



# Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission

*Serving Crawford, Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne, and White County in  
Southeastern Illinois*

## The Illinois Regional Collaboration Summit

**Mark your calendars!**

The Illinois Regional Collaboration Summit will be at the State House Inn, Springfield, IL on October 9-10, 2019.

All community and utility leaders, legislators, and agency staff are invited. The summit will provide information for communities to help sustain their water and waste operations through regionalization.

- Some of the topics discussed will include:
- benefits of Regionalization and shared services
  - impediments & barriers in Illinois
  - potential incentives and programs
  - where to begin & how to move forward
  - how RCAP can help

For more information contact John Rauch, Regional RCAP Coordinator, at 740-989-0596 or email [jbrauch@glcap.org](mailto:jbrauch@glcap.org)

## SPARC's Annual Disaster Conference

**Save the date!**

Shawnee Preparedness and Response Coalition (SPARC) is hosting the 9th Annual Disaster Conference entitled "Weathering the Storm" on October 16, 2019 at the Pavilion of Marion.

General registration is open now until October 5, 2019. Registration includes breakfast and lunch. [Click here](#) for the conference agenda.

[Click here](#) for the link to eventbrite to register. If you have any questions, contact Tamara Broadnax at [tamera.broadnax@sih.net](mailto:tamera.broadnax@sih.net) or call 618-549-0721 ext. 68638.

## GWRPC's New Executive Director

GWRPC would like to congratulate Olivia Baumgardner on becoming the Executive Director at GWRPC. Olivia started working at GWRPC in January 2017 as the Community Development Coordinator. She was appointed Executive Director at the September board



meeting.  
Olivia has a Bachelor Degree in Speech Communication from SIU. She is looking forward to continuing working with our region on all their community and economic development needs.

## GWRPC Secures Public Infrastructure Grant Funding for Two Communities



GWRPC has secured grant funding for two communities in the region through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity-Community Development Block Grant Program.

Lawrence County will receive \$422,005.50 on behalf of Petrolia District to replace waterlines to 21 homes in the Petrolia Water District. The City of Lawrenceville will receive \$500,000.00 to provide sewer system upgrades within a targeted area in the city.

The CDBG grant is an annual competitive grant through DCEO. GWRPC submitted and will administer both of these grants. For more information about CDBG or to learn about other grant opportunities contact GWRPC at 618-445-3612.

## GWRPC Business Loan Program

GWRPC has a Revolving Loan Fund Program open to the seven county region. We provides low interest loans to area businesses to create or retain jobs.

### RLF Criteria:

Loan amounts can range from \$10,000.00 to \$300,000.00.  
One full time job created or retained for every \$30,000.00 of loan funds.  
The loan cannot exceed 1/3 of the total cost of project.

If you are interested in learning more about the RLF program visit our website at [www.gwrpc.com](http://www.gwrpc.com) or call us at (618) 445-3612.

