

GREATER WABASH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



The Commission serves the Greater Wabash District by providing local, regional, and comprehensive planning, facilitating knowledge enhancement, securing and administering funds and promoting cooperative solutions to regional issues.

Revolving Loan Fund

Looking to open a business? GWRPC provides low interest loans to area businesses to create or retain private sector jobs. Loans can be between \$10,000 and \$300,000, with one job created per every \$50,000 in loan funds.

RLF Business Highlight: Wild Bunch Athletics, LLC

Wild Bunch Athletics is located in Norris City, offering kids sports and recreational activities. Sports offered include basketball and volleyball, kids can participate in skills camps and travel teams. The gym space is also available to rent throughout the year for events.

Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission (gwrpc.com) Meeting Dates





Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

IDOT Economic Development Program (EDP)

The purpose of the EDP grant is to provide state assistance for roadway improvements or new construction that are necessary for access to new or expanding industrial, manufacturing or distribution type companies. Funding will include preliminary engineering, construction, construction engineering and contingencies. The focus of the program is on the creation and retention of permanent full-time jobs. Projects which only improve opportunities for future development or are speculative in nature are not eligible. This is not a competitive program however; the funding commitment is based on how many jobs will be created and/or retained. The company must commit to creating new employment and/or retaining employment in Illinois.

Economic Development Program

Safe Routes to School Program

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced the Safe Routes to School program will be available in 2023. The program provides funding for sidewalks, bike paths, and other pedestrian infrastructure. Applications are set to become available August 1st through October 2nd. If you are interested in applying, give us a call!



Department of Transportation: Safe Routes to School

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program

ITEP can help fund the following project categories:

1. Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities
2. Streetscapes
3. Conversion of Abandoned Railroad Corridors to Trails
4. Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Facilities
5. Vegetation Management in Transportation Rights-of-Way
6. Archaeological Activities Relating to Impacts from Implementation of a Transportation Project
7. Storm Water Management, Control and Water Pollution Prevention or Abatement Related to Highway Construction or Due to Highway Runoff
8. Reduce Vehicle-Caused Wildlife Mortality or Restore and Maintain Connectivity Among Terrestrial or Aquatic Habitats
9. Construction of Turnouts, Overlooks, and Viewing Areas

ITEP applications will begin August 1st and close September 30th. If your area has a potential project that falls in one of the nine categories, reach out so we can discuss a potential application.

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

DCEO Business Resiliency

DCEO Business Resiliency program is now accepting applications. This program will offer reimbursement for costs incurred by local businesses due to Covid. Local governments such as the city or county will apply on behalf of all businesses in their area who want to receive funds. Applications will be accepted until 12/31/2023 and considered on a rolling basis.

Business Resiliency NOFO

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Non-Competitive

- IDOT Economic Development
- EDA

Public Infrastructure

- CDBG

Disaster Response

- CDBG Crawford County

IDOT

- Transportation Enhancement (ITEP)
- Safe Routes to School

Grants for Parks

- OSLAD



OSLAD Grant

The Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program is a state-financed grant program that provides funding assistance to local government agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public parks and open space. Projects vary from small neighborhood parks to large community and county parks and nature areas. Applications are projected to open in late summer.

If your municipality has an interest in park development, please reach out so we can get started on an application.

Department of Natural Resources - OSLAD



Community Development Block Grants

CDBG Project Requirements

1. Meet Low or Moderate Income Requirements
2. Document a threat to health or safety
3. Have the proper permits. To have the proper permits, an engineer must be hired, surveys must be completed, and permits must be submitted and received.

In order to submit a CDBG grant, the applicant must meet these criteria. Without this information, an application cannot be completed. We recommend planning for applications a year in advance to make sure the application will be completed on time. The projected due date for CDBG applications is December 2023. The application process can be lengthy, so we recommend that planning a year in advance. Contact **Jeff** Vaughan or **Mike** Gill so we can get started on those applications!

Illinois DCEO Grant Opportunities

CURRENT PROJECTS

CDBG

- Grayville Waterline Replacement
- West Salem Lagoon
- Albion Sewer Lines
- Lawrenceville Waterline
- Oblong Sewer Lagoon
- Hutsonville Sewer Treatment Plant
- Olney Sanitary Sewer Relining
- Grayville Waterlines
- Geff Water System Improvements

Rebuild Illinois

- Olney Storm Sewer

FEMA

- Edwards County EMS
- Olney Fire Department
- Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Delta Regional Authority SEDAP

- Village of Mill Shoals

ISP NG911

- Edwards County

Body Worn Camera Grants

- Norris City
- Crawford County



Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

It is time to plan, and we want to hear from you! The CEDS plan is our economic development strategy for the Greater Wabash region that is published every five years. To develop this plan, we will be holding meetings in each county to identify goals, strengths, weaknesses, concerns, and ideas. These meetings allow us to hear from community members with an interest in growing this region. **Wabash County CEDS meeting will be July 12th at Wabash Valley College at 9:00am.**

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) | U.S. Economic Development Administration (eda.gov)

CEDS Survey

To help us understand what is going on in the Greater Wabash Region please complete this survey. To access the survey click "complete the survey".

Notice!

- Check your GATA accounts to make sure audits are uploaded!
- The GWRPC is now open Monday through Friday, 7:00 to 4:30!
- State Rollover period may delay drawing funds or form processing. Let us know if you have any questions!
- GWRPC will be closed July 4th.



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