

## **Antioch Begins Planning Project**

Established in 1836, Antioch is one of the nation's first planned suburban communities. Since its inception, the growth and amenities of the community has changed the role of Antioch from a local and regional standpoint. Now, building upon Antioch's existing conditions, including its transportation and circulation, image and historical character, previous planning studies, and new community input, CMAP's [Local Technical Assistance \(LTA\) program](#) is helping the Village of Antioch draft a lifestyle corridor plan that will guide future land use and transportation improvements and focus on implementation.

Using an interactive, community-based process, the lifestyle corridor plan will formulate a vision and identify development strategies for improving access to local and regional destinations by foot or bike and support land use and infrastructure goals for future planning. It will provide a framework to make informed investment decisions to address current community issues and to reach long-term goals. Together, local residents, business owners, community and regional stakeholders, and the Village of Antioch will explore opportunities to address issues such as the lifestyle corridor's role within the regional and local marketplace, land use priorities, pedestrian and bicycle access, and the community's relationship with its downtown train station. As part of this effort, the Village is inviting local residents, business owners, community leaders, and other stakeholders to attend a special community planning event.

To be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2012, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Antioch Area Senior Center (817 Holbeck Drive, Antioch, IL 60002), the session will feature electronic "keypad polling" in which participants can state their preferences for issues they feel should be addressed in planning for the future of lifestyle corridor in Antioch.

### **October 9<sup>th</sup> workshop lets residents have their say**

The Village wants residents to answer the question: What issues do you think should be addressed in planning for the future of Antioch's Lifestyle Corridor Plan? The October 9 meeting is a chance for people to have their voices heard. At this initial public meeting, we want to hear what you think the plan should address.

For information or to RSVP, contact CMAP's Shafaq Choudry (312-386-8838 or email [schoudry@cmap.illinois.gov](mailto:schoudry@cmap.illinois.gov)) and visit [www.cmap.illinois.gov/antioch](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/antioch). Residents can also provide input at [www.antioch.metroquest.com](http://www.antioch.metroquest.com).

In the project's first phase, the Village and CMAP will undertake a detailed analysis of the existing conditions and obtain initial public input regarding the issues and opportunities of the area. The second phase will be to create a shared vision for the Village with specific goals and recommendations to help achieve the community's vision. The third phase will develop an implementation strategy intended to help the community put the plan's recommendations into action.

## **HUD and CMAP build capacity for local planning**

CMAP's [Local Technical Assistance \(LTA\) program](#), funded by a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant, is helping 70 local governments, nonprofits, and intergovernmental organizations to address local issues at the intersection of transportation, land use, and housing, including the natural environment, economic growth, and community development. In response to the LTA Year Two call for projects, CMAP received over 100 proposals from more than 80 applicants. Current projects include local comprehensive plans and more-specialized ones for housing, water, transit oriented redevelopment, and overall sustainability.

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