

# CHOICES

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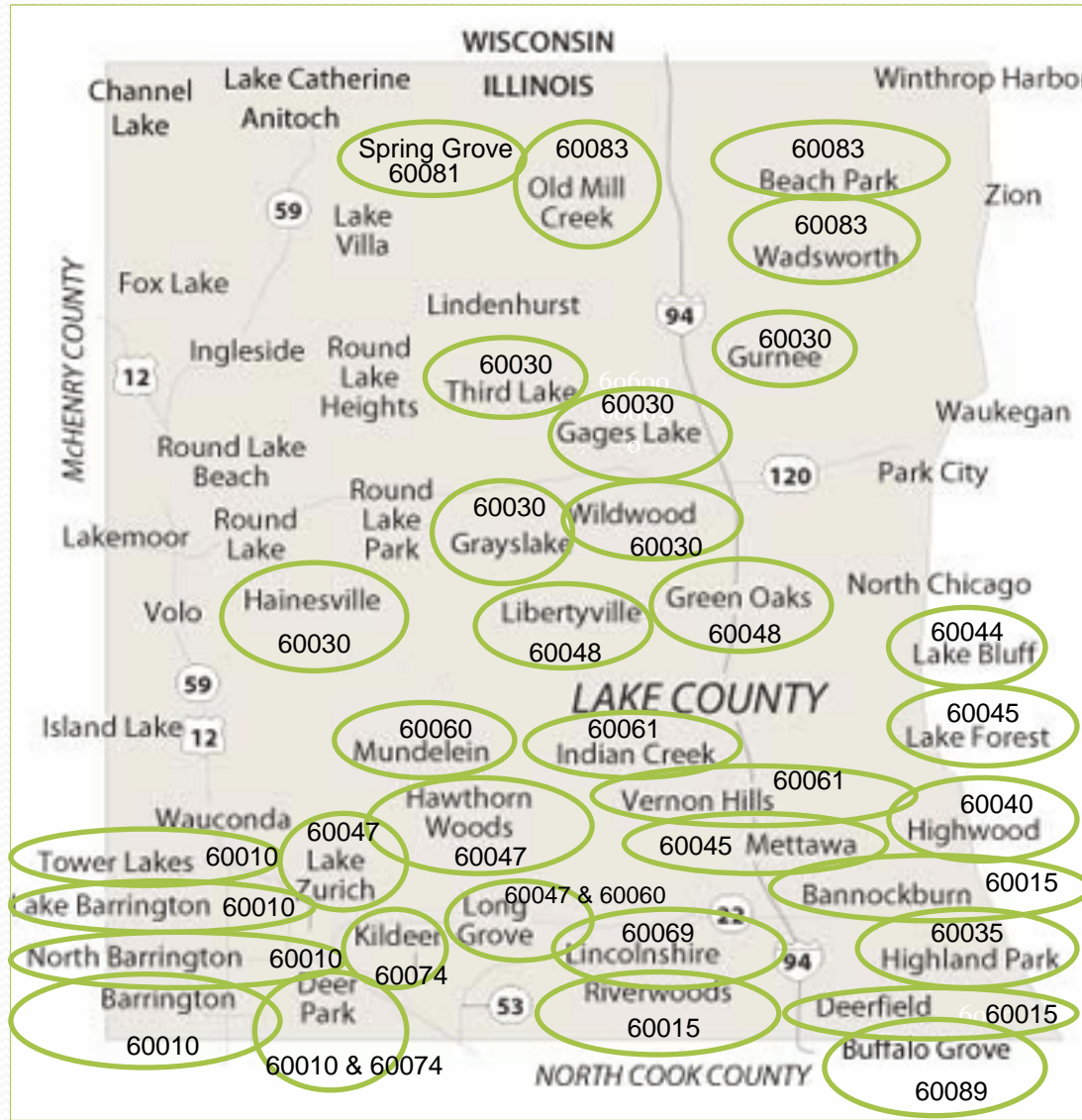
Self-Sufficiency



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**Opportunity Areas** in circled communities.

**Opportunity Area** qualification based on Census Tract number.



# Encouraging Families to Participate in a Special Program

- CHOICES will support their interest in moving to a better home in a better neighborhood throughout Lake County.
- Families will be directed to communities and neighborhoods designated as Opportunity Areas.
- Hopefully, will find a new HOME in the best neighborhoods throughout Lake County



# What are Opportunity Areas?

- Opportunity areas have better schools, lower crime, more employment options, and better housing stability.
- They offer more diversity and lower poverty rates.
- Many voucher families currently live in opportunity areas



# Opportunity Areas in Lake County

Bannockburn

Barrington

Barrington Hills

Buffalo Grove

Deer Park

Deerfield

Fox Lake

Gages Lake

Grayslake

Green Oaks

Gurnee

Hawthorn Woods

Highland Park

Highwood

Indian Creek

Ingleside

Kildeer

Lake Barrington

Lake Bluff

Lake Forest



# Opportunity Areas in Lake County

Lake Zurich

Libertyville

Lincolnshire

Long Grove

Mettawa

Mundelein

North Barrington

Old Mill Creek

Spring Grove

Third Lake

Vernon Hills

Wadsworth

Not all Zip Codes in each  
Community are included.



# Why are these Opportunity Areas?

Each community in the region was analyzed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Fair Market Rents were estimated based on survey data obtained by HUD. Survey data was collected through Address-Based Mail surveys and Random Digit Dialing telephone surveys.

Statistics show rents are higher in areas with less concentration of low income families.



# Want Better Schools?

**Learn more about the performance of the schools in the area you're considering moving to.** According to the Illinois State Board of Education PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers):

**36%** of all Illinois Middle School children met or exceeded the **English Language Arts (ELA)** State standard in 2016.

Opportunity Area schools in Barrington, Grayslake, and Vernon Hills had an average of **55%** of students that met or exceeded the ELA standard.

Traditional area schools in Lake County had an average of only **20%** of students that met or exceeded the ELA standard.

**31%** of all Illinois Middle School children met or exceeded the **Mathematics** State standard in 2016.

Opportunity Area schools in Barrington, Grayslake, and Vernon Hills had an average of **51%** of students that met or exceeded the Mathematics standard.

Traditional area schools in Lake County had an average of only **16%** of students that met or exceeded the Mathematics standard.

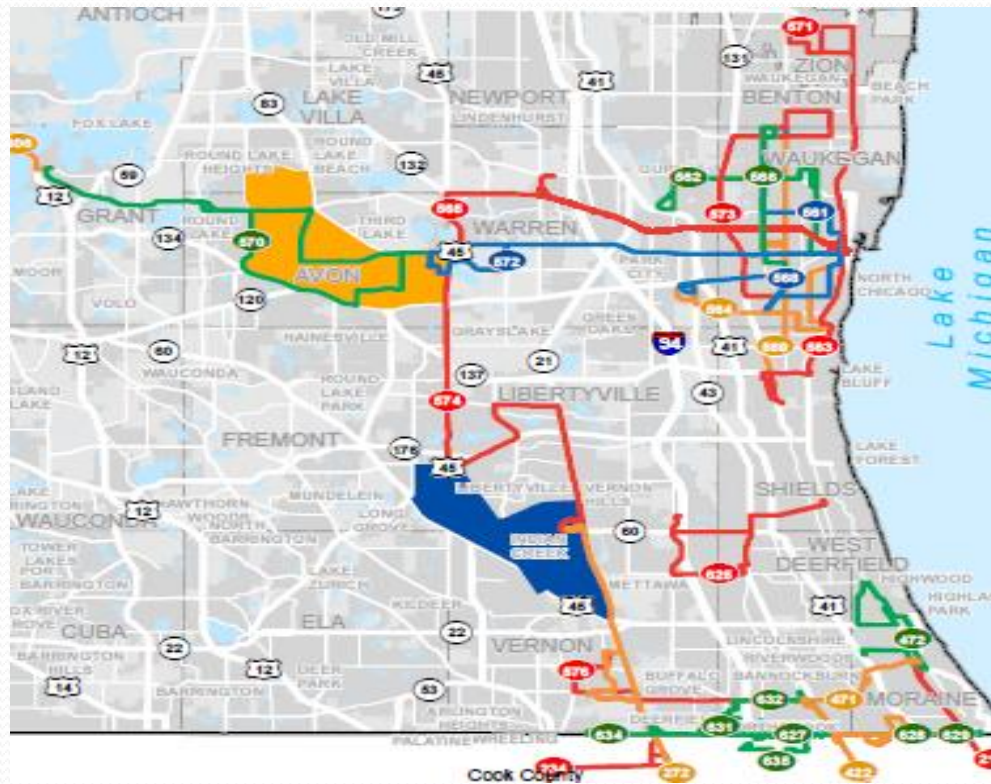
[www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org)





# County Transportation Options

Pace provides both fixed-routes and paratransit services in Lake County. All of the 21 fixed-route bus routes operate on weekdays. Twelve bus routes operate on Saturdays and two routes offer Sunday service.



# Fair Housing – Equal Opportunity for All

- The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) enforces the Fair Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination and the intimidation of people in their homes, apartment buildings, and condominium developments – in nearly all housing transactions, including the rental and sale of housing and provision of mortgage loans.
- Fair housing choice involves individuals and families having the information, opportunity, and options to live where they choose without unlawful discrimination and other barriers and that their choices realistically include housing options in integrated areas and areas with access to opportunity.
- What is Prohibited in the sale, rental of housing and in mortgage lending?
- No one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin. Some examples are:
  - Refuse to rent or sell housing, or make a mortgage loan
  - Refuse to negotiate for housing
  - Make housing unavailable
  - Otherwise deny a dwelling
  - Set different terms
  - Provide different housing services
  - Falsely deny that housing is available for inspection

**You can file a lending discrimination complaint with HUD by contacting the National Discrimination Hotline 1-800-669-9777, or (TTY)1-800-927-9275. For more information about the Fair Housing Act, please visit [www.hud.gov/fairhousing](http://www.hud.gov/fairhousing).**

