



GREATER WABASH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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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

Greater Wabash provides low interest loans to area businesses to create or retain private sector jobs and support local business. Loan amounts vary from \$10,000 to \$300,000. For every \$30,000, one permanent private sector job must be created.

Collateral will be required in the form of real estate or machinery/equipment. For working capital loans, collateral will be in the form of liens on inventory, receivables, etc. A first position lien is preferred but a secured subordinated position to another lender may be permitted.

The loan cannot exceed 1/3 of the total project cost. In addition, GWRPC requires a 10% equity injection for all start-up projects. Machinery with clear title or other secure assets may be used in lieu of this requirement. Loan funds may not be used to substitute private capital. Submission of a bank turndown letter or maximum amount approved to be borrowed will be required.

If you are looking for a loan or want more information, contact us or see the application below!



Community Development Block Grants

CDBG grants are available for public infrastructure and community development projects. Possible project areas include:

- Housing Rehabilitation
- Public Infrastructure
- Disaster Response
- Economic Development

If any of these projects apply to your community, make sure to contact us at Greater Wabash, so we can fill you in on all the grants available.

CDBG Programs - Community Development

Albion - Community Development Block Grant

The City of Albion held a pre-construction conference last month for its Community Development Block Grant Public Infrastructure project. Representatives from HLR Engineering, prime contractor ACI X, subcontractors SpectraTech and Visu-Sewer, the City of Albion, and the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission discussed administrative and technical matters for sanitary sewer rehabilitation in Albion. ACI X indicated it would provide a tentative start date in the first half of May, and Visu-Sewer said it would not have a preparation crew on-site until the end of the month. The City applied for CDBG funding in FY20 and received the official executed grant agreement from the State of Illinois near the start of 2023.

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Grants

DCEO 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 DCEO 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 DCEO 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 Grants
- Grayville Waterline Replacement
- West Salem Lagoon
- Albion Sewer Lines
- Lawrenceville Waterline
- Oblong Sewer Lagoon

Upcoming Projects

- CDBG
- Delta Regional Authority
- States Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP)
- DCEO

- Hutsonville Sewer Treatment Plant
 - Olney Sanitary Sewer Relining
 - Grayville Waterlines
 - Geff Water System Improvements
 - Olney Storm Sewer
- Body Worn Camera Grants
- Norris City Body Camera
- FEMA Grants
- Edwards County EMS
 - Olney Fire Department

- Safe Routes to Schools



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](#)

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. **Our next meeting will be in Crawford County at the Community Center, May 17th at 9:00 a.m.** Be on the lookout for a meeting near you!

[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".

GWRPC CEDS MEETING Crawford County

Come discuss the possibilities for growth and development in the Greater Wabash region.

GWRPC is formulating a new Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy this year, and we want to hear from you.

May 17th at 9:00 AM
The Community Center -
Robinson

300 S Lincoln St. Robinson, IL 62454

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Congratulations!

Community Development Coordinator, Taegan Garner, will graduate from the University of Southern Indiana, with a Bachelors of Science in Sociology and Political Science. Taegan was selected as the commencement speaker and is affiliated with Alpha Kappa Delta Honors Society and Student Government Association. Taegan is excited to continue working with Greater Wabash after graduation.

Save the Date!

- CEDS Crawford County Meeting, May 17th, 9:00 am, The Community Center, 300 S Lincoln St, Robinson, IL 62454

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