



1974 ANNUAL REPORT

MCLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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McLean County Regional Planning Commission

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the Bloomington City Council
President and Members of the Normal Board of Trustees
Chairman and Members of the McLean County Board
Citizens of Bloomington, Normal and McLean County

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The McLean County Regional Planning Commission is pleased to present, herewith, its Seventh Annual Report covering activities for the year ending November 30, 1974. The report indicates the major aspects of the year's work as well as the goals that remain to be accomplished in the future.

The Staff and Commission are indebted to those responsible for the cooperation of all governmental units and those individuals who have given so generously of their time, advice and inspiration in advancing the work of regional planning, and we

hope that we can merit their continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Froelich, Jr.
Chairman

Herman Dirks
Executive Director

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Abstracts:

This is the Seventh annual report made by the Regional Planning Commission to the residents and supporting agencies within McLean County, Illinois. The report includes a resume' of the Commission's activities for the fiscal year 1973-1974 including work completed, financial statements, listing of members and a proposed work program.

Availability Statement: Limited copies of this report will be available at no charge for residents of McLean County.

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FORMATION

The McLean County Board of supervisors, on January 10, 1967, passed a resolution creating the McLean County Regional Planning Commission.

ORGANIZATION

April 1967 — A seven member steering committee was appointed. The Commission received \$3,000 for operating expenses from the County Board of Supervisors.

June 1967 — the Commission adopted by-laws.

August 1967 — The Commission elected officers and members of the Executive Board.

Februaury 1968 — A draft of the Regional Planning Services Agreement was approved by the Commission and presented to the County Board of Supervisors; the Bloomington City Council and the Normal Board of Trustees.

June 1968 — Following approval of this Agreement, the nucleus of a professional staff was hired.

March 1969 — The membership of the Commission was reorganized from 35 to the present 13 members.

1. The Chairman and 6 members appointed by the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors.
2. 3 members appointed by the Mayor of the City of Bloomington.
3. 3 members appointed by the Mayor of the Town of Normal.

March 1972 — An amendment to the original resolution was passed by the County Board of Supervisors providing that 2/3 of the members of the Commission must be elected officials or their direct representatives. The resolution provides for the appointment of:

1. 5 members of the County Board.
2. 2 members of the Normal Town Council, and
3. 2 members of the Bloomington City Council.

MEMBERSHIP

The following persons were members of the McLean County Regional Planning Commission on November 30, 1974:

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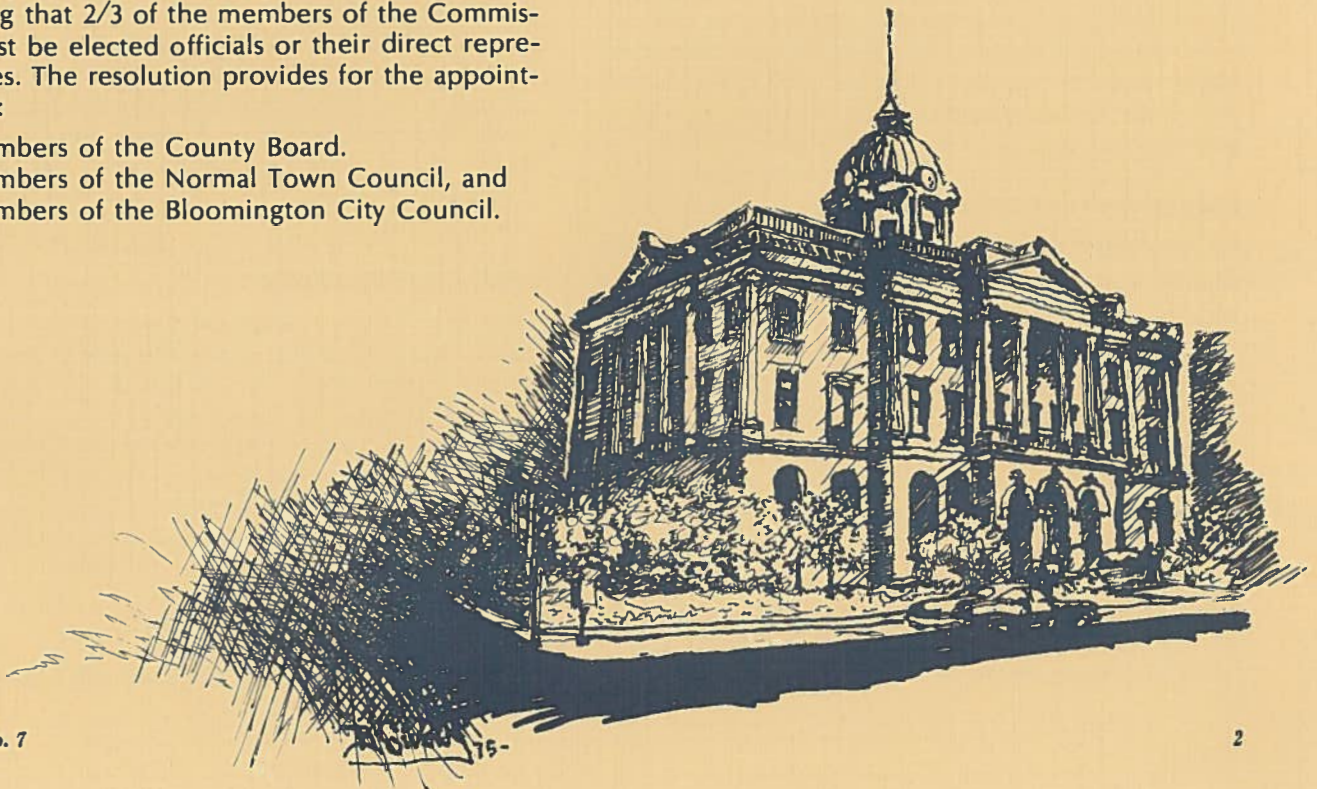
- *Scott Brand, Jr.
Stanford, Illinois
- William E. Froelich, Jr., Chairman
Gridley, Illinois
- *David King
LeRoy, Illinois
- *Charles B. Kraft
Normal, Illinois
- Mrs. Dale Ernst
Danvers, Illinois
- *Paul Segabiano
Bloomington, Illinois
- *Delmar Streid
Chenoa, Illinois

BLOOMINGTON

- Henry L. Brown
- *Richard Buchanan
- *Karl Passmore

NORMAL

- Rev. James Pruyne
- *James Roudebush
- *Ralph Wrench
- *Elected official or their direct representative.



RESPONSIBILITIES

The Commission is responsible for the preparation and maintenance of a Comprehensive Regional Plan for McLean County, and the preparation of special planning studies for units of government in McLean County at their request. The Commission is also responsible for providing the County Board; the Bloomington City Council and Planning Commission; the Normal Board of Trustees and Planning Commission with certain basic planning services designed to assist them in making day-to-day decisions which have planning and development implications.



TECHNICAL STAFF

A full-time professional planning staff originated in June of 1968, with the hiring of an Executive Director and a Principal Planner. The present staff consists of eleven full-time persons; the Executive Director, one Principal Planner, five Associate Planners, two Planning Technicians, Secretary and Typist.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Herman Dirks received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Illinois in 1959. Before joining the staff in June of 1968, Mr. Dirks was associated with:

1. Department of City Planning — Phoenix, Arizona
2. Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission — Springfield, Illinois
3. Department of City Development — Bloomington, Illinois

The Executive Director is responsible for the liaison between the Commission and other units of government in McLean County; advising the Commission on regional planning matters; and over-all programming and supervision of staff activities.



PRINCIPAL PLANNER

Mr. Kenneth J. Emmons joined the staff on June 1, 1971. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art from the University of Northern Iowa in June of 1967. He has also received a Master's of Art degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Iowa in May of 1971. Before joining the staff, Mr. Emmons was associated with the Johnson County, Iowa Regional Planning Commission, the City of Rock Island Planning Department, and the Metropolitan Planning Commission of the Black Hawk County in Iowa.

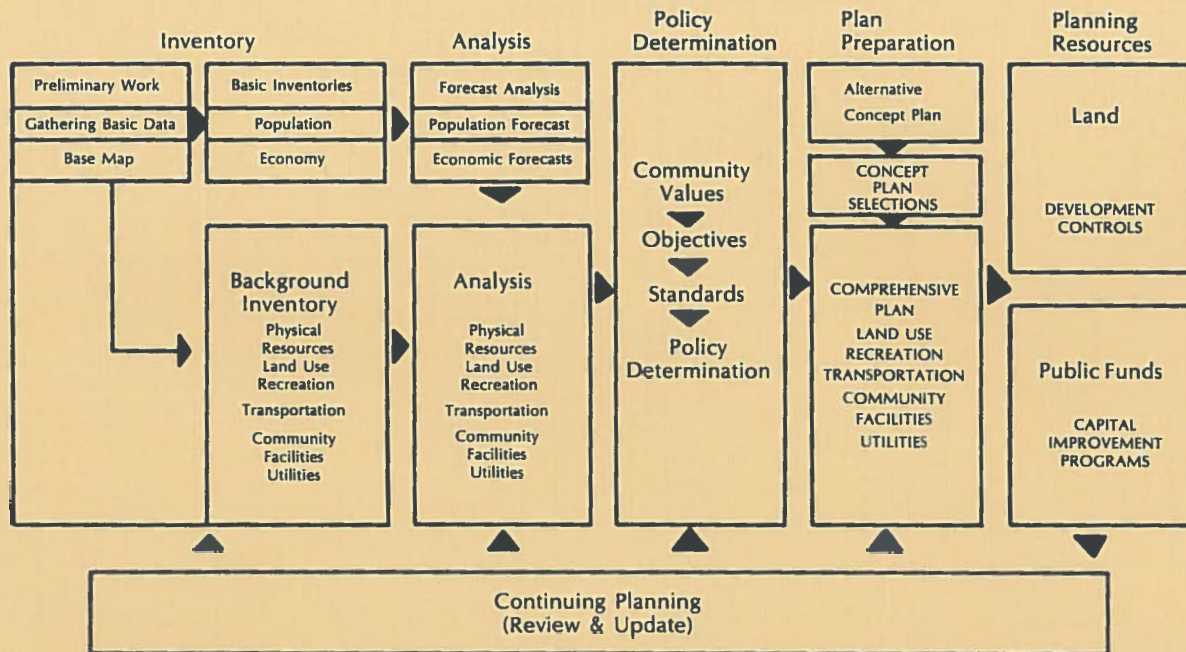
ASSOCIATE PLANNER

Miss Mary Anne Nelson was promoted to this position in May, 1972. She joined the staff in August, 1971 as a Cartographer. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Geography from Illinois State University in June of 1969. She has also completed all course work necessary for a Master's of Science Degree in Geography at Illinois State University in June of 1971 and is presently working toward the completion of her thesis.

ASSOCIATE PLANNER

Mr. Terry Sedik joined the staff on September 1,

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1972. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geography from Illinois State University in June 1970. He has completed his course work for a Master of Science Degree in Geography in June of 1972, and is now working toward the completion of his thesis. Before being appointed to his present position, Mr. Sedik worked for the Commission as a summer intern and Planning Technician.

ASSOCIATE PLANNER

Mr. Steve Weeks joined the staff on July 15, 1974. He received a Bachelors Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Illinois in June of 1974.

ASSOCIATE PLANNER

Mr. Ronald Edwards joined the staff on September 30, 1974. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geography from Drake University in May of 1971. He is presently working toward a Master of Science in Public Administration at Sangamon State University. Before joining the staff Mr. Edwards was associated with the Illinois Department of Transportation as a Transportation Planner.

ASSOCIATE PLANNER

Mr. Richard Cox joined the staff on October 14, 1974. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science from Kentucky State

University in June of 1970. He also received a Masters of Science degree in Urban Studies from Trinity University in June of 1974. Before joining the staff, Mr. Cox was associated with the Department of Human Resources, City of San Antonio, Texas.

PLANNING TECHNICIAN

Mr. Norman Sonderman joined the staff on August 26, 1974. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography from Illinois State University in August of 1974.

PLANNING TECHNICIAN

Mr. William Givens joined the staff on September 3, 1974. He received an Associate in Arts and Science degree in graphic design from Illinois Central College in August 1974.

SECRETARY

Mrs. Loretta Jarvis joined the staff in July of 1968. She is responsible for providing secretarial and bookkeeping assistance to the staff.

TYPIST

Miss Janet Child resigned from the staff on April 4, 1974.

TYPIST

Mrs. Cheryl Burger joined the staff on September 16, 1974.

FINANCES

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD (12-1-73)

| | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Bank of Illinois | \$ 4,489.40 |
| Peoples Bank | <u>9,865.00</u> |
| | <u>\$14,354.40</u> |

RECEIPTS (12-1-73 to 12-1-74)

| | |
|---------------|--------------------|
| McLean County | \$20,000.00 |
| Bloomington | <u>20,443.25</u> |
| Normal | <u>21,874.85</u> |
| | <u>\$62,318.10</u> |

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| P-317 | \$ 7,471.00 |
| P-1014 | <u>58,447.98</u> |
| | <u>\$65,918.98</u> |

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| I.E.P.A. | \$ 3,354.20 |
| U.M.T.A. 0013 | \$ 1,278.55 |
| 0022 | <u>1,046.00</u> |
| | <u>\$ 2,324.55</u> |

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| Misc. | \$ 196.69 |
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| Total Income | <u>\$134,112.52</u> |
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Total Funds Available (12-1-73 to 12-1-74)

\$148,446.92

DISBURSEMENTS (12-1-73 to 12-1-74)

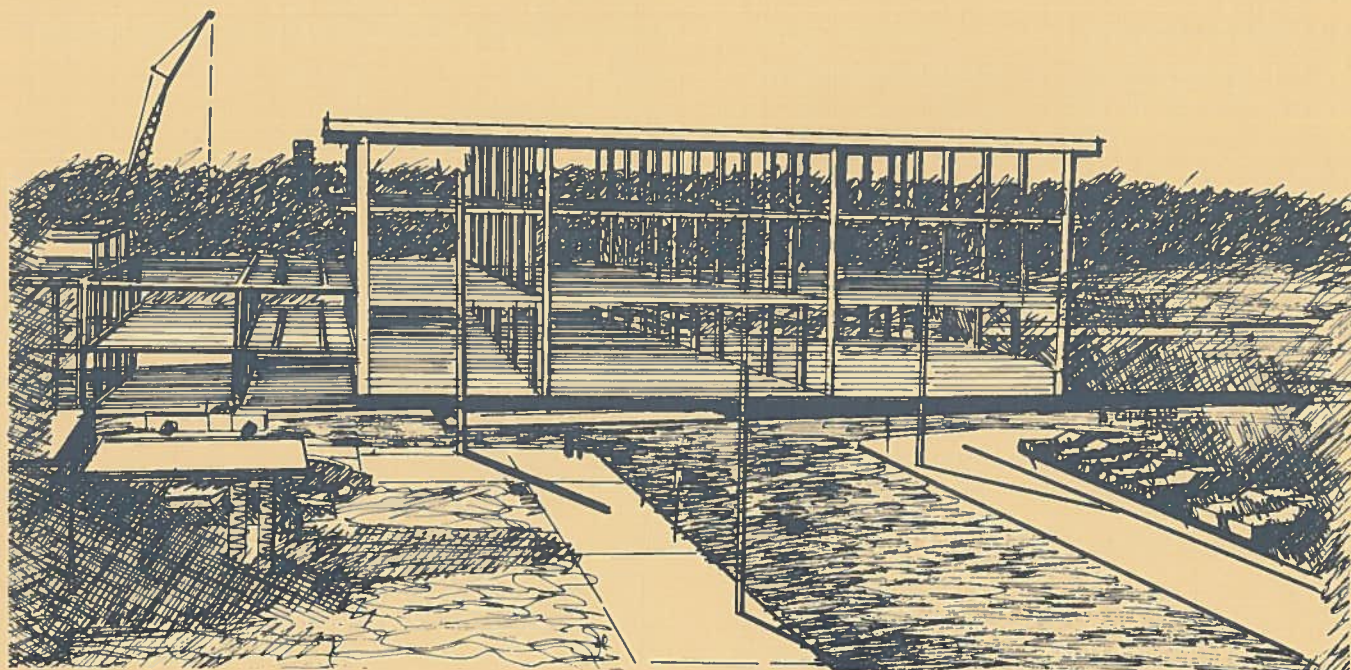
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| Books | \$ 217.43 |
| Services | 4,852.92 |
| Dues | 555.00 |
| Furniture | 1,391.51 |
| Automobile Expenses | 790.58 |
| General Insurance | 382.00 |
| Hospitalization Insurance | 1,583.66 |
| Supplies | 2,089.87 |
| Postage | 1,273.10 |
| Rent | 6,360.00 |
| Publication | 5,457.81 |
| Retirement | 13,525.54 |
| Salaries | 100,890.07 |
| Sundry | 838.76 |
| Telephone | 1,446.24 |
| Travel | <u>1,141.07</u> |
| | <u>\$142,795.56</u> |

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD (12-1-74)

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Bank of Illinois | \$5,666.36 |
| Peoples Bank | <u>5.00</u> |
| | <u>\$5,671.36</u> |

Total Disbursements plus cash on hand \$148,466.92

*Includes grant for the fiscal years 1973-1974 and 1974-1975.



BASIC SERVICES

SUBDIVISIONS

All subdivisions of land within the corporate limits and within 1½ mile beyond those limits of Bloomington and Normal and all unincorporated land in the County fall within the jurisdiction of their respective Land Subdivision Ordinances. The staff has provided reports and recommendations to the Planning Commissions, Committees, and City Councils on 12 subdivisions in Bloomington, 7 subdivisions in Normal and 6 subdivisions in the County, since December 1, 1973.



A-95 REVIEW

Circular A-95 which implements Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968 and Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 provides that all applications for federal assistance be accompanied by the comments of an areawide planning agency. On June 20, 1967, the McLean County Regional Planning Commission was certified by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development as the Area-wide Review Agency for McLean County. Applications reviewed included:

1. Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System—Capital Grant Application for new buses, and land acquisition.
2. Village of Danvers—Law Enforcement Agreement between the Village and the McLean County Sheriffs Department.
3. McLean County Highway Department—Various Improvements to County Highways.

ZONING

Public hearings are held on all requests for zoning changes. Since December 1, 1973 the staff has sent reports and recommendations on:

Bloomington

- 25 zoning requests
- 4 special use permit
- 11 text changes

Normal

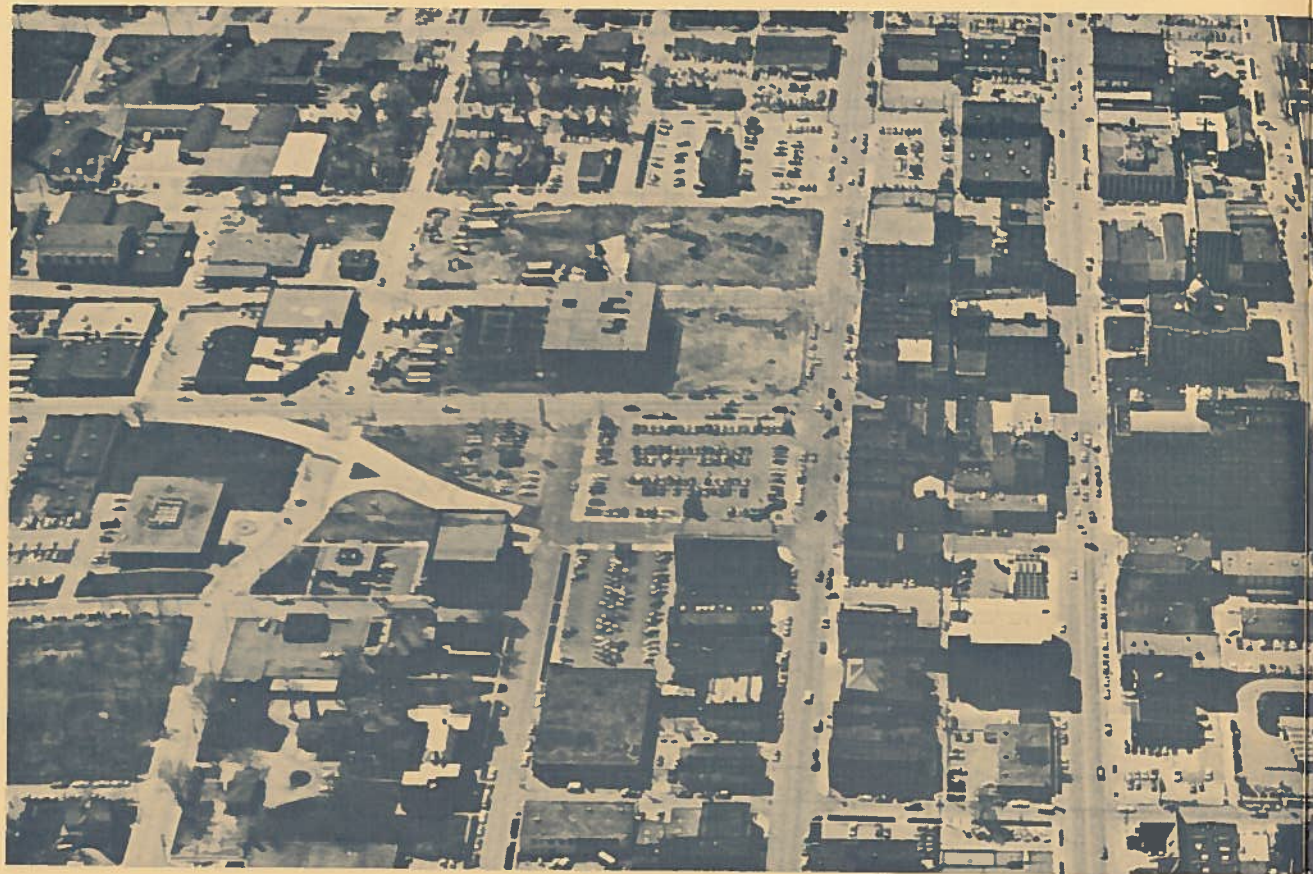
- 11 zoning requests
- 6 planned developments
- 4 text changes

County

- 4 zoning requests
- 18 special use permits
- 1 text change

4. State Plan for the Prevention, Treatment and Control of Alcohol and Alcoholism.
5. McLean County Highway Department—County Highway widening and resurfacing.
6. Bloomington-Normal Crime Prevention Unit—A continuation of the cooperative program to assist in the prevention of crime.
7. Bloomington-Normal Sanitary District—Plans to expand facilities.
8. State Highway Planning and Research Program.
9. I-55 North of the Town of Normal.
10. State of Illinois—Construction of a bridge on Rt. 150 near the Village of Downs.
11. City of Bloomington—Urban Renewal Program.
12. City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal—Improvement of the intersection of Rt. 66, Vernon Ave. and Towanda Ave.
13. McLean County Head Start Program.
14. Mobile Drug Abuse Laboratory.
15. Lighthouse Crisis Intervention and Outreach Program.
16. McLean County—COMLARA Park beach facility.
17. Bloomington Township Public Water District.
18. Village of Towanda—Water System Improvements.
19. City of LeRoy—Water System Improvements.
20. Youth Service Agency—Program for the prevention and control of Juvenile delinquency.
21. Youth Service Agency—Youth Power Program.
22. Village of Heyworth—Wastewater collection and treatment system preliminary engineering.
23. City of Lexington—Wastewater collection and treatment system preliminary engineering.
24. Village of Gridley—Wastewater collection and treatment system preliminary engineering.
25. City of LeRoy—Wastewater collection and treatment system preliminary engineering.
26. City of Chenoa—Wastewater collection and treatment system preliminary engineering.

SPECIAL



PLANNING SERVICES

BLOOMINGTON ZONING ORDINANCE

The staff has completed the first draft of the text of the new ordinance and it is being reviewed by City of Bloomington Department heads and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

NORMAL ZONING ORDINANCE

The staff has begun to write the preliminary draft of the text of this new ordinance.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The first draft of the Regional Development Plan has been completed and is now being edited by members of the staff prior to consideration by citizen groups and elected officials.

SOCIAL SERVICES PLANNING PROGRAM

The Inventory of Social Service Agencies has been completed and the analysis of the data leading to the development of goals and objectives has begun.

BLOOMINGTON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

The staff has worked with the City Manager, Director of Finance and other Department Heads in completing a five year capital improvement program for presentation to the City Council.

McLEAN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS

The McLean County Regional Planning Commission has been designated as the agency that is responsible for transportation planning in McLean County. The staff has begun surveillance activities that are designed to keep the 1990 Transportation Plan current. The plan was approved by the Policy Committee on December 27, 1973.

BLOOMINGTON CENTRAL AREA PLAN

The staff has continued to work with the Department of Urban Renewal and citizen groups to develop a



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more detailed plan for that portion of central area bounded by Locust, Olive, Madison and East Streets.

NORMAL CENTRAL AREA PLAN

The staff completed the alternative plans for the physical improvement of the Normal Central Area.

URBAN RENEWAL

The staff has worked closely with the Department of Urban Renewal and citizen committees to develop programs for the improvement of the 40 acres area; Park Hill; and a new project area called Eastwood. These projects are proposed to be funded from the new Housing and Community Development Act funds.

CITY OF LeROY ZONING ORDINANCE

The staff has begun to develop a new zoning ordinance for the City of LeRoy.

VILLAGE OF SAYBROOK ZONING ORDINANCE

The staff has begun to develop a new zoning ordinance for the Village of Saybrook.

EVERGREEN LAKE

The staff, in cooperation with the County Department of Building and Zoning, is studying the most feasible method of maintaining the character of Evergreen Lake through coordinating zoning laws in McLean and Woodford County.

SOLID WASTE STUDY

The Commission has established a citizen committee to study solid waste problems in the county and to make recommendations for improving the collection and disposal of all solid wastes.

WATER RESOURCES STUDY

The Commission's citizen committee continues to study the alternatives for providing a long-range water supply necessary to accommodate expected growth in McLean County.

BLOOMINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Commission hired two summer employees to work with the Beautification Committee in completing several projects in the Bloomington area.

Notes

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The preparation of this report was financed in part through a Comprehensive Planning Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.