

**Application form:  
Local Technical Assistance Program**

**1. Name of Applicant:**

**The Village of Clarendon Hills**

**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):

**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.

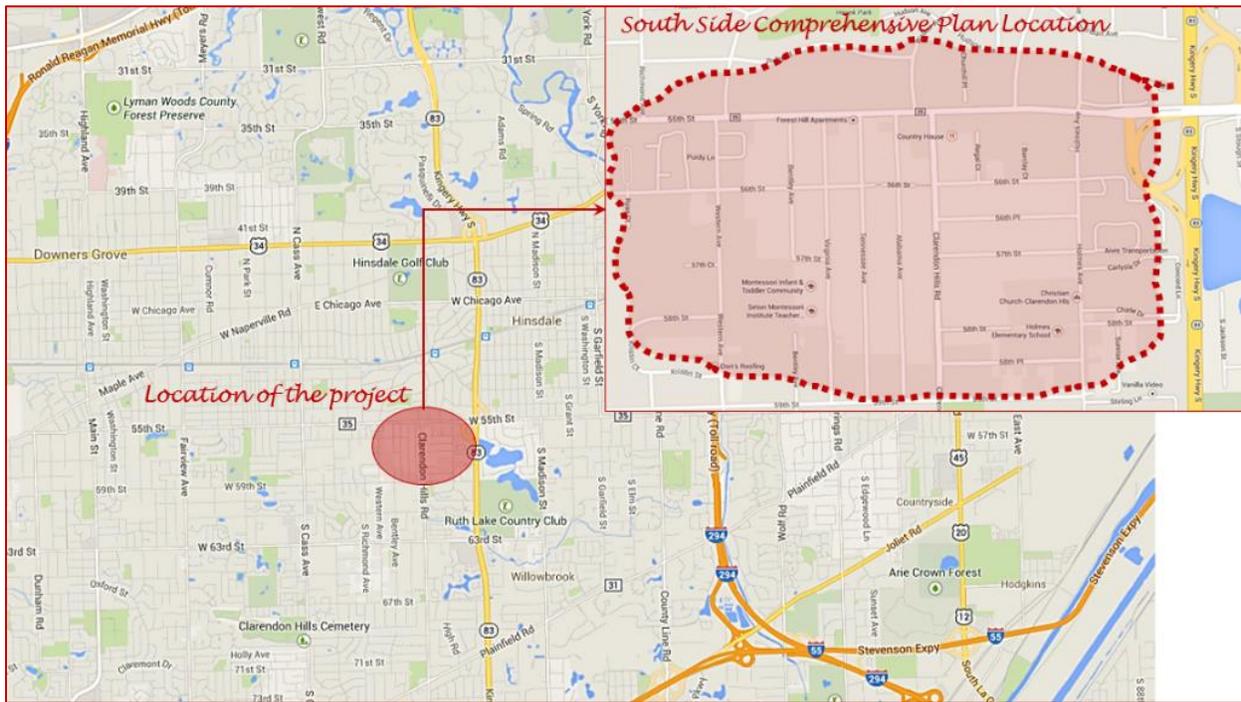
My project links land use, transportation, and housing.

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:**

The Village of Clarendon Hills' South Side ("South Side") is located at the south end of the Village. It is framed out by S Kingery highway on east, 59<sup>th</sup> street on south, Richmond Avenue on west, and 55<sup>th</sup> street on north. Also, it encompasses parts of the village on the north side of the 55<sup>th</sup> street as they share some features with the South Side (map on the next page).



## 6. Project Description:

### Village of Clarendon Hills- South Side Comprehensive Plan

The Village of Clarendon Hills is a 1.81 square miles village located about 18 miles southwest of Chicago, DuPage County. The Village population is 8,434 people<sup>1</sup>. There are many challenges for the village's south side that could properly be addressed through sound planning. That is why the Village of Clarendon Hills is applying for the CMAP LTA grant to assist us to develop a subarea comprehensive plan in keeping with the village's vision for the community as well as the principles of the GOTO 2040.

Although the history of the Village of Clarendon Hills goes back to 1870s, it has constantly been renewing itself through various planning efforts such as 1991 Comprehensive Plan and more recent ones including, but not restricted to, plans serving our downtown and the Ogden Avenue TIF District. These plans were developed to assure Clarendon Hills remains a sustainable thriving community well into the future. Our aim is to foster a livable community with solid infrastructure, quality municipal services, and open space where residents can enjoy a safe healthy life. Moving towards that goal, the South Side has many challenges that need to be addressed, some of which include perceived disconnection from the village, incomplete infrastructure systems, and that much of the area is unincorporated. The South Side shares the same postal address with Clarendon Hills but not all the area is connected to the village's infrastructural system including water and sewer system.

Another issue about the South Side is its inaccessibility. Although the South Side is located by arterial roads and highways, it still lacks a convenient access because of its incomplete or unconnected roads. Additionally, an undeveloped asset of this part of the village is the natural areas it encompasses. The dominant land use in the Village of Clarendon Hills goes to the single-family residential by 71.8% while it

<sup>1</sup> 2000 and 2010 Census, 2012 American Community Survey five-year estimates

only benefits from 15.9% of open space. A sustainable comprehensive plan for the South Side using these valuable natural areas and wetlands could benefit this area and the entire village.

The Village of Clarendon Hills recently had a positive experience during its Downtown Master Planning effort by taking participatory urban planning approach. Based on that experience, community outreach and participation is a priority in the South Side Comprehensive Plan.

All in all, here is a list of some of the South Side assets to be invested in as well as the issues needed to be addressed:

- Assets:
  - Interstate highways of I-294 and I-88
  - Arterial roads of 55<sup>th</sup> street and Rout 83
  - Business districts along Ogden Avenue and 55th Street
  - Metra BNSF track
  - Christian Church of Clarendon Hills
  - Existing housing stock
  - Schools
  - Wetlands and natural areas
  - Affordable housing
- Issues to be addressed:
  - Isolation
  - Unincorporated areas
  - Inaccessibility
  - Missed opportunities for transportation links
  - Infrastructural issues including incomplete water and sewer systems
  - Lack of 'sense of place'

Given today's financial conditions, providing a long-range plan for the South Side will be difficult without the CMAP Local Technical Assistance. It is with great honor that the Village of Clarendon Hills is submitting this application. We appreciate the opportunity provided by CMAP and also the time that the committee members spent to go through our application.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact Sue Taghabon at [stagharon@clarendonhills.us](mailto:stagharon@clarendonhills.us).

**Links:**

Clarendon Hills, 1991 Comprehensive Plan

[http://www.egovlink.com/public\\_documents300/clarendonhills/published\\_documents/Clarendon%20Hills%20Documents/Community%20Development/CompPlan1991.pdf](http://www.egovlink.com/public_documents300/clarendonhills/published_documents/Clarendon%20Hills%20Documents/Community%20Development/CompPlan1991.pdf)