

## 2019/2020 Local Technical Assistance and Community Planning Programs

**Application Number:** 39

**Project Title:** River Oaks Community Education and Athletic Facility  
Feasibility Plan

**Applicant:** River Oaks Community Education and Development Corporation



### **Project Description:**

River Oaks Community Education and Development Corporation is a nonprofit CDC established in August 2010. Its focus has centered on providing educational support as an out-of-school time (OST) service provider. ROC ED is looking to expand its level of service beyond our current model. Our current location sits at the border of the villages of Dolton & South Holland, IL. The facility has the requisite space to run OST programming, but lacks the athletic facilities needed to promote healthy lifestyles through physical fitness.

Riverview Park, a uniquely situated plot of land owned by the Dolton Park District, has a large field with baseball diamond, a small playground, and unused basketball/tennis courts. It sits adjacent to Upper Little Calumet River, an area that is recognized as a flood plain. The park is accessible by foot only. It is also surrounded by ranch styled single family homes.

ROC ED seeks to revitalize an underutilized community asset by building a multipurpose indoor/outdoor athletic facility and educational nature trail sight. ROC ED will (1) undertake a study to determine its viability, (2) create a private/public partnership with the Dolton Park District, (3) develop capital stack that includes private & grant support; and (4) review zoning laws that may restrict development. ROC ED requests the support of CMAP to provide technical guidance & fiscal assistance to ensure the feasibility of the project.

**Project Location:** Census Tract 17031826303