

Press Release

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Feedback Requested for Housing Coordination Plan Residents' Input Will Guide Future Regional Housing Initiatives

ROCKFORD, IL - How can we be sure new housing will meet residents' and leaders' needs?

Region 1 Planning Council (R1) is crafting a plan to expand housing affordability and availability in the Rockford region. If you live in Winnebago, Boone, or northeastern Ogle County, R1 needs your input to determine how housing can better suit your community's unique needs.

Visit <u>www.engager1.com</u> to complete a survey about the Rockford region's housing needs. Topics include the current housing supply, demand, affordability, and preferences for future development. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and all responses will remain anonymous.

Input from the survey will be used to create the region's Housing Coordination Plan. The plan will serve as a guidebook for municipalities, offering recommendations to create and preserve diverse housing that is affordable, accessible, safe, and available to everyone.

Follow the Housing Coordination Plan on Engage R1 to get updates on the plan as they are available. Want help navigating Engage R1? See the instructional video, <u>How to Navigate Engage R1</u>, linked here and posted on the site, for help.

ABOUT RPC – <u>Region 1 Planning Council</u> is a special-purpose, regional government agency providing cross-jurisdictional, government-to-government collaborative planning for Northern Illinois. The regional planning model provides an efficient means to promoting a well-informed, comprehensive dialogue that holistically addresses regional issues by fulfilling the needs of government entities for long-range planning, securing funding, and analyzing and providing data in support of regional projects and initiatives.

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