



“Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Study”

Beginning this fall and continuing into early 2012, the Southwestern Illinois RC&D will be conducting a minimum of four Comprehensive Bicycle & Pedestrian Facility Plans in southwestern Illinois: two in Monroe County, one in St. Clair County and one in Madison County. Through our fiscal agent, Monroe County, the RC&D has been awarded federal planning dollars from the Illinois Department of Transportation for these efforts.

The formal planning services are intended for communities in need of planning assistance and through our network of community contacts, we have identified at least three interested communities so far: Waterloo, Columbia & Swansea. We will be working to contract with these municipalities, all of whom are contributing \$5,000 in match for their respective plans. These match monies have enabled us to increase the number of communities we can serve with these grant dollars, leveraging them to create a more connected region.

Each plan will be community-driven and involve multiple public meetings. We will announce the times and locations of those meetings once they have been set. Each plan will include an analysis of existing conditions, prioritization of planned facilities, a recommended implementation schedule and identification of funding opportunities.