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Update on Beach Sanitary Survey Project in Northeast Wisconsin

Public informational meetings have been schedule to provide information about results and recommendations from sanitary surveys/testing that has been conducted at beaches in Northeast Wisconsin. The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission has been undertaking a project to conduct beach assessments in the cities of Algoma, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Sheboygan, and Two Rivers to identify sources of contamination. The assessment data is being used to develop beach redesign, restoration, and management recommendations.



Public informational meetings will be held in:

- **Marinette** - March 12, 2012, 5PM at City Hall, Council Chambers (1905 Hall Avenue)
- **Algoma** - March 13, 2012, 5PM at City Hall, Council Chambers (416 Fremont Street)
- **Two Rivers** - March 22, 2012, 5PM at JE Hamilton House, Koska Room (1520 17th Street)
- **Sheboygan** - TBD

Ultimately, the goal of the project is to provide beach communities with the guidance and tools necessary for them to maintain healthy and desirable beaches that continue to be destination locations for residents and tourists. Clean beaches are a valuable promotional tool for increasing tourism dollars and economic

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development.

This project is funded by the U.S. EPA, though the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission. Please contact Angela Pierce of the Commission staff if you have any questions regarding this project.

2012 CEDS Update

The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission was designated an Economic Development District by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in 1975 to help facilitate and promote economic development within the eight-county region. The Commission receives annual planning dollars from EDA to work on local projects and to assist area economic development professionals as requested. EDA also requires the Commission to prepare a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region every three years to help focus efforts on areas with the greatest opportunity for economic development and community enhancement. An Economic Development Advisory Committee oversees preparation of the CEDS, including the compilation of the economic background information and the solicitation and ranking of community economic development projects. A committee of private sector representatives assists in drafting the goals and strategies that guide the activities noted within the CEDS. The CEDS update will begin this spring with the first step being the solicitation of community economic development projects from member counties and communities.



Please contact Rich Heath at the Commission office for additional information regarding the CEDS update process.



New Leaf Market

One of the growing trends across the country is the creation of small cooperatives that feature local, healthy, and fair-priced food for the neighboring communities. The newest cooperative to take root in Northeast Wisconsin is the New Leaf Market, which has 445 members already and growing. Organizers of the emerging enterprise have helped sponsor a number of winter farmers' markets that were held over the past few months at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. These events have been very successful with over 1,800 people attending the most recent farmers' market. The final farmers' market for this winter season is February 25th at the KI Convention Center. Fundraising continues as a suitable physical location is being determined for New Leaf Market that will provide a wide range of services, plus locally grown food commodities that will be available to residents year-round.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mar. 9, 2012

Commission Meeting,
Green Bay, 10 AM

Apr. 3, 2012

10th Annual Northeast
Wisconsin Global Trade
Conference, Appleton

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For more information on the cooperative, please visit their [website](#).

Sheboygan MPO Update

MPO staff has been preparing for development of the next long-range transportation plan (the *Year 2045 Sheboygan Area Transportation Plan*), which is due in April of 2015. MPO staff has been updating the *Sheboygan MPO Public Participation Plan* (which was last adopted in June 2007) to prepare for the next long-range transportation planning process. Development and evaluation of several future land use scenarios will occur later in 2012. In addition, a draft of the *Sheboygan Transit Development Program (TDP)* has been assembled for the TDP Review Committee to discuss at their meeting scheduled in late February. Other public involvement activities regarding the draft *Sheboygan TDP* will take place once the TDP Review Committee has had an opportunity to comment on the draft document.

Several administrative modifications to the *2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* for the Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area have already been proposed this year. These administrative modifications include moving the Eisner Avenue reconstruction and bicycle/pedestrian accommodations project from 2012 to 2013, and moving several projects from the Sheboygan County Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program (NMTTP) from 2011 or 2012 to 2013.

Please contact Jeff Agee-Aguayo at the Commission office for additional information regarding Sheboygan MPO planning activities.

Available Grants

[Joint Effort Marketing \(JEM\) Program](#); April 1 (Quarterly)
[Bikes Belong](#); February 29, 2012
[Tourism Cares Worldwide Grant Program](#); March 1, 2012
[Community-based Restoration Grants Program](#), April 13, 2012
[Nonpoint Pollution Abatement Program](#), April 16, 2012
[Acquisition and Development of Local Parks](#), May 1, 2012
[Recreational Trails Program](#), May 1, 2012
[Lake Protection and Classification Grants](#), May 1, 2012
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