

CMAP Regional Excellence Awards

Have you worked on a project that improved quality of life for residents in the region? The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) wants to honor you and the projects that have made northeastern Illinois a better place to live, work, and do business.

The CMAP Regional Excellence Awards program offers a unique opportunity for municipal leaders, nonprofits, transit agencies, and advocates to have their exceptional work recognized by peers from across northeastern Illinois. CMAP is seeking nominations for individuals and projects that prioritize equity, strengthen the resiliency of our 284 communities, and make them more economically competitive. We look forward to celebrating these accomplishments and more during our first-ever State of the Region event in October 2021.

If you have a community, agency, or partner organization deserving of recognition, learn more about our awards program and make a nomination **by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 30.**

How to nominate a community, agency, or partner organization

- > A nominated project must uplift at least one principle or recommendation of ON TO 2050, northeastern Illinois' long-range plan.
- > Nominees must be located in CMAP's seven-county region of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will.
- > A project, plan, or initiative can be nominated in only one award category.
- > A nomination must include a 500-word letter (at maximum) describing a project, plan, initiative or visionary leader.
- > Submissions will be accepted online via CMAP's [website](#).
- > Nominations for the Equity with Impact, Regional Resilience, and Partners for Progress awards must include the project plan. Email attachments to stateoftheregion@cmap.illinois.gov.



Equity with Impact Award

Recognizes a plan, project, or initiative that targets regional investment in fiscally sound and equitable ways. A nominated project should demonstrate at least two of the following criteria:

- > Improved quality of life for residents in the region's economically disconnected areas
- > Strengthened economic opportunities for members of marginalized communities
- > Created tangible results that addressed regional inequities
- > Used inclusive public engagement and innovative practices that can be replicated elsewhere



Visionary Leader Award

Recognizes a person or organization whose leadership has made northeastern Illinois more inclusive, resilient, and economically competitive. A nomination should demonstrate the following criteria:

- > A vision for our region's future that incorporates CMAP's core values to serve with passion, pursue equity, foster collaboration, lead with excellence, and drive innovation.



Regional Resilience Award

Recognizes a plan, project, or initiative that helps communities prepare for and recover from economic or environmental challenges. A nominated project should demonstrate at least two of the following criteria:

- > Strengthened the capacity of communities, infrastructure, and operations to anticipate or respond to challenges
- > Strengthened resiliency to address the rising risks of climate change
- > Created tangible results that addressed regional challenges
- > Incorporated innovative practices that can be replicated elsewhere



Partners for Progress Award

Recognizes a plan, project, or initiative that targets regional investment in fiscally sound and equitable ways. A nominated project should demonstrate at least two of the following criteria:

- > Improved regional systems and networks that address transportation, housing, natural environments, or water conservation
- > Managed public revenues sustainably to maximize regional benefits
- > Prioritized collaboration among organizations from different communities
- > Used measurable objectives to create opportunities
- > Incorporated innovative practices that can be replicated elsewhere