

Community Planning

Bi-State employees assist with Requests for Proposals, planning, development, and implementation of many community programs or projects such as the following.

Plan Development – Develop comprehensive, land use, sustainability, hazard mitigation, strategic, greenways, and park and recreation plans.

Grants – Write and administer grants for public safety, community and economic development, parks and recreation, transportation improvements or enhancements, hazard mitigation, etc.

Surveys – Develop and compile surveys and public input for plans or grants.

Economic Development

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – Coordinate and prepare an annual report on the economic conditions of the region, as required by the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Programs – Provide gap financing for new or expanding businesses that create or keep jobs in Mercer, Muscatine, Rock Island, and Scott Counties.

Community Fact Sheets/Brochures – Develop publications with community data including population, employment, infrastructure, entertainment, education, cost of living, etc.

Graphic Design Services

Staff designs promotional brochures, maps, newsletters, booklets, special events posters or flyers, logos, charts, advertisements, report covers, presentations, etc.

GIS/Mapping Services

Maps – Create professional maps for use in planning documents, marketing and promotional pieces, site plans, and economic development materials, as well as maps for special events.

Data – Collect data from public and private partners, such as aerial imagery, parcel information and features, demographic and economic data, Census and political boundaries, floodplains, soils, wetlands, etc.

Intergovernmental Programs

Drug/Alcohol Testing Consortium – Provide local governments, school districts, and transit systems required testing to comply with the federal requirements for transportation workers working in safety-sensitive positions.

Joint Purchasing Council – Provide program coordination and bid preparation for the Council that jointly bids equipment, chemicals, and supplies, as requested by its member governments and associated agencies.

Municipal Code Enforcement System (MUNICES) – Coordinate judgement and settlements of minor municipal code violations for Illinois members to which local police or building/zoning departments refer cases.

Riverfront Council – Provide a local forum for information sharing and cooperation of riverfront enhancement in riverfront communities.

Solid Waste Planning – Coordinate with county-level solid waste agencies for planning, research, and funding opportunities.

Staff also provides support to other intergovernmental programs as developed.

Transportation Planning

Long Range Planning – Create 20-year plans for transportation improvements.

Short Range Planning – Create the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), a four-year listing of transportation projects that shows the annual allocation of transportation dollars for the region.

Transit Development Planning – Identify alternative transportation choices and needs in the region.

Mississippi River Bridge Monitoring – Check and report bridge construction and maintenance schedules.

Multi-Purpose Trail Planning – Write trail plans, grants, and staff the Bi-State Regional Trail Committee.

Traffic Safety – Coordinate meetings of law enforcement and traffic engineers to identify traffic safety needs and projects in the region.

General Technical Assistance – Provide corridor, capacity, and accident analysis, as well as trail/traffic counters.

Data and Information Services

U.S. Census Programs – Provide help with understanding and analyzing U.S. Census data, local geography, Decennial Census, American Community Survey, population estimates, Census counts question resolution, special Census, boundary and annexation surveys, and commuting (Journey to Work) and others.

Educational, Economic, and Employment Data – Provide data and research on education; major employers; labor force, employment and unemployment; cost of living; consumer price index; income; and retail sales.