



News Release

For Immediate Release

Date: February 5, 2021

Contact: Shelby Best, Region 1 Planning Council

Email: sbest@r1planning.org | **Phone:** 815-319-4190

2021 Greenways Plan for the Rockford Region Available for Public Comment

ROCKFORD, IL — Region 1 Planning Council (RPC), acting as the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is seeking public comment on the draft of the 2021 Greenways Plan and Map for the Rockford Region. A 30-day comment period is afforded to the public to review and provide feedback on the draft document.

The draft Greenways Plan and Map can be viewed at <http://r1planning.org/greenways-plan>.

Public comments will be accepted regarding the 2021 Greenways Plan from February 3, 2021 until March 5, 2021. Comments can be submitted to the RPC through email, telephone, or sending written comments. Comments should be directed to:

Shelby Best
Region 1 Planning Council
127 N Wyman St., Suite 100, Rockford, IL 61101
Phone: 815-319-4190
Email: sbest@r1planning.org

About the 2021 Greenways Plan

Greenways are long strips of natural space that connect parks, preserves, and other natural areas together, providing ecological and community benefits. The purpose of the 2021 Greenways Plan and Map is to promote a regional greenway network that protects natural and cultural resources in a manner which supports equal access to green space; provides alternative forms of transportation and recreational benefits; enhances environmental and scenic qualities; and stimulates equitable economic development. It will also help leverage and secure additional funds for government agencies, nonprofits, and others involved in transportation and land use planning, natural areas preservation, and recreation.

Greenway plans and maps have helped coordinate and shape the development of these natural spaces in the Rockford Region, consisting of Boone, Ogle, and Winnebago Counties, since 1997. This most recent iteration was developed over several months in partnership with key stakeholders, public and stakeholder feedback, and best practices. Please read and comment on the document and map to contribute to the development of our greenway network.

For more information, visit www.r1planning.org.

#