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## **E-Newsletter**

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### **GLRI Grant to Implement Beach Improvements**

The University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh has received \$500,000 in GLRI grant funds to redesign four northern Wisconsin beaches to reduce bacteria levels, resulting in fewer swimming bans and beach closures. The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission is a partner on the project along with the City of Racine and Miller Engineers & Scientists to implement beach improvement plans at four beaches, including: Red Arrow Park Beach in Marinette; Crescent Beach in Algoma; Red Arrow Park Beach in Manitowoc; and Thompson West End Park in Washburn.



The beach improvement plans are being drafted under the Commission's current GLRI grant, which will result in plans for nearly all public swimming beaches in the Bay-Lake Region. Future grant funding will be sought to redesign additional beaches.

The beach redesigns will incorporate a variety of measures, including installing rain gardens or wetland cells to retain and filter contaminated stormwater from nearby paved surface areas; encouraging dune formation to reduce the impacts of stormwater runoff and to make the beach environment less attractive to gulls; modifying beach grooming practices to reduce the presence of bacteria; and implementing activities such as increasing the number of trash receptacles on the beach and discouraging the feeding of gulls and other waterfowl to lessen their unsanitary impacts.

Please contact [Angela Pierce](#) of the Commission staff if you have any questions regarding this project.

**Strategic Plan**

The Commission is undergoing strategic planning to better serve its member counties and communities, various state offices and federal departments, and partner organizations. After 40 years of service to Northeast Wisconsin, the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission is preparing itself for the next 40 years by ensuring it has the capabilities to effectively address the future planning needs of the entire region. Those goals identified as priority during the strategic planning process will be integrated into the

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Commission's annual work program to enable the Commissioners and staff to track ongoing progress and to ensure sufficient resources have been allocated to implement those goals. Early results of the planning process indicate strengthening and expanding partnerships, along with organizational development as two of the areas that may be a large focus of next year's work program. Final results of the strategic planning process will be published on the Commission's website. We always welcome your ideas for projects and suggestions on how the Commission can serve the region better

Please contact [Richard Heath](#) of the Commission staff if you have any questions regarding the Commission's strategic planning.

## Wisconsin Regional Orthophotography Consortium (WROC) 2015 Program

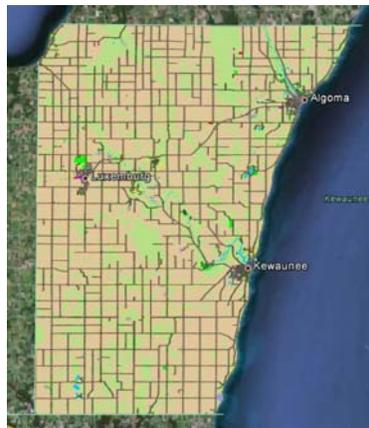
It is time to start thinking about your orthophotography needs for 2015. Building on the success of previous efforts, the next round of the Wisconsin Regional Orthophotography Consortium (WROC) Program is in its beginning stages. The RPC representatives will be putting together a RFQ that will be sent out within the next couple of weeks. As in previous years, the consortium will attempt to provide access to quality orthophotography at a reduced price as well as reducing duplicated flights throughout the regions. There will be more information in future newsletters.



Please contact [Joshua Schedler](#) of the Commission staff if you have any questions regarding this project.

## Land Use Data Accessibility Project

With funding assistance from EPA, as part of the [Lake Michigan Watershed Academy](#), the Commission is working with the [Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute](#) and University of Wisconsin - Madison students to make its regional land use and environmental corridor GIS datasets publicly accessible in a Google Earth format (.KML/.KMZ) on the [Commission's website](#) and the [Wisconsin Coastal Atlas website](#).



The Bay-Lake Region land use dataset documents the current use of the land (e.g. residential, commercial, woodlands, etc.). The environmental corridor dataset is comprised of navigable waters, wetlands, floodplains, setbacks, steep slopes, and additional significant natural features. These datasets will be publicly available for download to Google Earth, and the data will include detailed metadata providing information about the datasets. This project will be completed in September.

In addition to the available datasets and metadata, the Commission and the Sea Grant Institute will draft a methodology for developing the Google Earth datasets and metadata for other

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### September 6, 2012

Wisconsin Coastal Management 2013-2014 Program Grants Workshop, hosted by the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room located at 439 S. Jackson Street, Green Bay

### September 14, 2012

Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, Commission Meeting (Annual Meeting), 10:00 a.m., Bay-Lake Office, Green Bay, Wisconsin

### September 16, 2012

Maribel New Hope Cave Public Tours, hosted by the [Wisconsin Speleological Society](#), 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. in Maribel, Wisconsin

### September 20 & 21, 2012

[Annual Niagara Escarpment Symposium](#), hosted by the Niagara Escarpment Resource Network (NERN), at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

### October 23 & 24, 2012

[Save the Date for the WLIA Fall Regional Meeting!](#)  
The Challenges of Change in Land Records, Appleton, Wisconsin

### 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, Wisconsin

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local and regional governments looking to make their data more accessible.

Please contact [Joshua Schedler](#) of the Commission staff if you have any questions regarding this project.

## Hazard Planning in the Region

Commission staff have been working with emergency management, response, and planning personnel to update hazard mitigation plans for Florence, Marinette, and Sheboygan Counties.



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 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.

With this plan, the community 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 community maintains its qualification to apply for FEMA funding to undertake mitigation projects that will minimize future risks.

The 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.

## 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 \$1.5 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 5, 2012.

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.

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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:  
Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.  
Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, Community Room  
439 South Jackson Street  
Green Bay**

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The Commission's [Facebook page](#) needs "Likes!" Please help us out, **we only need 10 more "likes"** before we are able to have our own URL associated with the page! We have been posting interesting information and links to happenings in Northeast Wisconsin and upcoming public meetings. Please check it out and "like" us.



## Available Grants

The following is a list of upcoming grant opportunities. Please contact the [Commission](#) if you need assistance with preparing or administering a grant, as partnership opportunities are often feasible.

### [Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Fund Subgrants](#),

Letter of intent is due September 14, 2012

[Urban Innovation Fund](#), September 14, 2012

[Health Impact Assessment Project](#), September 14, 2012

[Economic Adjustment Program](#), September 15, 2012

[Public Works and Community Development Project](#),

September 15, 2012

[Captain Planet Foundation Grants](#), September 30, 2012

[Freshwater Future Project Grants](#), September 30, 2012

[Keystone Initiative Grants](#), October 1, 2012

[Urban Forestry](#), October 5, 2012

[Soccer Program, Field and Synthetic Surface Field Grants](#),

October 5, 2012

[Rural and Small Urban Area Public Transportation Assistance](#),

October 15, 2012

[Rental Housing Development \(RHD\)](#),

October 15, 2012

[North American Wetlands Conservation Act U.S. Small Grants](#),

October 25, 2012

[Grants Available for Forest Landowners Who Lose Trees to](#)

[Drought](#), May 1, 2013

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