

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program





ITEP Overview

- Program Objectives
- Available Categories
- Changes for Next Application Cycle
- Illinois Green Streets Initiative



Program Objectives



- Allocate resources to support alternate modes of transportation
- Enhance the transportation system through preservation of visual and cultural resources
- Improve the quality of life for members of the communities



Program Categories

- 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

- 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 ?

- Federal Flexible Match (soft match) will be allowed
- Proposed policy - street lighting will be funding at 50/50
- All projects will be required to
 - Submit a detailed cost estimate
 - Submit an Annual Audit Report



Illinois Green Streets Initiative

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



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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



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Special Considerations Continued

- Allow for mature plant growth
- Prairie grasses only allowed in circumstances that will not interfere with safety considerations
- All federal, state and local policies regarding plantings along a state highway must be adhered to
- Land acquisition and utility adjustments/relocations are not a reimbursable expense



Public Outreach

- Notification
- Workshops
- ITEP Website
 - www.dot.il.gov/opp/itep.html
- E-mail Address
 - itep@dot.il.gov



Summary Comments

- Program Partners are critical to success
- Highly competitive program - do as much advanced work as feasible
- Gain public support
- Seek alternative funding options

