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## **E-Newsletter**

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### **2012 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy**

The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission has completed a draft of its *2012 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy* (CEDS). The 2012 CEDS will be available for review beginning November 2, 2012, through December 4, 2012. The draft document can be viewed by clicking on the "Economic Development Tab" on the [Commission's website](#). This 30-day public review period is required to enable stakeholders, businesses, and other interested parties to examine and provide input on the document. Written comments via mail or email must be received by no later than 4:30 p.m. (CST) on December 4, 2012.

The preparation and adoption of the CEDS ensures that the Bay-Lake Region maintains its Economic Development District (EDD) status through the Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA). This designation allows community and regional projects listed in the document to apply for funding through a variety of EDA programs. In addition, the CEDS provides a framework for regional economic development through the preparation and implementation of a comprehensive set of goals, objectives and strategies that were developed based on the economic environment of the region.

Please contact [Richard Heath](#) at (920) 448-2820 with any questions or comments

### **2012 New North, Inc. Summit**

New North, Inc. is hosting its annual summit to convene business, education and community leaders from around the New North region and state of Wisconsin to connect with one another, share economic development updates, learn about regional growth opportunities and more.



This year's event will take place on Friday, December 7th at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel located at 333 West College Avenue, Appleton, Wisconsin. The focus for the 2012 New North Summit is on innovative ideas, collaborations, and the coming together of people and companies to foster growth in our region and beyond. Join your fellow innovators on Friday, December 7th

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starting at 7 a.m. for networking, an engaging keynote and CEO panel, and, of course, great food! To register, please visit [New North's website](#).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**December 14, 2012**  
Full Commission Meeting,  
10:00 AM, UW-Green Bay

## Staff Attended the US EPA Urban Waters National Training Workshop in DC

The Commission's Natural Resources Planner, Angela Pierce, attended the 2012 USEPA Urban Waters National Training Workshop in Washington, DC last week (October 23-25). Angela was invited to represent the Commission as a recipient of an Urban Waters grant for a beach improvement action plan at Bay Beach in Green Bay. The objective of the workshop was to provide an opportunity for networking with other current and past grant recipients. The



workshop was very beneficial and offered some ideas to make the Bay Beach project better - such as ways to engage the public and to help bring input from low income and minority citizens to the table. These ideas will be used to obtain good citizen participation at an upcoming (yet-to-be planned) community visioning workshop. A technical workshop will also be held to gather input from the scientific community about the impairments to Bay Beach becoming swimmable again. For additional information or to be invited to the community visioning workshop or the technical workshop, please contact [Angela Pierce](#).

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## WIGICC Board Appointment

The Commission's GIS Coordinator, Josh Schedler, has been appointed to the Wisconsin Geographic



Information Coordination Council (WIG ICC). WIGICC is an organization that serves as the primary forum and coordinating body for geographic information and technology in the State of Wisconsin. WIGICC is comprised of two equally important components - a Council and a Stakeholder Network. This two year appointment will encompass quarterly meetings and conference calls when needed. For more information, please visit the WIGICC [website](#).

## Lakeshore Industry Cluster Initiative

The Lakeshore Industry Cluster Initiative, an economic development collaborative between EDCs in Manitowoc, Door, Calumet, Kewaunee and Sheboygan counties, announces upcoming meetings for the industry clusters of Manufacturing, Energy, Agriculture-Food Production and Tourism.



These meetings are designed to help businesses in developing new market and supplier connections and capitalize on opportunities in their industry, by engaging them in the process of analyzing their industry. For more information and a complete list of meeting dates and contact persons, please visit the [website](#).

## Lower Green Bay and Fox River Area of Concern RAP Update Public Review Period

The Lower Green Bay and Fox River are one of 43 Great Lakes Areas of Concern (AOC) established in the mid 1980s because of major environmental problems caused by toxic substances (primarily polychlorinated biphenyls or PCBs), excessive nutrient and sediment loads from point and nonpoint sources, and physical habitat alterations. Thirteen beneficial use impairments (BUIs) were identified for this AOC, two of which were listed as suspected at that time. In the twenty-three years since the original Remedial Action Plan (RAP) local, state, and federal partners have made significant progress toward addressing the causes of impairments within the AOC. However, no BUIs have been removed and the Lower Green Bay and Fox River is still very much an Area of Concern. The 2012 Stage 2 RAP Update for the Lower Green Bay and Fox River Area of Concern has been drafted to address the issues and is now available for public review [here](#). Comments may be submitted to Laurel Last with the WDNR by [email](#) or mail to 2984 Shawano Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313 by the deadline of November 9, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

### We only need 1 more "Like"

The Commission's [Facebook page](#) needs "Likes!" Please help us out, **we only need 1 more "like"** before we are able to have our own URL associated with the page!

We continue to post 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 and their due dates. Please contact the [Commission](#) if you need assistance with preparing or administering a grant, or if you are interested in partnering with the Commission on a project.

- [Georgia-Pacific Foundation Community Grants](#), October 31, 2012
- [Wells Fargo Clean Technology and Innovation Grant Program](#), October 31, 2012
- [Wells Fargo Environmental Solutions for Communities Grant Program](#), October 31, 2012
- [Wisconsin Coastal Management Program](#), November 5, 2012
- [Responsible Sports Community Grant](#), November 15, 2012
- [Grants Available for Forest Landowners Who Lose Trees to Drought](#), May 1, 2013