

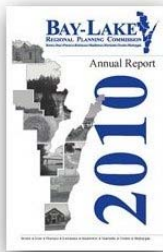
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2010 Annual Report

We have completed our [2010 Annual Report](#) and it is available for download on our [website](#).

The Annual Report provides a comprehensive report on Commission activities and financial performance throughout the preceding year.

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City of Sheboygan Hazard Mitigation Plan

Commission staff have been working with emergency management, response, and planning personnel to update the City of Sheboygan Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The costs associated with the original plan prepared in 2005, as well as this update, are covered with grant



funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The preparation of the plan update is being led by the staff from the city's Public Works department, along with a steering committee comprised of additional city staff from the Police, Fire, and City Development departments, as well as from the Mayor's office. The steering committee also includes representatives from the school district, electric and water utilities, the American Red Cross, and the US Coast Guard, among others.

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 to a much greater emphasis being placed on dealing with hazards before they occur through hazard mitigation planning. Hazard mitigation planning is the only phase of emergency management planning specifically dedicated to breaking the cycle of damage, reconstruction,

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and repeated damage.

With this plan, the city is able to identify the action steps it needs to take in order to minimize risk and damage to people and property from natural hazards. Additionally, the city maintains its qualification to apply for FEMA funding to undertake identified projects that will minimize future risks.

A public informational meeting will be held August 30, 2011, at the Mead Public Library, Rocca Room, at 4:00 PM.

Please contact Angela Pierce if you have any questions on hazard mitigation planning activities.



Public Access Study for Lake Michigan

The Commission has completed developed of the "[Public Access to Lake Michigan](#)" publication, which provides an inventory of all the legitimate public access sites to Lake Michigan in Kewaunee, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan Counties. The study involved a field inventory of each road that ends at the water, an assessment of land records to determine the status of water access sites, a GIS, GPS, and

tabular database of the public access sites, and a technical report.

The technical report discusses: encroachment issues and other concerns that were found during the inventory process; an assessment of potential enhancements opportunities for some of the public access sites; and a review of relevant federal and state policies regarding public access to the water.

As of result of this study, it was found that there are 41 public access sites to Lake Michigan within the three counties. Kewaunee County has seven public access sites (plus another three public access sites along Green Bay, which were inventoried in the Bay-Lake RPC study [Public Access to the East Shore of Green Bay, 2009](#)), Manitowoc County has 20 public access sites, and Sheboygan County has 14 public access sites along Lake Michigan. GIS mapping was created for the study area with all the identified access sites. The sites with pictures have also been mapped using Google Earth and can be downloaded from the [Commission's website](#).

The development of this study was funded in part by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program. This study will provide information to municipalities about the available water access recreational opportunities and their enhancement potential. The information in this report and the other [public access studies completed for the region](#) provides a complete GIS database that can be used for outdoor recreation plans. Contact the Commission if you would like a copy of this data. The Commission can also help you develop your outdoor recreation plan.

Sheboygan MPO Update

Commission staff has received training on travel demand forecast modeling software by *Citilabs* called *Cube*. *Cube* is the world's most widely used and most complete suite of software products for transportation planning. *Cube* has a broad range of capabilities for the comprehensive modeling of transportation systems.



DATES

Sept. 9, 2011
Bay-Lake Regional
Planning
Commission -
Annual Meeting
10:00 AM
Commission Office

Sept. 13, 2011
Planning for
Climate Impacts in
Northeast
Wisconsin
Communities: A
Workshop to Build
Local and Regional
Climate Planning
Capacity
UW-Green Bay

Sept. 26-28, 2011
State of Lake
Michigan
Conference and the
Great Lakes Beach
Association Annual
Meeting
Michigan City, IN

Oct. 4, 2011
8th Annual
Northwoods
Summit
UW-Marinette

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With *Cube*, the Commission is able to analyze and estimate the impacts of a wide range of infrastructure improvements and operating policies. It generates decision making information by using modeling, GIS techniques, statistics, comparisons, reports, graphs, graphics, and animations. *Cube* will enable the Commission to make smarter decisions quickly by uncovering key indicators to use when evaluating planning alternatives.

Please contact Jeff Agee-Aguayo if you have any questions regarding Sheboygan MPO activities.

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WISCONSIN COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Grants Available

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) is seeking proposals to enhance, preserve, protect, and restore resources within the state's coastal zone - all counties adjacent to Lakes Superior and Michigan. The WCMP anticipates awarding approximately \$1.3 million in grant funds.

[WCMP grants](#) are available for coastal wetland protection and habitat restoration, nonpoint source pollution control, coastal resource, and community planning, Great Lakes education, public access and historic preservation. Applications are due November 4, 2011.

Applicants are encouraged to contact [WCMP staff](#) early to discuss ideas for project proposals and application requirements. You may find it beneficial to also contact the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission for help with developing your project idea and to learn about similar projects that have been done in the region. Commission staff has submitted many successful WCMP grants over the years on behalf of local municipalities, and has helped to write countless successful applications.

WCMP has scheduled an informational workshop to be held at the Commission office to discuss the grant application process and funding priorities. All potential applicants are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The workshop will be held:

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

**Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, Community Room
439 South Jackson Street
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