Application form:
Community Planning Program and
Local Technical Assistance Program

DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday, June 26, 2014

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:
Will County Land Use Department

2. Main Contact for Application (please include name, phone number and email):
Steve Lazzara, Senior Planner, AICP (815)774-3321 slazzara@willcountylanduse.com

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 or the RTA 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 or RTA.)

- 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 not directly related to transportation or land use, but implements GO TO 2040 in other ways.

5. 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.

The proposed project location is the Preston Heights neighborhood and Patterson Road area. Preston Heights, which is in unincorporated Will County, just South of Joliet, is a Census Designated Place (CDP). The boundaries include Mills Road to the North, Rowell Avenue to the East, Pheasant Road to the South, and a rail line to the West. Patterson Road area consists of parts of unincorporated Will County as well as areas that are incorporated into the City of Joliet. The boundaries include Patterson Road to the North, Preston Heights and Chicago Street to the East, Rachel Avenue to the South and Brandon Road to the West. These two areas come together to form the Preston Heights/Patterson Road area. The Preston Heights/Patterson Road area was developed at different time periods, beginning in the early 20th century. Sporadic development did not foster a strong identity or historical notoriety.
6. 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. CMAP and RTA 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.)

Planners for Will County have the jurisdiction to undertake planning activities for unincorporated areas. Will County is comprised of many incorporated areas, which are areas that maintain an independent government administration. Throughout the County there are certain pockets of land that are developed, but have never been annexed to a municipality. One of these areas is Preston Heights and a majority of the Patterson Road Area. Preston Heights is fully located in unincorporated Will County. On the other hand, Patterson Road area has some parcels that are within the City of Joliet. However, this area as a whole is extremely relevant to the IL Route 53 Corridor Plan (http://willcountylanduse.com/ILRT53Plan) that was funded by CMAP with Unified Work Program (UWP) funds.

The United States Census Bureau identifies Preston Heights as a Census Designated Place (CDP). According to the 2010 census, Preston Heights has a total population of 2,575 people. The area mainly consists of a subdivision on the east side of Historic Route 66 (Route 53 today). The 2010 census reported the demographics of the community as follows: 33% White, 57.7% Black or African American, 0.4% American Indian and Alaska Native, 0.1% Asian, 5.3% some other Race and 3.5% two or more races. The Median Household Income was reported as $45,714. Patterson Road area is located just to the west of Preston Heights, while it is not a CDP, Patterson Road area is in the same Census Tract (8831) as Preston Heights. This Census Tract reports similar demographics to that in Preston Heights, showing that Patterson Road area has comparable demographics.

As stated earlier, these two areas are noted in the Illinois Route 53 Corridor Plan. Essentially, they serve as one of the Northern anchors in the Plan.

Specifically we are seeking assistance to develop a plan that would include:

- Recommendations for future land use development
- Recommendations and an implementation strategy for infrastructure improvements
- Recommendations and an implementation strategy for economic development
- Recommendations and an implementation strategy to build a community synergy
- Recommendations and an implementation strategy to expand public areas and culture

Will County is seeking CMAP’s assistance through the Local Technical Assistance grant program to develop a community plan with implementation strategies for the Preston Heights/Patterson Road area. We believe that this request meets the criteria outlined in the GOTO 2040 Plan in regards to the preparation or updates to a local comprehensive plan.
Mr. Bob Dean
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
233 South Wacker (Willis Tower), Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Re: Local Technical Assistance Program/Neighborhood Plan for Preston Heights/Patterson Road Area

Dear Mr. Dean:

As Representative of the 86th district, I am the elected official representing parts of Will County. The Will County Land Use Department is submitting an application that is seeking assistance from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. The project would develop a Neighborhood Plan for Preston Heights/Patterson Road area as well as develop recommendations for the community. This Plan is a continuation of work that CMAP funded through Unified Work Program - development of the Illinois Route 53 Corridor Plan.

Will County is requesting that LTA team members provide recommendations to determine best practices about future land use, infrastructure improvements, economic development, community synergy, and expanding public areas and culture. Once all of this is compiled into a final report the County will be able to implement this Neighborhood plan.

I would like to express my support for and to strongly urge you to approve the attached application. I also want to thank you for providing this opportunity to develop a Neighborhood Plan within this area with assistance from CMAP. Should you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Curt Paddock, Will County Land Use Department Director at (815) 774-4353.

Sincerely,

Lawrence 'Larry' M. Walsh, Jr.
State Representative
86th District
June 23, 2014

Mr. Bob Dean
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
233 South Wacker (Willis Tower), Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois, 60606

Re: Local Technical Assistance Program/Neighborhood Plan for Preston Heights/Patterson Road Area

Dear Mr. Bob Dean,

As Will County Executive, I oversee the operations of the Will County Land Use Department. The Will County Land Use Department is submitting an application that is seeking assistance from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. The project as outlined would develop a Neighborhood Plan for Preston Heights/Patterson Road area. This community currently has no formalized plan. A Neighborhood plan is necessary in order for the area to grow and prosper. The proposed plan will be able to include recommendations which will encourage the area to thrive.

Will County is requesting that LTA team members provide recommendations to determine best practices about future land use, infrastructure improvements, economic development, community synergy, and expanding public areas and culture.

All information that has been gathered will be compiled into a final report. This task shall include all the necessary text and recommendations that will enable the County to implement the Neighborhood plan.

I would like to express my support for and to strongly urge you to approve the attached application. I also want to thank you for this opportunity to present this application to CMAP to assist Will County in taking the first step to developing a Neighborhood Plan within this area. Should you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Curt Paddock, Will County Land Use Department Director at (815) 774-4353.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive
June 23, 2014

Mr. Bob Dean
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
233 South Wacker (Willis Tower), Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

RE: Local Technical Assistance Program/Neighborhood Plan for Preston Heights/Patterson Road Area

Dear Mr. Dean:

It is my honor and pleasure to represent much of Will County as the State Senator for Illinois’ 43rd Senate District. The Will County Land Use Department is submitting an application that is seeking assistance from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. The project would develop a Neighborhood Plan for Preston Heights/Patterson Road area as well as develop recommendations for the community. This plan is a continuation of work that CMAP funded through Unified Work Program- Development of the Illinois Route 53 Corridor Plan.

Will County is requesting that LTA team members provide assistance through recommendations to determine best practices about future land use, infrastructure improvements, economic development, community synergy and expanding public areas and culture. Once all of this is compiled into a final report the County will be able to implement this neighborhood plan.

I would like to express my support for and to strongly urge you to approve the attached application. I also want to thank you for providing this opportunity to develop a Neighborhood Plan within this area with assistance from CMAP. Should you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Curt Paddock, Will County Land Use Department Director at (815) 774-4353.

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Pat McGuire
State Senator, District 43
Area, once completed, be interested in obtaining the plan as well as recommendations, especially for Patterson Road, expanding public areas and culture.

Should Will County’s project be selected for CMAP Technical Assistance, the City of Joliet would develop a Neighborhood plan for the area, which will help establish the community’s direction.

Patterson Road area includes parts of Joliet, ultimately benefitting the city as well as the County.

The Northern anchor to the Illinois Route 53 Corridor Plan, the City of Joliet is aware thatordinated to develop a Neighborhood/Patterson Road project for the Chicago Metropolitan Area.

Program to develop a Neighborhood/Patterson Road Plan through the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) and is seeking assistance from CMAP through the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) to develop a Neighborhood/Patterson Road Plan. The City of Joliet understands the Will County Agency’s (CMAP) team members understand the Chicago Metropolitan Area.

This letter will confirm the City of Joliet’s commitment to assist the Chicago Metropolitan Area.

Dear Mr. Paddock:

Area

Re: CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program/Neighborhood Plan for Patterson Heights/Patterson Road

Joliet, IL 60432
25 E. Clifton Street Suite 500
Will County Land Use Department
City Paddock, Director

June 23, 2014

KENDALL JACKSON
DIRECTOR
PLANNING DIVISION
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
If any additional information may be necessary, please contact me. Thank you for this opportunity to assist in taking the first step in establishing the Preston Heights/Patterson Road Community.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James Hailer
Community & Economic Development Director

Kendall Jackson
Director of Planning