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.

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

Village of Lakemoor Steering Committee

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.

The Village of Lakemoor is located approximately 50 miles northwest of downtown Chicago, and straddles the Lake and McHenry County border. With a population of 6,017 residents, the Village of Lakemoor has significant growth potential, given its supply of open farm land, its prominent natural features and amenities, its location within the Chicago Metropolitan Area, and its direct access to the regional transportation network and facilities.

Located at the heart of the community, the Village’s “Town Center” area is a new type of land use that was established in 2013 when the Village revised its Comprehensive Plan. The planning area of the Town Center encompasses properties on the north and south side of Illinois Route 120, across from Lily Lake.
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).

The Village’s Comprehensive Plan (http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs-and-resources/lta/lakemoor) not only incorporates and promotes the principals and themes of CMAP’s GO TO 2040 plan and aligns with the draft ON TO 2050 priorities, but it also takes a realistic approach to economic development by establishing three primary commercial nodes to support and sustain municipal services. To the east at US Route 12 and Illinois Route 120 is the Village’s regional commercial center, to the west at Illinois Route 120 and Chapel Hill Road is a neighborhood/local commercial node, and at the heart of the community along Illinois Route 120 and across from Lily Lake is the Town Center node.

As an implementation strategy, the three commercial nodes are intended to work in synergy with each other rather than in competition. Moreover, this new and sensible land use strategy to growth management is intended to: i) maximize the Village’s tax base, ii) promote open space and recreational opportunities, iii) allow a greater diversity of non-commercial land uses, and iv) preserve environmentally sensitive areas within town.

Given the Village’s size and limited resources, assistance through CMAP’s LTA program is being requested to prepare a plan for the Town Center area that is aligned with the Principals and Policies of the Village’s Comprehensive Plan and promotes the priorities of CMAP’s draft ON TO 2050 plan.

Located near the geographic center of the community, the future Town Center is positioned to strengthen its role as the center of activity in Lakemoor. It is surrounding by existing neighborhoods with almost half of the Village’s population within walking distance. Lily Lake, will remain as a defining feature of the plan and will provide a scenic setting and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to the community.

The Town Center also represents an opportunity to create a special place for sensible growth and development, affordable housing, civic events, recreation, and resident interaction. However, this area lacks definition and vision. During the 2013 revision to the Village’s Comprehensive Plan, residents conveyed a desire to see this central area revitalized. In particular they envisioned the vacant and underutilized commercial spaces to be transformed into an active and walkable center.

As a result, the Village looks to CMAP for assistance in establishing a policy plan to stop stagnant growth trends and piecemeal development. This plan needs to transforms the underutilized properties, incompatible land uses, and outdated structures into a mixed use style development that promotes civic events and community pride. Such a transformation would not only focus on creating a new and vibrant sense of place, but it would also redefine Lakemoor’s image as well as enhance the experience of drivers as they pass through town via Illinois Route 120.

The Town Center plan must also include sustainable components such as green infrastructure and complete streets as well as help to improve Lakemoor’s 53.9% housing to transportation cost as a percentage of income, which makes it slightly less affordable place to live than the regional average of 47.5%.
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).

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)
US Army Corp of Engineers
McHenry County-Department of Planning and Development (Storm Water Division)
McHenry County Health Department
Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District

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**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.

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**ON TO 2050 ALIGNMENT**
(Please check all that apply)

☑️ Inclusive Growth
☑️ Prioritized Investment
☑️ Resilience

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**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