

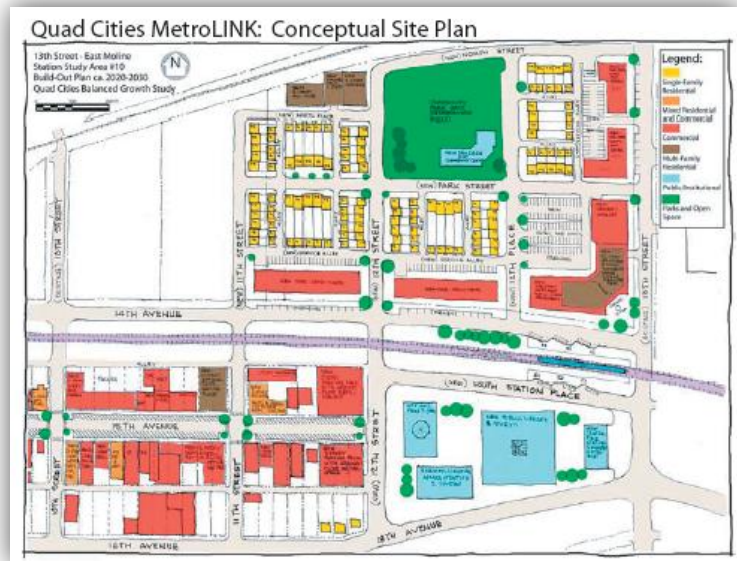
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Balanced Growth Project

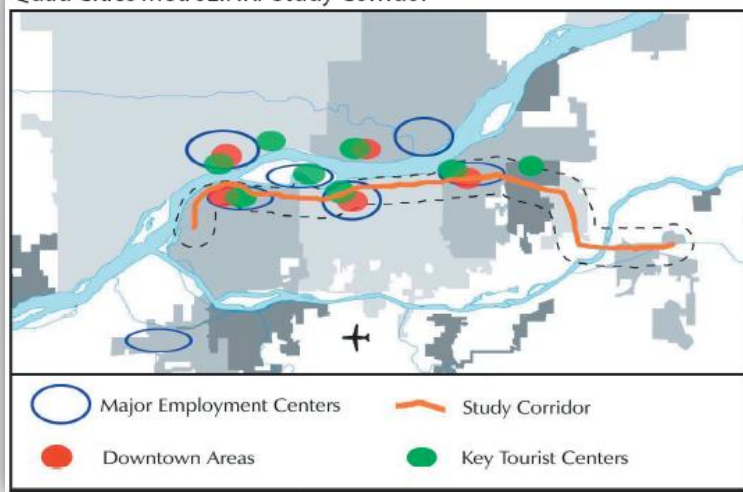
Over the past quarter century, MetroLINK (Rock Island County, Illinois) has assumed an active role in developing and redeveloping the Quad Cities Metropolitan area. The success of its Centre Station project, together with its concern for maintaining viable communities prompted MetroLINK to pursue yet another initiative – assessing the opportunity for coordinating major transit investments with local land use goals.

To this end, MetroLINK initiated a Land Use and Rapid Transit Services Study, called the Balanced Growth Project. The study examined the potential for linking land use policies and regulations with the public transit development process, and concluded that policy and regulatory adjustments could support a major improvement to the regional mass transit system, promote economic development and encourage balanced metropolitan area growth.

This study documented existing conditions; created, illustrated and evaluated alternate development scenarios in the study corridor; examined fare collection technology options and transportation alternatives such as light rail and bus rapid transit; and built consensus for next steps.



Quad Cities MetroLINK: Study Corridor



Vlecides-Schroeder Associates, Inc. (VSA) was the prime contractor on this project.

Project completion: 2002
Client: Rock Island County
Metropolitan Mass Transit District (MetroLINK)