
New submission from LCI Application (New)

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Application Disclaimer

✓ Yes, I acknowledge that I read the guidebook and fully understand the LCI program and the sponsor's responsibilities.

Section 1: Applicant Information

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Section 2: Type of Study

Select the type of study for which you are seeking grant funding. You may check multiple boxes if your study fits more than one category.

- Catalytic: Supports the revitalization of the community's existing or planned downtown district/town center.

Full Study Management Assistance Pilot Program

- We have limited staff capacity.
- We lack experience in LCI study management (e.g., payments and invoicing).
- We can ensure timely procurement, contracting, and invoicing throughout the study process and do not need ARC assistance.

Section 3: Study Information

Name of Study

City of Stockbridge LCI Update 2026

LCI Area

Downtown Stockbridge and Key Growth Corridors

Last Study or Plan Adoption Date

07/09/2012

Total Cost of Study

\$150,000.00

Proposed Local Match

\$30,000.00

Study Area Location/Extents

Downtown Stockbridge; North Henry Boulevard; State Route 42; Jodeco Road; Patrick Henry Parkway

Study Area Location/Extents

- [lci-study-area-map-concentrated.pdf](#)

Has the proposed study been identified in a previous LCI study or plan, comprehensive plan update, or another recently completed study or plan?

Yes

Please name the study or plan and reference the section(s) or page(s) that relate(s) to this proposed study.

Since adoption of the City's 2012 Livable Centers Initiative (LCI), Stockbridge has experienced significant physical, demographic, and economic change. The City has grown through sustained population increases, strategic annexations, and expanded residential and mixed-use corridor development. This growth has reshaped the City's footprint, intensified travel patterns, increased demand for public infrastructure, and altered development expectations across multiple districts.

During this period, the City has invested in parks, civic facilities, open space, and cultural destinations that have strengthened community identity and supported economic vitality. Downtown activation efforts and expanded public amenities have reinforced placemaking goals and catalyzed private reinvestment.

However, growth has also exposed gaps in connectivity, walkability, multimodal access, and equitable opportunity. Several corridors now face higher traffic volumes, constrained rights-of-way, limited pedestrian infrastructure, and rising housing pressures. These conditions highlight the need for an updated, coordinated framework.

The proposed LCI Update will reassess current conditions and align land use, transportation, housing, and placemaking strategies, prioritizing pedestrian safety, connectivity, transit access, housing affordability, and equitable growth.

Provide a brief study goal and description. In your project description, please briefly describe the specific products and/or deliverables that this study will create.

Study Goal: The goal of the LCI Update is to develop a coordinated, data-driven framework that aligns land use, transportation, housing, infrastructure, and placemaking strategies to guide sustainable, safe, and equitable growth in the City of Stockbridge. The study will build upon the foundation of the 2012 LCI while addressing current development patterns, infrastructure demands, and long-term growth projections. Its purpose is to create a clear, implementable vision that strengthens connectivity, enhances quality of life, supports economic vitality, and positions the City to compete effectively within the metropolitan region.

Project Description and Deliverables: The study will include a comprehensive reassessment of existing conditions, including land use patterns, transportation networks, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, traffic operations, housing supply and affordability trends, redevelopment activity, and demographic shifts. It will identify gaps in connectivity, safety concerns, underutilized corridors, and areas experiencing development pressure or displacement risk.

The key deliverables will include a Comprehensive LCI Update Report; an updated Future Land Use and Development Framework, a Multimodal Transportation and Connectivity Plan, a Housing and Market Analysis with affordability strategies, Corridor and Activity Center Revitalization Strategies

How does this proposed LCI Study address a need in your community?

Stockbridge has experienced sustained population growth, expanded municipal boundaries through annexation, and increased development intensity since adoption of the 2012 LCI. This growth has placed new demands on infrastructure capacity, roadway networks, pedestrian safety, housing diversity, and public services. Much of the recent development has occurred outside the geographic assumptions of the original LCI study area, requiring the City to apply LCI principles incrementally and on a project-by-project basis without the benefit of updated, comprehensive guidance.

As a result, gaps in connectivity, multimodal access, and coordinated land use strategy have become more apparent. Traffic volumes have increased along key corridors, pedestrian infrastructure remains incomplete in several areas, and housing market pressures are influencing redevelopment patterns. Without an updated framework, the City risks reactive decision-making that may not fully align infrastructure investments, zoning policy, and long-term fiscal planning.

The proposed LCI Update addresses this need by establishing a cohesive, citywide planning strategy that integrates land use, transportation, housing, and placemaking. It will provide data-driven guidance to proactively manage growth, improve mobility and safety, support economic vitality, and ensure equitable access to community amenities.

How does your proposed LCI Study advance or address the following LCI Program Goals?

Healthy, Safe, Livable Communities: The LCI Update will enhance pedestrian safety, multimodal connectivity, and access to community amenities by conducting a comprehensive assessment of gaps in sidewalks, trails, bicycle infrastructure, transit access, and safe street crossings. It will identify priority corridors and activity centers where infrastructure improvements are needed to reduce conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians, calm traffic, and improve overall mobility.

A Competitive Economy: The LCI Update will strengthen downtown and key corridors by aligning redevelopment with market conditions and infrastructure capacity. It will promote mixed-use development, diverse housing, small business growth, and improved walkability to enhance economic vitality, expand the tax base, and increase regional competitiveness.

Diverse Stakeholder Engagement: The study will implement a comprehensive outreach strategy to engage residents, business and property owners, civic groups, and underrepresented populations. Engagement methods will include

public workshops, surveys, stakeholder interviews, and digital tools to ensure broad participation. The process will prioritize transparency, accessibility, and meaningful dialogue so community input directly shapes recommendations and reflects local priorities.

ARC requires that applicants actively engage community-based organizations and/or artists in the development of their LCI application. List CBOs and/or artists involved in the development of this application, as well as how they will be involved in the planning process, if the proposed study is selected.

The City of Stockbridge actively engaged Feeding God's People Community Food Pantry in the development of this LCI application. As a long-standing community-based organization serving residents since 2015, the organization provided meaningful input regarding mobility barriers, infrastructure gaps, and access challenges faced by low-income households, seniors, and individuals without reliable transportation. Their feedback emphasized the importance of safe pedestrian crossings, expanded bicycle infrastructure, improved sidewalk connectivity, and proximity to essential services—particularly for residents who rely on walking, cycling, or limited transit options to reach food assistance and other community resources.

If selected, Feeding God's People will continue supporting the planning process by assisting with outreach to underserved populations, promoting engagement opportunities through its network, and providing feedback on mobility and placemaking recommendations. Their involvement will help ensure the LCI Update reflects real community needs and advances equitable access to food, services, transportation, and community amenities. Their participation will also strengthen trust and transparency throughout the planning process. In addition, their on-the-ground perspective will help the City identify practical, community-centered solutions that is realistic.

Who in your community has been historically under-represented in local planning processes? How will these individuals or groups intentionally be included in this planning process? Please be specific.

Historically under-represented groups in Stockbridge's planning processes include legacy residents, youth, renters, lower-income households, and residents of newly annexed or rapidly developing areas. Legacy residents will be engaged through targeted neighborhood outreach, partnerships with trusted community organizations, and in-person meetings that value long-standing community knowledge. The youth will be intentionally included through school-based engagement, youth workshops, creative activities, and partnerships with arts and youth-serving organizations to capture perspectives on mobility, safety, and public space.

New and annexed-area residents will be reached through digital engagement, pop-up events, and accessible public forums designed to integrate newcomers into the civic planning process. In addition, the study will employ inclusive strategies such as flexible meeting times, multilingual materials, engagement at community events, and incentives for participation where feasible. These efforts ensure planning outcomes reflect the full diversity of Stockbridge's population and support equitable growth. The engagement approach will also include ongoing feedback loops so participants can see how their input influences draft recommendations and final decisions. This inclusive process will help build lasting community trust and accountability with the City's future.

Report of Accomplishments

- [stockbridge-lci-report-of-accomplishments-supporting-appendices.pdf](#)

Commitment

Funding Commitment and Support Documents

- [funding-commitment-and-support-documentation-for-lci.pdf](#)