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Global Trade Strategy Final Report

After a year of conducting surveys, gathering and analyzing data, and drafting strategies, the Global Trade Strategy final report is now available. This initiative was lead by the Bay-Lake and East Central regional planning commissions and encompasses the joint 18-county planning area. The study helped identify small to medium-sized companies within five established industry sectors within Northeast Wisconsin that had the greatest opportunities to sell their products to defined international markets. A Steering Committee comprised of several entities, including New North, Inc., the Small Business Development Center, the Northeast Wisconsin Regional Economic Partnership (NEWREP), and both regional planning commissions will oversee the implementation of the strategies and goals outlined in the report. The primary focus areas of the study are education, marketing, and direct company assistance. A copy of the final report can be found on the Commission's website under the "Economic Development Tab" on the front page. For more information, please contact [Richard Heath](#).



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Bay-Lake Region Trail Connectivity Inventory and Analysis Project

The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission has received a grant from the Wisconsin Coastal Management program to develop a consistent, standardized, and comprehensive GIS spatial database inventory of trails within nine coastal cities. The inventory will include all non-motorized trail types (foot, bicycle, equestrian, and cross-country skiing - paved and unpaved) in the cities of Marinette, Oconto, Green Bay, Sturgeon Bay, Algoma, Kewaunee, Two Rivers, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan.



All trail segments and trailheads will be geolocated using a GPS,



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and attribute data will be recorded using a mobile GIS unit.

Attribute data to be collected will include the following:

- Trail name
- Length
- Designated access points
- Surface type (natural, gravel, paved, wood, bridge, other)
- URL (to link to online resources)
- Use Type (all, pedestrian, bike, equestrian)
- ADA accessibility (yes, no, unknown)
- Pet access (yes, leashed, no pets)
- Park name
- Manager (agency responsible for trail)
- Photos

The maps and data will be made widely available in map and mobile application form to the public and land managers. The maps will be available in Google Earth (KMZ format for download, and uploaded to the Google Earth Gallery), on the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission website as GIS downloads (Shapefile format), in the [Wisconsin Coastal Atlas and Guide](#), and will be provided to the Wisconsin Department of Tourism to add to their trail directory (which is incomplete and primarily only includes state trails). With the information provided to the Department of Tourism, the inventory would also be available in their iPhone and Android mobile applications.

Additionally, a report will be created for the project that will analyze opportunities for trail connectivity and provide recommendations for extending the inventory statewide. The trail connectivity analysis will seek to connect each community to the next, and will consider bike lanes as a means to connect trails. The report and inventory will assist communities with efforts to enhance trails and provide trail connections.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact [Angela Pierce](#) or [Joshua Schedler](#) at the Commission.

Sheboygan MPO Update

The draft *2012 Sheboygan MPO Public Participation Plan (PPP)* is available for a 45 day public comment period from May 7th through June 22nd. The draft PPP can be reviewed [here](#).

The draft *Sheboygan Transit Development Program (TDP): 2012 - 2016* is available for a 30 day public comment period from May 3rd through June 1st. A public information meeting regarding the draft TDP was held on May 16th. The draft TDP has received newspaper and radio coverage in the Sheboygan area. The draft TDP can be reviewed [here](#).

The Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees recommended approval of several administrative modifications and minor amendments to the *Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Calendar Years 2011 - 2014* on April 26th, and the Commission approved these changes to the TIP at a meeting of its Executive Committee on April 27th. These administrative modifications and minor amendments were submitted to applicable state and federal agencies in early May, and can be found [here](#).

Finally, the Commission and its Sheboygan MPO staff will be hosting the annual MPO/RPC/WisDOT transportation planning conference at Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan in late October.

Please contact [Jeff Agee-Aguayo](#) at the Commission office with questions regarding the Sheboygan MPO program.

June 7, 2012

Economic Development
Advisory Committee
Meeting; Green Bay;
10 AM

June 8, 2012

Full Commission Meeting;
Bay-Lake Office, Green
Bay; 10 AM

June 19, 2012

Online Tools for Coastal
Hazards Planning;
UW-Green Bay

June 23, 2012

Niagara Escarpment Tour
of Fonferek's Glen and
Waterfall in Brown County

Oct. 23-25, 2012

Mark your Calendars!
The Bay-Lake RPC will host
the Annual
MPO/RPC/WisDOT/DOT
transportation planning
conference at the Blue
Harbor Resort in Sheboygan.

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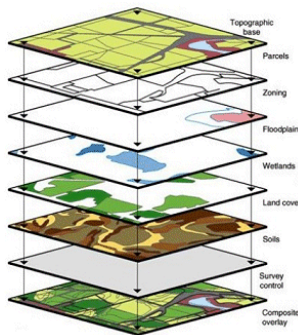
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Statewide GIS Data Gathering Efforts

There are currently two statewide GIS data gathering pilot projects underway. The intent of these projects are to build seamless GIS data sets statewide and test the edge matching of the data as 72 counties worth of data are stitched together. One project through the WDNR is gathering county level park data. The other project initiated through the Wisconsin Land Information Association (WLIA) is looking to build a County and MCD boundary data set.



If you have any questions about this project or have data you would like to contribute, please contact [Joshua Schedler](#) at the Commission.



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Wisconsin and upcoming public meetings. Please check it out and "like" us. **Please help us out, only need 23 more "likes" before we are able to have our own URL associated with the page!**

Available Grants

- [Rental Housing Development \(RHD\)](#), June 1, 2012
- [Climate Grant Program - Freshwater Future](#), June 1, 2012
- [Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control](#), June 1, 2012
- [National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Habitat Grants](#), June 1, 2012
- [Community Economic Development Projects Grants](#), June 5, 2012
- [Economic Adjustment Program](#), June 10, 2012
- [Public Works and Community Development Program](#), June 10, 2012
- [Transform Wisconsin Grant](#), June 15, 2012
- [Clean Water Fund](#), June 15, 2012
- [Rural Energy for America](#), June 29, 2012
- [National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants](#), June 29, 2012
- [Safe Drinking Water Loan Program](#), June 30, 2012
- [Tourist Information Center \(TIC\) Program](#), July 1, 2012
- [CDBG - Small Cities - Housing](#), July 1, 2012

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