FY 2017 Sustainability Grant RFPs are now open. Proposals are due Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 4:30 PM. Click here for a copy of the RFP.

The Madison County Planning & Development Department has established a Sustainability Grant Program to assist units of local government with sustainability initiatives. The purpose of the program is to serve the community by providing support as well as promoting best management practices and case studies of sustainability within Madison County. Only municipalities, townships, and park districts are eligible for this grant.

The grants program was established in 2001, and is fully funded by local landfill fees. The purpose of the grants is to provide support for sustainability projects throughout the County. In addition to projects focusing on stormwater control, water quality, and energy conservation, 2016 also saw an expansion into more community-based and smart growth projects. These include funding for three community gardens, a rain garden, and development of two bike-pedestrian master plans resulting in improved access to new multi-modal facilities.

In FY 2016, over $189,500 was awarded to county townships and municipalities. Specific recipients and projects include the following:

- Alton Township ($15,000) – community garden and compost infrastructure
- Collinsville Area Recreation District (CARD) ($15,000) – Installation of permeable paving system and bio-retention cell
- Village of East Alton ($10,800) – Automated pickup controls and hoist for curbside recycle containers
- Village of Glen Carbon ($15,000) – ADA compliant sidewalks around school to encouraging walking to school
- Village of Godfrey ($15,000) – Bicycle-Pedestrian master plan
- Village of Hartford ($5,399) – Community garden infrastructure
- City of Madison ($15,000) – Forestry cutter for brush clearing and diversion of landscape waste from landfill
- Village of Marine ($11,530) – Solar powered aeration system for Heritage Park Lake
- Moro Township ($14,400) – Rip rap and soil cloth for erosion control around Joulter’s Creek
- New Douglas Township ($3,983) – Rain barrels and community garden infrastructure
- Roxana Community Park District ($13,771) – LED lighting retrofits at park and upgrading of stormwater lift station pump
- City of Troy ($15,000) – Spring valley road multi-use path
- Village of Worden ($14,400) – rain garden to mitigate flooding at cemetery
- City of Alton ($15,000) – Bicycle-Pedestrian master plan
- Marine Township ($10,847) - Concrete pad for county recycling roll-off bin

The Sustainability Grants program has funded more than one hundred (100) projects over the last sixteen (16) years. Proposals recommended for funding are aligned with sustainability goals of the County. It is fully anticipated that future funded projects will continue to evolve and align with the completion and implementation of the County’s sustainability plan.