



## Press Release

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## Livable Communities Initiative Now Accepting Applications for Neighborhood Revitalization Planning

**ROCKFORD, IL** – Not distressed, but not affluent. Rockford’s middle neighborhoods need attention too. Rockford’s Livable Communities Initiative (LCI) will give them the boost they need to flourish.

Region 1 Planning Council (R1) is now accepting applications for the second round of LCI. Applications will be accepted through **August 4, 2025**, with the selected neighborhood announced on November 13, 2025. Through this program, R1 will assist eligible neighborhoods in designing a plan to improve livability for residents. Once a neighborhood revitalization plan is complete, awardees will be eligible for implementation funding.

Examples of livability enhancements through LCI may include improved traffic safety measures, upgraded street lighting and signage, the creation of shared public spaces, and the addition of painted crosswalks and other roadway markings to enhance pedestrian safety. By helping to stabilize and invigorate these communities, R1 aims to promote community well-being, inclusivity, and long-term economic sustainability.

For the application and more information, including a map of eligible neighborhoods, visit the Engage R1 site at <https://engager1.mysocialpinpoint.com/livable-communities-initiative-2025>.

The Keith Creek Neighborhood was the recipient of the first round of LCI assistance. R1 is currently hosting public meetings to determine residents’ needs and priorities for their implementation plan.

**ABOUT R1** – [Region 1 Planning Council](https://www.r1planning.org) 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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