



*...a voice for rural Illinois*

## Rural Partners of Illinois

The Illinois Rural Development Council  
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### Chair, Brian Moody

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### Rural Partners Mission:

Rural Partners is a member driven forum that links individuals, businesses, organizations and communities with public and private resources to maximize the potential of rural Illinois.

### A Voice for Rural Illinois – Your Voice – Needs to be Heard!

You can do more when you join Rural Partners. You will be part of a statewide, comprehensive organization that focuses on the economic vitality, quality of life, and leadership development of rural Illinois, and joins councils from other states in a national organization, *Partners for Rural America*. You will benefit from interacting with individuals and organizations across the state to help achieve important personal and community goals. Rural Partners helps you connect with resources to enhance your community and economic development efforts. The members and friends of Rural Partners represent the diverse population of rural Illinois, and include representatives of local, state and federal agencies; academic professionals; non-profit organizations; private sector businesses; and dozens of experienced individuals confronting similar challenges.

### Three Powerful Reasons to Join Rural Partners:

**Networking:** Rural Partners works to match your community with resources and services available through collaboration with other members as well as federal, state, and local agencies and policymakers.

**Learning:** Rural Partners co-sponsors educational programs, webinars and information sessions for rural leaders and residents who are building a brighter future for rural Illinois by increasing their community’s leadership capacity, economic vitality and quality of life.

**Problem Solving:** Rural Partners facilitates the creation of private/public partnerships for rural communities working out innovative ways to address economic development, health care, housing, transportation, education, information technologies, workforce development, and an array of other challenges and opportunities.

### Rural Partners Annual Membership Categories (Please mark an “X” to the left of desired option.)

- Corporate Members** .....\$1,000  
Private sector corporations who are concerned about the future of rural economies, business development and the quality of life of rural Illinois residents.
- Regional Organization**.....\$500  
Public and Private sector organizations whose sphere of responsibility and influence for community and economic development span broad territories and/or multiple counties that extend into portions of rural Illinois.
- Local Government/Small Business**.....\$200  
Units of local government, non-profit organizations and small business owners who desire to become an active contributor to Rural Partners and collaboratively strengthen “A Voice for Rural Illinois.”
- Individual**.....\$50  
Individuals who are actively engaged in and/or wish to support community and economic development throughout rural Illinois.
- Student**.....\$25  
Students who are actively engaged in and/or wish to support community and economic development throughout rural Illinois.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please enclose payment and return to Rural Partners, 106 Lilac Lane, Chatham, IL 62629. Thank you!*