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AWRPC Day at the Capitol

In partnership with the Wisconsin Counties Association, The Association of Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions (AWRPC) will be hosting its third annual "Regional Planning Commission Day at the

Capitol" on Thursday, April 28, 2011 in Madison. AWRPC is a consortium of the state's nine Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) that has been meeting on a regular basis to identify options to better address Wisconsin's needs for regional planning and development. Many of the Wisconsin RPCs have been in existence between 35 and 50 years focusing on a primary mission of building awareness of the concept of 'regionalism' as a solution to state and local government's planning needs. In order to better inform our State Legislators about regional planning Commissions and our active roles in local, county, and state governments, a delegation of RPC Chairs and Executive Directors will be convening on the State Capitol to provide legislators with materials and information on the valuable role RPCs have and continue to play in meeting Wisconsin's future planning and development needs. For more information on RPCs and this event, please contact Richard Heath of the Commission staff.

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City of Sheboygan Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission has been working with a steering committee in the City of Sheboygan to develop an update to the City's Hazard Mitigation

Plan. The steering committee is made up of county and municipal representatives (such as emergency management, police, fire, public works, water utilities, and surrounding community officials), and emergency assistance agencies and organizations (such as the

IMPORTANT DATES

May 2, 2011 - Submission deadline for [Great Lakes Beach Engineering Proposals](#)

May 3, 2011 - [Lake Michigan Water Trail](#) Public Informational Meeting

May 5, 2011 -

American Red Cross, U.S. Coast Guard, hospitals, ambulance, and energy providers).

Hazard mitigation planning involves developing a set of actions designed to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects. The rising costs associated with hazard recovery activities have led a much greater emphasis being placed on dealing with hazards before they occur. Hazard mitigation planning is the only phase of emergency management planning specifically dedicated to breaking the cycle of damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires State, Local, and Tribal governments to develop (and update every five years) a hazard mitigation plan as a condition of receiving certain types of FEMA hazard mitigation disaster assistance, emergency and non-emergency.

Having a current hazard mitigation plan also qualifies Sheboygan to apply for pre-disaster mitigation funds from FEMA. These grants can be used to fund many of the mitigation projects that are identified in the plan, including hazard mitigation projects for critical facilities.

The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission has been providing communities and counties with hazard mitigation planning assistance since 2003, including grant writing and developing hazard mitigation plans and updates.

Please contact Angela Pierce of the Commission staff if you have any questions regarding hazard mitigation planning.

Sheboygan MPO April Update

Final hard copies of the update to the [Year 2035 Sheboygan Area Transportation Plan \(SATP\)](#) were distributed to each participant jurisdiction in the MPO at the joint meeting of the MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees held on April 14, 2011. Other members of the MPO advisory committees have received a CD copy of the updated plan. Staff from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Wisconsin Division and the WisDOT Bureau of Planning and Economic Development will receive their final hard copies of the plan in the near future. The update to the *Year 2035 SATP* has also been posted to the [Commission website](#).

The [Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Improvement Program: Calendar Years 2011 - 2014](#) ("2011-2014 TIP") was recommended for approval by the MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees on April 14, and the Commission approved the 2011 - 2014 TIP at a meeting of its Executive Committee on April 15. The 2011 - 2014 TIP was subjected to a 30-day public comment period, including a public hearing. The 2011 - 2014 TIP has undergone final editing (based on comments received during the public comment period), and will be published and placed on the Commission's website in late April. The 2011 - 2014 TIP will likely involve several amendments and administrative modifications in the coming months, and the Commission's e-news will announce pending changes to the TIP as they are proposed.

Additional upcoming MPO efforts include continued work on the *Sheboygan Transit Development Program (TDP)*, as well as updating the traffic analysis zone (TAZ) structure for the travel demand forecast model in Sheboygan County.

Please contact Jeff Agee-Aguayo of the Commission staff if you have any questions regarding planning efforts in the Sheboygan MPO program.

Submission deadline
for the 2011
Community Economic
Development Survey

NOTES

Draft maps for the proposed [Lake Michigan Water Trail](#) are available on the Commission's website.

Materials provided at the March 25, 2011 ['Small Wind Workshop'](#) are now available on the Commission's website.

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