%
Tamaroa village, Illinois	638	740	-13.78%
Thompsonville village, Illinois	543	571	-4.90%
Valier village, Illinois	669	662	1.06%
Vergennes village, Illinois*	298	330	-9.70%
Waltonville village, Illinois	434	422	2.84%
West City village, Illinois	661	716	-7.68%
West Frankfort city, Illinois	8,182	8,196	-0.17%
Whiteash village, Illinois	241	268	-10.07%
Willisville village, Illinois	633	694	-8.79%
Woodlawn village, Illinois	698	630	10.79%
Zeigler city, Illinois	1,801	1,669	7.91%
Total Municipal	146,397	145,582	0.56%

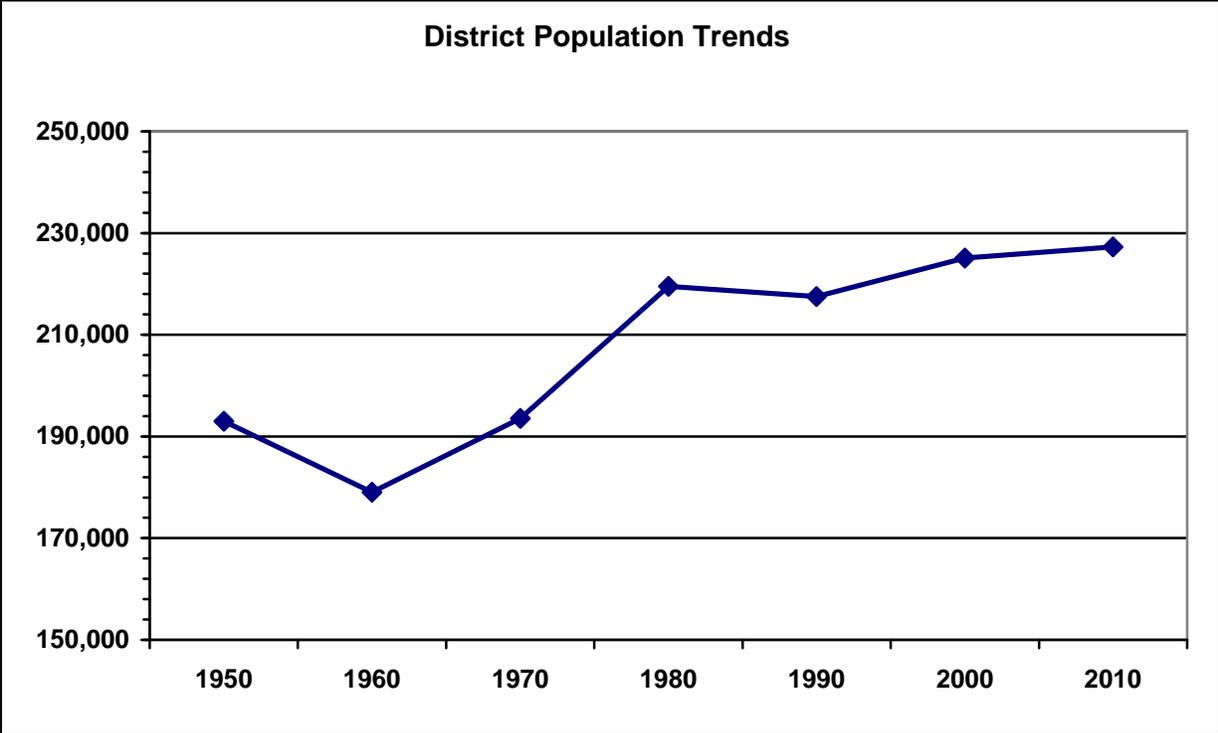
County	2010	2000	% Change
Franklin County, Illinois	39,561	39,018	1.39%
Jackson County, Illinois	60,218	59,612	1.02%
Jefferson County, Illinois	38,827	40,045	-3.04%
Perry County, Illinois	22,350	23,094	-3.22%
Williamson County, Illinois	66,357	61,296	8.26%
Regional Total	227,313	223,065	1.90%
Unincorporated Area	80,916	77,483	4.43%

Regional Population Increased by 1.90%
Municipal Population Increased by 0.56%
Unincorporated Population Increased by 4.43%

Source: 2010 Census Redistricting Data, P.L. 94-171 Summary File
2000 Census Redistricting Data, P.L. 94-171 Summary File
* Note: 2000 Count Question Resolution



Source: U.S. Census



Source: U.S. Census

Labor Force

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
Franklin	18,171	17,907	17,630	18,027	17,625	17,470
Jackson	32,898	32,398	32,061	32,737	32,152	32,484
Jefferson	21,199	20,781	20,547	20,281	20,191	20,033
Perry	9,977	9,567	9,382	9,437	9,436	9,541
Williamson	36,104	35,293	34,572	35,430	34,754	34,789
District	118,341	115,947	114,191	115,911	114,158	114,317

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security

*First Quarter Average for 2012

Unemployment Rates

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
Franklin	8.3	9.4	12.9	12.8	11.7	11.7
Jackson	4.9	5.8	7.2	7.9	7.7	7.8
Jefferson	5.2	6.3	9.4	9.6	8.7	9.3
Perry	8.7	9.8	11.8	11.9	10.7	11.6
Williamson	6.8	7.1	9.1	9.4	8.9	9.1
District	6.4	7.2	9.4	9.9	9.1	9.9
Illinois	5.1	6.4	10	10.3	9.8	9.1
United States	4.6	5.8	9.3	9.6	9.0	8.3

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security and Bureau of Labor Statistics

*First Quarter Average for 2012

State Sales Tax Receipts

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Franklin	\$13,748,673	\$13,732,097	\$13,636,139	\$14,491,662	\$15,077,894
Jackson	\$31,784,770	\$32,276,961	\$32,581,143	\$32,594,129	\$32,918,941
Jefferson	\$24,712,226	\$23,832,072	\$23,185,573	\$24,708,019	\$25,888,385
Perry	\$5,714,915	\$6,034,328	\$6,034,328	\$6,613,753	\$6,844,745
Williamson	\$38,888,878	\$39,346,534	\$40,915,959	\$40,323,840	\$40,624,815
District	\$114,849,461	\$115,221,992	\$116,353,140	\$118,731,403	\$121,354,780

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code Reporting, Calendar Year - Sales Made During January Through December.

Per capita personal income (dollars)

Period	Franklin	Jackson	Jefferson	Perry	Williamson	District	Illinois	United States
2006	\$24,767	\$26,896	\$27,773	\$22,101	\$28,932	\$26,094	\$39,668	\$37,698
2007	\$26,378	\$28,624	\$28,901	\$22,606	\$30,225	\$27,347	\$41,675	\$39,461
2008	\$27,175	\$30,773	\$30,744	\$23,783	\$31,448	\$28,785	\$43,198	\$40,674
2009	\$27,979	\$31,894	\$31,006	\$24,290	\$31,901	\$29,414	\$41,856	\$39,635
2010	\$29,987	\$32,186	\$32,435	\$25,535	\$33,143	\$30,657	\$42,040	\$39,937

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Layoffs (July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012)

COMPANY NAME	CITY	COUNTY	1st LAYOFF DATE	LAYOFF SCHEDULE	50 or Above	NUM AFFECT	TOTAL AFFECT	INDUSTRY TYPE	TAA Cert
Vitamin World/NBTY	Carbondale	Jackson	8/5/2011	Layoffs	Yes	51	51	Warehouse	No
Integra Bank/Old Nat'l	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson	12/11/2011	Layoffs	No	11	11	Bank Employees	
Heartland Bakery	Du Quoin	Perry	12/16/2011	Layoffs	Yes	70	70	Factory	Yes
IL Education Assoc.	5 Counties	Williamson	6/16/2012	Layoffs	No	40	40	Education	No
Marion School Dist. 2	Marion	Williamson	5/23/2012	Layoffs	No	24	24	Education	

APPENDIX A

Identified Project List		
Project	Location	Policy-Goal
Add water storage capacity in the City of Carbondale	Carbondale IL	P2-G2
Build 1,500,000 gallons in new water storage capacity in Du Quoin	Du Quoin IL	P2-G2
Build a connectivity "meet-me" point in the Carbondale area to enhance overall connectivity and support a health information exchange	Carbondale IL	P1-G2
Build a new northwest wastewater treatment plant serving Benton	Benton IL	P1-G1
Build a new road connecting Rushing Drive northward to Grand Road in Herrin in partnership with Williamson County	Williamson County	P2-G2
Build a new wastewater treatment plant that serves West Frankfort	West Frankfort IL	P1-G1
Build a professional office incubator in West Frankfort	West Frankfort IL	P1-G3
Build a railroad overpass over South Du Quoin Street in Benton	Benton IL	P2-G2
Build Infrastructure and related improvements to enhance tourism in the Gun Greek area of Rend Lake	Jefferson County	P1-G3
Build Pipeline to provide water to new developments along the new I-57 interchange in Mt. Vernon for the Rend Lake Conservancy District	Jefferson County	P1-G1
Complete a feasibility study for the development of a foreign trade zone in the District	Greater Egypt EDD	P3-G2
Conduct a strategic planning study for the Southern Illinois Center at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds.	Du Quoin IL	P2-G7
Conduct a strategic planning study resulting in a comprehensive infrastructure plan for the City of Herrin	Herrin IL	P2-G2
Conduct an aggressive regional demand creation and aggregation project to further enhance regional connectivity	Greater Egypt EDD	P1-G2
Construct a maintenance and storage facility on the campus of John A. Logan College to have 3,000 square feet of dedicated space to perform regular and periodic maintenance on campus vehicles and to safely store chemicals, equipment and tools. Solar panels would be installed on the building to provide a supplemental source of power and to serve as training aids for the college's solar electric design and installation training program.	Carterville IL	P2-G4
Construct a new fire station in Carbondale to replace the existing west side fire station.	Carbondale IL	P2-G1; P2-G2
Construct a new southwest pump station at the south end of Perry County Fairgrounds in Pinckneyville	Pinckneyville IL	P2-G2
Construct a new wastewater treatment plant on Weaver Road in Herrin	Herrin IL	P1-G1
Construct a new wastewater treatment plant serving Pinckneyville	Pinckneyville IL	P2-G2
Construct a new water tower on Brewster Road in Herrin	Herrin IL	P1-G1
Construct a workforce development and community education building on the campus of John A. Logan College. The building would be 21,000 square feet with the majority of the space allocated for specialty classrooms and expansive, flexible space for training large groups. The building will be designed and constructed to achieve LEED certification, and would feature green roof and ground source geothermal heating and cooling.	Carterville IL	P2-G4
Construct an industrial training center in Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon IL	P2-G5
Develop a back-up water supply to serve the City of Carbondale	Carbondale IL	P2-G2
Develop a basic energy policy as a framework through which energy related activities and projects may take place.	Greater Egypt EDD	P3-G2
Develop a support structure to assist units of local government to develop effective and implementable land use and property maintenance plans	Greater Egypt EDD	P2-G1
Develop an industrial park site in the area of the abandoned Vocational-Technical Institute in Williamson County	Williamson County	P1-G3

Identified Project List (Continued)		
Project	Location	Policy-Goal
Develop and construct a Sycamore Street Extension in the City of Carbondale	Carbondale IL	P2-G2
Develop and implement a Health Information Exchange network	Greater Egypt EDD	P2-G3
Develop expertise and assets to conduct a regional microenterprise lending and support program	Greater Egypt EDD	P1-G3
Develop informational and promotional programs and distribute timely socio-economic data to assist local organizations market the region.	Greater Egypt EDD	P3-G1
Develop policies regulating the environmental management of natural resources related to the pollution, conservation, land use, and maintaining the natural character and beauty of the region.	Greater Egypt EDD	P3-G2
Develop recreational trails in the District	Greater Egypt EDD	P2-G1
Develop regional access to venture and angel investor financial resources, particularly for debt and equity funding	Greater Egypt EDD	P1-G3
Develop two industrial parks in Jefferson County targeting manufacturing and transportation, distribution and logistics.	Jefferson County	P1-G1
Diversify the District's economic base by expanding manufacturing, service, trade, and tourism related industries.	Greater Egypt EDD	P3-G1
Ensure sustainability of Small Business Development Center programs	Greater Egypt EDD	P1-G3
Establish an Ambassador Program to serve as a response team for economic development leads and assist in marketing Jackson County	Jackson County	P1-G3
Expand and support leaderships programs including Lead SI Youth Leadership Program, youth entrepreneurship programs, and community leadership programs.	Greater Egypt EDD	P3-G1
Expand water and sanitary sewer service at Du Quoin Industrial Park	Du Quoin IL	P1-G1
Extend Factory Outlet Drive and related infrastructure to the West Frankfort Industrial Park	West Frankfort IL	P1-G1
Extend Mainline Road and related infrastructure into the West Frankfort Industrial Park	West Frankfort IL	P1-G1
Generate federal research grants and contracts (SBIR/SBTT) by technology-based firms in the region and University spin-out companies.	Greater Egypt EDD	P1-G3; P3-G2
Implement a regional public transportation system for the workforce	Greater Egypt EDD	P2-G2
Improve entrepreneurial business and industrial promotion programming in Carbondale	Carbondale IL	P1-G3
Improve the infrastructure at the Carbondale Business Park East	Carbondale IL	P1-G1
Improve the overall climate for growth of regional entrepreneurship, small business development, and innovation and technology	Greater Egypt EDD	P1-G3; P3-G2
Improve the quality of regional air transport to and from the region	Greater Egypt EDD	P3-G1
Improve the spillway at the Pinckneyville Reservoir	Pinckneyville IL	P2-G2
Improve the Wastenia Street By-Pass in Benton IL including widening and increasing turn lanes	Benton IL	P1-G1
Increase connectivity bandwidth to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale to at least 10 gigabits/second to support teaching, research, and service missions,	Greater Egypt EDD	P2-G4
Increase regional access to affordable internet services at increasingly higher bandwidths	Greater Egypt EDD	P1-G2
Increase commercial space in Benton IL on Airport Frontage Road adjacent to I-57.	Benton IL	P1-G3
Increase the flow of communication and cooperation among local, state, and national governments as well as with local development groups.	Greater Egypt EDD	P3-G1

Identified Project List (Continued)		
Project	Location	Policy-Goal
Increase the number of new and retained knowledge-based enterprises with corresponding growth in related high-skilled employment opportunities	Greater Egypt EDD	P2-G5; P3-G2
Install a new 8" ductile iron water main on South Washington Street between Walnut Street and Grand Avenue in Carbondale to improve fire protection and pressure to the building along Washington Street	Carbondale EDD	P2-G2
Leverage SIU research for economic development	Greater Egypt EDD	P3-G2
Make infrastructure improvements to the Bicentennial Industrial Park in Carbondale	Carbondale ILL	P1-G1
New water tower at Du Quoin Industrial Park	Du Quoin IL	P1-G1
Organize and implement the midland institute for Entrepreneurism in the region of Southern Illinois.	Greater Egypt EDD	P3-G1
Promote the expansion of Highway 127 north to Interstate 64.	Greater Egypt EDD	P3-G2
Promote the region as a retirement area.	Greater Egypt EDD	P3-G1
Provide citizens educational and awareness programs and stimulate regional pride and promotion.	Greater Egypt EDD	P3-G1
Provide requisite infrastructure, roads, utilities, signage, etc. to develop a targeted 600 acre mixed use site in Jefferson County to attract commercial, tourism, retail, residential, and light industrial usage.	Jefferson County	P1-G3
Reconstruction of Airport Road connecting the SI Airport with U.S. 51	Jackson County	P1-G1
Reconstruction of New Era Road from Glenn Road to Airport Road serving the SI Airport	Jackson County	P1-G1
Reconstruction of roads serving the Murphysboro Industrial Park	Murphysboro IL	P1-G1
Renovate Herrin City Hall	Herrin IL	P2-G2
Replace antiquated clay storm sewer lines at various locations in Herrin	Herrin IL	P2-G2
Replace antiquated sanitary sewer lines at various locations in Herrin	Herrin IL	P2-G2
Replace deteriorated and undersized water mains in the City of Benton	Benton IL	P2-G2
Replace existing cast iron water mains at various locations throughout Herrin	Herrin IL	P2-G2
Replace existing water main from the water tower on Stave Mill road eastward through downtown on Walnut Street to 2nd Street in Murphysboro	Murphysboro IL	P2-G2
Replace existing water mains in Du Quoin from Main to Gran Way	Du Quoin IL	P2-G2
Replace existing water mains in Du Quoin on Main Street from Line Street to West Street	Du Quoin IL	P2-G2
Replace the city hall in Murphysboro	Murphysboro IL	P2-G2
Replace the existing wastewater treatment plant in Murphysboro	Murphysboro IL	P1-G3
Research the feasibility of a business park adjacent to the Southern Illinois Airport.	Jackson County	P1-G3
Resurface all brick and oil-chip streets at various locations throughout Herrin	Herrin IL	P2-G2
Significantly improve the former Crab Orchard Water district system now owned by the City of Carbondale	Carbondale IL	P2-G2
Support Destination 13, a partnership formed to develop a strategy to leverage the Destination Development in Marion IL to maximize benefits to the region.	Marion IL	P3-G1
Support infrastructure improvements for the regional Coal to Synthetic Natural Gas project, Power Holdings LLC, a \$2 billion project which would create 1000 construction jobs and 600 permanent full time jobs	Greater Egypt EDD	P2-G2
Support rural manufacturing and related workforce development initiatives	Greater Egypt EDD	P2-G5; P3-G2
Support the development of the STAR Bond District in Marion IL.	Marion IL	P1-G3
Update and maintain the AccessSI database.	Greater Egypt EDD	P2-G6

Identified Project List (Continued)		
Project	Location	Policy-Goal
Upgrade the current sewage treatment plant #2 that serves the Pinckneyville Correctional Center	Pinckneyville IL	P2-G2
Upgrade water and sewer infrastructure to various areas of West Frankfort and the surrounding areas	West Frankfort IL	P1-G1
Relocate North Airport Road at SI Airport to increase the property available for development at the airport. This road will increase the development potential and accessibility of approximately 96 acres of aeronautical and non-aeronautical land	Jackson County	P1-G3
Extend Flightline Road south to connect to the relocated Airport Road at SI Airport. This extension will increase access to 30 acres of aeronautical land and 46 acres of non-aeronautical development land.	Jackson County	P1-G3
Develop and implement a marketing plan for the High Tech Zone around the Southern Illinois Airport.	Jackson County	P1-G3
Acquire land around the SI Airport for future developments.	Jackson County	P1-G3
Construct an Aviation/Automotive incubator at the SI Airport.	Jackson County	P1-G3
Develop a solar power array at SI Airport.	Jackson County	P1-G1
Construct a replacement terminal building at the SI Airport due to the current facilities age, structural deficiencies, and asbestos issues while deploying the use of geothermal HVAC and solar power arrays in the new facility.	Jackson County	P1-G1
Construct a fiber linkage from the SI Airport to the Illinois Route 51 fiber trunk line.	Jackson County	P1-G2
Extend Dee Browning Road and repair Weeks Road in West Frankfort, Illinois to help support the proposed construction of a new business.	West Frankfort IL	P1-G3