



**I-69 EVANSVILLE TO INDIANAPOLIS TIER 2 STUDIES**  
**Section 2—Final Environmental Impact Statement**

**APPENDIX Q**  
**COMMUNITY PLANNING PROGRAM**

**I-69 Community Planning Program Grants Update**

The I-69 Community Planning Program (I-69 CPP) is documented in the Tier 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD). Its purpose is to enhance the capacity of communities or groups of communities along the new I-69 Evansville-to-Indianapolis Corridor to plan for and manage the protection of natural resources, economic development, and general growth. The program includes funding for local planning activities and the development of a planning toolbox. Thirty-one communities were identified, during the Tier 1 process, as eligible to apply for I-69 CPP grants. The grant program was structured in two application rounds to allow communities the flexibility of submitting applications for funds during either round. In the first round, communities were required to submit either a grant application or a letter of intent to apply in the second round. The deadline for submission was October 5, 2007. Grant applications from communities choosing to apply in the second round were due on December 7, 2007. Thirty of the thirty-one eligible communities applied for grants and are participating in the Program.

All Section 2 eligible communities participated in the first round. Oakland City, Pike County and Petersburg (jointly) and Daviess County and Washington (jointly) submitted applications in the first round, while Gibson County submitted a letter of intent to apply individually. At the conclusion of the first round of applications, Oakland City, Pike County/Petersburg, and Daviess County/Washington were awarded grants. Gibson County was awarded a grant at the conclusion of the second round of the process. While it does not fall within the defined study area of Section 2, Dubois County submitted a letter of intent to apply individually as well and was awarded a grant at the conclusion of the second round of the process. The status of Dubois County’s planning efforts is included in this table. The Indiana Department of Transportation, its program consultants, and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs have worked with the communities to complete the necessary administrative processes associated with the grants. Details on the grant awards and the current status of planning efforts are provided below.

**Section 2 Grant Awards as of January 1, 2010**

Communities Participating	Grant Purpose(s)		Land	Includes:		Nature of Resource Protection or Enhancement	Status as of December 1, 2009
	Date Awarded	Amount		Use Planning	Zoning		
Oakland City	10/22/07	\$50,000	Establish a plan commission and complete a comprehensive plan (land use).	X		The community currently has little or no local capacity to protect natural resources. The community currently does not have a plan commission, a comprehensive plan, or land use regulations such as zoning and subdivision regulation. The grant allows completion of a comprehensive plan that identifies natural resources within the community and strategies for protecting those resources in the community and in a potential 2-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction. It establishes the prerequisites that are necessary to allow the community to regulate land use. Although not bound to do so by the grant award, the community has indicated that it will consider pursuing land use regulations following completion of the plan.	Grant has been awarded, grant agreement executed on 3/26/08. Completed Items:  The Oakland City Plan Commission adopted the Comprehensive Plan on August 8, 2009 and recommended that the Oakland City Council adopt it by resolution. On August 25, 2009 the city council adopted the plan by resolution. On August 17, 2009, the newly formed Oakland City Advisory Plan Commission held a public hearing at which they adopted the Oakland City Comprehensive Plan which was adopted by resolution by the Oakland City Common Council on August 25, 2009.
Gibson County	12/21/07	\$50,000	Develop a comprehensive plan.	X		The county currently has little or no local capacity to protect natural resources. The county does not have a plan commission, a comprehensive plan, or land use regulations such as zoning and subdivision regulation. The grant allows completion of a comprehensive plan that identifies natural resources within the community and strategies for protecting those resources within the county’s prospective planning jurisdictions. It establishes the legal prerequisites that are necessary to allow the county to regulate land use. Although not bound to do so by the grant award, the community has indicated that it will consider pursuing land use regulations and other local policy changes following completion of the plan.	Grant has been awarded, grant agreement executed on 8/1/08.  The Gibson County Board of Commissioners accepted the county-wide Comprehensive Plan as completed at its regular meeting on November 17, 2009.
Pike County and City of Petersburg	10/22/07	\$100,000	Comprehensive plans for Pike County and Petersburg	X		Both Pike County and Petersburg have previously adopted Comprehensive Plans which will be updated to reflect an emphasis on protection of natural resources as well as economic and growth development. The natural resources element of the plan will address prime agricultural land, forestland, wetlands, bottomland woods, Indiana bat habitat, hazardous spills, and acid mine drainage.	Grant has been awarded, grant agreement executed on 3/26/08.  Completed Items (for each community):  The Pike County Plan Commission adopted the county-wide Comprehensive Plan on March 12, 2009 and recommended that the Pike County Board of Commissioners adopt it by resolution. On April 6, 2009 the Pike County Board of Commissioners adopted the plan by resolution.  The Petersburg Plan Commission adopted the Petersburg Comprehensive Plan on March 10, 2009 and recommended that the Petersburg City Council adopt it by resolution. On March 16, 2009 the Petersburg City Council adopted the plan by resolution.

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	Date Awarded	Amount Land				Use Planning
Daviess County and City of Washington	10/22/07	\$100,000	County land use plan and economic development plan for city of Washington	X	<p>Plan will include an analysis of natural resources that will inform both the land use and economic development plans. Communities have already identified Glendale Fish and Wildlife Area, East Fork State Hatchery, White River, West Boggs Park, and farmland as among the sensitive assets to be included.</p> <p>Daviess County currently has not adopted planning and zoning. The county has indicated that it will consider such adoption as part of the I-69 CPP planning process.</p>	<p>Grant has been awarded, grant agreement executed on 3/26/08.</p> <p>Completed Items (for each community):</p> <p>The Washington economic development plan was adopted as a Comprehensive Plan (including recommendations on economic development, land use, and transportation) by the City Council on June 22, 2009.</p> <p>Daviess County has created an Advisory Plan Commission which adopted the land use plan as a county-wide Comprehensive Plan on November 23, 2009. The Daviess County Board of Commissioners adopted the plan by resolution at their December 14, 2009 regular board meeting.</p>
Dubois County	12/21/07	\$50,000	Land Use Plan	X	<p>Grant allows completion of a land use plan that would meet the legal requirements for a comprehensive plan. The plan will identify natural resources within the county and strategies for protecting those resources. The county has indicated that they prefer public actions other than planning and zoning for implementation, but that they will consider forming a plan commission upon completion of the plan.</p>	<p>Grant has been awarded, grant agreement executed on 7/28/08.</p> <p>On November 2, 2009 the Dubois County Board of Commissioners passed a motion acknowledging the completion of the county-wide land use plan. No further steps have been taken toward forming a county plan commission.</p>