

McLean County Regional Planning Commission



1986 Annual Report



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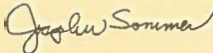
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Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Bloomington City Council
President and Members of the Normal Board
of Trustees
Chairman and Members of the McLean County Board
Citizens of Bloomington, Normal, and McLean County
Ladies and Gentlemen:

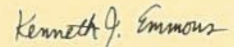
The McLean County Regional Planning Commission
is pleased to present, herewith, its Nineteenth Annual

Report covering activities for the year ending De-
cember 31, 1986. 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 the Commission are indebted to those
responsible for the cooperation of all governmental
units and those individuals who have given so gener-
ously of their time, advice, and inspiration in assist-
ing our work of regional planning. We hope that we can
merit their continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Sommer
Chairman




Kenneth J. Emmons
Executive Director



Responsibilities

The Commission is responsible for the preparation and maintenance of a Comprehensive Regional Plan for McLean County, the preparation of special planning studies for units of local government, and for providing the County Board and County Zoning Board of Appeals; the Bloomington City Council, Plan-

ning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals; the Normal Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals with certain basic planning services designed to assist them in making day to day decisions which have planning, preservation, and/or development implications.

Membership

The following persons were members of the McLean County Regional Planning Commission on December 31, 1986:

McLean County

Joseph Sommer, Chenoa — Chairman
Charles Armitage, Normal
John English, Bloomington
James Ensign, Bloomington
Anne Nadakavukaren, Normal

Bloomington

Gary Scheets — Secretary/Treasurer
Karl Passmore
James Yates

Normal

Randall Middleton — Vice Chairman
Paul Mattingly
Garrett Scott

Technical Staff

On December 31, 1986, the staff consisted of five persons—the Executive Director, two Principal Planners, one Associate Planner and a Secretary.

Kenneth J. Emmons, Executive Director
Mary Anne Nelson, Principal Planner
Michael Wyneken, Principal Planner
Bill Givens, Associate Planner
Linda Rigdon, Secretary

Transportation

The Commission staff, through the transportation planning process, strives to provide for a safe and efficient transportation system which allows easy access to all parts of Bloomington-Normal. Elements of this planning process include the Long Range Element and the Short Range Element.

The Long Range Element consists of activities designed to ensure that the transportation system is developed to meet the needs and goals of the community. To this end, the staff reviews all subdivision and development plans to assure their conformance to the Street and Highway Plan. The staff also develops transportation plans for new growth areas of the community. In 1986, the staff completed such a plan for the Enterprise Zone and the West Route 9 area to accommodate the Diamond-Star Motors plant and the future needs of the area. The level of growth in the Bloomington-Normal Urbanized Area created a need to expand the urban limits, which are coterminous with the boundaries of the transportation study area, to allow for continued planning. The staff worked closely with Illinois Department of Transportation representatives in carrying out the expansion. The staff also reviewed the Environmental Assessments of the proposed 2/20 runway and the Oakland Avenue Relocation options. Staff also attended meetings concerning the I-39 alignment and the development of the Bloomington-Normal Bike Trail.

The overall objective of the Short Range Element is to study and provide solutions to specific problems of the transportation system, as they arise. The components of the Short Range Element are the Street and Highway component, the Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System element and the Fiscal Years 1987-1991 Transportation Improvement Program.

Under the Street and Highway component, the staff conducts a variety of studies to gather the data needed to provide solutions to current transportation system problems, and to build the data base necessary for effective planning. During 1986, the staff conducted an intersection count at West College and Grove Street, in Normal, to ascertain the need for a crossing guard; completed a count at the intersections of College and Beech and Willow and Beech, in Normal, to determine whether warrants are met for all-way stops. Other studies included an origin and destination survey of traffic on School Street, between North and Beaufort on the I.S.U. campus, to determine the impacts of closing this street segment to through traffic to increase student pedestrian safety. At the request of the Normal Police Department, the staff also completed a five year accident history of University Street between Harris and Virginia.

The 1986 Transit Element included a transit promotion brochure which contained free ride coupons. The staff developed the text, graphics and art work for the brochure. Other transit related activities included the analysis of the Bloomington-Normal Public Transit Sys-

tem operating statistics, the completion of the On-Board Ridership Survey, and the review of the UMTA Private Enterprise Participation Regulations.

The Fiscal Years 1987-1991 Transportation Improvement Program is a planning document which programs the roadway improvements, transit equipment purchases and transit operating assistance requirements over the 1987-1991 five year period. Some of the projects listed are the recommended solutions as determined by the results of the traffic studies conducted by the Commission staff.

Project Reviews Under Executive Order 12372

The objective of the Executive Order 12372 Project Review Process is to provide state and local officials with a mechanism for influencing proposed federal assistance in light of their own comprehensive planning goals and objectives.

Applicants applying for federal funding are required to notify the McLean County Regional Planning Commission (the Substate Clearinghouse) and the Office of the Governor (the State Clearinghouse) of their intent to apply for federal funding.

The following is a list of federal applications reviewed by the Commission during 1986:

1. Proposed budget amendments and alternative eligible activities for the City of Bloomington Community Development Block Grant Program — Years 9, 10, and 11.
2. Widening of West Washington Street from Euclid to Emerson (Bloomington Heights Road).
3. Design Stage for the replacement of bridges over the I.C.G. and Conrail Railroad tracks on Veterans Parkway in Bloomington, IL.
4. Construction of the Colfax-Weston Road, Lexington Road to Colfax.
5. Removal of abandoned I.C.G. Railroad bridge on South Linden Street and rebuilding of the pavement on Virginia Street between Hillcrest and Linden in the Town of Normal.
6. Application submitted by the East Central Illinois Health Systems Agency (ECIHS) for continued designation and funding.
7. Briarwood Apartments of Danvers, Illinois (application for funding through the Farmer's Home Administration).
8. Application submitted by McLean County Soil and Water Conservation District for Evergreen Lake-Lake Bloomington Watershed Conservation Project.
9. Replacement of a van used by the YWCA/RSVP Program.
10. City of Bloomington, IL, application for H.U.D. Community Development Block Grant Program funds for Year 12 (FY 86-87).

11. Salvation Army's application for Connection House funding.
12. East Central Illinois Agency on the Aging application for continued funding.
13. Application being submitted by McLean County Head Start for continued funding.
14. Application submitted by the Town of Normal for the acquisition of abandoned Illinois Central Gulf Railroad right-of-way for the development of a bicycle-jogging trail pathway system.
15. Application submitted by the City of Bloomington for the acquisition of Illinois Central Gulf Railroad right-of-way for the development of a bicycle-jogging trail pathway system.
16. The FY 87-91 Transportation Improvement Program for the Bloomington-Normal Urbanized Area.
17. Amendments to the City of Bloomington Community Development Block Grant Program for Year 12.
18. The widening and resurfacing of U.S. 136 from U.S. 150 to Illinois Route 54.
19. The construction of new U.S. Route 51 from Oglesby to Normal.
20. The continued funding for the McLean County YWCA R.S.V.P. Program.

Technical Assistance

McLean County

Zoning — The staff has prepared reports for the McLean County Zoning Board of Appeals concerning the following during 1986:

- 13 Zoning Map Amendments
- 1 Zoning Text Amendment
- 36 Special Uses
- 18 Variations

Subdivisions — The staff reviewed plans or plats for four subdivisions during 1986.

City of Bloomington

Annexation Agreements — During 1986, the staff reviewed 15 annexation agreements for the City of Bloomington.

Zoning — During 1986, the staff has provided written recommendations to the Bloomington Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and City Council concerning:

- 47 Zoning Map Amendments
- 17 Zoning Text Amendments
- 6 Special Use Permits

Subdivisions and Planned Unit Developments — During 1986, the staff has reviewed and provided advice to the Bloomington Planning Commission and City Council on plans for 29 subdivisions and/or planned unit developments and one text amendment to the Land Subdivision Code.

Street and Alley Vacations — The staff provided written recommendations to the Bloomington Planning Commission and City Council on five street or alley vacations in 1986.

Mobile Home Park Plan — The staff reviewed one revision to a mobile home park plan in 1986.

Historic Preservation — During 1986 the staff served as recording secretary for 21 meetings of the Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission and assisted in the review of 17 Certificates of Appropriateness for exterior improvements to buildings in local historic districts, one National Register Historic District nomination application, and one rescission of a local historic district designation. The staff also prepared the City of Bloomington Certified Local Government Annual Report for the City's 1986 fiscal year for submission to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

Town of Normal

Zoning — During 1986, the staff provided reports and recommendations, as part of the Town staff, to the City Manager, Normal Town Council, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals concerning:

- 13 Zoning Map Amendments
- 3 Zoning Text Amendments
- 1 Site Plan Review
- 1 Sign Code Amendment
- 1 Amendment to the Town's *Comprehensive Plan*
- 52 Zoning Variations.
- 2 Special Use Permits

Subdivisions and Planned Unit Developments — The staff has prepared reports and recommendations, as a part of the Town staff, to the City Manager, Town Council and Normal Planning Commission on seven preliminary subdivision plans and one preliminary development plan for a planned unit development.

Capital Improvements — The staff prepared maps depicting the location of capital improvement projects which were included in the Town's Five Year Operating and Capital Improvements Budget 1987-1988 through 1991-1992.

Diamond Star Motors — The staff was involved in the review of the Diamond Star Motors Corporation Subdivision and the Site Plan Review for the Diamond Star Motors Automobile Assembly Plant.

Comprehensive Plan — Commission staff prepared a major amendment to the *Comprehensive Plan* of the Town; this was a Land Use and Transportation Plan for the Western Enterprise Zone Area.

Financial Report
 January 1, 1986 through
 December 31, 1986

Income:

Bloomington	\$ 20,000.00
Normal	20,000.00
McLean County (General Fund)	15,000.00
McLean County (Motor Fuel Tax)	1,661.25
FHWA	49,721.07
UMTA	23,632.01
MCCAI	1,500.00
CD (Bloomington)	20,875.03
Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System (UMTA Sec. 9)	609.80
Bloomington Five Year Historic Preservation Plan	1,845.39
Interest Income	4,360.78
Expense Account Credits	<u>289.58</u>
	\$159,494.91

Expenses:

Books	\$ 521.00
Services	5,055.54
Dues	1,731.88
Equipment	1,074.00
Auto Expenses	985.34
General Insurance	2,607.00
Hospital Insurance	3,827.84
Supplies	2,117.62
Postage	2,445.00
Rent	11,963.64
Printing	1,701.01
Retirement	18,205.83
Unemployment Compensation	108.35
Salaries	139,187.94
Telephone	2,492.61
Travel	2,237.84
Sundry	72.00
Bloomington Five Year Historic Preservation Plan	3,395.30
Illinois Department of Transportation (Rebate for overbilling in prior year)	<u>941.04</u>
	\$200,670.78

Bank Balance	\$ 81,450.46
(1-1-86)	
Income	<u>\$ 159,494.91</u>
	\$ 240,945.37
Expenses	<u>\$-200,670.78</u>
Bank Balance (1-1-87)	\$ 40,274.59

Bibliography

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Abstract: This is the Nineteenth Annual Report made by the McLean County 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 year 1986, including work completed, financial statements, listing of members, and proposed work program.

Availability Statement: Limited copies of this report are available at no charge to the residents of McLean County, Illinois.

Price: \$2.00

