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### E-Newsletter

**March 2012**

#### The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission is Celebrating 40 Years of Service to the Region!

The Commission is celebrating its 40th year of service to the communities of Northeast Wisconsin this year. The Commission was created by Governor Patrick Lucy on April 21, 1972 under section 66.0309 of the Wisconsin Statutes as the official area-wide planning agency for the eight-county northeastern region of Wisconsin.

In 1959, the State Legislature adopted the current regional planning commission legislation, and during that first year, the first Wisconsin multi-county regional planning commission was established - the Northwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Over the next 20 years, other commissions formed like the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, and today all but six Wisconsin counties are served by a regional planning commission. The official recognition of the Commission's 40th anniversary will take place at its Annual Meeting on September 14, 2012.



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#### Commission Staff Mark Milestones

The Commission is proud to acknowledge the work of its staff and their many years of dedicated service to the counties and communities of Northeast Wisconsin. During 2012, three staff members have already or will reach the following milestones:

- [Jeff Agee-Aguayo](#), Transportation Planner III, 25 years of service
- [Angela Pierce](#), Natural Resources Planner III, 10 years of service
- [Richard Malone](#), Office Accounts Coordinator, 10 years of service

On behalf of your fellow colleagues and Commissioners, thank you!



## Safe Routes to School Grants

The Wisconsin Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant cycle is now open with applications due by May 4, 2012.

SRTS programs are an opportunity to make walking and bicycling to school safer for children in grades K - 8, and to increase the number of children who choose to walk and bicycle to and from school. In many cases, SRTS

programs can enhance the health and well-being of children, ease traffic congestion near schools at pick up and drop off times, and improve community members' overall quality of life.

A project sponsor (e.g., school district, an individual school, a municipality, county government, or a Regional Planning Commission (RPC)/Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)) must pay for a project and then seek reimbursement for the project from WisDOT. However, federal funds will provide up to 100 percent of project costs.

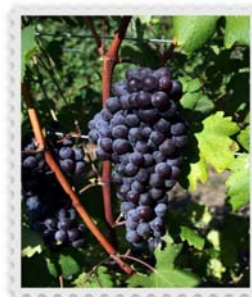
Please contact the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission if you are interested in pursuing a grant to complete a SRTS plan for your school district. We will assist school districts located wholly or partially in the Bay-Lake Region with applications for SRTS planning grants at no charge to the district. Our experienced transportation planning staff can also assist your schools and community with development of SRTS plans.

For more information on Safe Routes to School, please contact [Brandon Robinson](#) or [Jeff Agee-Aguayo](#) of the Commission or visit the [WisDOT SRTS website](#).

## Wisconsin Ledge American Viticultural Area (AVA) Designation Confirmed!

The U.S. Treasury decision establishing the Wisconsin Ledge AVA has been approved, and was published in the Federal Register on March 22, 2012. The rule will take effect 30 days later, so labels with the new Wisconsin Ledge AVA as an "Appellation of Origin" can be approved as of April 23, 2012. When a US winery wants to promote the geographic pedigree of its wine, it uses a tag on its label called an Appellation of Origin. Appellations are defined either by political boundaries, such as the name of a county or state, or by federally-recognized growing regions called [American Viticultural Areas](#). The AVA boundaries of the Wisconsin Ledge are displayed on this [map](#).

Thank you to all of the individuals who provided comment as the application moved through a very lengthy (3+ year) and meticulous federal review process, and to Steve DeBaker and Trout Springs Winery in Brown County for having the vision for this project, and the passion and patience to see it through.



## Sheboygan MPO Update

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**April 3, 2012**

10th Annual Northeast Wisconsin Global Trade Conference, Appleton

**April 27, 2012**

Commission Meeting; Marinette City Library; Marinette, WI at 10 AM

**April 2012**

[Safe Routes to School Training Sessions](#) to be held throughout the state.

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Commission staff has been working with Shoreline Metro staff and a local review committee to finalize the *Sheboygan Transit Development Program (TDP)*. Commission staff prepared a revised draft of the TDP based on comments raised at this meeting as well as modifications suggested by transit staff. A public comment period for the TDP will be scheduled soon. A preliminary draft of the 2012 Update to the *Sheboygan MPO Public Participation Plan* has been written and distributed for a 30-day "consultation period." The MPO advisory committees will review the comments and a revised draft will be released for a 45-day public comment period. The updated plan should be adopted this summer.

The process to update the *Sheboygan Area Transportation Plan (SATP)* with a horizon year of 2045 is underway. Later in 2012, development and quantification of three future land use scenarios will take place; this exercise will also have a visualization component to help the public to better decide the area's preferred growth vision.

One administrative modification and several minor amendments are being made to the *Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Calendar Years 2011 - 2014*. These changes mainly affect transit capital and elderly and disabled transportation capital project components. The revisions are expected to be adopted in April. The annual list of obligated projects for calendar year 2011 are provided on the Sheboygan MPO webpage.

<http://www.baylakerpc.org/sheboygan-mpo/annual-listing-of-obligated-projects-cy2011>

Please contact [Jeff Agee-Aguayo](#) at the Commission office if you have questions regarding these or other Sheboygan MPO activities.

## Available Grants

[EPA Green Infrastructure Technical Assistance](#), April 6, 2012  
[Community-based Restoration Matching Grant](#) - April 13, 2012  
[Nonpoint Pollution Abatement Program](#), April 16, 2012  
[Community-based Habitat Restoration Grant](#) - April 30, 2012  
[Acquisition and Development of Local Parks](#), May 1, 2012  
[Recreational Trails Program](#), May 1, 2012  
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