

**I-69 Community Planning Program Grants Update**

The I-69 Community Planning Program (I-69 CPP) is documented in the Tier 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD). Its purpose is to enhance the capacity of communities or groups of communities along the new I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis Corridor to plan for and manage the protection of natural resources, economic development, and general growth. The program includes funding for local planning activities and the development of a planning toolbox. Thirty-one communities were identified, during the Tier 1 process, as eligible to apply for I-69 CPP grants. The grant program was structured in two application rounds to allow communities the flexibility of submitting applications for funds during either round. In the first round, communities were required to submit either a grant application or a letter of intent to apply in the second round. The deadline for submission was October 5, 2007. Grant applications from communities choosing to apply in the second round were due on December 7, 2007. Thirty of the 31 eligible communities applied for grants and are participating in the Program.

Six communities in the vicinity of Section 4 were eligible to apply for I-69 CPP grants. The City of Linton, Town of Bloomfield and Greene County opted to team together in their planning efforts, as did the City of Bedford and Lawrence County. Each submitted grant applications in the first round. Grants were awarded on October 22, 2007. The Greene County/Bloomfield/Linton team was awarded \$150,000 while the Bedford/Lawrence County team was awarded \$100,000. Monroe County opted to submit a letter of intent during the first round and an application during the second. It was awarded a \$50,000 grant on December 21, 2007. The Indiana Department of Transportation, its program consultants, and the Office of Community of Rural Affairs worked with each community to complete the necessary administrative processes. Details on the grant award, letters of intent, and the status of planning efforts is provided below. Details provided in the letters of intent are not binding.

**Section 4 Grant Awards as of June 30, 2010**

Communities Participating	Grant		Purpose(s)	Includes:		Nature of Resource Protection or Enhancement	Status as of June 30, 2010
	Date Awarded	Amount		Land Use Planning	Zoning		
Greene County, Bloomfield, and Linton	10/22/07	\$150,000	County comprehensive plan, Bloomfield comprehensive plan, and corridor plan for I-69	X		<p>Project will include an analysis of natural resources that will provide input to the three plans. Communities already have identified Goose Pond, Bee Hunter Marsh Wetlands, critical bat habitat, the White River floodplain, and farmland as among the sensitive assets to be included.</p> <p>Greene County and Bloomfield have indicated they will consider the formation of either separate plan commissions or an area plan commission as part of this project. Linton already has a plan commission.</p>	<p>Grant has been awarded and grant agreement has been signed. The project has been completed,</p> <p>The Greene County Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Greene County Commissioners on August 3, 2009. An Advisory Plan commission was formed as well.</p> <p>The Bloomfield Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Bloomfield Town Council on August 4, 2009. An Advisory Plan Commission was formed as well.</p> <p>The I-69 Corridor Plan was adopted by the Greene County Economic Development Corporation on February 17, 2009.</p>
Lawrence County and Bedford	10/22/07	\$100,000	I-69 corridor and county land use plan	X		<p>Lawrence County has little or no local capacity to protect natural resources. The county currently does not have a plan commission, a comprehensive plan, or land use regulations such as zoning and subdivision regulations. The grant allows completion of a land use plan that would meet the legal requirements for a comprehensive plan. It identifies natural resources within the county and strategies for protecting those resources. The plan will help the county to identify suitable locations for development and tools to guide development to those locations. It establishes the prerequisites that are necessary to allow the community to regulate land use. The county has expressed they will consider the formation of a plan commission as part of this planning effort.</p>	<p>Grant has been awarded and grant agreement has been signed. The project has been completed,</p> <p>The final report for was accepted by the Lawrence County Commissioners on July 7, 2009 and the Bedford City Council on July 14, 2009. The county is not planning on forming a plan commission at this time.</p>
Monroe County	12/21/07	\$50,000	Transportation Corridor Plan	X		<p>The project will include an extensive analysis of natural resources along the proposed highway alignment. While the plan will address a broad range of natural resources, special emphasis will be placed on floodplains, karst topography, and greenspace.</p>	<p>Grant has been awarded and grant agreement has been signed.</p> <p><i>Completed Items:</i></p> <p>The transportation corridor plan is completed. After a public hearing by the Monroe County Plan Commission, it will be forwarded to the County Commissioners for formal adoption.</p>