

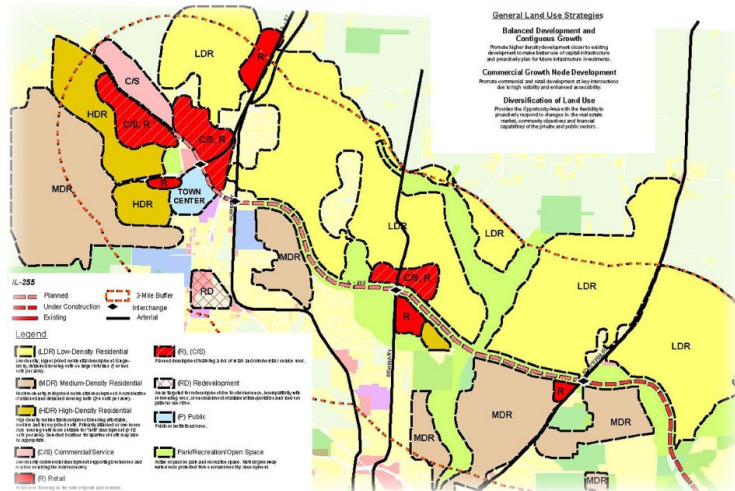
# IL-255 Corridor Plan

## Bethalto, Illinois

In an area to the northeast of metro St. Louis a significant highway extension was being planned by the Illinois Department of Transportation. PGAV was selected by the Southwestern Illinois Growth Association to prepare a study that evaluated the impact the proposed Illinois Highway 255 extension would have on the surrounding "River Bend" communities. The study involved a detailed market analysis which projected future residential, commercial, and industrial growth due to the advent of the highway. PGAV also prepared a survey of existing conditions in the area and future land use recommendations based on the findings of the market study.

An urban design and streetscape plan was developed which proposed a hierarchy of streetscape treatments for the highway interchanges, arterial streets and local roads. The pedestrian network of on-street and off-street trails was also analyzed and developed. A strategic plan was prepared which outlined a set of policy recommendations for implementation by the communities in the region.

This project involved a series of Community Engagement meetings where PGAV solicited input from members of the community on issues related to potential land use, transportation and urban design improvements. The meetings also presented the findings of the market study and land use recommendations. The meetings were open community forums and were held in various locations in the River Bend Area.



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