



Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: September 13, 2024

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for September 9, 2024 – September 13, 2024

City Manager's Office

Weekly Bids Advertised

Community Development

Weekly Zoning Report

Weekly Field Inspection Report

Monthly CV/Permit Fee Report

Health Department

Weekly Food Establishment Application Report

Law Department

Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Clerk's Office

None

Legislative Reading

NWMC Weekly Briefing

**STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL &
MAYORAL APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

Monday, September 16, 2024

5:00 PM: [Human Services Committee](#)

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

6:30 PM: [Evanston Arts Council Meeting](#)

7:00 PM: [Housing & Community Development Committee](#)

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

6:00 PM: [MWDEBE Development Committee](#)

Thursday, September 19, 2024

6:00 PM: [Parks and Recreation Board](#)

6:00 PM: [Equity and Empowerment Commission Meeting](#)

Friday, September 20, 2024

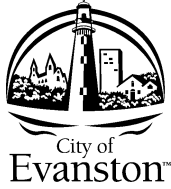
7:15 AM: [Utilities Commission](#)

Check the City's Calendar for updates:

[City of Evanston - Calendar](#)

City of Evanston Committee Webpage:

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To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Hitesh Desai, CFO/ City Treasurer
 Tammi Nunez, Purchasing Manager

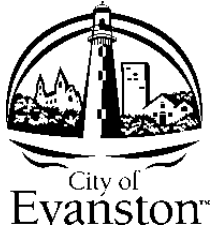
Subject: Bids/RFPs/RFQs Advertised during the Week of September 9, 2024

Date: September 13, 2024

The following is a list of projects that have been advertised and the anticipated date each will be presented to the Council or Library Board.

Bids/RFPs/RFQs sent during the Week of September 9, 2024

Bid/RFP/RFQ Number/Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budgeted Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Hydraulic Modeling Services	Public Works	The City of Evanston's Capital Planning and Engineering Bureau of the Evanston Public Work Agency is seeking proposals from experienced firms for Professional engineering services related to the maintenance and application of the hydraulic model of the Evanston water distribution system.	\$50,000	10/15	11/25
Water Treatment Chemicals	Public Works	Work on this project includes the purchase of chemicals to be used in the drinking water treatment process.	\$800,000 \$427,000	10/15	10/28



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Elizabeth Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: September 13, 2024

Enclosed is the weekly report of zoning applications received and pending. The report, organized by ward, includes the property address, zoning district, the type of application submitted, a description of the project, date received, and current status.

Please contact me at (224) 296-4489 or ewilliams@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Cases Received and Pending, September 5, 2024 - September 11, 2024

Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 10

Volume (number of cases pending initial staff review): 3

Zoning Reviews

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	144 Greenwood Street	R1	Building Permit	Install a modular ramp with handrails	04/29/24	pending additional information from the applicant
1	1710 Sherman Avenue	D2	Building Permit	Interior tenant build out for a restaurant (Guzman Y Gomez)	08/12/24	pending Administrative Review Use determination
1	1710 Sherman Avenue	D2	Zoning Analysis	Administrative Review Use for a Type-2 restaurant, Guzman Y Gomez	08/27/24	pending Administrative Review Use determination
1	1702 Chicago Avenue	R6	Building Permit	Replace loading dock with asphalt (Woman's Club of Evanston)	08/30/24	pending staff review
2	2118 Lake Street	R2	Building Permit	Patio and retaining wall	05/01/24	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1812 Lake Street	R3	Building Permit	Garage	06/25/24	non-compliant, pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
2	900 Clark Street	RP	Zoning Analysis	Demolish north end of Church Street Plaza movie theater building, construct new 27-story multi-family dwelling building with 358 dwelling units and 20% Inclusionary Housing dwelling units	07/03/24	non-compliant, pending additional information from the applicant
2	1147 Florence Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Roof mounted solar panels	07/16/24	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1117 Darrow Avenue	R3	Building Permit	2nd story addition and new front porch	08/13/24	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1615 Dodge Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Concrete garage floor slab with apron	09/09/24	pending additional information from the applicant
3	819 Judson Avenue	R5	Building Permit	New 4-story multi-family dwelling building with 4 dwelling units and detached garage for 8 vehicles	04/16/24	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
3	1300 Chicago Avenue (1300-1306 Chicago Avenue), 601-615 Dempster Street, 1307 Sherman Place	B1/oDM	Zoning Analysis	Planned Development for a new 7-story mixed-use building with ground floor retail, enclosed parking on ground floor, 65 dwelling units, and modification of the existing 2-story retail building with 2 dwelling units above	06/24/24	non-compliant, pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
3	1117 Sheridan Road	R1	Building Permit	Paver patio, steppers, stone step and railings, gravel walk and patio	09/09/24	pending staff review
4	1118 Elmwood Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Motorized aluminum pergola	07/30/24	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1811 Church Street	B2/oWE	Building Permit	New 4-story mixed-use building with ground floor retail and 33 dwelling units (HODC)	08/18/23	pending revisions and additional information from the applicant
5	2209 Emerson Street	R3	Building Permit	Deck	03/25/24	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2027 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Concrete parking pad behind garage	05/09/24	non-compliant, pending revisions and/or variation application from the applicant
5	2112 Asbury Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Remove deck, replace with paver patio	05/16/24	pending additional information from the applicant

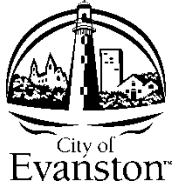
5	1825 Dodge Avenue	R4	Building Permit	Addition (Lake Regional Conference 7th Day Adventists)	06/13/24	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1238 Simpson Street	R4	Building Permit	Remove/replace patio	07/15/24	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
5	1420 Leonard Place	R3	Zoning Analysis	New efficiency home	07/23/24	pending revisions and additional information from the applicant
5	2311 Emerson Street	R3	Building Permit	3-season room addition and rear porch	08/09/24	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1938 Dodge Avenue	R3	Zoning Analysis	ADU	09/05/24	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1800 Lemar Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Replace walk	09/10/24	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2703 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	Carport and concrete slab	05/01/24	pending additional information/revisions from the applicant
6	2757 Lincolnwood Drive	R1	Building Permit	Replace paver patio, repair seat wall, walk, landing and stoop	07/29/24	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
6	3610 Hillside Road	R2	Building Permit	1-story addition	08/19/24	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2521 Gross Point Road	C2	Building Permit	Remove/replace asphalt, sealcoat, crack fill, and stripe parking lot	08/27/24	pending additional information
7	1806 Chancellor Street	R1	Building Permit	Remove patio, re-install patio, stepping stones, grill pad, and patio maintenance	06/20/24	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2433 Simpson Street	R1	Building Permit	1-story addition	06/24/24	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
7	2518 Jackson Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Garage with ADU	06/27/24	pending additional information from the applicant
7	1404 Rosalie Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition plus interior renovation	06/28/24	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
7	625 Clinton Place	R1	Building Permit	Remove and replace brick paver parking pad	07/01/24	pending additional information from the applicant
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Building Permit	Parking lots, plaza, and landscaping for Ryan Stadium (NU)	07/08/24	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2515 Sherman Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Addition to add 1-car attached garage	08/20/24	pending additional information from the applicant
7	1406 Rosalie Street	R1	Building Permit	Deck	08/26/24	non-compliant, pending revision from the applicant
7	816 Monticello Place	R1	Building Permit	Remove and replace driveway and walk	08/30/24	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review
7	715 Milburn Street	R1	Building Permit	Remove existing patio and walk, install new patio and walk	09/06/24	pending revisions from the applicant
7	2356 Colfax Terrace	R1	Building Permit	Post-permit revisions to modify outdoor walls/roofs, fences, impervious, decks	09/11/24	pending staff review
9	2131 Keeney Street	R2	Building Permit	Driveway and walk	06/25/24	pending additional information from the applicant
9	630 Wesley Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Detached garage/ADU and interior remodel of single-family dwelling	08/15/24	pending additional information from the applicant
9	2127 Seward Street	R2	Building Permit	Replace deck and fence, replace 80 sf of concrete	08/21/24	revisions submitted by applicant, pending staff review

9	611 Wesley Avenue	R3	Zoning Analysis	ADU	09/03/24	pending additional information from the applicant
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Pending building permit and zoning analysis reviews older than 6 months where there has not been activity are periodically removed from the zoning report.

Miscellaneous Zoning Cases

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1621-31 Chicago Avenue		Planned Development	New 12-story mixed-use building with approximately 6,000 sf ground floor commercial space, 48 enclosed parking spaces, and 110 dwelling units including 8 affordable dwelling units	08/27/24	pending LUC
2	1333 Dewey Avenue	R3	Fence Variation	Fence located within the north front yard off Greenwood Street	08/26/24	determination after 09/17/24
4	910 Custer Avenue	MXE	Planned Development	New 5-story multi-family dwelling building with 230 dwelling units (23 affordable units) and 50 open surface parking spaces	08/28/24	pending LUC 10/09/24
6	2822 Central Street	B1a/oCS	Special Use	Special Use for Commercial Indoor Recreation Establishment (Fonseca Martial Arts)	09/03/24	pending LUC 09/25/24 (withdrawn by applicant, will remain on agenda due to public notice provided prior to application being withdrawn)



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: David Wilson, HVAC Building Inspector
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report
Date: September, 13 2024

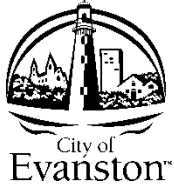
Enclosed is the weekly summary report of field inspections for construction projects under special monitoring. The report includes the ward, property address, type of construction, inspector notes, and date received.

Please contact me at [davidwilson@cityofevanston.org](mailto: davidwilson@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Weekly Field Inspection Report

Friday, September 13, 2024

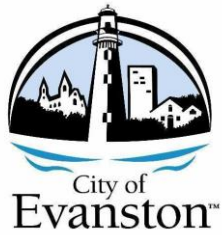
Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
2	1101 Church Street	Multi-Family Building	Final Certificate of Occupancy is processing.	9/12/2024
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater	Assembly	No changes. Site and Northlight signage are in good condition. No construction fence at this time.	9/12/2024
1	1710 Sherman Avenue	Mixed Use Building Residential/Retail	Final Certificate of Occupancy is processing.	9/12/2024
4	Main Street	Resurfacing	Paving has been completed on Main Street. Cleanup and landscaping installation has begun.	9/12/2024
7	1501 Central Street	Demolition	No changes. Excavation continues. Street sweepers continue to address roadway dust and debris. All trucks continue to pass through truck washing station with manual washing of trucks and street. Construction fence is in place and in good condition.	9/12/2024
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To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor
Subject: Monthly Construction Valuation and Permit Fee Report
Date: September 13, 2024

Enclosed is the monthly construction valuation and permit fee report. The report compares current month and year-to-date totals with those from 2023.

Please contact me at abutler@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.



DATE: September 13, 2024
 TO: Luke Stowe, City Manager
 FROM: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor
 SUBJECT: Construction Valuation and Permit Fee Report for August 2024

BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Total Permit Fees Collected for the Month of August 2024	\$ 7,544,408.63
Total Permit Fees Collected Fiscal Year 2024	\$ 14,679,501.85
Total Permit fees Collected for the Month of August 2023	\$ 453,621
Total Permit Fees Collected Fiscal Year 2023	\$ 2,999,144

CONSTRUCTION VALUES

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FOR August 2024	\$ 413,324,539
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FISCAL YEAR 2024	\$ 786,298,620
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FOR August 2023	\$ 14,987,462
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION VALUE FISCAL YEAR 2023	\$ 145,953,442



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Ike Ogbo, Director, Department of Health & Human Services

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: September 13, 2024

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
1	527 Davis St	Eggs with Benefits	9/11/2024	Pending Inspections
4	1633 Orrington Ave	Mira Sushi Restaurant & Bar	9/11/2024	Pending Inspections
2	1741 Maple Ave	Cozy Thai Cuisine (Relocating)	9/10/2024	Pending Building Permit
5	1925 Green Bay Rd	DUK Mart (Change of Ownership)	9/10/2024	Pending Inspections
1	1735 Benson Ave	Bat 17 (Relocating)	9/6/2024	Pending Inspections
5	1601 Simpson St	Teeny Baby Nursery	8/27/2024	Pending Inspections
8	1717 Howard St	Showkey African Cuisine	8/26/2024	Pending Permit Application
8	565 Howard St	T & E Productions	8/22/2024	Pending Inspections
1	1710 Sherman Ave	Guzman y Guzman	8/16/2024	Pending Permit Issuance
4	1018 Davis St	Dozika (Relocating)	7/1/2024	Pending Inspections
7	2022 Central St	The Celtic Knot	6/13/2024	Pending inspections
3	1310 ½ Chicago Ave	Peeled Juice Bar	5/9/2024	Pending Permit Issuance
2	2223 Washington St	The Laundry Café (in The Aux)	4/23/2024	Pending Review and Inspections
7	1995 Campus Dr	NU Center East Lawn Redevelopment	4/5/2024	Pending Permit Issuance
5	1623 Simpson St	Free Flow Kitchen	3/21/2024	Pending Permit Issuance
1	1618 Sherman Ave	Life Time (Smoothie Bar)	3/19/2024	Pending Inspections
1	1737 Sherman Ave	Taco Bell	10/5/2023	Pending Inspections
1	521 Davis St	La Cocinita (Relocating)	7/11/2023	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
1	1743 Sherman Ave	Olive Mediterranean Grill	12/10/2021	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: September 13, 2024

Enclosed is the weekly report of liquor applications received and pending. The report, organized by ward, includes the business address, the type and description of license requested, and current status.

Liquor Licensing Weekly Report

Liquor Applications Received and Pending for week of September 13, 2024

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED HOURS for LIQUOR SALES	STATUS
1	Hops & Grapes	816 ½ Church St. Evanston, IL 60201	D	Restaurant	7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Thurs); 7 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Fri-Sat); 7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun)	Application pending



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

NWMC Appoints Rotering & Dailly to MMC Executive Committee, Approves Committee Lists

Thank you to the twenty-one NWMC members represented at Wednesday night's Board meeting. Members received the [FY2023-2024 NWMC Annual Report](#) and discussed the first quarter progress on the FY2024-2025 NWMC Work plan. The Board unanimously approved the appointment of *Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering* as the delegate to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Executive Committee and *Schaumburg President Tom Dailly* as the alternate delegate. Members also unanimously approved appointments to the NWMC Committees for this fiscal year. Thank you to our committee chairs and the nearly four hundred volunteers serving on the committees managed by the Conference.

The Board discussed a number of legislative items, including preparations for the General Assembly's fall veto session, efforts to increase the Local Government Distributive Fund and public safety pension issues. Finally, staff provided an update on hearings held over the summer by the Senate Transportation Committee on proposals to reform the region's mass transit system. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

October NWMC Board to Meet In Person

Please mark your calendars as the October 9 NWMC Board of Directors meeting will be held in person following Oakton College's Open House (see article below). The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Rooms 1604 and 1606 at Oakton College in *Des Plaines*. Highlighting the agenda will be a presentation by representatives from ComEd on issues and considerations for locating and constructing data centers. We look forward to seeing everyone in person on October 9! *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

RSVP Today to Oakton College's Open House Prior to the NWMC Board Meeting

As mentioned above, on Wednesday, October 9, Oakton College is hosting an Open House at the *Des Plaines* campus for elected and appointed officials. The event will begin with networking and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m., followed by an update from Oakton President Dr. Joianne Smith and optional campus tours and networking. Special focus will be given to Oakton's new Small Business Development Center and its "role in supporting economic development in communities within Oakton's district."

Invitations were sent Thursday by Oakton and NWMC staff to mayors and managers; please feel free to invite other officials. Please RSVP to Oakton Legislative Affairs Liaison Steve Butera, sbutera@oakton.edu. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

That Old Car's Worth Money

The last live NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction will be held on Tuesday, October 22 at America's Auto Auction (America's AA) in Crestwood. There's no better time than today to register outdated vehicles and equipment for sale!

America's AA offers a wide variety of convenient services to prep vehicles and garner the highest possible price. Please note that vehicles and equipment can be listed for sale right up to the morning of the auction day. Sell them now to get a fresh start and please keep in mind that a portion of the proceeds helps support the operations of the Conference. In addition, America's AA hosts online sales on par with other government surplus Internet auctions. For more information, please contact staff or America's AA Sales Executive Manager Maria Cortez, 708-389-4488 (office), 708-676-1887 (mobile) or Maria.Cortez@AmericasAutoAuction.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

RSVP Today for the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Gala

On Saturday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m., the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus will host its Annual Gala at Wrigley Field.

This is the first Mayors Caucus Gala since the pandemic and is a unique opportunity to gather and celebrate the work of the organization. Attendees will be able to enjoy tours of the ballpark and the batting tunnel will be open! For tickets and additional information, please visit the Gala [Eventbrite](#) page. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

You're Invited to Warehouse Direct's 2024 Customer Appreciation & New Product Show

On Wednesday, October 2, Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) supplier Warehouse Direct Workplace Solutions is hosting its 2024 Customer Appreciation & New Product Show. The event will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Brookfield Zoo Discovery Center. Attendees will discover new products, meet workplace experts to explore how to enhance workplace productivity as well as enjoy a “walking food station”, complimentary raffle/scavenger hunt and free Zoo admission. Each organization can register up to two individuals and please note that registration is required. To RSVP and for more information, please visit the event [registration page](#).

The SPC has enjoyed a long relationship with Warehouse Direct as the Cooperative's supplier for office and janitorial supplies. Please visit the [SPC website](#) for more information on the products and services offered by Warehouse Direct Workplace Solutions. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

HUD Grant Makes Affordable Housing Easier to Build

For communities looking to remove barriers to affordable housing, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Pathways to Removing Obstacles (PRO) Housing program has the funds to help. \$100 million is available to address outdated zoning, land use policies or regulations, inefficient procedures, gaps in development resources, deteriorating or inadequate infrastructure, lack of neighborhood amenities or challenges to preserving existing housing stock. Additional information, including recorded webinars explaining the PRO Housing NOFO and how to apply, are available on the [PRO Housing website](#). Applications are due Tuesday, October 15. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Evanston Wins APA-IL Strategic Plan Award

Congratulations to the *City of Evanston* for winning the [Illinois Chapter of the American Planning Association \(APA-IL\) 2024 Strategic Plan Award with its One Howard Street Economic Recovery Plan](#). The city's plan was praised for its recommendations that prioritize pedestrians and residents who face displacement, with a variety of placemaking recommendations and first steps to “lead the way for future development and growth.” The plan was further praised for the significant feedback obtained through its public engagement process as well as actively seeking out youth input. To see the other planning award winners, please visit the [APA-IL award website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Evanston Launches First Bicycle Voucher Program in the State

The *City of Evanston* has put Illinois on the map of communities offering bicycle voucher programs. On Thursday, the city opened applications for its [Bicycle Access Voucher Pilot program](#). While states, such as [Colorado](#) and [Minnesota](#), and cities and counties, such as [Tampa, Florida](#) and [Salt Lake City](#), have offered ebike voucher programs for several years, Evanston marks the first example of an Illinois program. The program is also unique in that it covers traditional bicycles in addition to ebikes, enabling users to obtain adaptive equipment or accessories as needed. Applications will be open through Monday, September 23, and the program is limited to Evanston residential households at or below 80% of the Chicago area median income. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Take the MMC Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Survey

From the desk of Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) Project Manager Crispina Ojeda Simmons:

MMC put together a short survey to help us identify DEI leaders in the region and ongoing local initiatives. The information will help us determine how the Caucus can best support this important work. Although the survey was directed to municipalities currently or previously engaged in DEI with MMC, we are happy for any interested communities to complete the survey.

Please access the survey by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MMCDEI>. Responses are due by the close of business on Thursday, September 19. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

USDOT Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Webinars Begin Next Week

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) has provided over \$454 billion in funding since its passage in 2021. To

ensure the continued success of the program, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) is hosting a series of webinars highlighting how to bring projects to life. Dates and topics include:

- Wednesday, September 18, 12:00-1:00 p.m., [Project Delivery Lessons Learned from Emergency Response Following an Infrastructure Catastrophe](#)
- Tuesday, October 8, 12:00-1:00 p.m., [Best Practices to Get Big Infrastructure Projects off the Ground](#)
- Tuesday, October 22, 12:00-1:00 p.m., [Project Acceleration for the Public Good](#)

To learn more about the webinar series and to register, please visit the [US DOT Volpe Center webpage](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Reminder: IEPA Opens Green Infrastructure Grant Applications

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) recently announced the opening of the application cycle for the Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunities Program (GIGO). This program provides funding for stormwater management projects aimed at preserving, restoring, mimicking, or enhancing natural hydrology. Projects can include techniques such as soil percolation, evapotranspiration and the reuse of precipitation to manage stormwater effectively.

The grant is reimbursement-based, with awards ranging from \$75,000 to \$2.5 million, and requires a 25% match in funds. Applications are due Wednesday, November 20. For more information, please visit IEPA's [GIGO program website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Closing Soon: ITEP Funding

If your community is looking to construct new pedestrian/bicycle facilities, sidewalk connections or convert abandoned railroad corridors to trails, the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) is your go-to for funding. ITEP is now open for applications through Monday, September 30. ITEP awards a maximum of \$3 million, with awards announced in spring 2025. To learn more, please visit the [Illinois Department of Transportation \(IDOT\) NOFO](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Closing Soon: Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has announced over \$1.1 billion in funding to address railroad crossing safety and efficiency through its Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Program. These funds can be used to build a grade separation or close off an at-grade crossing in addition to other safety enhancements. Applications are due Monday, September 30. To learn more about the RCE Program, please [visit the NOFO](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Newsy Items of the Week

Chicago Sun-Times: [S&C Electric opens massive Palatine manufacturing facility amid growing electric grid demand](#)

Route Fifty: [Water system upgrades could require more than \\$1 trillion over next 20 years](#)

Route Fifty: [Humans of Public Service inspires a new generation of government employees](#)

Safety and Health: [Illinois law revises driver's ed to help protect roadway workers](#)

Governing: [Want to make the most of federal infrastructure funding? There's a hub for that.](#)

Meetings and Events

NWMC Legislative Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 18 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

NWMC Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday, September 26 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

NWMC Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, October 2 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

Oakton College Open House for elected and appointed officials (followed by the NWMC Board of Directors meeting) will be held on Wednesday, October 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Oakton's *Des Plaines* campus, 1600 E. Golf Road (please see article on p. 1).

NWMC Board of Directors will meet **in person** on Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Rooms 1604 and 1606 at Oakton College in *Des Plaines*. **Please note time change.**

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