

The area highlighted on this Exhibit A (the area within the thick outline) is the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) for the Rockford Area Transportation Study, the Federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Rockford, IL area. For the next 5-10 years, RATS will focus its transportation planning activities in this area.

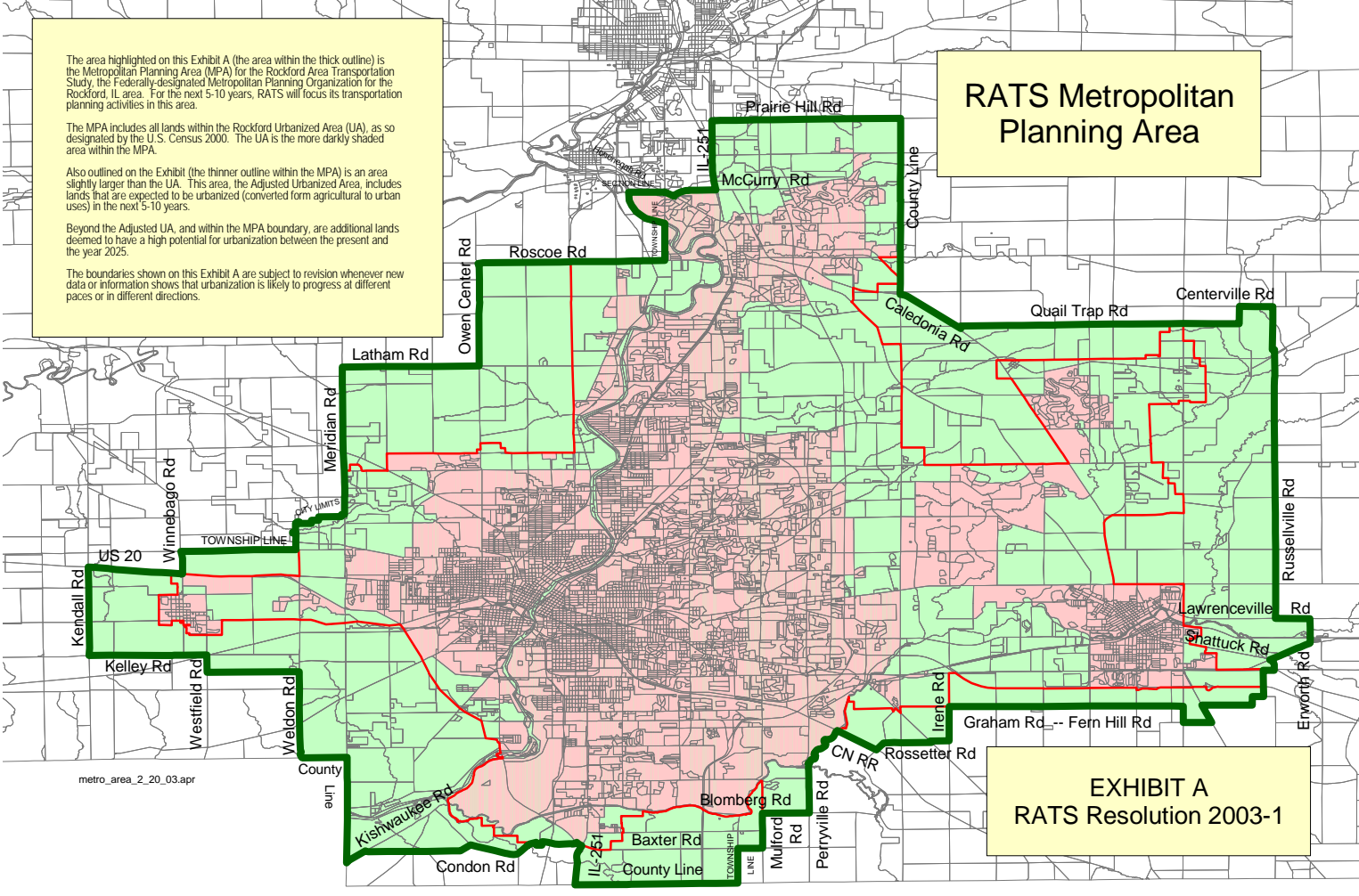
The MPA includes all lands within the Rockford Urbanized Area (UA), as so designated by the U.S. Census 2000. The UA is the more darkly shaded area within the MPA.

Also outlined on the Exhibit (the thinner outline within the MPA) is an area slightly larger than the UA. This area, the Adjusted Urbanized Area, includes lands that are expected to be urbanized (converted from agricultural to urban uses) in the next 5-10 years.

Beyond the Adjusted UA, and within the MPA boundary, are additional lands deemed to have a high potential for urbanization between the present and the year 2025.

The boundaries shown on this Exhibit A are subject to revision whenever new data or information shows that urbanization is likely to progress at different paces or in different directions.

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