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FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM

COUNTY ENGINEERS/SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS
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CONSULTING ENGINEERS

The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) was a new funding program created under the "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" (MAP-21) transportation act. This program provides funds for projects on transportation facilities that are located on, adjacent to, or that provide access to federal lands. A federal lands access transportation facility is defined as a public highway, bridge, trail, or transit system that is located on, adjacent to, or provides access to federal lands for which the transportation facility jurisdiction or maintenance responsibility is with a state, county, municipality, township, or tribal government.

The FLAP funds are distributed by formula among the states that have federal lands managed by the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The attached document indicates the federal lands within Illinois, by county, that qualify for this program.

The FLAP funds may be used for transportation planning, research, engineering, preventative maintenance, rehabilitation, restoration, construction, or reconstruction of federal land access transportation facilities. General information concerning the FLAP guidelines and project eligibility may be found at the following Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) website:

www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guideflap.cfm.

Individual FLAP projects are approved through an application and selection process. The project application form is attached and also available for download at the following website: www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/fed-lands-illinois.aspx. A list of application completion tips from the FHWA has also been attached. Applications for eligible projects will be accepted between November 15, 2014 and February 15, 2015. Completed applications should be forwarded electronically to the FHWA, Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, Access Program Manager at EFL.planning@dot.gov

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If you have any questions concerning the FLAP, please contact Thomas Winkelman, Local Planning & Programming Engineer, at (217) 782 – 0675 or Tom.Winkelman@illinois.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James K. Klein". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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Attachment

cc: David Payne, FHWA – Eastern Federal Lands Division
Mike Staggs, FHWA – Illinois Division
Jeff South, Office of Planning & Programming
Greg Smothers, Illinois Association of County Engineers
Joe Schatteman, Illinois Municipal League
Bryan Smith, Township Officials of Illinois

Illinois Federal Lands by County

County	Federal Agency	Federal Land
Adams	FWS	Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge (Gardner Division)
Alexander	FS	Shawnee National Forest
	FWS	Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge
Bond	DOD	Carlyle Lake
Brown	FWS	Meredosia National Wildlife Refuge
Calhoun	FWS	Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge (Batchtown Division)
	FWS	Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge (Calhoun Division)
Carroll	DOD	Savanna Army Depot (Scheduled to close)
	FWS	Upper Mississippi River Wildlife And Fish Refuge
Cass	FWS	Meredosia National Wildlife Refuge
Clinton	DOD	Carlyle Lake
Cook	DOD	Glenview Naval Air Station (Closed)
DuPage	OTHER	Argonne National Laboratory
	OTHER	Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
Fayette	DOD	Carlyle Lake
Franklin	DOD	Rend Lake
Fulton	FWS	Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge
	FWS	Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge
Gallatin	FS	Garden of the Gods Wilderness
Hardin	FS	Garden of the Gods Wilderness
Jackson	FS	Clear Springs Wilderness
	FWS	Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge
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Jefferson	DOD	Rend Lake
Jersey	FWS	Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge (Calhoun Division)
Jo Daviess	DOD	Savanna Army Depot (Scheduled to close)
	FWS	Upper Mississippi River Wildlife And Fish Refuge
Johnson	FS	Shawnee National Forest
	FWS	Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge
Kane	OTHER	Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
Lake	DOD	Fort Sheridan (Closed)
	DOD	Great Lakes Naval Training Center
Madison	DOD	Charles Melvin Price Support Center
Marshall	FWS	Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Cameron Division)
Mason	FWS	Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge
	FWS	Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge
Massac	FS	Shawnee National Forest
Mercer	FWS	Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge (Keithsburg Division)
Morgan	FWS	Meredosia National Wildlife Refuge
Moultrie	DOD	Lake Shelbyville
Pike	FWS	Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge (Delair Division)

Pope	FS	Bay Creek Wilderness
	FS	Burden Falls Wilderness
	FS	Garden of the Gods Wilderness
	FS	Lusk Creek Wilderness
	FS	Shawnee National Forest
Pulaski	FWS	Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge
Randolph	FS	Shawnee National Forest
Rock Island	DOD	Rock Island Arsenal
	FWS	Upper Mississippi River Wildlife And Fish Refuge
Saline	FS	Burden Falls Wilderness
	FS	Garden of the Gods Wilderness
	FS	Shawnee National Forest
Shelby	DOD	Lake Shelbyville
St. Clair	DOD	Scott Air Force Base
Union	FS	Bald Knob Wilderness
	FS	Clear Springs Wilderness
	FS	Panther Den Wilderness
	FS	Shawnee National Forest
	FWS	Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge
	FWS	Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge
Whiteside	FWS	Upper Mississippi River Wildlife And Fish Refuge
Will	DOD	Joliet Army Ammunition Plant
	FS	Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie
	FS	Joliet Army Ammunition Plant
Williamson	FS	Panther Den Wilderness
	FS	Shawnee National Forest
	FWS	Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge
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	OTHER	Marion Federal Penitentiary

DOD = Department of Defense / Army Corp of Engineers

FS = U.S. Forest Service

FWS = U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

OTHER = Other Type of Federal Agency

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Tips for preparing a good FLAP application:

- Review PDC documentation materials provided on the EFL website for your state (i.e. state goals and Call for Projects scoring allocation categories)
- Coordinate with pertinent Federal Land Management Agencies; Use your partners
- The facility owner must be the applicant (have ownership or maintenance agreement) include your agency name and title, the benefitting FLMA cannot be the applicant
- Answer the questions to the best of your ability; Be succinct and concise
- Use the best data available, include any assumptions
- Photos and quality maps can help tell the story- Remember the 10 page supplemental information page limit (page limit does not include any support letters)
- Be clear about your match amount (20% of the Total Project amount) and funding sources (No Title 23 or Title 49 funds, other than FLTP funds, can be used as match)
- Be sure your state allows for soft match. Soft Match must be utilized or occur after a FLAP project agreement is completed. (i.e. Right of Way transfer, Engineering services)
- Be practical, “right size” the scope, schedule and budget – include options for scaling the project if applicable (i.e. 3 mile resurfacing project broken into 3, 1 mile segments with associated costs) You could receive partial funding!