

KANE COUNTY 2040 PLAN

Kane County Planning Cooperative

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Kane County Green Building Policy

Kane County Board adopts policy ensuring that new building construction and renovations conforms with LEED standards



The Kane County Board passed a Green Building Policy on February 9, 2021 to bring a “Leading by Example” sustainability approach to Kane County government.

Under the new policy, all newly constructed buildings owned and operated by Kane County and all county buildings scheduled for capital improvement, renovations or remodeling will be designed, built, and operated in accordance with the standards of the LEED Green Building Rating System, and each new building must meet the requirements for LEED certification.

The policy will act as a guide by including the [United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design principles](#), the most widely recognized and utilized green building rating system in the world. The policy reflects the ongoing environmental stewardship that has always been a part of Kane County history and is



supported by the Kane County 2040 Plan.

Green buildings not only conserve resources and save energy, but also show a savings in building systems and operations costs, which saves the county funding that could be used elsewhere. Not to mention, green buildings provide healthier indoor workspaces for our citizens, which is especially important to think about right now as we continue to return to business as usual during this pandemic.

Please see the Green Building Policy article written for KCC [here](#) or check out the policy document [here](#).

Illinois Conservation Update

Fox River Ecosystem Partnership hosts discussion of issues and legislation impacting conservation efforts in Illinois



The Fox River Ecosystem Partnership's Noon Networks are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month, alternating with Membership Meetings. They're held from Noon - 1:30 PM, at different locations in the Watershed. Most months, when weather permits, Noon Networks are outdoor field tours of different projects throughout the Watershed, and hosted by FREP members.

For its April Noon Network Meeting FREP will be hosting Jack Darin, the Executive Director of the Illinois Sierra Club Chapter, to discuss important conservation issues and current environmental legislation at the state level. For many years Jack participated in FREP's annual Conversations About Conservation with our legislators. Jack is always tuned in to what is happening in Springfield and across the State.

The event will be hosted via Zoom on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 from 12:00

PM to 1:30 PM.

Visit the [event page](#) for additional information or contact info@foxriverecosystem.org for questions about the event.

CMAP Announces 2021 LTA Recipients

Burlington among the 24 Communities selected to receive long-term planning assistance



The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning has announced that [more than 20 communities](#) with high needs will receive new planning assistance to help them prosper in the years ahead.

The selected planning projects span northeastern Illinois, from Waukegan in northern Lake County to Robbins in southern Cook County. Through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, CMAP staff will work with the communities to build their local capacity, implement long-range plans, identify grant opportunities, develop capital improvement programs and address safety improvements.

In Kane County, the Village of Burlington will receive technical assistance to evaluate existing capital planning processes and generate recommendations to facilitate the development of a transparent, strategic, impactful, and successful Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Burlington is among 7 local governments receiving assistance through CMAP's [Capital Improvement Program](#).

Visit the [LTA Program page](#) or contact [Dawn Raftery](#) (312-771-7724) for additional information.

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