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KANE COUNTY 2040 PLAN

Kane County Planning Cooperative

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COVID-19 Community Task Force Meeting

Addressing Disparities: Improving the COVID-19 Response in Kane County



The Kane County Health Department is hosting a one hour virtual meeting for community residents in English to gather input on how we can improve our response to COVID-19. Click [HERE](#) to register.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12 from 6-7pm.

Questions about the event can be directed to Kane County Community Health Planner [Stacy Zeng](#).

AICP Certification Updates

New deadlines and application process for certification



Courtesy of the Illinois Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Good news! Getting AICP-certified is simpler and more flexible than ever.

APA is rolling out a new, enhanced platform for the AICP certification process. To ensure a smooth experience for applicants, the winter application window (for spring testing) will open January 5. [See updated deadlines for the May 2021 certification cycle](#)

The next AICP application window will have an updated process that can be tailored to your needs.

1. The first step is as simple as verifying your education and experience.
2. If you have the necessary education or experience, your next choice is whether to submit the planning experience essays or take the AICP Certification Exam (both are required);
3. After successfully submitting an essay or taking the exam, it's time to circle back and complete the other since both are required.
4. Once you've successfully completed the essay and the AICP exam. You're certified!

The process may have changed, but AICP Certification remains based in foundational principles and the highest standards.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the process for getting certified.

Complete Streets for Small Towns

Small Towns Provide Fertile Ground for Smart Urbanism



The term "urbanism" brings to mind big cities and major infrastructure projects, but across the United States, small towns are quietly implementing complete streets projects that improve livability, mobility, and safety for their residents.

In Hopewell, Virginia, the success of the city's recent push to improve outdoor recreation shows that small towns can [practice urbanism too](#)—sometimes more effectively than larger cities where projects get bogged down in bureaucracy and held back by competing interests.

Taking cues from the National Complete Streets Coalition, Wyatt Gordon writes that Hopewell's leaders are developing a complete streets plan for their city that aims to connect residential and commercial districts, increase available pedestrian infrastructure, and foster more active lifestyles. City Councilmember Johnny Partin sees benefits in putting health and safety at the core of city projects, saying that investment in pedestrian and bike infrastructure is "essential to making sure everyone can enjoy our streets in safety."

With Virginia DOT funding, Hopewell will be able to complete several other projects, including bikeways that will form part of the Appomattox River Trail and a multimodal path that will "reunite Hopewell's downtown core."

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