



**Community
Planning Program**



Chicago Metropolitan
Agency for Planning

**Local Technical
Assistance Program**

**Application form:
Community Planning program and
Local Technical Assistance program**

DEADLINE: Noon on Wednesday, June 26, 2013

This application form is online at www.rtachicago.com/applications. You may submit the form by email to applications@rtachicago.com.

Upon receipt of application, you will receive an e-mail verifying that your application has been received.

1. Name of Applicant: City of Braidwood, IL

**2. Main Contact for Application (please include name, phone number and email):
MaryBeth Pressley, 815.458.2333, mpressley@braidwood.us**

3. Type of Applicant (please check any that apply):

Local government

Multijurisdictional group* **—————>** Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):

Nongovernmental organization* **—————>** Name of local government partner(s):

*Applications submitted by multijurisdictional groups and nongovernmental organizations must include a letter indicating support from each relevant local government. See the FAQs for more information. Nongovernmental applicants are strongly encouraged to contact CMAP or the RTA prior to submitting their application to discuss their project and the demonstration of local support.

4. Project Type (please check any that apply):

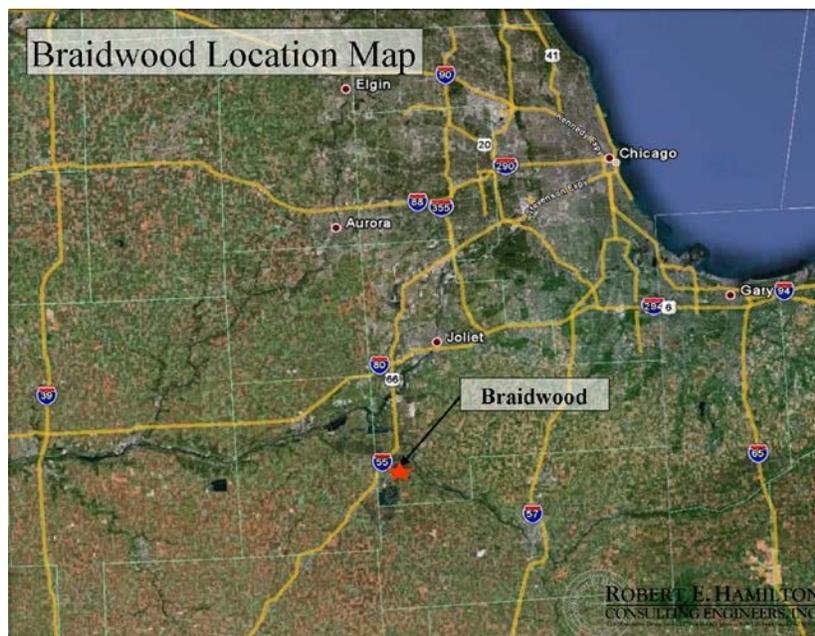
Please check all statements below that describe characteristics of your project. (This will help us determine whether your project is best handled by CMAP or RTA.)

- My project involves preparation of a plan.
- My project helps to implement a past plan.
- My project links land use, transportation, and housing.
- My project has direct relevance to public transit and supports the use of the existing transit system.
- My project is not directly related to transportation or land use, but implements GO TO 2040 in other ways.

5. Project Location:

Please provide a brief description of the location of your project. You may include a map if that helps to describe location, but this is not required. If your project helps to implement a past plan, please include a link to that plan.

Braidwood is located in Reed Township in Southwestern Will County. It is bordered on the Northwest by the municipalities of Diamond and Coal City, on the Northeast by Wilmington, and on the Southwest by Godley. The City of Braidwood is located along I-55, an interstate highway connecting to Chicago and I-80 to I-94 to the Northeast and to points Southwest. The City is located approximately 55 miles from Chicago, and approximately 30 miles from the site of the South Suburban Airport, along Wilmington/Peotone Road. IL-113 cuts south through the City providing a west/east connection across the State. The Union Pacific railroad tracks run through the Southeastern portion of the City, from Southwest to Northeast, along IL-53.



6. Project Description:

Please tell us what you would like to do in your community, and what assistance is needed. If you have more than one idea, please submit a separate application for each project. Please be specific, but

also brief (less than two pages per project idea)—we simply want to have a basic understanding of what you want to do. CMAP and RTA staff will follow-up with you if we need any additional information to fully understand your proposed project.

The City of Braidwood is in need of an updated Comprehensive Plan. The City's last Comprehensive Plan was completed in 2004. In the last nine (9) years the document has become outdated and obsolete. Since the last comprehensive plan was completed, the City has been affected by the downturn in the economy with a re-evaluation of land uses and growth projections. Furthermore, the closure of the IL 129 interchange on I-55, introduction of High Speed Rail (with siding issues), South Suburban Airport, and Illiana Expressway provide challenges and opportunities for the community not addressed in the last Comprehensive Plan. In order to maximize the benefits to the City and address challenges, developing an updated Comprehensive Plan will enhance transportation, community facilities and economic development to guide future development of the City.

(Please include any additional information that is relevant, preferably by providing links to online documents.)