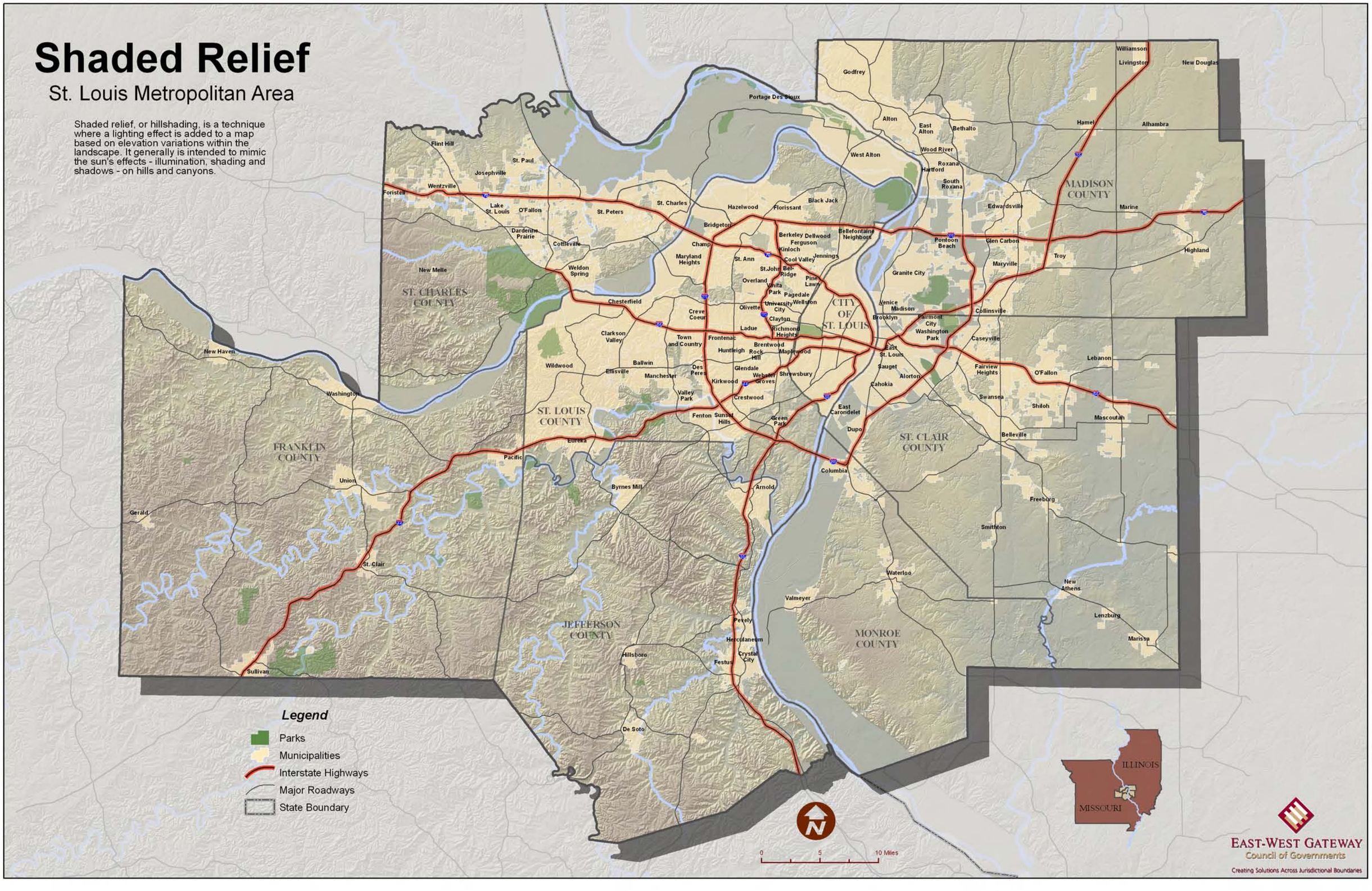
Shaded Relief

St. Louis Metropolitan Area

Shaded relief, or hillshading, is a technique where a lighting effect is added to a map based on elevation variations within the landscape. It generally is intended to mimic the sun's effects - illumination, shading and shadows - on hills and canyons.