

News & funding opportunities from northwest Illinois' regional planning commission. Geared towards public and non-profit sectors, focused on community & economic development and natural resources conservation. Contact us at info@blackhawkhills.com or (815) 625-3854.

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NEWS & GRANTS

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Clockwise from left: Jane Addams (mapio.net), Great River (about-bicycles.com), Hennepin Canal (Friends-Hennepin-Canal.org), and Galena River (VisitGalena.org).

Trails Study

BHRC applied and was approved for Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) rural planning funds. The funds will be used to study four trails in our planning region, including the Jane Addams, Galena River, Great River, and Hennepin Feeder Canal. BHRC plans to gather user counts, conduct selected trail user interviews, map selected trails and amenities, digitize maps from the region, and inventory and consolidate GIS data.

In total, BHRC was awarded \$26,624 from IDOT to complete the study.

BHRC Quick Links:

[Project proposal](#)
[Newsletter sign up](#)
[Facebook page](#)

BHRC Events:

December 7
Zoning Administrator's Meeting
Wed, Dec 7, 2016, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

December 26 & January 2
Office Closed - Christmas & New Years
Mon, Dec 26, 2016 & Mon, Jan 2

GRANTS & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Community Impact Grant (The Home Depot Foundation)

The primary goal is to provide grants and volunteer opportunities to support the renovation, refurbishment, retrofitting, accessibility modifications, and/or weatherization of existing homes, centers, schools and other similar facilities.

The application deadline is December 31.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Solid Waste Management Grant (USDA - Department of Agriculture)

The program helps reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources through funding for organizations that provide technical assistance or training to improve the planning and management of solid waste sites.

The application deadline is December 31.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Rural Health Network Planning (Department of Health & Human Services)

The program supports the development of integrated healthcare networks, specifically for entities that do not have a history of formal collaborative efforts.

The application deadline is January 3.

Click [here](#) for more information.

INVEST Implementation Project Funding (Federal Highway Administration)

The intent of this research funding opportunity is to develop case studies and analyses showing sustainability improvements that transportation agencies can make through self-evaluation with INVEST and subsequent exploration and implementation of promising sustainability practices that can be shared with other agencies.

The application deadline is January 5.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) (USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service)

CIG grants stimulate the development and adoption of innovative approaches and technologies for conservation on agricultural lands.

The application deadline is January 9.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Matching Awards Program (MAP) (National Forest Foundation)

MAP provides grants to nonprofit organizations, universities, and Native American tribes throughout the U.S. to engage in on-the-ground conservation and restoration projects that have an immediate, quantifiable impact on the National Forest System.

The application deadlines are January 17 & June 26.

Click [here](#) for more information.

AmeriCorps State & National Grants (Corporation for National & Community Service)

The programs provide support to engage AmeriCorps members in interventions to strengthen communities. There are six application types and twelve funding priorities, ranging from disaster services, to environment, to economic opportunity.

The application deadlines are January 18.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Programs Advancing Organic Farming (UNFI Foundation)

The UNFI Foundation funds nonprofit organizations across the United States that support the development of healthy, organic foods and food practices, and promote the health of our

planet.

The application deadlines are January 19 & April 27.
Click [here](#) for more information.

Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program (Natl. Fish & Wildlife Foundation)
The program seeks to develop nationwide community stewardship of local natural resources, preserving these resources for future generations and enhancing habitat for local wildlife.

The application deadline is January 31.
Click [here](#) for more information.

Youth Environmental Stewardship Projects (Captain Planet Foundation)
The program supports educational programs that enable youth to understand and appreciate our world by getting involved in hands-on projects to improve the environment.

The application deadline is January 31.
Click [here](#) for more information.

NOTEWORTHY

National Skills Coalition Releases Publication for Incoming Presidential Administration
Skills for Good Jobs: An Agenda for the Next President's an action plan on workforce development and job placement. The document outlines eight goals from supporting apprenticeships and aiding job placement for immigrants to rebuilding infrastructure.

Click [here](#) to view the guide.

"Water, We're All in the Same Boat" Conference (Galena Rotary & League of Women Voters Jo Daviess County)

One-day conference (with an optional night-before social event) in Galena. Speakers will describe water quality issues and solutions, as well as share the plans, policies, and practices for successful water resource management in the [Apple Plum Watershed](#).

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

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