

“The comprehensive planning process gives local residents, elected officials, business owners, and other key stakeholders the opportunity to influence the future of their community.”

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---|
| Executive Summary | | Chapter Seven - | Parks, Open Spaces, & Trails |
| Chapter One - | Introduction | Chapter Eight - | Environmental Features |
| Chapter Two - | Historic Profile | Chapter Nine - | Tourism |
| Chapter Three - | Demographic Profile | Chapter Ten - | Economic Development |
| Chapter Four - | Land Use | Chapter Eleven - | Natural Hazards |
| Chapter Five - | Community Facilities | Chapter Twelve - | Goals |
| Chapter Six - | Transportation | Chapter Thirteen - | Implementation |

Coal City 2035

A central graphic featuring a large map of the Coal City Wildlife Refuge area. The map is surrounded by several smaller inset photographs showing different parts of the refuge, including a lake, a field, and a building. Below the map, there is text and a logo for NEIEG.

NEIEG
NORTH EAST ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

COAL CITY WILDLIFE REFUGE
VILLAGE OF COAL CITY
Comprehensive Plan Update
April 2014

DRAFT

Number
2



Coal City, a place to learn, live, play, grow, and enjoy.

Coal City 2035



Coal City 2035

Chapt. 7
Parks +





OVERHEAD VIEW OF WILDLIFE REFUGE

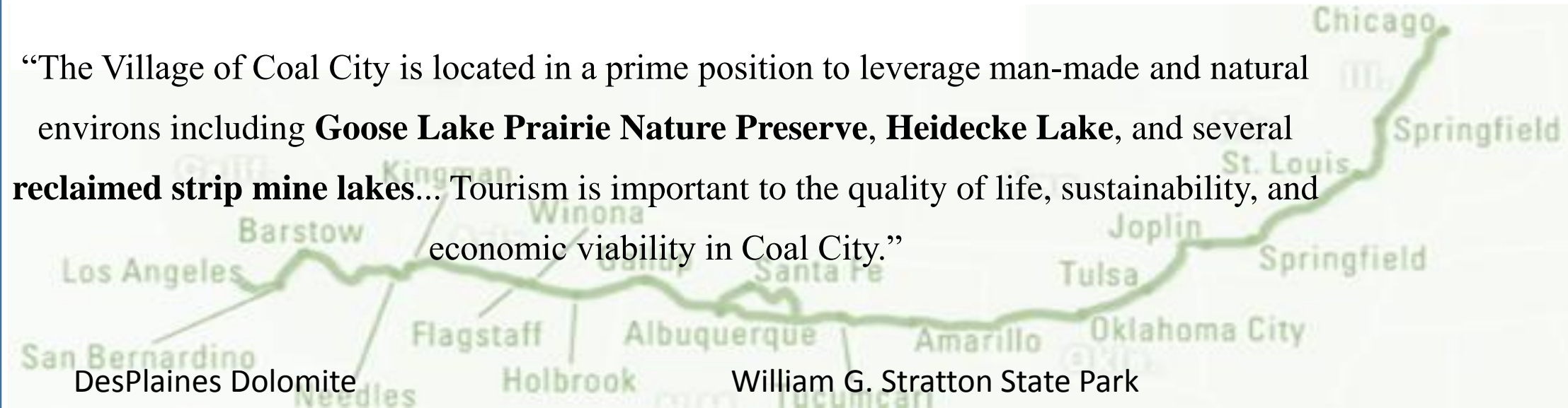
BLOW-UP DETAIL OF PUBLIC STAGING AREA AND STORMWATER FEATURE WITHIN THE REFUGE

**COAL CITY WILDLIFE REFUGE
VILLAGE OF COAL CITY
Comprehensive Plan Update
April 2014**

NCICG
North Central Illinois Council of Governments
207 West Douglas Street • Champaign, IL 61820 • Phone: (309) 231-0000 • Fax: (309) 231-0000

BERGFELDT
ARCHITECTS
PLANNERS
STUDIO
WWW.BERGFELDTSTUDIO.COM
511 EDWARDS STREET, HENRY, IL 61827

“The Village of Coal City is located in a prime position to leverage man-made and natural environs including **Goose Lake Prairie Nature Preserve, Heidecke Lake,** and several **reclaimed strip mine lakes...** Tourism is important to the quality of life, sustainability, and economic viability in Coal City.”



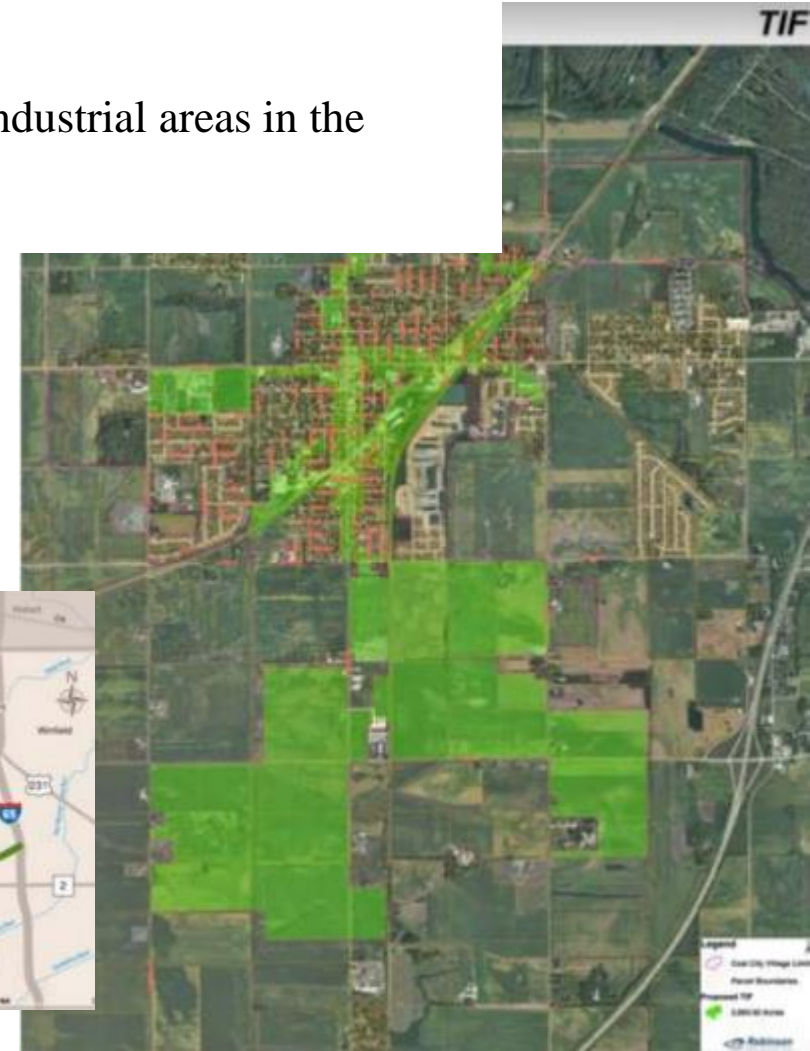
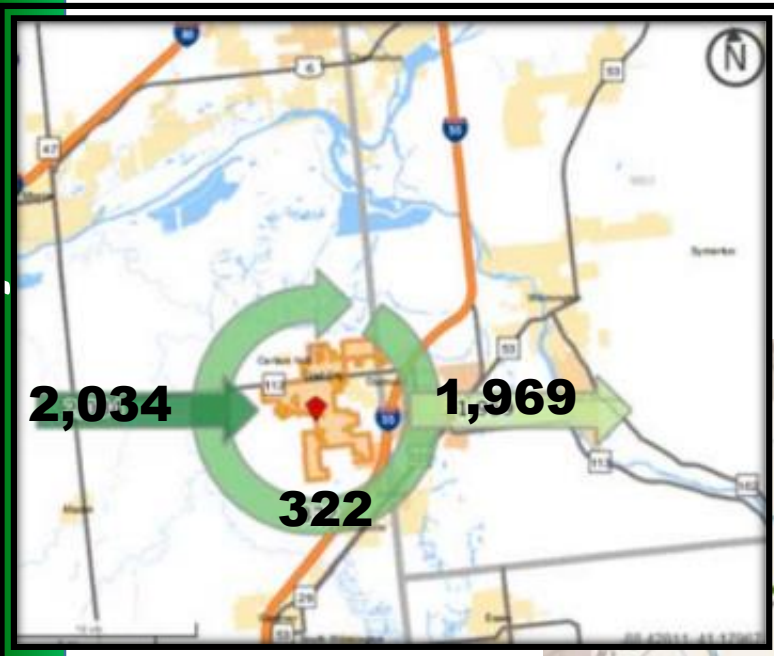
DesPlaines Dolomite
Prairie Land & Water Reserve
Goose Lake Prairie Nature Preserve
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie
McKinley Woods Forest Preserve
Hitts Siding Prairie Nature Preserve
Forsythe Woods Forest Preserve
Forked Creek Preserve
Wilmington Shrub Prairie Nature Preserve
Braidwood Dunes & Savana Nature Preserve
Sand Ridge Savana Nature Preserve
Mazonia-Braidwood Fish & Wildlife Area
Kankakee River State Park
John Wesley Preserve
Gebhard Woods State Park

William G. Stratton State Park
Illini State Park
Coal City Area Club
Miners Club
CECO Club
Wilmington Area Recreational Club
Grundy County Rod & Gun Club
Downers Grove Sportsmen Club
Braidwood Recreational Club
S. Wilmington Sportsmen Club
Fossil Rock Campground
Lake Pointe Camping Area



Coal City's location to interstate, railroads, and the metropolitan Chicago area will continue to play an important role in the village's future –

- Development of the intersection of Division & Broadway can play a big role in the redevelopment of downtown
- The BNSF & the UP Railroads provide opportunity for development of industrial areas in the southwest portion of town.



“The goals have been drafted to address HUD’s Sustainable Planning Principals as well as the ten topics within the Illinois Local Planning Technical Assistance Act.”

Public Policy

- Examine funding mechanisms for village needs
- Strengthen the village and the region through intergovernmental cooperation
- Streamline village administrative functions to better serve the residents
- Maintain village code for accuracy and relevance

Economic Development

- Utilize economic development tools to strengthen the local tax base

Development

- Encourage development while being sensitive to existing business and the environment
- Foster development and redevelopment to strengthen the downtown

Infrastructure

- Maintain existing infrastructure to ensure the needs of future development are adequately met

Transportation

- Improve the transportation network within the village

Parks & Natural Environs

- Create more outdoor recreation space within the Village

Housing

- Develop a growth management system for residential development
- Offer housing opportunities to meet the needs of the changing population