

HUD Preferred Sustainability Status

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's successful application for a HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant, which supports the CMAP Local Technical Assistance program, has also given our seven-county region "Preferred Sustainability Status."

What does the Preferred Sustainability Status allow CMAP to do?

It lets CMAP certify applications that are for specific HUD competitive programs. These applications must be consistent with federal livability principles (<http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/partnership/>) and GO TO 2040. CMAP's certification will then trigger HUD to award two bonus points to eligible applications, for consideration by reviewers.

Which programs are eligible to receive bonus points?

HUD eligible programs can be found on page 64 at <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=2011gensec.pdf>.

What does Preferred Sustainability Status mean for the region's seven counties?

Preferred Sustainability Status is significant for our region. It clearly indicates that HUD is interested in furthering the implementation of GO TO 2040. Additionally, communities from our region will be given bonus points when submitting competitive applications, which will likely increase chances for funding and ultimately create a more livable region.

How does my application get certified for consistency?

Send the following to CMAP staff person Samantha Robinson at srobinson@cmap.illinois.gov:

1. Short description of your project (please be sure to include how the project relates to the federal livability principles and GO TO 2040); **and**
2. Completed HUD form 2995 (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/forms/files/2995.pdf>).

If necessary, Samantha will follow up with you about any questions. Otherwise, she will return a signed form 2995 to certify your application. Please note that CMAP's expectation is that most applications will be consistent with federal livability principles and certified. However, this expectation is not a guarantee; we will not certify applications that conflict with recommendations of GO TO 2040.

About CMAP

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is the official regional planning organization for the northeastern Illinois counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will. CMAP developed and now leads the implementation of GO TO 2040, metropolitan Chicago's first comprehensive regional plan in more than 100 years. To address anticipated population growth of more than 2 million new residents, GO TO 2040 establishes coordinated strategies that help the region's 284 communities address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues. See www.cmap.illinois.gov for more information.

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