# Application form:
# Community Planning Program and
# Local Technical Assistance Program

**DEADLINE:** **Noon on Thursday, June 25, 2015**

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 Glen Ellyn**

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

__X__ Local government

____ Multijurisdictional group* → Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):
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____ Nongovernmental organization* → Name of local government partner(s):
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*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, RTA, or CCDPH 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, RTA, or CCDPH.)

__X__ 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 a bicycle, pedestrian, or active transportation plan in suburban Cook County.
____ My project is not directly related to transportation or land use, but implements GO TO 2040 in other ways.

### 5. Local Match Requirement (please initial to indicate you are aware of the local match requirements):

I am aware that a local match will be required for most projects, and understand that if my project is selected it is up to the project applicant to contribute a local match. (See the program guide for further details on local match requirements.)

__X__ Yes, I understand that applicants will be required to contribute a local match.

### 6. 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.

Glen Ellyn is a mature suburban community of 27,450 people located approximately 25 miles due west from downtown Chicago in the heart of DuPage County. The Village is approximately 6.79 square miles with an additional 4 square miles of unincorporated land in the planning jurisdiction.

### 7. 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. Program staff will follow-up with you if we need any additional information to fully understand your proposed project.

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

**New/Updated Comprehensive Plan**

The Village of Glen Ellyn requests assistance in developing an updated comprehensive plan. The 2001 Comprehensive Plan has effectively expired. The vision statement projected out to 2010 and the goals and objectives were intended to be implemented over a 10 to 15 year period. The original window for implementation has now eclipsed, requiring the creation of a new plan that updates unresolved topics as well as creates goals and objectives for new issues that have arisen in the past 15 years. A new comprehensive plan that more accurately reflects current conditions will better guide Glen Ellyn towards a future where livability, sustainability, and efficiency are improved. Assistance in funding,

expertise, and coordination will allow Glen Ellyn to conduct the necessary market and land use analysis research, engage the public, and adopt effective implementation strategies.

Many of the economic and demographic conditions and projections that underpin the 2001 Plan are obsolete. Current *Go to 2040* projections for Glen Ellyn are that its population will increase 19% in the next 25 years and employment is projected to increase 6% by 2040. The projected population increase is on par with surrounding communities, but the increase in employment is significantly less than other municipalities in surrounding DuPage County. A thorough market analysis will inform the Village on ways it may be able to capture some of the employment growth in the surrounding area. Given the lack of vacant land and dearth of industrial land uses, Glen Ellyn will need technical assistance in developing creative solutions to maintain and improve its employment base.

Glen Ellyn has also seen an increase in stormwater management issues since the development of the 2001 Comprehensive Plan. A new comprehensive plan would provide direction and clarity for the Village's priorities. Glen Ellyn has seen many older homes torn down and replaced with larger homes. It has also encouraged the construction of detached garages to enhance community character. While both are desirable in many ways, they also increase impervious land cover, creating issues for stormwater management. In the southern part of the Village, Lake Ellyn, Panfish Park, and Village Links all act as stormwater detention facilities; in contrast, the northern part of the Village, which lies in a different drainage basin, lacks a regional stormwater facility. Expert assistance would aid in the selection of an appropriate site for the needed regional stormwater facility as well as guide the Village by recommending future zoning code changes to manage future stormwater, finding a desired balance between maximum lot coverage, impervious surfaces and green space.

Creating a new comprehensive plan is also necessary to address future stormwater management because of recent and forthcoming annexation. In recent years, the pace of annexation has increased as the Village hastens to annex before a number of annexation agreements expire. This exacerbates stormwater planning difficulties mentioned above, but it will also affect all municipal services. The Village of Glen Ellyn requests assistance to study the effect annexations will have on municipal services so that the new Comprehensive Plan's priorities will accurately reflect the impact of annexations.

A new comprehensive plan is also needed to address the fragmented nature of current plans and studies. Since the 2001 Comprehensive Plan, Glen Ellyn has created a Downtown Strategic Plan in 2009 and is currently working to implement its objectives. While this plan is relatively current, the two other target areas highlighted in the 2001 Plan, the Roosevelt Corridor and Five Corners, have yet to see strategic plans created. With the 2001 Plan obsolete, a new plan is needed to integrate and prioritize current plans as well as future plans. Current plans only cover a limited part of Glen Ellyn. A new comprehensive plan that has all of Glen Ellyn as its scope is needed to ensure that the whole community is included in planning efforts.

There are also gaps in current plans regarding several topics. The Village does not have a plan that addresses future open space and recreation needs. The Glen Ellyn Park District has a comprehensive plan, but its time horizon has also passed, concluding in 2013. Furthermore, open space and recreation authority in Glen Ellyn's planning jurisdiction is split between the Glen Ellyn Park District, Butterfield Park District, Village of Glen Ellyn Recreation Department, and DuPage Forest Preserve. A Comprehensive Plan is needed to coalesce objectives so that goals can be more efficiently achieved.

A second gap is that the 2001 Plan does not adequately discuss workforce and economic development. Overall, there is little planning activity that endeavors to increase the level of human capital in the Village. The current gaps in planning need to be addressed in a comprehensive plan to ensure that the

community will continue to develop in a sustainable fashion, by preserving and expanding open space while maintaining a workforce with in-demand skills.

Another aspect of the 2001 Comprehensive Plan that needs updating is transportation. While the Downtown Strategic Plan address transportation for the Downtown area, there needs to be a community wide transportation plan that promotes transportation oriented design, walkability, and bikability. The Village currently has a draft Bike Plan but needs assistance to actualize its objectives and integrate bicycle plans with other transportation goals throughout all of Glen Ellyn.

The 2001 Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Glen Ellyn has effectively expired. The Village needs a new comprehensive plan that utilizes up-to-date market and community data to integrate current plans, cover current planning gaps, and address current issues on a village-wide scale.

The Village needs assistance in creating a new comprehensive plan. Assistance in funding, expertise, and coordination will allow Glen Ellyn to conduct the necessary market and land use analysis research, engage the public, and adopt effective implementation strategies.

Thank you for considering this project for your 2016 Call for Projects for CMAP's Local Technical Assistance Program and RTA's Community Planning Programs. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

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Link to current Comprehensive Plan
http://www.glenellyn.org/Planning/Documents/VGECompPlanHighRes.pdf
Link to Downtown Strategic Plan
http://www.glenellyn.org/Planning/Documents/Downtown-Strategic-Plan.pdf