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Via email: [rkosin@barringtonhills-il.gov](mailto:rkosin@barringtonhills-il.gov)

Dear Mr. Kosin:

Thank you for your recent application to the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. I am pleased to inform you that your application for a bicycle-pedestrian plan has been successful.

A member of our staff will be following up with you to further scope this project and determine the timeline for starting work. Because CMAP will be providing assistance to many communities, we will not be able to begin your project immediately but anticipate that work could begin in spring 2014. We hope to meet with you soon to jointly develop a scope of work and strategy for our work together.

Congratulations on submitting a successful project! We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R M D".

Robert M. Dean  
Deputy Executive Director for Local Planning

**Application form:  
Community Planning program and  
Local Technical Assistance program**

**DEADLINE: Noon on Wednesday, June 26, 2013**

This application form is online at [www.rtachicago.com/applications](http://www.rtachicago.com/applications). You may submit the form by email to [applications@rtachicago.com](mailto:applications@rtachicago.com).

Upon receipt of application, you will receive an e-mail verifying that your application has been received.

**1. Name of Applicant:**

**Village of Barrington Hills**

**2. Main Contact for Application (please include name, phone number and email):**

**Robert Kosin, 847-551-3000, [rkosin@barringtonhills-il.gov](mailto:rkosin@barringtonhills-il.gov)**

**3. Type of Applicant (please check any that apply):**

Local government

Multijurisdictional group\*

Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):

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Nongovernmental organization\*

Name of local government partner(s):

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\*Applications submitted by multijurisdictional groups and nongovernmental organizations must include a letter indicating support from each relevant local government. See the FAQs for more information. Nongovernmental applicants are strongly encouraged to contact CMAP or the RTA prior to submitting their application to discuss their project and the demonstration of local support.

#### 4. Project Type (please check any that apply):

Please check all statements below that describe characteristics of your project. (This will help us determine whether your project is best handled by CMAP or RTA.)

- My project involves preparation of a plan.
- My project helps to implement a past plan.
- My project links land use, transportation, and housing.
- My project has direct relevance to public transit and supports the use of the existing transit system.
- My project is not directly related to transportation or land use, but implements GO TO 2040 in other ways.

#### 5. Project Location:

Please provide a brief description of the location of your project. You may include a map if that helps to describe location, but this is not required. If your project helps to implement a past plan, please include a link to that plan.

The proposed project begins in South Barrington in Cook County at the intersection of Penny & Algonquin Roads, where there is currently a trail at Crabtree Nature Center (CCFPD). The trail would extend through multiple jurisdictions down Penny Road, including Barrington Hills, finally ending in Kane County at the existing Bike trail located in downtown East Dundee.

The initial route for the proposed trail can be seen here <http://goo.gl/maps/F8DjH>.

The [Barrington Hills Comprehensive Plan](#) states

“Nonmotorized transportation continues to be an integral part of the character of Barrington Hills. Bicycling, hiking, horseback riding, and cross-country skiing are enjoyed by many residents over the course of the year, taking advantage of the scenic qualities and the open space throughout the community.”

A bike path through Barrington Hills fits directly into our current Comp Plan, and into CMAP’s Go To 2040 Plan’s Regional Mobility component. It not only increases mobility but fills a current disconnect and makes both existing trails HUGELY more accessible and more extensive.

## 6. Project Description:

**Please tell us what you would like to do in your community, and what assistance is needed.** If you have more than one idea, please submit a separate application for each project. Please be specific, but also brief (less than two pages per project idea)—we simply want to have a basic understanding of what you want to do. CMAP and RTA staff will follow-up with you if we need any additional information to fully understand your proposed project.

(Please include any additional information that is relevant, preferably by providing links to online documents.)

The Village of Barrington Hills, a municipality located in four counties, is requesting a Local Technical Assistance grant assisting with the planning of regional bikeway.

The existing trail at Crabtree Nature Center extends eastward ultimately connecting with Busse Woods in Schaumburg, but does not continue westward. The proposed trail would link with an existing regional trail west in East Dundee located along the Fox River. The proposed trail would be about 7 miles long and located aside existing roadways.

It is important to note that Barrington Hills is area with a substantial amount of bicycle traffic, whether there are formal trails or not. A side effect of creating formal trails also serves to increase the safety of people already utilizing the unique character of Barrington Hills for bicycling.

The biggest challenge posed by the proposed bike trail is the numerous stakeholders involved. Ranging from other municipalities such as South Barrington and East Dundee, to IDOT and Cook County Forest Preserve. Barrington Hills is requesting the LTA to assist in compiling and bringing to the table all stakeholders and in assisting in the planning between stakeholders.

The trail would greatly benefit multiple units of governments and their local communities who would be able to utilize the trail which not only connects bike trails, but also schools, nature centers and a library. Creating not only a bicycle route but an entire “cultural & educational corridor.”

We greatly appreciate your consideration of our proposal and look forward to speaking with you about it in the near future.