



Press Release

For Immediate Release

Date: August 12, 2026

Contact: Amy Salamon, Communications Specialist

Email: asalamon@r1planning.org | **Phone:** 815-319-4184

Green Streets Guide Seeking Public Input

ROCKFORD, IL – Region 1 Planning Council has drafted a Green Streets Guide and is seeking public input. The Green Streets Guide is a regional roadmap with recommendations to redesign streets and sidewalks into greener, healthier, more resilient spaces.

View the document and submit comments at <https://engage-r1.com/green-streets-guide>. Public comments close on September 9.

What is a Green Street? Green streets are a method of streetscape design that results in greener, more sustainable streets and sidewalks. They are typically used to manage stormwater by incorporating vegetation and other infrastructure to filter runoff and reduce flooding. The end result are transformed streets that reduce flooding, improve water quality, enhance safety, and encourage active lifestyles.

R1's draft guide includes green street characteristics, design recommendations, and implementation strategies for better health, safety, and sustainability. Standards recommended in the Green Streets Guide are from Illinois Department of Transportation and National Association of City Transportation Officials.

ABOUT R1 – [Region 1 Planning Council](#) 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.

##