

MONTHLY WORK PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT
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- On September 6th, Commission staff attended the Wisconsin Coastal Management 2013-2014 Grants Workshop in Green Bay.
- On September 13th, Commission staff participated in a U.S. Highway 41 Interstate Conversion Study expert panel meeting at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton. Commission staff also assisted WisDOT and its consultant in providing land use and environmental corridor mapping related to this study, and responded to a survey regarding various potential impacts of the Interstate conversion effort.
- The Commission's quarterly full Commission meeting was held on September 14th in Green Bay.
- On September 14th, the Natural Resources Planner conducted a video interview with Discover Wisconsin about the Lake Michigan Water Trail.
- Commission staff provided an update on coastal projects underway in the region at the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council meeting on September 20th held at St. Norbert College in De Pere.
- On September 24, the Natural Resources Planner conducted a radio interview with Dan Small Outdoor Radio Show and Podcast on the Lake Michigan Water Trail.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach project.
- The Natural Resources Planner conducted sewer service area reviews for the Sheboygan Urbanized Area Sewer Service Area, the Manitowoc-Two Rivers-Mishicot Urbanized Area Sewer Service Area, and the Marinette Areawide Sewer Service Area.
- Commission staff continued working on the update to the *2009 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)*.
- Commission staff continued work to inventory trails in the Region's coastal cities as part of a WCMP project.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued working with WDNR and NPS on planning the Lake Michigan Water Trail.
- Commission staff prepared and submitted a letter of support on behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' USEPA Brownfields Assessment grant application.

BROWN COUNTY

- Commission staff worked with UW-Oshkosh staff to conduct water quality sampling at Bay Beach through the USEPA Urban Waters grant.

DOOR COUNTY

- Commission staff had a discussion with the Town of Gibraltar about a possible update to the town's Comprehensive Plan.

FLORENCE COUNTY

- Commission staff continued work on updating the *Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan*.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY

- The Community Planner continued providing zoning assistance to Kewaunee County, and the towns of Pierce, Luxemburg, Casco, Red River and Lincoln. Commission staff participated in a meeting in the Town of Lincoln on September 5th.
- Commission staff continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Kewaunee County beaches. A public meeting about implementation at Crescent Beach (City of Algoma) has been scheduled for October 10th.

MANITOWOC COUNTY

- Commission staff participated in a meeting with Symbiont and Dimension IV staff on September 11th to discuss development options for the mall properties on the north side of the City of Manitowoc as part of the city's USEPA brownfield grant.
- Commission staff revised preliminary site plan scenarios for the for the mall properties on the north side of the City of Manitowoc as part of the city's USEPA brownfield grant.
- Commission staff continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Manitowoc County beaches. A public meeting about implementation at Red Arrow Beach (City of Manitowoc) has been scheduled for October 9th.

MARINETTE COUNTY

- Commission staff continued updating the *Marinette County Hazard Mitigation Plan*.
- Commission staff continues to assist WisDOT staff and Jewell & Associates staff on the US 141 Corridor Study from STH 64 to Smith Creek Road in Marinette County.
- The Community Planner continued to assist the City of Marinette with the administration of its Shared-Ride Taxi Transit Program.
- Commission staff continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Red Arrow Beach in Marinette. A public meeting about implementation at Red Arrow Beach (City of Marinette) has been scheduled for October 11th.
- The Community Planner continues to assist the Town of Stephenson Planning Commission with the development of the town's zoning ordinance.

OCONTO COUNTY

- Commission staff is working with Oconto County planning and zoning staff to generate project applications for Wisconsin Coastal Management grant funding.
- Commission staff worked with Tim Magnin, Oconto County Emergency Management Director, to submit an application to Wisconsin Emergency Management for funding to update their current county hazard mitigation plan.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

- Commission staff continued updating the *Sheboygan County Hazard Mitigation Plan*. The Natural Resources Planner met with the Steering Committee on September 12th.
- The Community Planner continued an update to the text of the *Sheboygan County Farmland Preservation Plan*.
- Commission staff continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Sheboygan beaches.
- Commission staff prepared the draft *2013 Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Planning Work Program* in the first half of September. Copies of the draft work program were transmitted to WisDOT and FHWA staff as well as to other applicable parties on September 18th.
- Commission staff continued working with Blue Harbor Resort in planning the 2012 MPO/RPC/WisDOT transportation planning conference (to be held in late October) in September. Commission staff continued to revise the agenda for the conference and confirm conference presenters. Commission staff also continued to receive and log in registration forms and fees from conference attendees. The deadline for making room reservations at guaranteed government rates was September 23rd.
- Commission staff participated in a FHWA workshop entitled "Integrating Planning for Operations into Metropolitan Transportation Plans and Programs" on September 6th and 7th at the WisDOT Central Office in Madison.
- Commission staff participated in a webinar that discussed imminent implementation of the new Federal surface transportation authorization legislation (MAP-21) on September 26th.
- Commission staff continued to work on the adjusted Sheboygan urbanized area boundary as well as the Sheboygan metropolitan planning area boundary in the first half of September. The GIS staff revised the adjusted urbanized area boundary based on discussion from members of the MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees at their joint meeting in mid August. The MPO advisory committees voted to maintain the current metropolitan planning area boundary following considerable discussion at their joint meeting in mid August. These boundaries were sent to staff of the WisDOT Bureau of Planning and Economic Development for review and comment on September 13th.
- Commission staff continued to spend a considerable amount of time in September verifying consultant (SRF) created base year (2010) socioeconomic data to be used in updating the travel demand forecast model. Commission staff verified K – 12 school enrollment (in terms of the physical locations of the enrollment) in September. Commission staff also spent some time in September verifying the location and amount of employment by TAZ using color gradient maps; the consultant geocoded employment using DWD employment data, so it would be prohibitively time consuming to replicate the consultant's efforts in regard to employment. It was decided to use the post-2000 Census TAZs for the next plan update (as refined by the consultant earlier this summer), as the coarser TAZs developed in 2011 are not as useful in maintaining the continuity of the WisDOT Northeast Region travel demand forecast model.
- In the process of verifying base year socioeconomic data by TAZ, Commission staff continued to create a spreadsheet that will be used to allocate housing growth (and, ultimately, employment growth) to TAZs under the three land use scenarios that will be examined in the planning process.

- Commission staff continued to meet internally to discuss possible visualization applications (transportation projects and land use scenarios) for the next MPO long-range transportation plan in September. Some of these visualization applications could also be transferred to other Commission-led planning efforts in the region.
- Commission staff continued preparation of the *Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Calendar Years 2013 – 2016* in September. Commission staff made revisions to transit operating and bicycle and pedestrian transportation project tables in the TIP, and also prepared the narrative of the main body of the TIP. In addition, Commission staff prepared several appendices for the TIP; the only appendices that remain to be completed are the air quality conformity analysis and the environmental justice analysis of projects included in the TIP.