



GREATER WABASH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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The Commission serves the Greater Wabash District by providing local, regional, and comprehensive planning, facilitating knowledge enhancement, securing and administering funds and promoting cooperative solutions to regional issues.



GWRPC Annual Dinner

Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission (GWRPC) hosted our annual dinner meeting to celebrate the past year and the year ahead. The dinner took place on March 23rd at Coco's Wine Bar and Cafe in Lawrenceville. Not only was the food delicious, but we also got to hear from guest speaker Pam Barbee. Pam is the Executive Director of Southern 14 of the Labor Workforce Investment Board. Due to inclement weather, LWIA 23, Jamie Corda-Hadjaoui could not join us. Jamie's jurisdiction also serves the Greater Wabash region.

Labor Workforce Investment Board

The Labor Workforce Investment Board seeks to aid in workforce development by investing in workers. From professional to personal development, LWIB serves Southern Illinois by providing employable individuals. Pam discussed her experience in the organization and how the organization serves the Greater Wabash region.

Southern 14 Labor Workforce Investment Board, Inc.





Honoring Former Chairman, Joe Judge

Joe Judge has served as Chairman of GWRPC for six years. The Annual Dinner Meeting was his last meeting as Chairman. We would like to thank Joe for his time spent with GWRPC.



Welcome the 2023-2024 Executive Officers

New officers were appointed, with Rob Anniss as Chairman, David Savage as Vice Chairman, Scott Merkle as Secretary (not pictured), and Randy Hallam as Treasurer.

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Grants

DCEO Project Requirements

1. Meet Low or Moderate Income Requirements
2. Document a threat to health or safety
3. Have the proper permits. To have the proper permits, an engineer must be hired, surveys must be completed, and permits must be submitted and received.

In order to submit a DCEO grant, the applicant must meet these criteria. Without this information, an application cannot be completed. We recommend planning for applications a year in advance to make sure the application will be completed on time. The projected due date for DCEO applications is December 2023. The application process can be lengthy, so we recommend that planning a year in advance. Contact **Jeff Vaughan** or **Mike Gill** so we can get started on those applications!

Illinois DCEO Grant Opportunities

Current Projects

- CDBG Grants
- Grayville Waterline Replacement
- West Salem Lagoon
- Albion Sewer Lines
- Lawrenceville Waterline

Upcoming Projects

- CDBG
- Delta Regional Authority
- States Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP)
- DCEO

- Oblong Sewer Lagoon
- Hutsonville Sewer Treatment Plant
- Olney Sanitary Sewer Relining
- Grayville Waterlines
- Geff Water System Improvements
- Olney Storm Sewer

Body Worn Camera Grants

- Norris City Body Camera

FEMA Grants

- Edwards County EMS
- Olney Fire Department

- Safe Routes to Schools

Safe Routes to School Program

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced the Safe Routes to School program will be available in 2023. The program provides funding for sidewalks, bike paths, and other pedestrian infrastructure. Applications are set to become available August 1st through October 2nd. If you are interested in applying, give us a call!

Department of Transportation: Safe Routes to School



Richland County OSFM Grant Award

Richland county received approximately \$25,000 from the Illinois State Fire Marshal grant opportunity.

The funding will go towards purchasing new turnout gear and other protective equipment. If your local fire department is in need of funding, be on the lookout for upcoming grant opportunities and give us a call!

White County Energy Transition Award

White county was recently awarded approximately \$1.2 million by the Energy Transition Community Grant Program, funded by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The funding must be designated to plan for or address the economic and social impact on the community or region of plant or mine retirement or transition.

As part of the grant process, White County Government will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, April 11 in Courtroom A at the White County Courthouse in Carmi at 6 p.m. to provide interested parties an opportunity to give input and feedback on the proposed use(s) of the grant.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

It is time to plan, and we want to hear from you! The CEDS plan is our economic development strategy for the Greater Wabash region that is published every five years. To develop this plan, we will be holding meetings in each county to identify

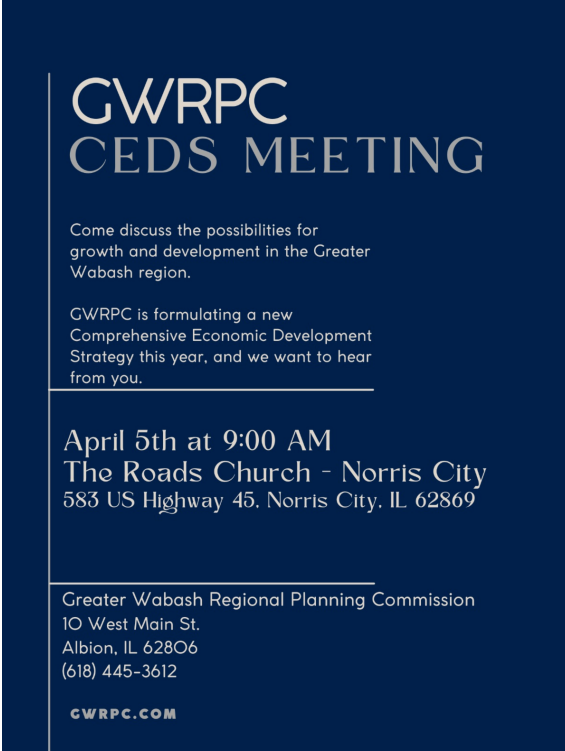
goals, strengths, weaknesses, concerns, and ideas. These meetings allow us to hear from community members with an interest in growing this region. **Our first meeting will be this Wednesday at The Roads Church in Norris City at 9:00 a.m for Whit County.** Be on the lookout for a meeting near you!

[Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy \(CEDS\) | U.S. Economic Development Administration \(eda.gov\)](#)

CEDS Survey

To help us understand what is going on in the Greater Wabash Region please complete this survey. To access the survey click "complete the survey".

[Complete the Survey](#)



**GWRPC
CEDS MEETING**

Come discuss the possibilities for growth and development in the Greater Wabash region.

GWRPC is formulating a new Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy this year, and we want to hear from you.

April 5th at 9:00 AM
The Roads Church - Norris City
583 US Highway 45, Norris City, IL 62869

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Save the Date!

- CEDS White County Meeting, April 5th, 9:00 am, The Roads Church, Norris City.
- White County Public Energy Transition Award Public Meeting, Tuesday, April 11 in Courtroom A at the White County Courthouse in Carmi at 6 p.m

[Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission \(gwrpc.com\) Meeting Dates](#)

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