

**Memorandum
Community & Economic Development Department**



To: Thomas Thomas, City Manager
Subject: Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing
Date: April 17, 2014

The City of Rock Island has conducted two public hearings regarding adoption of its first-ever citywide Comprehensive Plan. The first public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 and unanimously recommended approval of the plan, with revisions, to the Mayor and Aldermen. The second public hearing was held by the City Council on Monday, April 7, 2014. Citizen comments and questions were raised at both public hearings and there was much discussion about the plan by the Planning Commissioners and the Aldermen. City Council provided guidance to Planning staff on final revisions to the proposed Future Land Use Map and requested a resolution be prepared for adoption at their April 21st meeting.

Included with this cover memo is a Resolution for adoption and two exhibits. Exhibit A is the *City of Rock Island Comprehensive Plan* and Exhibit B is the *Rock Island Strategic Development Plan*, a component of the Comprehensive Plan.

Comprehensive Plan (Exhibit A) available online:
<http://www.vandewalle.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Rock-Island-Comp-Plan-4.21.14.pdf>

Rock Island Strategic Development Plan (Exhibit B) available online:
http://www.vandewalle.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Rock-Island-Economic-Strategy_4.21.14.pdf

RECOMMENDATION: Council adopt the proposed Comprehensive Plan by resolution as prepared by City staff and direct City staff to transmit the adopted plan to the State of Illinois as required by the funding grant.

Submitted by: Jeffery A. Eder, Assistant City Manager / CED Director
Ben Griffith, Planning & Redevelopment Administrator

Approved by: Thomas Thomas, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2014

WHEREAS, 65 ILCS, Article 11, Division 12, Illinois Statutes, establishes the required procedure for a local government to adopt a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, 65 ILCS 5/11-12-5(1) grants the Planning Commission the authority to recommend a comprehensive plan to the corporate authority, the City Council; and

WHEREAS, 65 ILCS 5/11-12-5(1) grants the City Council the authority to adopt the comprehensive plan as recommended by the Planning Commission or to modify or amend portions of the recommended comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rock Island Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 2, 2014 and recommended for adoption by the City Council the *City of Rock Island Comprehensive Plan* and the *Rock Island Strategic Development Plan*, a subcomponent of the comprehensive plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Rock Island hereby approves the *City of Rock Island Comprehensive Plan* (Exhibit A) and *Rock Island Strategic Development Plan* (Exhibit B), attached hereto as Exhibits A and B, as the City's comprehensive plan under 65 ILCS 5/11-12-5.

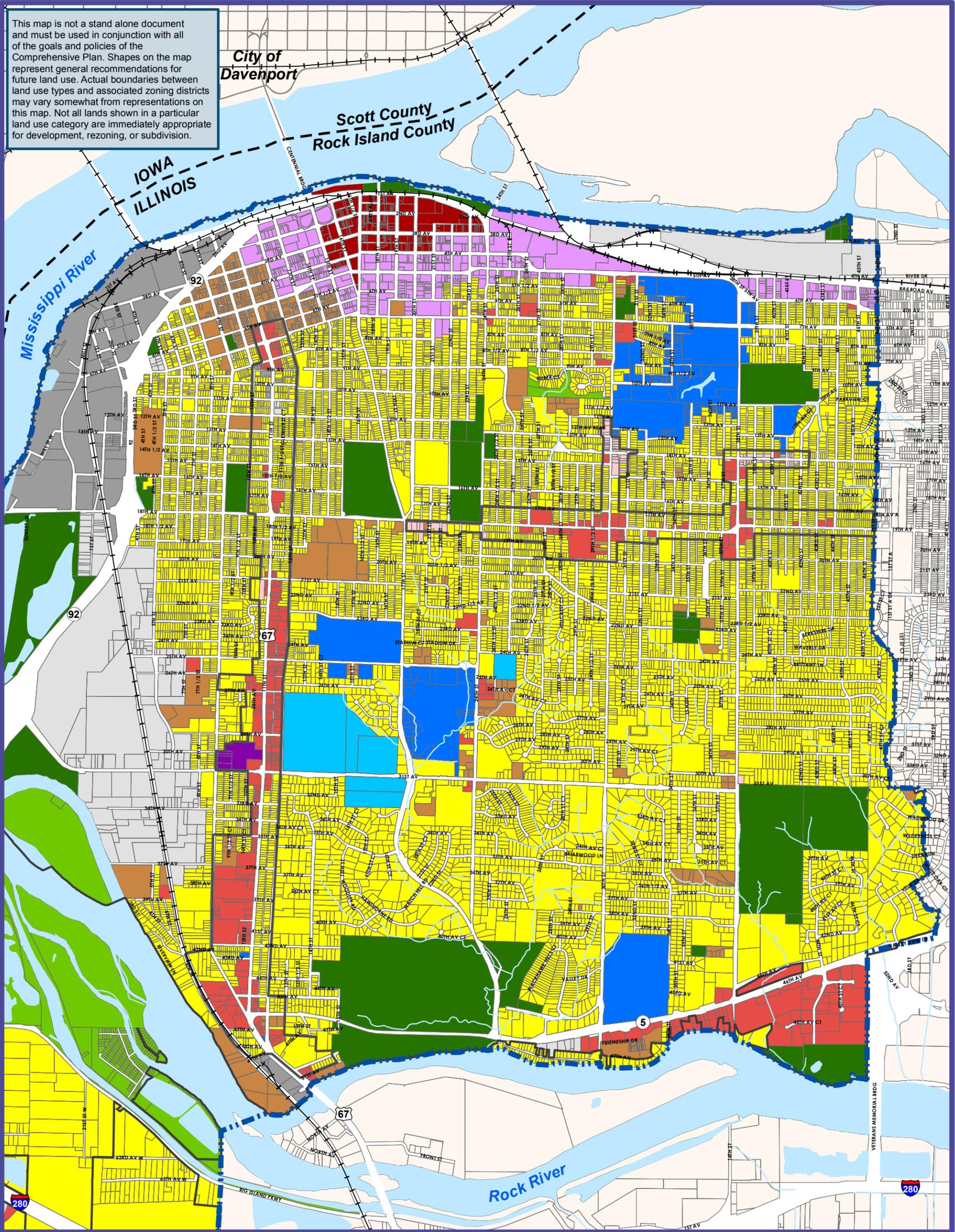
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND

PASSED: _____

APPROVED: _____

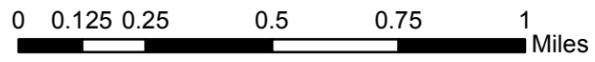
ATTEST: _____
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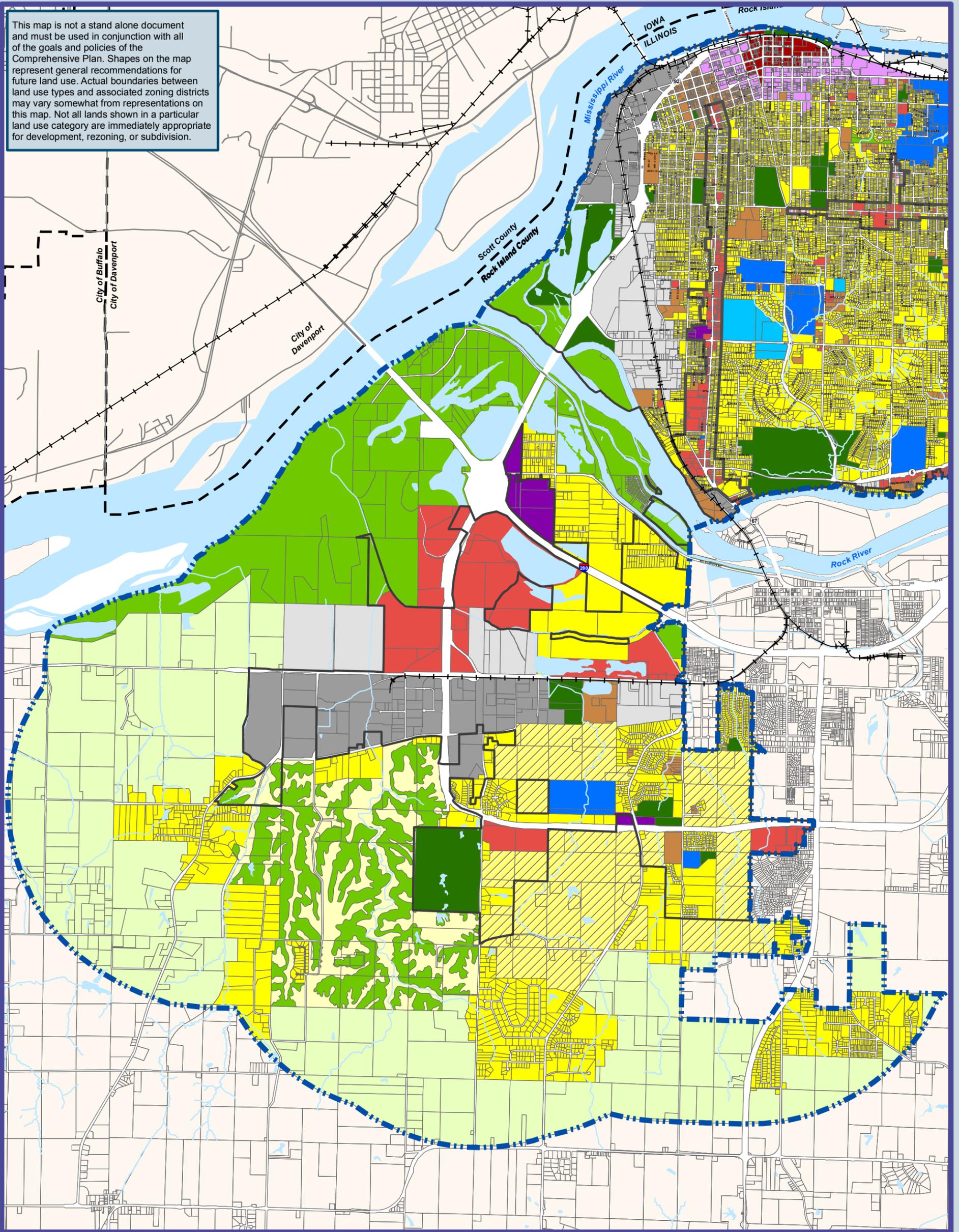
Map 8a: Future Land Use - North

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| Planning Area | Neighborhood Business | Institutional Campus |
| City of Rock Island | Community Business | Cemetery |
| Land Use Categories | Downtown | Parks and Recreation |
| Conservation Neighborhood | Urban Mixed Use | Conservation and Open Space |
| Single Family Residential | Planned Mixed Use | Agriculture/Rural |
| Mixed Residential | Employment | |
| Planned Neighborhood | Industrial | |
| | Transitional Area Overlay | |



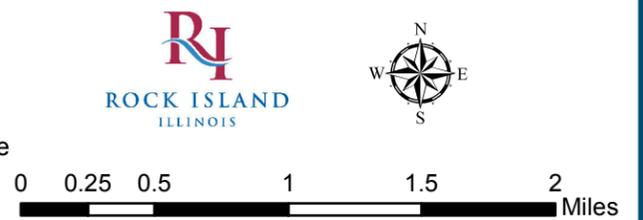
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Map 8b: Future Land Use - Southwest

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| Planning Area | Neighborhood Business | Institutional Campus |
| City of Rock Island | Community Business | Cemetery |
| Land Use Categories | Downtown | Parks and Recreation |
| Conservation Neighborhood | Urban Mixed Use | Conservation and Open Space |
| Single Family Residential | Planned Mixed Use | Agriculture/Rural |
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