

# Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program





# ITEP Overview

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- Available Categories
- Changes to Policies
- Illinois Green Streets Initiative
- Application Submittal Data
- Application Review Update



# Program Categories

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- Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
- Historic Preservation
- Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures or Facilities
- Landscaping and Scenic Beautification
- Scenic or Historic Highway Programs
- Environmental Mitigation
- Archeological Planning & Research



# Program Categories

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- Transportation Museums
- Outdoor Advertising Control
- Safety and Education Activities for Pedestrians and Bicyclists
- Acquisition of Scenic Easements
- Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors for Bike Trails



# What's New to the Program ?

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- Federal Flexible Match (soft match) will be allowed
- Proposed policy - street lighting will be funded at 50/50
- Rehabilitation of rolling stock and purchase of artifacts eligible
- Sunset Clause



# Enhancement Program Apps

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- Received 333 applications requesting over \$442 M in federal funds
- Only \$25 M available
- Several ineligible items – OP&P will provide scoping documents to Districts
- Partial funding or complete funding ?
- ITEP Change Request Form



# Illinois Green Streets Initiative

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- Announced by Governor in honor of Earth Day 2007
- Part of the Governor's Replanting the Prairie State Initiative
- Funded through ITEP program
- Trees and Prairie Grasses Only





# Illinois Green Streets Initiative

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## Special Considerations for the Illinois Green Streets Program

- All projects **must**
  - be included in a landscape or greenways plan
  - be on public Right-of-Way along major streets & highways
- Eligible participants will be limited to cities and villages that are incorporated



# Illinois Green Streets Initiative

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## Green Streets Applications

- Received 41 apps requesting over \$8 M in federal funds
- Only \$5 M available
- Many requests went beyond limits of program



# Application Reviews

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- Reviews conducted by
  - IDOT enhancement staff
  - Each IDOT District
  - Bureau of Operations & BD&E
  - DCEO
  - IHPA
  - IDNR
  - MPOs



# Summary Comments

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- Hope to get projects announced this fall
- All applicants will receive notice if their project(s) were selected or not
- Sponsors must adhere to Sunset Clause
- Project sponsors should contact District Local Roads office for implementation procedures
- Next application Cycle ?