



# FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT RESOURCE GUIDE for ILLINOIS COMMUNITIES

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# Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide a resource of floodplain management programs and technical assistance available to local communities in Illinois. Many of the programs listed in this document can help communities in their efforts to reduce or eliminate flood risks. The Resource Guide is organized in three categories: Federal Agencies, State Agencies, and Private or Non-Profit organizations. Communities are encouraged to contact each agency for specific information on programs.

An index in the back of this manual will list programs and assistance by topic (i.e., mitigation, floodproofing, stormwater, wetlands, etc.). A key has been developed to identify eligible groups for each program or grant after the title of the grant:

Key to group eligibility:

- “I” individuals eligible
- “G” local units of government
- “O” all organizations eligible to apply
- “P” private not-for-profit (501C3) groups only
- “E” eligible educational institutions
- “U” unknown or eligibility varies, need to contact administrators

Some of these programs and grants may not have water resources or flood reduction as a specific goal but could be used to achieve multiple objectives which include these goals. Other programs and grants are also included in this guide which may complement a buyout or floodplain restoration program.

This document is provided as a public service and does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement of any particular grant or program; also note that the absence of any particular grant or program does not constitute a negative endorsement. While an effort has been made to provide an accurate listing, funding information is constantly changing, and omissions or errors may occur. Please recycle previous editions. For corrections, comments, or additional copies of this summary, please contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)/Office of Water Resources (OWR) at [Ron.Davis@illinois.gov](mailto:Ron.Davis@illinois.gov).

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# FEDERAL SOURCES

The federal government is an excellent place to investigate sources for water resources projects. Once you identify your specific requirements, Websites of federal agencies may give you more information about individual government programs as well as provide information on other opportunities for assistance. The website for each federal agency is listed under the agency title and address. Assistance Listings, formerly known as the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, is the single best place to look for federal funding sources.

The catalog should be available at your local library, or you can view Assistance Living on-line: <https://sam.gov/content/assistance-listings>

Web site for federal forms and grant administration procedures: <https://www.grants.gov/>



## Department of Agriculture (USDOA)

### Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

2118 W. Park Court  
Champaign, IL 61820  
(217) 353-6600

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/conservation-by-state/illinois>

Topics: Public Information, Flood- plain Planning, Emergency Management Planning, Multi-Objective Management, Mitigation Techniques.

NRCS primarily serves rural areas. NRCS staff provides information on land use planning, conservation planning, resource development, water management and flood prevention to farmers, community officials, and land developers. While mostly a general information and technical assistance operation, NRCS also funds flood protection projects. In addition, NRCS can assist local officials with review of subdivision proposals, erosion and sedimentation control, and other development plans. NRCS

recently announced a Floodplain Easement Program (See NRCS website for info.)

### **Small Watershed Program PL- 566(G)**

Technical assistance is provided in designing and installing watershed works of improvement. Financial assistance is provided for sharing costs of measures for watershed protection, flood prevention, water management, sedimentation control, wildlife habitat, and recreation. Watershed area must not exceed 250,000 acres. Capacity of a single structure is limited to 25,000 acre-feet of total capacity and 12,500 acre-feet of floodwater detention capacity.

### **Cooperative River Basin Program, Section 6, Public Law 83-566(G)**

- Cooperative River Basin studies are for appraising water and related land resources and formulating alternative plans for conservation use and development.
- Studies are of limited scope and short duration to provide specific information needed for planning.
- Plans may include management and land measures or combinations that would meet existing and projected needs and objectives.

### **Streambank Stabilization & Restoration Program (SSRP) (G, O, I)**

- Eligible projects include naturalized stream bank stabilization practices in rural and urban communities.
- -Application deadlines are January, May, and September.
- 25% match required, 20% for qualified watershed planning areas.
- Contact the local Soil & Water Conservation District that services your county. Offices are listed in the phone book under a local government.

### **Habitat Restoration Fund for the Fox and Kishwaukee River Watersheds (I, O, E, G)**

- Eligible projects include native plantings, upland habitat & wetland restoration.
- Deadlines in March and August.
- 75% cost-share, up to \$5,000.
- Contact the Lake, Kane-DuPage, DeKalb, Boone, McHenry or North Cook Soil and Water Conservation Districts for more information.

### **Point of Contact:**

The NRCS work is conducted through local soil and water conservation districts. The point of contact is the District Conservationist who usually has an office in the county seat. (Check the local telephone directory under USDA)

**\*\*Please Note:** The Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (217) 744-3414 can guide you to your county Soil and Water Conservation District office.

## Farm Service Agency (FSA)

Illinois State FSA Office  
3500 Wabash Ave.  
Springfield, Illinois 62711-8287  
217-241-6600



### Emergency Conservation Program (I, G)

Following a natural disaster, the county FSA committee determines to make the program available in the county.

Emergency cost sharing is limited to new conservation problems created by natural disasters, which, if not treated, will impair or endanger the land.

#### Point of Contact:

Contact the local county FSA office following a disaster.

### Floodplain Wetland Initiative

Falls under the Conservation Program. Payments cover 90% of the eligible costs of wetlands restoration.

## Department of Commerce

### Economic Development Agency (EDA)

EDA supports disaster recovery and resiliency efforts. Following a Presidentially declared disaster, EDA receives funds to assist communities in recovery through planning and projects.

#### Point of Contact:

230 South Dearborn Street, Suite 3280  
Chicago, IL 60604-1512  
312-789-9753



# Department of Defense

## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE)

Within Illinois, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is represented in five District offices, see the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website to determine in which District you are located. Corps of Engineers District offices:

<https://www.usace.army.mil/Locations>

- Chicago District:  
<https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/About/Districts/Chicago-District/>
- St. Louis District:  
<https://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/>
- Rock Island District:  
<https://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/>
- Louisville District:  
<https://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/>
- Memphis District:  
<https://www.mvm.usace.army.mil/>



Topics: Public Information, Data Sources. Floodplain Management Planning, Mitigation Techniques, Emergency Management Planning

The **Silver Jackets Program** is being implemented to further develop and improve interagency coordination of flood risk management. Through the Silver Jackets program, state agencies work with USACE, FEMA and other Federal and local agencies to ensure continuous leveraging available resources and information. The program has created a mechanism to collaboratively solve issues, and also recommend and implement solutions, while increasing and improving flood risk communication and outreach.

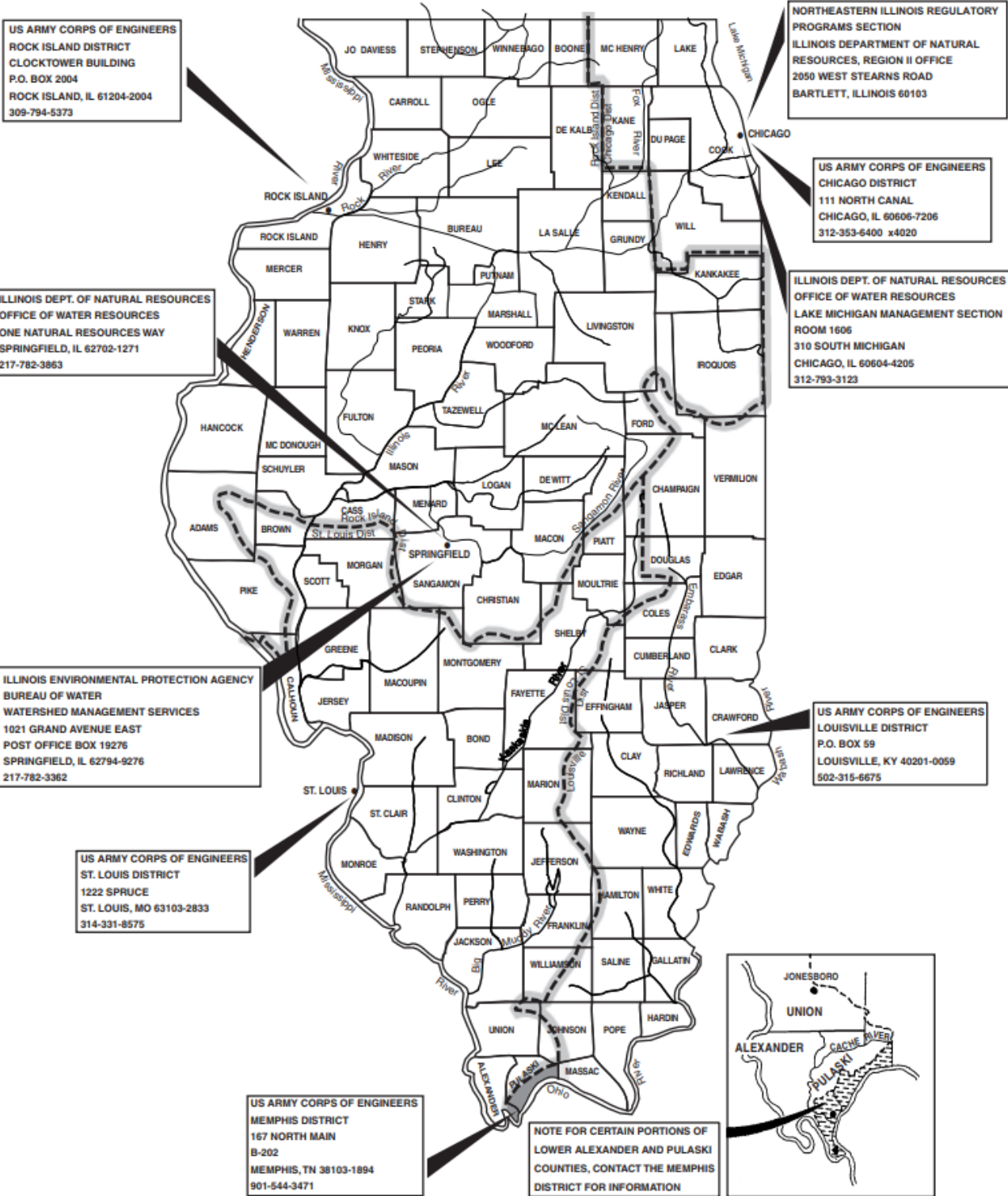
State Silver Jackets teams facilitate strategic, life cycle planning to reduce flood risk and help in implementing state-identified high-priority actions.

### IL USACE Contact for Silver Jackets:

Program Manager  
U.S. ARMY Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District  
Clock Tower Building, P.O. Box 2004  
Rock Island, IL 61204-2004  
Phone: 309-794-5885

### State Contact for Silver Jackets:

State Lead Coordinator  
IL DNR, OWR  
One Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, IL, 62702  
Phone: 217-524-9113



### **Civil Works (G, O, P)**

The nation's primary water resources development program. It involves engineering works such as major dams, reservoirs, levees, harbors, waterways, locks, and many other types of structures.

Planning assistance is provided to states and other non-federal entities inventory of flood prone structures are provided at no cost to state, regional and local governments. Other federal agencies and the private sector can obtain the services on a 100% cost recovery basis.

### **Planning Assistance to States (G)**

The Corps of Engineers aids states, local governments, and other non-federal entities in the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development, utilization, and conservation of water and related land resources.

The individual states determine the needed planning assistance. Every year, each state can provide the USACE its request for studies under the program and the USACE then accommodates as many studies as possible within the funding allotment.

Essentially, anything can be studied under this program. Typical studies are only planning level of detail; they do not include detailed design for project. The following types of assistance are available:

**General Planning Assistance.** Special Studies are performed on all aspects of Floodplain management planning.

Examples include:

- Floodplain delineation/flood hazard management
- Flood warning/preparedness
- Dam break analysis
- Urbanization impact
- Flood proofing

Planning Assistance to State studies are cost shared on a 50% federal-50% non-federal basis. Also, a portion of the non-federal cost may be performed as in-kind work rather than having to pay all cash. This must be negotiated before the study agreement is finalized.

**General Technical Services.** The program develops or interprets site specific data on obstruction to flood flows, flood formation and timing; flood depths or stages; flood water velocities.

### **Floodplain Management Services Program (G, U)**

The Floodplain Management Services Program provides the full range of technical services and planning guidance needed to support effective floodplain management. The following types of assistance are available for the comprehensive management of water resources, including pollution abatement works.

- Conducts feasibility studies and builds flood damage reduction projects.
- Major projects require specific authorization and funding by Congress, while small projects can be implemented with agency authority.

### **Continuing Authorities Program**

Allows the USACE to plan, design, and construct certain flood risk management and navigation improvements without specific congressional authorization. The basic objective of this program is to allow the USACE to respond more quickly to problems or needs where the apparent project scope and costs are small.

### **Section 14 – Emergency Streambank and Erosion Protection (G, I, O)**

These projects are designed to provide emergency streambank and shoreline protection to threatened public facilities. A project is approved for construction after investigation shows engineering, economic and environmental feasibility. The investigation generally lasts 6 months to a year. These projects are cost shared 65% federal and 35% non-federal. Each project is limited to a federal cost of \$1 million.

Projects may protect:

- Highways
- Highway bridges
- Water and sewer lines
- Churches
- Public and non-profit schools and hospitals
- Other non-profit public facilities

### **Section 205 – Small Flood Control Projects (G)**

These projects are designed to reduce major flooding problems. A project is approved for construction after investigation shows engineering, economic and environmental feasibility. The investigation generally lasts 1 to 3 years. These projects are cost shared 65% federal and 35% non-federal. Each project is limited to a federal cost of \$7 million.

A project may consist of one or more of the following:

- Channel enlargement
- Channel realignment or paving
- Obstructions removal
- Levee and wall construction
- Bank stabilization

### **Section 206 of the 1960 Flood Control Act, as amended (Floodplain Management Services Program) (G)**

Provides floodplain information and technical assistance to states, counties, and cities for prudent use of land subject to flooding from streams, lakes, and oceans.

Examples of projects include developing and interpreting flood and floodplain data such as flood hazard

mapping; providing a broad assessment of the impact of structural and nonstructural flood damage reduction measures; providing technical assistance on flood proofing systems and techniques; and assessing the possible impacts of land use changes on the physical, socio-economic, and environmental conditions of the floodplain.

### **Section 208 – Snagging and Clearing for Flood Control (G)**

Corps of Engineers designs and constructs the project. Each project must be engineering feasible, complete within itself, and economically justified. The non-federal sponsor must provide all lands, easements, and rights of way. Non-Federal sponsor pays all project costs in excess of the Federal limit of \$500,000. Sponsor agrees to maintain the project.

### **Section 1135 – Project Modifications for the Improvement of the Environment (G,P,U)**

Federal funds and technical assistance available for studies, planning, engineering, construction, and administration.

Cost-share up to \$5 million plus non-federal match, 25% for project costs.

### **Section 206 – Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (G,P,U)**

Projects include funding and assistance to carry out ecosystem restoration and enhancement that is documented to be in the public interest, will improve the environment, and is cost effective.

Federal cost-share of up to \$5 million is available, 35% non-federal cost-share required.

#### **Point of Contact:**

Contact the Army Corps of Engineers at 312-353-6400, 309-794-5590 or 314-331-8404

## **US Department of Energy**

Chicago Regional Office:

9800 South Cass Ave  
Lemont, IL 60439  
(630) 252-2110

U.S. Department of Energy  
ATTENTION: Office of Environmental Management  
1000 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20585

202-586-5000 (Main DOE Switchboard)  
202-586-7709 (Office of Environmental Management)

Topics: Land Use Planning, Disaster Planning



## Sustainable Development

Department of Energy provides a very detailed website with volumes of information on community planning, land use planning, disaster planning, and sustainable development. On this website, you will be able to:

- Read about other communities that have discovered the benefits of sustainable development
- Locate technical and financial resources that can help you community plan and carry out sustainable development projects
- Access model codes and ordinances other communities have used to implement sustainable development

Point of Contact:

<https://www.energy.gov/em>

## US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)

US EPA Region 5 77 W. Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60604  
(312) 353-2000 or toll free at (800)621-8431, r5hotline@epa.gov

### Environmental Education Grants (E, P, G)

Eligible projects include environmental education activities such as curricula design or dissemination, designing or demonstrating educational field methods, and training educators.

November deadline.

Requires a minimum of 25% matching funds or in-kind services.

<https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-5>

### Environmental Justice Small Grants (E, P)

Projects include those that use community-based approaches for environmental protection. Project grants shall not exceed \$20,000.

<http://www.epa.gov/region5/>

### Community based Environmental Protection for Communities (U)

Purpose is to provide place-based approaches to address community and environmental approaches to slow the loss of open space, habitat, and wetlands.

- Matching share required.
- Need to call for deadlines



- Contact USEPA at (312) 353-2000
- [CEMM@epa.gov](mailto:CEMM@epa.gov)

### **USEPA Catalog of Funding**

Sources for Watershed Protection

<https://www.epa.gov/hwp>

Topics: Multi-Objective Management, Mitigation Funding

Funding to provide support to grassroots organizations to develop watershed partnerships in part comes from the EPA. Eight Federal agencies are responsible for developing a Clean Water Action Plan. As a result of this plan, in 1998 the EPA selected the River Network to administer and coordinate the Watershed Assistance Grants. Agencies responsible for developing the Action Plan include Defense, Interior, Agriculture, and others. SBA offers low interest loans after floods.

### **Watershed Assistance Grants (I, G, O, P)**

The purpose of the Watershed Assistance Grants program is to provide small grants to local watershed partnerships to support their organizational development and long-term effectiveness.

These grassroots citizens' organizations are dedicated to protecting and restoring the watershed in their area.

Interested persons should use the self-screening process, which is available to assure that persons and organizations are eligible to receive a grant and that the activities being proposed meet the program criteria.

#### **Point of Contact:**

Interagency Coordinator U.S. Army Corp of Engineers CECW-PD  
 441 G Street N.W., 3G73  
 Washington, D.C. 20314-1000  
 (202) 761-4489

## **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

Region V - Flood Insurance and Mitigation Division  
 536 South Clark Street Chicago, IL 60605  
 (312) 408-5500

<http://www.fema.gov>

Topics: Floodplain Management, Floodplain Mapping, Risk Assessment, Mitigation Planning, Mitigation Techniques.



FEMA Region V has a Division that handles the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), mitigation programs, and helps states, communities and private entities interpret the federal regulations.

## **NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP)**

### **Floodplain Mapping and Floodplain Management (I, G, O, P, E, U)**

Regional staff includes engineers and planners assigned to help communities.

They provide technical assistance and publications to help citizens and local officials understand NFIP flood maps and the regulatory requirements for communities to participate in the NFIP.

Point of Contact:

Natural Hazards Specialists FEMA, Region V  
536 South Clark, 6th Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60605

(312) 408-5500

All FEMA mitigation programs are administered by the State of Illinois, so IEMA-OHS mitigation should be the initial contact.

State Hazard Mitigation Officer  
1035 Outer Park  
Springfield, IL 62704-4462  
217/785-9942

### **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)(G)**

The HMGP will pay for 75% of the eligible costs of such mitigation projects.

The projects should be consistent with the recommendations of the state's mitigation plans and strategies.

Projects must be shown to be cost-effective, and they may mitigate hazards other than the one that caused the disaster.

### **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)**

This was a new program in FY21. It is a nationwide competitive program. Funding is six percent of the amount spent on HMGP the previous fiscal year. There is an added focus on infrastructure projects.

The application period will open in late Summer and the applications will need to be submitted to IEMA-OHS.

### **Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) (G)**

To assist states and local governments to implement cost-effective measures that will reduce future

flood damage and reduce future flood insurance claims.

Examples of eligible projects include acquisition or elevation of National Flood Insurance Program insured buildings, and minor drainage improvement projects.

### **Pre-Disaster Mitigation (G)**

This Program ended in FY20.

### **Emergency Management Institute (I, G)**

FEMA's National Emergency Training Center in Emmetsburg, MD, is the home of the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) and the National Fire Academy.

Classes in many areas of emergency management, including emergency planning, exercise design and evaluation disaster management, hazardous materials response, and fire service management.

EMI courses are also given by many states. An Independent Study Program is also available to private citizens.

Special seminars and workshops are offered via satellite as part of FEMA's Emergency Education Network (EENET).

Courses of special interest to engineers, architects and building code officials are:

- Retrofitting Flood prone Residential Buildings
- Multi-hazard Building Design Summer Institute
- Digital Hazard Data Course
- Managing Floodplain Development Through the National Flood Insurance Program
- National Flood Insurance Program
- Community Rating System

#### **Point of Contact:**

State Training Officer  
IL Emergency Management Agency  
217-782-2700

Admissions Office, Room I-216  
National Emergency Training Center  
16825 South Seton Avenue  
Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727-8998  
Phone: (301) 447 - 1035

Email: [NETCAdmissions@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:NETCAdmissions@fema.dhs.gov)

## **Community Rating System (CRS) (G)**

The CRS is a program that gives flood insurance reduction credits to communities for proper floodplain management efforts.

Flood insurance policy holders are eligible for major premium reductions based on how well a community regulates future floodplain development activities and steps taken to reduce current flood risks.

### **Point of Contact:**

Eloise Burnham, CFM  
ISO / CRS Specialist  
Eloise.Burnham@verisk.com  
(773) 255-2684 mobile

## **Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC)**

ICC is available on all National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) flood insurance policies. This coverage provides an additional \$20,000 to elevate, relocate, demolish, or floodproof substantially damaged structures. A home is considered substantially damaged when the cost of repairs equal or exceeds 50% of the structure's pre-damage market value. Communities have the option of adopting a cumulative substantial damage provision where ICC coverage can become available when a structure's cumulative damages equal or exceed 50% of the market value.

### **Point of Contact:**

FEMA Region V  
536 South Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60605  
(312) 408-5500

\*NOTE\* The Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR) is the State Coordinating office for the National Flood Insurance Program. Questions regarding FEMA programs can also be directed to IDNR/OWR's State Coordinator

## **Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region V  
Ralph Metcalfe Federal Building  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3507  
Phone: (312) 353-5680



TTY:(312) 353-7143

<https://www.hud.gov/>

HUD has many programs and grants dealing with urban development and housing. HUD is also one of the primary agencies for low interest loans following disaster events.

### **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

Funding for long term strategic and high impact activities to mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses.

Funding is allocated by Congress depending on need. These funds can be used to match FEMA spending.

### **Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program**

Provides communities with guaranteed loans that can be used to increase disaster resilience.

### **203(k) Rehabilitation Program**

Provides loans to homeowners either to purchase a home or to rehabilitate their home.

## **Department of the Interior**

### **U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS)**

#### Illinois Water Science Center

405 N. Goodwin Ave.

Urbana, IL 61801

United States

Phone: 217-328-8747

<https://www.usgs.gov/>



Topics: Data Sources, Emergency Management Planning

As one of the 48 Districts in the Water Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey, the Illinois District is an integral part of the Federal agency devoted to data collection, applied science, scientific research, and dissemination of information. The USGS performs surveys, investigations, and research, covering topography, geology, hydrology, and the mineral resources of the United States. They classify lands as to the mineral water resources and publish and disseminate data relative to the foregoing activities. The USGS also publishes flow rates and peak flows of certain streams and rivers.

## **National Water Data Exchange (I, G, O, P, E, U)**

- Each state has a User Assistance Center. These centers can provide:
- Information on flood peaks and discharges, flood depths and velocities, profiles of the water surface and areas inundated during major floods, time-of-travel of flood wave, and sediment transport information
- Interpretative information regarding flood frequency relations, estimates of 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year flood discharges, computed water surface profiles, and flood-prone areas delineated on topographic maps
- Assistance in minimizing flood losses by quickly identifying areas of potential flood hazards
- Additional information on the hydrology of floodplains.

## **National Park Service**

<https://www.nps.gov/index.htm>

The objectives of the National Park Service are to administer the properties under its jurisdiction, to protect the natural environment of the areas, and to assist States, local governments, and citizen groups in the development of park areas, the protection of the natural environment, and the preservation of historic properties.



Targeted National Park Service assistance with grassroots planning can help communities make informed choices based upon consensus about future growth and development that will help avoid future flood losses.

## **Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (G, O, P, E)**

- The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program provides National Park Service staff for assistance to communities for river and trail corridor planning and open space preservation efforts.
- Program personnel are acknowledged experts in facilitating cooperative planning efforts.
- -Projects are all based on substantial involvement of varied community interests.

### **Point of Contact:**

Illinois Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance National Park Service  
25 East Washington, Suite 1650  
Chicago, IL 60602  
[www.rivernetnetwork.org](http://www.rivernetnetwork.org)

Missouri/Southern Illinois Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance National Park Service  
11 North 4th St., Suite 1200  
St. Louis, MO 63102

## U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Midwest Region  
5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990  
Bloomington, MN 55437-1458  
Phone: 612-713-5360  
Email: [MidwestNews@fws.gov](mailto:MidwestNews@fws.gov)



<https://www.fws.gov/>

Topics: Multi-Objective Management, Mitigation Techniques

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is to work with others, to conserve, protect, and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. Their major responsibilities are migratory birds, endangered species, freshwater and anadromous fish, the National Wildlife Refuge System, wetlands, conserving habitat, and environmental contaminants.

The Fish and Wildlife Service provides expertise on questions relating to fish, wildlife, and habitat resource, preservation, and maintenance. They also review wetland projects as part of the USACE 404 permit program.

### Partners for Fish and Wildlife (O, I, E, G)

- -Eligible projects include restoration or enhancement of wildlife habitat, does not fund land acquisition or salaries.
- -Need to call for application dead- lines.
- -Matching or in-kind services preferred, 10-year habitat development agreement required.

### Point of Contact:

US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) at (847) 381-2253  
or 1250 S Grove, Suite 103, Barrington IL 60010

<https://www.fws.gov/offices/Directory/ListOffices.cfm?statecode=17>

(612) 713-5361

### Northeastern Illinois Wetlands Conservation Account (I, G, O, P, E)

- Eligible projects include restoration, enhancement, and preservation of wetlands. Other eligible projects include those that promote understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of wetlands.

- Application deadlines vary. \$5,000-\$150,000 grant range.
- Matching funds preferred but not required. Limited to Northeastern Illinois area.

**Point of Contact:**

Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (847) 381-2253 for information.

<https://www.fws.gov/our-facilities>

Region 3: Twin Cities, Minnesota (Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin)  
(612) 713-5361

**Challenge Grant Program (O, I, E, G)**

- Purpose for wildlife habitat restoration, streambank stabilization, or education.
- Application deadlines from June to August. Grant ranges vary up to \$10,000.
- 50% Match required.

**Point of Contact:**

Contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (847) 381-2253 or (309) 793-5800.

<https://www.fws.gov/our-facilities>

Region 3: Twin Cities, Minnesota (Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin)  
(612) 713-5361

## Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Internal Revenue Service  
230S. Dearborn St. Room 2400, Stop 6604-CHI  
Chicago, IL 60604  
(312) 566-4912



Internal Revenue Service  
3101 Constitution Drive  
Springfield, IL 62704  
(217) 862-8632

<https://www.irs.gov/>

**Federal Tax Incentives for Conservation (I, O, U)**

Owners of environmentally sensitive land that has been donated for conservation purposes, or has been placed in a conservation easement, may qualify for significant federal tax deductions.

Reference is the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code [170(h)]. Contact the IRS or your federal tax advisor for more information.

## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and  
National Weather Service  
Central Illinois  
1362 State Route 10  
Lincoln, IL 62656  
217-732-3089

<https://www.noaa.gov/>

Reports the weather of the U.S. and provides weather forecasts to the general public, issues warnings against natural events, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and tsunamis, provides special services in support of aviation, marine activities, agriculture, forestry, urban air-quality control, and other weather-sensitive activities; monitors and reports all non-federal weather modification activities conducted in the United States.

### **Local Flood Warning Systems (G)**

Floodplain information and interpretation assistance for specific points on larger rivers of the United States can be obtained from the National Weather Service.

NWS provides flood forecasts and warnings on larger rivers and provides flash flood warnings on smaller streams. Interested communities are assisted in establishing flood warning systems.

There are 12 field forecasting offices across the United States. Regional office staff can identify field stations near a user.

### **Coastal Resilience Grant Program**

Funds projects that are helping coastal communities prepare for extreme weather events or climate hazards.

### **Point of Contact:**

1315 East West Highway 14<sup>th</sup> floor  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910  
301-427-8664

## United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)



Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590  
(202) 366-4000

<https://www.transportation.gov/>

### **Scenic Byway Program (U)**

Purpose is to create or preserve treasured American byways or roads. Grants are available for states and communities to develop scenic roadways and associated open space.

<http://www.byways.org>

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# STATE OF ILLINOIS

The State of Illinois administers numerous programs for community-based water resource management. Some of the money for these programs originates at the federal level and is pass-through funding, but much comes directly from the State.



Useful State websites: <http://www.illinois.gov/>

Catalog of State Assistance to Local Governments:  
<https://www.ilga.gov/commission/lru/Catalog2017.pdf>

Contact your local state legislative office for application details.



## Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

Illinois Department of Agriculture Division of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 19281 State Fairgrounds  
Springfield, IL 62794-9281  
(217) 782-2172  
(217) 524-6858 TTY

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr>

Topic: Land and Water Resources, site review, groundwater, erosion protection.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture/Division of Natural Resources works closely with the Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS) and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts to provide technical assistance to landowners regarding flooding or erosion problems.

## Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

620 East Adams Street Springfield, IL 62701  
(217) 782-7500  
(800) 785-6055 TDD  
<https://dceo.illinois.gov>

### Community Development Assistance Program (Community Development Block Grant) (G)

Eligible projects must include activities that improve community welfare, specifically in moderate or low-income areas. Conservation-related projects can possibly include the acquisition of real

property (e.g., flood-prone areas), construction of water or sewer facilities, and initiatives for energy conservation. Funding competition is intense.

Application deadlines vary; no match required.

Money originates at the federal level as the Community Development Block Grant and is administered directly to entitlement communities such as the urbanized counties in Northeastern Illinois and selected municipalities such as the City of Chicago. In other areas, municipalities and other units of local government should contact their county government to apply for funds from the state under the Community Development Assistance Program. Community groups should work through their local municipality in incorporated areas and the next level of local government (i.e. township or county) in other areas.

## Illinois Department of Corrections

Illinois Department of Corrections  
1301 Concordia Ct.  
PO Box 19277  
Springfield, IL 62794-9277  
(217) 558-2200  
<https://www2.illinois.gov/idoc>



### Volunteer Labor Force (G)

Prisoners to sandbag, construct levees and flood fight. Prisoners are also occasionally used to clean streams of brush and debris or clean up following a flood disaster.

#### Point of Contact:

Illinois Department of Corrections,  
Office of Communication  
(217) 522-2666 ext. 2008



## Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA - OHS)

Illinois Emergency Management Agency  
2200 S. Dirksen Pkwy Springfield, Illinois 62703-4528  
217/782-7860  
<https://iemaohs.illinois.gov/>

The primary responsibility of the IEMA-OHS is to better prepare the State of Illinois for natural, manmade or technological disasters, hazards, or acts of terrorism. IEMA-OHS coordinates the State's disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery programs and activities, functions as the State Emergency Response Commission, and maintains a 24-hour Communication Center and State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). The SEOC acts as lead in crisis/consequence management response and operations to notify, activate, deploy, and employ state resources in response to any threat or act of terrorism. IEMA-OHS assists local governments with multi-hazard emergency operations plans, mitigation plans, and maintains the Illinois Emergency Operations Plan as well as the FEMA required State Mitigation Plan.

The IEMA-OHS also administers the Public Assistance Program and the Individual Assistance Program. The Public Assistance (PA) Program provides federal disaster assistance to state and local government organizations for debris removal, emergency protective measures and the permanent restoration or replacement of public facilities that are owned and operated by an eligible organization. Assistance may also be provided to certain private non-profit organizations that provide services of a governmental nature open to all persons within the community.

Under the Individual Assistance Program, IEMA-OHS works closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Small Business Administration (SBA) to provide disaster assistance to individuals, families, and businesses following Presidential disaster declarations. Disaster assistance may come in the form of loans or grants to restore the disaster area to pre-disaster condition.

IEMA-OHS provides training for municipal and county emergency managers and first responders on a wide range of topics such as emergency planning, unified command, exercise design and evaluation, mitigation, and terrorism planning.

The IEMA-OHS mitigation section administers the FEMA mitigation programs and is responsible for developing the State Hazard Mitigation Plan.

### **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) (G)**

IEMA-OHS receives 15% of the funds spent on a Presidential Declaration through the HMGP to pursue mitigation projects and plans.

Governments must be enrolled and in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Eligible initiatives for projects include acquisition of insured structures and underlying real property for open space uses and small structural projects.

Provides up to 75% of project costs, 25% match required.

### **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)**

This was a new program for FY21. It is a nationwide competitive program. Funding is six percent of

the amount spent on HMGP the previous fiscal year. There is an added focus on infrastructure projects.

**Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) (G)**

To assist states and local governments to implement cost-effective measures that will reduce future flood damage and reduce future flood insurance claims.

Examples of eligible projects include acquisition or elevation of National Flood Insurance Program insured buildings, and minor drainage improvement projects.

**Pre-Disaster Mitigation (G)**

This program ended in FY20.

**Point of Contact:**

State Hazard Mitigation Officer

217/782-8719

<https://iemaohs.illinois.gov/recovery/mitigation.html>

**Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)**



Division of Water Pollution Control Permit Section #15  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
P. O. Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276  
(217) 782-3397

<https://epa.illinois.gov/>

**Non-point Source Management Program (Section 319 grants) (G, O)**

Eligible projects include controlling or eliminating non-point pollution sources.

Application deadline is in August.

Requires 40% matching funds or in-kind services.

**Point of Contact:**

IEPA at (217) 782-3362

<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/nonpoint-sources.html>

**Illinois Clean Lakes Program (G)**

Financial assistance available for lakes over 6 acres that are publicly- owned with public access.

Application deadline is Aug. 31 (pre-approval) and Oct. 31 (final approval).

Requires 40% match for phase I, 50% local match for phase II.

**Point of Contact:**

IEPA at (217) 782-3362

<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/monitoring/inland-lakes.html#il2>

**Priority Lake and Watershed Implementation Program (G)**

Eligible projects include funding to implement protection/restoration practices that improve water quality prioritized publicly owned lakes.

Funding up to 100%, projects range from \$5,000 to \$30,000.

Contact IEPA at 217-782-3362.

<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/grants-loans>



**Illinois Dept of Natural Resources (IDNR)**

Illinois Department of Natural Resources / Office of Water Resources  
(IDNR/OWR)

One Natural Resources Way

Springfield, IL 62701

(217) 782-6302

[www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov)

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR) is the state agency that regulates construction activities in the state's rivers, lakes, and streams. The agency is also very active in the planning and funding of structural flood control projects when deemed appropriate. The IDNR receives many requests for assistance to solve urban flooding and other related water resources problems, each of which leads to some category of study or action. IDNR/OWR also coordinates the National Flood Insurance Program, mitigation activities, and floodplain mapping issues in the state.

**State and local floodplain regulations and NFIP coordination (I, G, O, E)**

Provides community-wide or individual assistance and training to communities trying to regulate floodplain development activities and reduce existing flood problems.

Can provide communities with training manuals, model floodplain and stormwater ordinances, technical assistance, risk assessment, and floodplain mapping.

**Point of Contact:**

IDNR/OWR  
2050 Stearns Rd  
Bartlett, IL 60103  
847.608.3181

One Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, IL. 62701  
(217) 782-6302

**Flood Hazard Mitigation Program**

Program funds 100% of the costs to acquire and demolish flood prone homes and businesses. Structures purchased must pass a benefit cost analysis and environmental review. The program cannot purchase mobile homes or elevate structures. The funding is very competitive and is dependent upon allocations from the State Legislature. Once acquired, the property will be owned by the community and must stay open space in perpetuity.

**Point of Contact:**

IDNR/OWR  
One Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, IL 62701  
217-524-7200

**Capital Projects Fund (G)**

Provides direct assistance to rural and smaller communities to reduce stormwater related flood damages by alleviating localized, significant drain- age and flood problems.

Provides funding for planning and implementation of flood control projects in accordance with an adopted plan.

Relies on cooperative utilization of local resources.

**Certified Local Government Program [for historic preservation] (G)**

Eligible projects include historical surveys, education, and historical preservation planning.

October deadline, 40% match required.

**Point of Contact:**

Contact Illinois Historic Preservation at (217) 785-1511.  
<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric>

**Illinois Heritage Grants [for historic preservation] (G, O)**

Eligible projects are those that entail historical construction. A 40% match is required.

**Point of Contact:**

Illinois Historic Preservation at (217) 785-1511



**Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program & Open Lands Trust Grant Program (G)**

Eligible projects include money for acquisition and development of public parks for passive recreation/open space.

Application deadlines vary. Conservation easement required with both programs.

Funding is reimbursable up to 50% of project costs, reimbursable up to \$2 million for the Trust Grant.

**Point of Contact:**

IDNR for both programs at 217-782-7481.

<https://dnr.illinois.gov/grants/openspacelandsacquisitiondevelopment-grant.html>

**Education Grants (U)**

<https://dnr.illinois.gov/education.html>

**Greenways and Trails Planning Assistance Program (G)**

Eligible units of government include counties and communities > 10,000. \$20,000 maximum awarded, 50% in-kind contribution required.

Must follow a planning process.

**Point of Contact:**

IDNR at 217-782-3715

<https://dnr.illinois.gov/recreation/greenwaysandtrails.html>

**Illinois Trail Grant Programs (G, P, O)**

A collection of various trail programs where eligible projects include acquiring or constructing non-motorized bicycle and snowmobile paths and facilities.

Deadline is March and May. 0%-50% match required, depending upon which type of trail grant.

**Point of Contact:**

IDNR at 217-782-7481.

<https://dnr.illinois.gov/aeg/illinois trails grant programs.html>

**Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program (G)**

Purpose is to create or enhance local forestry programs in communities with a local forestry ordinance.

May deadline.

50% match required, reimbursement up to \$5,000.

**Point of Contact:**

IDNR at 217-782-2361

<https://dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/forestry/urbanforestry/idnrurbanandcommunityforestrygrants.html>

**Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund (I, O, U)**

Eligible projects include those that deal with management, site inventories or on-going education programs.

Deadline is April.

Funding up to \$1,000 per project, match preferred but not required.

**Point of Contact:**

IDNR at (217) 785-8774

<https://dnr.illinois.gov/grants/illinoiswildlifepreservationfund.html>

**State Tax Incentives for Conservation (O, I)**

Urban land that is environmentally sensitive may qualify for significant property tax reductions: Real Property Conservation Rights Act (765 ILCS 120/1 et seq.).

If land is qualified by having a conservation easement, it may be assessed at 8 1/3 fair market value. Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act (525 ILCS 30/1 et. seq)/17 Ill Adm. Code.

If land is qualified by being designated as an Illinois Nature Preserve, it may be assessed at \$1/year in perpetuity.

**Open Space Assessment (Illinois Property Tax Code Sections 10-155)**

Allow use evaluation is used for land in open space, 10-acre minimum area, not applicable in Cook County.

Preferential Assessment of Common Areas (Illinois Property Tax Code Sections 10-35).

Purpose is to encourage open space in residential developments, if qualifying, assessment is reduced to \$1/ year.

Other tax incentives may also apply, contact IDNR regarding the Real Property Conservation Rights Act and the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act at (217) 785-8686. Contact your local township or county assessor to determine eligibility under the Open Space Assessment and Preferential Assessment of Common Areas.

## Illinois Department of Revenue

Illinois Department of Revenue has tax programs for flood victims.

<https://tax.illinois.gov/>

Willard Ice Building

101W Jefferson St

Springfield, Illinois 62702

(800) 732-8866 or (217) 782-3336

TDD: (800) 544-5304



## Illinois State Water Survey

Prairie Research Institute

Illinois State Water Survey

Center for Watershed Science

2204 Griffith Dr

Champaign, IL 61820-7495

<https://www.isws.illinois.edu>

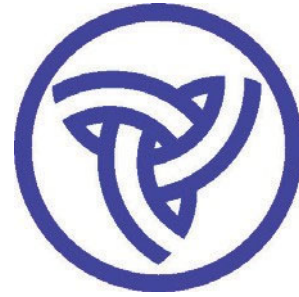
The Illinois State Water Survey is the scientific and technical branch of U of I. The Illinois State Water Survey maintains the state repository for flood history, floodplain mapping and hydrologic studies.

### Surface Water and Floodplain Services Program (I, G, O, P)

A variety of information and technical services related to surface water resources and floodplain management are provided to individuals, industry, business professionals, public agencies, and governmental units. The Illinois State Water Survey functions as the Floodplain Information Repository maintaining a library of information and technical data related to flooding. The library also includes a complete set of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) maps and studies as well as engineering data and supportive studies related to flooding, a complete set of National Wetlands Inventory Maps and US Geological Survey topographic quadrangles, and the Survey's Surface Water Data Files. This information may be viewed by the public during regular business hours. The Water Survey also completes flood hazard zone determinations and calculates approximate base flood elevations. Minimal fees are charged for some services.

## Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

Illinois Department of Transportation  
Hanley Administration Building  
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62764  
(217) 782-7820  
<https://idot.illinois.gov/>



### Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (G)

Eligible projects include those that support alternative modes of transportation and that preserve visual and cultural resources, including historic preservation and landscaping beautification.

Planning is encouraged to be completed now for new disbursements.  
Local 20% match required for projects, 50% match for land acquisition.

#### Point of Contact:

IDOT at 1-800-493-3434.

<https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/funding-programs/itep.html>

# PRIVATE AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Private sources for community projects include associations, corporations, and individuals that have established foundations for charitable purposes. Many corporate foundations focus their philanthropy in areas near their operations, so local retailers, businesses, or the local chamber of commerce might be a source of revenue for your project. Most, but not all, require that the group applying for funding be sponsored by a not-for-profit [501(c)(3)] corporation. Information about private foundations can be identified through organizations that specialize in grant information research. Fees for services or products may be charged by these organizations, so be sure to clarify if charges will be incurred.

## Web Resources

Useful websites in identifying resources:

- Candid  
79 Fifth Street, New York, New York 10003-3076  
(212) 620-4230  
<https://candid.org/>
- The River Network Directory lists over 3600 grassroots river and watershed conservation groups, local agencies, and governments.  
<https://www.rivernetnetwork.org/>

## AMERICORPS

National Civilian Community Corps (ANCCC) provides team-based support to communities with strategic plans to help implement flood mitigation projects, disaster preparedness, and post-disaster community renovation projects.

[www.americorps.org/nccc/](http://www.americorps.org/nccc/)

(202) 606-5000



## American Planning Association

More information on planning and regulatory techniques to preserve floodplain open space can be found in Subdivision Design in Flood Hazard Areas, Planning Advisory Service Report #473. Copies can be ordered for \$32 (\$16 for APA members).

### Point of Contact:

American Planning Association 122 South Michigan Ave, Suite 1600  
Chicago, IL 60603

(312) 431-9100

[www.ilapa.org/](http://www.ilapa.org/)

Growing Smart webpage [www.planning.org/plninfo/GROWSMAR/gsindex.html](http://www.planning.org/plninfo/GROWSMAR/gsindex.html)

### American Red Cross

Many resources to help communities and individuals deal with post disaster recovery and repair. The Red Cross produces several excellent booklets dealing with flood recovery.



#### Point of Contact:

American Red Cross  
2200 W Harrison Street  
Chicago, IL 60612-3506  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)  
<http://www.redcrossillinois.org/disaster-services>  
1-800 Red Cross

American Red Cross serving South Central Illinois  
1045 Outer Park Dr,  
Springfield · (844) 319-6560  
Champaign: (217) 351-5861  
Chicago Office: (312) 729-6100  
Peoria: (309) 677-7272  
Danville: (217) 431-5600

[www.redcross.org/services/disaster/keepsafe/readyflood.pdf](http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/keepsafe/readyflood.pdf)

### America In Bloom (U)

The website has a list of grant programs with the purpose of beautifying communities.

<https://americainbloom.org/>



### American Rivers

Working to improve flood protection policies.

#### Point of Contact:

GREAT LAKES – ROCK ISLAND OFFICE  
3018 22nd Ave.  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
217-390-3658  
<https://www.americanrivers.org/>

## Anthropocene Alliance

The Alliance builds grassroots coalitions in communities impacted by climate change and environmental abuse. They provide support and training to community leaders, and connect them to the government agencies, nonprofit programs.

### Point of Contact:

Anthropocene Alliance  
105 NE Bay Avenue  
Micanopy, FL 32667  
Harriet@AnthropoceneAlliance.org

## Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM)

The nation's primary floodplain management association. Annual conference, technical resources available, training opportunities.



- Addressing Your Community's Flood Problems—A Guide for Elected Officials (<https://floodsciencecenter.org/products/elected-officials-flood-risk-guide/>)
- No Adverse Impact Floodplain Management – Community Case Studies (<https://floodsciencecenter.org/projects/no-adverse-impact-floodplain-management-community-case-studies/>)
- Community Resilience Guide for Repetitive Flood Loss (<https://floodsciencecenter.org/projects/community-resilience-guide-for-repetitive-flood-loss/>)
- ReduceFloodRisk.org – Flood Mitigation Library (<https://www.reducefloodrisk.org/>)

### Point of Contact:

8301 Excelsior Drive  
Madison, WI 53717  
Phone (608) 828-3000  
<https://www.floods.org/>



Chicago Metropolitan  
Agency for Planning

## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Variety of publications and assistance.  
[www.cmap.illinois.gov](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov)

- Lake Management Environmental Considerations in Comprehensive Planning; A Manual for Local Officials.
- Model Floodplain and Stormwater Management Ordinances
- People on the Water Planning Guide Acquiring Open Space Manual

**Point of Contact:**

233 South Wacker Suite 800,  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(312) 454-0400

## Chicago Wilderness Alliance

### Small Grants (U)

Eligible projects include natural areas enhancement, education, and research that focus on biological diversity of northeastern Illinois, northwestern Indiana, and the southeastern Wisconsin region.



Application deadlines vary, need to call.

1:1 matching funds or in-kind services required.

**Point of Contact:**

Chicago Wilderness at (312) 580-2137  
[cwadmin@chicagowilderness.org](mailto:cwadmin@chicagowilderness.org)

### Wetland Restoration Fund (G, U)

Eligible projects include wetlands and other aquatic ecosystem restorations, projects must be in the six-county Chicago metropolitan area and have either a conservation easement or be owned by a government agency.

Deadline is March and October

**Point of Contact:**

312-346-8166 ext. 30

## The Conservation Foundation (U)

**Point of Contact:**

(630) 428-4500  
10S404 Knoch Knolls Road  
Naperville, IL 60565  
<http://www.theconservationfoundation.org>





## Friends of the Chicago River

[www.chicagoriver.org/](http://www.chicagoriver.org/)

**Point of Contact:**

411 S. Wells St. Suite 800  
Chicago IL 60607  
Phone: (312) 939-0490

## Great Lake Commission

### Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (U)

USDA-sponsored projects include protection of Great Lakes Water Quality by controlling erosion and sedimentation (only available in Lake, Cook, and Will Counties). Typical grant amount around \$25,000.



Application deadline in January.

**Point of Contact:**

734-665-9135.

<https://www.glc.org/work/sediment>

## Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management (IAFSM)

35W 749 Bluff Drive  
St Charles, Illinois 60175

<https://www.illinoisfloods.org>



**Point of Contact:**

(630) 443-8145

Annual conference, floodplain manager certification, home study courses, technical resources available, guidebooks on flood reduction, training opportunities.



## Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety

Team of scientists and risk communicators who deliver strategies to build safer and stronger homes and businesses.

<https://ibhs.org/>  
<https://ibhs.org/guidance/flood/>

### **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grants (U)**

Eligible projects include habitat restoration and protection on private lands.

Deadlines vary per individual program.

Sample grant sizes range from under \$5,000 to \$75,000.

1133 Fifteenth Street, Suite 1100  
Washington DC 20005  
<http://www.nfwf.org>



**Point of Contact:**  
(202) 857-0166

### **Wildlife Links (I, G, O)**

Eligible projects include management & education projects for conservation on golf courses.

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation  
1133 Fifteenth Street, N.W. Suite 1100, Washington D.C. 20005  
<http://www.nfwf.org>

**Point of Contact:**  
(202) 857-0166



### **Natural Hazards Center**

483 UCB  
Boulder, CO 80309-0483  
<https://hazards.colorado.edu/>

The purpose is to reduce disaster harm and increase knowledge of hazards by connecting professionals, researchers, and non-profits.

**Point of Contact:**  
(303) 735-5844

## North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) (U)

Grant Programs and other incentives periodically offered to enhance the protection of lake watersheds.

North American Lake Management Society  
PO Box 5443  
Madison, Wi. 53705-0443  
<https://www.nalms.org/>



**Point of Contact:**  
608-233-2836

## Project Wet



Develops water resource curriculum and provides training for teachers.

Project WET Foundation  
301 N. Willson Ave.  
Bozeman, MT 59715 USA  
<https://www.projectwet.org/>

## River Network Watershed Assistance Grants Program (U)

Eligible projects include community-based partnerships that conserve or restore watersheds.

Deadlines are February 18 and June 15

Grant amounts range from \$1,500-30,000.

River Network  
520 SW Sixth Ave, Suite 1130  
Portland, Oregon 97204  
<http://www.rivernetwork.org>

**Point of Contact:**  
(503) 241-3506 ext. 47

## Foundations

### Captain Planet Foundation (E, P)

Eligible projects include environmental activities for children 6-18 such as urban gardens, water testing, and habitat restoration.

Grants range from \$250-\$2,500.

133 Luckie Street  
2nd Floor  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
<https://captainplanetfoundation.org/>

**Point of Contact:**  
404-522-4270

### Chicago Community Trust (P)

111 E Wacker Dr # 1400 Chicago, IL 60601  
(312) 616-8000  
<http://www.cct.org>



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COMMUNITY TRUST®  
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**Point of Contact:**  
[info@cct.org](mailto:info@cct.org)

### Field Foundation of Illinois (P)

Funding restricted to six-county Chicago metropolitan area.

Focus is on prevention and reduction of pollution and preservation and protection of the natural environment.

200 S Wacker Dr # 3860  
Chicago, IL 60606  
<https://fieldfoundation.org/>

**Point of Contact:**  
(312) 831-0910

### Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation (U, P)

Eligible projects primarily conservation. Chicago area only, sample grants from \$3,000-\$50,000 range.

35 E. Wacker Drive, Ste. 2600,  
Chicago, IL 60601

<https://gddf.org/>

**Point of Contact:**  
(312) 977-2700



GAYLORD AND  
DOROTHY DONNELLEY  
FOUNDATION

**Grand Victoria Foundation (P)**

Eligible projects include proposals, which address pollution, natural area restoration, and using Best Management Practices in northeastern Illinois (outside Chicago).

Application deadlines twice yearly.

<https://grandvictoriafdn.org/>

**Point of Contact:**  
(847) 289-8575.

**Rails to Trails Clearinghouse (G, O, P, E, U)**

Website has list of funding sources for trail & greenway funding and project planning.

The Duke Ellington Building  
2121 Ward Ct., NW 5th Floor Washington, DC 20037

<http://www.railstotrails.org/index.html>

**Point of Contact:**  
Contact is at 877-GRNWAYS or (202) 331-9696