



Livable Communities Initiative

Project Application

Region 1 Planning Council (R1) is accepting applications for the Livable Communities Initiative’s Technical Assistance Program, which provides subarea plans for qualifying neighborhoods within the Rockford Region. Completed applications must be submitted electronically no later than 5:00 PM on September 13, 2024 to Marc Hooks at mhooks@r1planning.org.

Please submit the following materials as a packet:

1. Completed application form.
2. Letter of commitment from the chief elected official committing municipal staff and logistical support for the planning effort.
3. Any letters of support from relevant agencies, officials, or community entities.

Organization Name: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Title: _____ Department: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Organization: _____

City or Village: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Title: _____ Department: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Project Information

Project Name: _____

Briefly explain the project and why it is needed in your community.

What are the priority goals you would like the study to address? (Choose up to four.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase transit access | <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage transit-oriented development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve walkability & bikeability | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase transportation and climate resiliency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attract investment and development | <input type="checkbox"/> Become age-friendly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broaden housing choices | <input type="checkbox"/> Promote inclusive growth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retain or improve existing character | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce flooding |

Study Area

Is the project located in an area designated by R1 as a Livable Communities Initiative priority area?

(For a map of the designated LCI areas, see: r1planning.org/lci)

Yes No

What are the boundaries of the study area, including identifiable information, such as street names, geographic features, jurisdictional information, etc. For example, Main Street to the north, Wall Street to the south, Broadway Blvd to the east, and 42nd Avenue to the west. *Study area should be no more than two city blocks.*

Rank the following priorities for your neighborhood. (1 being the most important, 5 being least important.)

Complete Streets (Streets designed for safe use by everyone, including pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, and public transport users.)

Redevelopment Planning (Redevelopment includes all development projects that build new structures and land uses on a previously developed site)

Economic Analysis (Utilizing one of following analysis: economic, equity impact, industry, and forecasting services—across all modes of transportation.)

Road Reconfiguration (Roadway reconfiguration can improve safety, calm traffic, provide better mobility and access for all road users, and enhance overall quality of life.)

Land Use Planning (the basis for zoning laws that restrict certain developments to protect the environment)

Other: _____

Additional Information

Is there any additional information that you would like to share in support of your application? For example, what will change/improve as a result of this project?

Agreements

If your project is selected, your organization would need to execute an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or similar agreement, provide local contribution (if applicable), commit to attending regular check-in meetings with R1, including giving presentations, participate in outreach efforts, perform timely review of deliverables, and engage in all other efforts necessary to effectively carry out the proposed planning project. Please indicate your agreement to these requirements.

Agree

Disagree (application will not be considered)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____