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# Local Technical Assistance Program, October 2013 Round Three Project Descriptions

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# City of Chicago

# Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development

Develop a neighborhood plan for West Pullman, building on significant investments
that have been made or are planned for the area – notably the section of West Pullman
as a Micro Market Recovery Program and the planned CTA Red Line Extension South
through the Roseland neighborhood. The plan will be developed with the cooperation
of the City of Chicago, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), Windy City
Habitat for Humanity, Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives / Pullman Park Commercial
Center, and the Far South Side CDC.

# Chicago Department of Transportation / Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development

Assistance conducting a downtown parking policy study which would include data
collection and technical analysis effort that will include a past and existing inventory of
all public and private parking spaces in the downtown area.

# **Cook County**

#### **Cook County Bureau of Economic Development**

Develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), required every 5 years for federal funding assistance from the Economic Development Administration.
 Cook County's last CEDS was created in 2010.

## North / Northwest Cook

#### **Arlington Heights**

• Develop a **Village-wide bicycle and pedestrian plan** to integrate ongoing efforts, which have included the adoption of complete streets and bicycle parking ordinances. The plan should reflect the community's desire to provide safe, active transportation options, and should coordinate with the bicycle and pedestrian plans of adjacent municipalities.

## Barrington Hills (also listed in Kane and McHenry)

• Consistent with the implementation of the Barrington Hills Comprehensive Plan, the Village requests assistance planning a multi-jurisdictional, regional bikeway, beginning in South Barrington (where existing facilities connect to Busse Woods in Schaumburg) and extending to the Fox River Trail in the Village of East Dundee in Kane County. In addition to existing trails, the proposed bikeway would connect schools, natural areas and a library.

# DuPage County Housing Planning Group: Hanover Park, Glendale Heights, West Chicago (also listed in DuPage)

• Conduct a **Homes for a Changing Region study** for the northwest portion of DuPage County, including Hanover Park, Glendale Heights, and West Chicago. The analysis conducted in this plan would help in the local implementation of past plans including a Village center plan, TOD plan, and corridor studies.

#### Glenview

Assist with sustainability and natural resources planning through several activities.
Review, update, and expand A Plan for Nature in Glenview, adopted in 2008, in order to
highlight green infrastructure engineering practices. Assistance is also sought in
implementing targeted Village code and ordinance revisions that elevate engineered
green infrastructure practices from novelty to standard practice. An improved public
education and outreach program will also be sought alongside of the aforementioned
assistance.

## West Cook

#### Berwyn

• Develop a **capital improvement plan** (CIP) for the city in order to provide a transparent and accessible document describing the depreciation, maintenance, and replacement plan of public assets. A 'skeleton' CIP is being prepared for October 2013, however, CMAP's assistance is sought to build upon this framework so as to create a more robust document.

#### Franklin Park

• Creation of a new **comprehensive plan** for the Village, to integrate recent planning and economic changes in the Village. Moreover, large infrastructure projects, such as the Elgin O'Hare West Access and O'Hare modernization projects are not adequately addressed in the Village's existing comprehensive plan (2002).

#### West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry

• Develop a multijurisdictional transit-oriented development (TOD) and cargo-oriented development (COD) implementation plan, which integrates existing TOD, COD, and bicycle/pedestrian plans for Countryside, Hodgkins, Indian Head Park, LaGrange,

LaGrange Park, McCook, Western Springs, and Willow Springs; with a goal of identifying key infrastructure improvements with the capacity to overcome transportation barriers, thereby catalyzing economic development across the eight municipalities.

#### Westchester

• Update the Village's **zoning ordinance** (last updated in 1964). Westchester will soon be adopting a new comprehensive plan (developed with CMAP assistance), which recommends the Village update its outdated zoning ordinance to better reflect the new comprehensive plan.

# South Cook

#### Crete (also listed in Will)

• Update the **comprehensive plan**, adopted in 1997, to comprehensively address transportation issues, land use planning, housing policies, economic development, and environmental issues. Recent and upcoming commercial and logistics developments are driving the need for an updated comprehensive plan.

# Governor's State University (also listed in Will)

• Seeks to work in concert with neighboring governmental and environmental organizations to create a **sub-regional comprehensive green infrastructure plan**. With the Villages of Monee, Park Forest, and University Park, the Thorn Creek Woods Management Commission, and with the assistance of the Forest Preserve District of Will County, GSU hopes to address regional issues such as responsible and sustainable land and water use.

#### Park Forest (also listed in Will)

Creation of an active transportation plan, as called for in the Village's recently-adopted
Sustainability Plan. The proposed plan would seek to increase bicycling, walking, and
transit use, improve safety and accessibility, enhance local businesses, and foster a
healthier, more environmentally friendly community. The plan will complement the
Village's recent update of its zoning and subdivision ordinances intended to promote
compact design and infill development.

#### Riverdale

• Develop a **comprehensive plan**. Please note: project will involve assisting Riverdale in using a grant already received by DCEO, rather than a separate project.

# South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA)

• In partnership with OAI and several other partners, SSMMA is requesting **support for the Calumet Green Manufacturing Partnership (CGMP)**, which links low-skilled workers with training opportunities to meet employer demands in the manufacturing field throughout the South Side of Chicago and south suburbs. This project will assist

- with strategic planning to coordinate regional workforce development resources in an effort to meet industrial needs, broadening the involvement of CGMP members, and other activities that will advance CGMP's mission to enhance the manufacturing industry in the Calumet region by bridging the labor/skills mismatch.
- Update and expansion of the 2008 SSMMA Bicycle Plan into a Complete Streets and
  Trails Plan for SSMMA's service area and member communities. The plan will identify
  priority corridors for the development of complete streets and trail networks to better
  integrate transportation modes, analyze the existing pedestrian network for potential
  improvements, and provide policy recommendations addressing implementation.

# **DuPage County**

#### Carol Stream

• Update to the Village's **comprehensive plan** (last updated in 1982). The Village would like to target topics including economic development, community character, residential teardowns, redevelopment of underutilized properties, sustainability, parking, and transportation, among others.

### **DuPage County**

• Develop a **county-wide sustainability plan**. This application is supported by Elmhurst, Lisle, Carol Stream, Choose DuPage, and the Conservation Foundation, and complements DuPage County's participation in the Cool Counties Initiative, the county's environmental policies, and a recent environmental progress report.

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# **Kane County**

# Algonquin (also listed in McHenry)

Conduct a river access and corridor study to enhance the recreational use of the Fox
River waterfront along sites in the Villages of Algonquin and Carpentersville. This study
will include the McHenry County Conservation District and the Forest Preserve District
of Kane County, both of which support working with Algonquin and Carpentersville to
improve access to the regional Prairie Trail/Fox River Trail path and to open the river to
more recreational opportunities.

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### **Campton Hills**

• Revise the **Village's zoning ordinance**, per the recommendations in the 2012 comprehensive plan update (conducted with assistance from CMAP). The update should address concerns surrounding agricultural uses, the expansion of the Town Center into a historic district, land conservation, and green infrastructure.

### **Kane County**

• Conduct a **Health Impact Assessment (HIA).** Kane County seeks to train CMAP staff on HIAs in an effort to launch a joint pilot project that will help expand the use of HIAs in the region. Kane County is proposing that CMAP conduct outreach activities and produce a report based on the HIA.

# Oswego, Montgomery, Yorkville (also listed in Kendall)

 Conduct a sub-regional coordination and shared services study to identify ways to increase financial and operational efficiencies through collaboration across municipalities. Focused specifically on opportunities involving joint purchasing, bidding, and service sharing.

#### **Pingree Grove**

• Prepare a **comprehensive plan update.** The Village's existing comprehensive plan was adopted 2003. Since that time, the Village has grown from 100 residents to nearly 5,000. The new plan would address significant undeveloped portions of the Village, water/sewer capacity, large-scale mixed use development at the new I-90 interchange, and transit service.

#### South Elgin

• Continued implementation of 2030 Comprehensive Plan (adopted 2012) by creating a **form-based Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)**. South Elgin's previous subdivision ordinance update was in 1969, and last zoning update was adopted in 1996. The new ordinance would call for walkability, interconnectivity, parks and open space, along with water and energy conservation.

# **Kendall County**

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# **Lake County**

# **Lake County Community Foundation**

• Assistance to develop a multi-jurisdictional **Homes for a Changing Region study** for the Villages of Hainesville, Round Lake, Round Lake Beach, Round Lake Park, and Round Lake Heights, in partnership with the Lake County Community Foundation.

# **North Chicago**

• Comprehensive plan and zoning update (last updated in 1996). North Chicago is facing disinvestment, high unemployment (around 19%) and a high tax burden. An update to the comprehensive plan would seek to attract new development, encourage homeownership, support sustainability, leverage resources, encourage collaboration with adjacent municipalities, and increase connectivity.

## Winthrop Harbor

• Comprehensive plan update (last updated in 1995) that incorporates an RTA transitoriented development study (2005) and the Village's economic development strategy (2010).

#### Zion

Update of the City's comprehensive plan, created in 1992. Zion has accomplished several goals proposed in the previous plan, including annexing unincorporated property, establishing an industrial park, and identifying the Sheridan Road corridor as the central business district. However, the loss of major employers and an increase in federally-subsidized housing has forced the community to shift focus. An updated Comprehensive Plan will help the City to address these changes.

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## **Crystal Lake**

• Create a **master transportation plan** prioritizing bicycle and pedestrian facilities integrated with surrounding land use. The City has a comprehensive land use plan, road use standards, and the beginnings of a bicycle-pedestrian master plan, but they are presently uncoordinated.

#### Harvard

• Create a new **comprehensive plan**; the current plan was adopted 1994 upon the arrival of an electronics manufacturer. The site has been vacant 10 years, and a new plan should reflect current economic conditions and property values.

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land and water use.

### **Joliet**

• Create a Chicago Street corridor plan. Chicago Street is the main core for revitalization of downtown Joliet because of its significant governmental, educational and entertainment destinations as well as its connections to local open space and tourist destinations. Transportation along Chicago Street is currently cut off by a parking lot at Lincoln Highway, hindering redevelopment. As Joliet begins to reconnect Chicago Street, it seeks to implement a plan that would create a pedestrian-focused corridor that will be supportive of downtown redevelopment and provide opportunities for transit-oriented development. The plan would also address access to the multi-modal Joliet Gateway Transportation Center, adjacent one-way streets, streetscaping, and wayfinding signage for the regional bike trail system that converges downtown.

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