

# Welcome to the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission!

Advising + Planning + Evaluating + Leading



*Thank you for visiting our website!*

For over 50 years the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission and its predecessor agencies have had the mission of providing the professional expertise and objective analysis that communities in Sangamon County need to assess their opportunities, sharpen their visions, and design the strategies needed to achieve them.

We believe that this is very important, because in today's world a community, county or region's success depends upon many factors, including a shared vision and the strategies necessary to achieve it.

One of the ways that the SSCRPC helps advance its mission is by providing our municipal partners and the public with the information and analysis needed to find a clear path through the problems and challenges that local governments face every day. This website is simply one of the means available for you to learn more about the SSCRPC, what it does, and how it does it.

We believe that achieving our mission requires us to be prepared to advise, evaluate, plan and lead.

First, the SSCRPC's professional staff works with our partnering jurisdictions and others to study problems facing municipalities, agencies and organizations, providing objective professional opinions and advice as to how problems can be addressed and opportunities secured. You will find many examples of this in the various studies and plans available on this website.

There are always more public and municipal needs and wants than the resources to address them. That is why the Planning Commission offers its help in evaluating community services and operational plans. As part of this work the Commission's staff often conducts surveys and other public involvement activities, and helps identify measures useful in anticipating future service needs.

Of course the Commission's staff also assists communities and public agencies with their planning efforts. As part of our planning mission we are involved in the review of land development projects, conduct many special planning projects and studies, and try to keep our member communities informed about best practices in a number of critical areas.

And finally, we believe that the SSCRPC has a responsibility to lead. Since planning looks to the future, it must anticipate the future as well. The SSCRPC can often provide communities with insights into how changing patterns and new trends might affect them, and offer useful and objective counsel as to how communities might best prepare to address them.

Leadership involves helping communities in Sangamon County to be *prepared* for the future, not simply *react* to it.

Please join with the Commission, its officers and staff in helping to make our region one that we – and Mr. Lincoln – are proud to call home!

Sincerely,

Norm Sims, Executive Director  
Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission