



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: Village of Gilberts

2. Main Contact for Application (please include name, phone number and email):

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

Local government

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

Nongovernmental organization* \longrightarrow 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.

The requested assistance with the Comprehensive Plan Update would benefit the entire Village of Gilberts, Kane County, IL.

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 Village of Gilberts is seeking assistance with a Comprehensive Plan Update. The current version was adopted in 2003, at a time when the Village's population was approximately 2,000 and the community was anticipating rapid development. The Village has since tripled in population, reaching 6,789 as of the 2010 Census. Roughly two-thirds of the Village's current population came from other Chicago area communities, bringing with them expectations for commercial, parks and other services that need to be accommodated through the Village's future management and development.

The Village is encircled by boundary agreements with neighboring communities, leaving a finite supply of developable land within its jurisdiction. The 2003 plan designated large tracts of land for commercial and industrial development, including several hundred acres of land that were ceded to the Village of Pingree Grove at the conclusion of a lengthy boundary dispute. The loss also included Route 47 commercial frontage and adjacent areas that were suitable for generating jobs and tax base to meet the community's growing demands for employment, services, parks and facilities. The 2003 plan did not anticipate the Tyrrell Road realignment; the nearly-completed Town Square development; the extension of infrastructure and services to the perimeter of the Village's development area; alternatives for the 985-unit bankrupt development on the Village's north side, or the influences of the nearby Randall Road and Route 47 corridors' on the community's traffic and development patterns. Due to the economic downturn, the viability of the land use designations for the remaining area within its development area needs to be reevaluated and adjusted to reflect more realistic expectations.

Anticipating future development interest, the Village needs to update its comprehensive plan to reflect current conditions and better anticipate future needs and desires. The Village wishes to take advantage of the current lull in development activity to update the comprehensive plan and implement appropriate management, operational and financial strategies to realize the community's community development goals. With LTA assistance, the Village hopes to update its comprehensive plan and integrate its maps, resources and recommendations into its GIS system, making the information more usable and relevant to the public and future Village leaders and staff.