

CALL FOR PROJECTS

CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program and RTA Community Planning Program

September 6, 2018



CMAP



APPLICATION FORM

RTA Community Planning Program and CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program

Deadline: Noon on Friday, October 26, 2018

This application form is online at www.rtachicago.org/applications. You may submit the form by email to applications@rtachicago.org. Please submit one application per project as a PDF package. Please avoid submitting multiple PDFs for the same application.

Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):

Name:

Applicant

Name:

Main Contact of Application

Title:

Phone:

Email:

TYPE OF APPLICANT

(please check all that apply)

- Local Government**
- Multijurisdictional group***
- Nongovernmental organization***

*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.

1. 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.

2. 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. For plan updates please tell us how you will be building upon (or replacing) the previous work. Program staff will follow-up with you if we need any additional information to fully understand your proposed project. (Please limit your responses to 6000 characters including spaces).

2. Project Description (continued)

3. Additional Strategic Partnerships. Please list any additional partners you may want to include in this planning project, and specify if you have made contact with them in advance of submitting this application. (Please limit your response to 1400 characters).

PLAN CHARACTERISTICS

My project involves:

- The preparation of a plan.
- Updating an existing plan.
- Implementation of a previous plan.
- 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 addresses ON TO 2050 and/or Invest In Transit in other ways.

ON TO 2050 ALIGNMENT

(Please check all that apply)

- Inclusive Growth
- Prioritized Investment
- Resilience

RTA INVEST IN TRANSIT ALIGNMENT

(please check all that apply)

- Deliver Value on our transit investments
- Build on the strengths of the transit network
- Keep transit competitive

CMAP Offices

233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800
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The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is our region's comprehensive planning organization. The agency and its partners are developing ON TO 2050, a new comprehensive regional plan to help the seven counties and 284 communities of northeastern Illinois implement strategies that address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues.

RTA Administrative Offices

175 W. Jackson Blvd, Suite 1650
Chicago, IL 60604
312-913-3200

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The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is the unit of local government charged with financial oversight, funding, and regional transit planning for the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra, and Pace bus and Pace's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit Service. The RTA system serves two million riders each weekday with 145 CTA rail stations, 240 Metra commuter rail stations, 350 bus routes, with a combined 7,200 transit route miles throughout Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties of northeastern Illinois.



**Forest Preserve District
of DuPage County**

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Oct. 25, 2018

Mr. Daniel Cronin, Chairman
County of DuPage
421 N. County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187

RE: East Branch DuPage River Trail
Local Technical Assistance Program

Dear Chairman Cronin:

On behalf of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, I am pleased to submit this letter of support as part of the application for Local Technical Assistance Program funding for a feasibility study of the central portion of the East Branch DuPage River Trail.

The District is committed to developing and connecting trails in communities throughout DuPage County. For many years, though, without a north-south route to link to the network of existing county trails, the central part of DuPage has been underserved. The East Branch DuPage River Trail will provide this crucial north-south path.

A feasibility study will move the project closer to construction by solidifying a preferred alignment for the central portion of the trail, identifying sensitive environmental features, and engaging communities to build consensus among local leadership. In support of the study, the District is willing to commit funding toward the grant's local match-funding requirement.

The heart of the 28-mile East Branch DuPage River Trail will be a critical segment with significant benefits and a catalyst for the implementation of the remaining sections. It will connect multiple underserved communities to several hundred miles of regional trails, including the Illinois Prairie Path, Great Western Trail and Southern DuPage Regional Trail, and will create transportation alternatives for commuting, shopping and tourism. It will also connect neighborhoods to hundreds of acres of open space within DuPage County's forest preserves, creating recreational opportunities for residents while promoting healthy lifestyles.

The District looks forward to collaborating with DuPage County and its partners to help make this project a reality and success.

Very truly yours,

Joseph F. Cantore
President



October 24, 2018

Mr. Daniel Cronin, Chairman
County of DuPage
421 N. County Farm Rd
Wheaton, IL 60187

Village President
Diane McGinley

RE: East Branch DuPage River Greenway Trail Local Technical Assistance Program

Trustees

Bill Enright
Gary Fasules
John Kenwood
Pete Ladesic
Craig Pryde
Mark Senak

Dear Mr. Cronin:

Village Manager
Mark T. Franz

On behalf of the Village of Glen Ellyn, we are pleased to submit this letter of support as part of the application to provide Local Technical Assistance Program funding for a feasibility study of the central portion of the East Branch DuPage River Greenway Trail. Connecting the Great Western Trail, Illinois Prairie Path, and multiple Forest Preserve properties, the trail will provide a crucial north-south path connection between our community and our neighbors. Representing the heart of the 27-mile East Branch Trail, this critical segment would be the catalyst to implementing the remaining sections that have yet to be constructed.

Village Attorney
Gregory S. Mathews

The feasibility study will serve to move this project closer to construction by solidifying a preferred alignment, identifying sensitive environmental features, and engaging communities to build consensus among local leadership. In support of the feasibility study, the Village is willing to commit \$10,000 to the grant program's local match funding requirement.

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535 Duane Street
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Administration
630-469-5000

Finance
630-547-5235

Planning and Development
630-547-5250

The benefits of this project are many as we continue to stress walkability, accessibility, and quality of life in all of our long range planning efforts. It provides surrounding areas with a connection to miles of DuPage County forest preserve trails, five municipalities, and connections to the Illinois Prairie Path and the Great Western Trail. Glen Ellyn residents and others throughout the County would be provided access to recreational areas, businesses, and other destinations.

We look forward to collaborating with DuPage County to help make this project a reality.

Police

65 South Park Boulevard
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
630-469-1187

Very truly yours,

Diane McGinley
Village President
Village of Glen Ellyn

Mark Franz
Village Manager
Village of Glen Ellyn

Public Works
30 South Lambert Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
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Cc: Julius Hansen, Public Works Director
Rich Daubert, Professional Engineer



VILLAGE OF LOMBARD

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October 19, 2018

Village President
Keith T. Giagnorio

Mr. Daniel Cronin, Chairman
County of DuPage
421 N. County Farm Rd
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Village Clerk
Sharon Kuderna

RE: East Branch DuPage River Greenway Trail
Local Technical Assistance Program

Trustees
Dan Whittington, Dist. 1
Michael A. Fugiel, Dist. 2
Reid Foltyniewicz, Dist. 3
Bill T. Johnston, Dist. 4
Robyn Pike, Dist. 5
William "Bill" Ware, Dist. 6

Dear Chairman Cronin:

On behalf of the Village of Lombard, I am pleased to submit this letter of support as part of the application to the County's application to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) to provide Local Technical Assistance Program funding for a feasibility study of the central portion of the East Branch DuPage River Greenway Trail. The proposed trail will connect the Great Western Trail, the Illinois Prairie Path and various Forest Preserve properties. The trail will provide a north-south path connection for the trail network that serves the region. Residents throughout central DuPage County would be provided access to recreational areas, businesses, and other destinations.

Village Manager
Scott R. Niehaus


The feasibility study will serve to move this project closer to construction by solidifying a preferred alignment, identifying sensitive environmental features, and engaging communities to build consensus on the trail location and features. The Village of Lombard identified the benefit of this project in our Village-Wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, which was adopted by the Village Board of Trustees in 2015.

"Our shared Vision for Lombard is a community of excellence exemplified by its government working together with residents and businesses to create a distinctive sense of spirit and an outstanding quality of life."

At this time, the Village of Lombard is currently unable to contribute funds to the feasibility study; however, the Village pledges its staff and resources to working in conjunction with the County to advance this project. The Village may consider providing funding in the future once the alignment and connectivity to existing trails was established. Please feel free to contact Carl Goldsmith, Director of Public Works, for any assistance from Lombard staff. We look forward to collaborating with DuPage County to help make this project a reality.

"The Mission of the Village of Lombard is to provide superior and responsive governmental services to the people of Lombard."

Very truly yours,


Scott Niehaus
Village Manager

cc: Village President and Board of Trustees
Carl Goldsmith, Director of Public Works