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WLIA Conference Recap

The Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva hosted this year's Wisconsin Land Information Association (WLIA) Annual Conference. The three day conference was held February 13-15, and consisted of one day of training workshops and a day and a half of presentations covering a range of land information topics.



This year's theme was "Be Bold" and focused on efforts for integrating, coordinating, and communicating within the land information community. Two of the major focus points at the conference were online and mobile GIS. Many of the presentations centered on those topics or utilized the technology for a project. This has been a growing trend over the past couple of years and will continue to be in the future.

The next WLIA meeting is the Spring Regional Meeting that will be held May 15-16 in Wausau. Mark your calendars.

Please contact [Joshua Schedler](#) with any questions or comments on GIS or land information in the Bay-Lake Region.

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Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment

Brownfields are abandoned or underused properties where development may be problematic due to the presence or potential presence of environmental contamination. For local governments, brownfields are also real estate resources that can be investigated, cleaned up and



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redeveloped. Brownfield redevelopment can allow communities to use local land again - producing jobs, increasing the tax base, preserving neighborhoods, and reducing urban sprawl.

The Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition (WBC) was created in 2003 to assist local communities with brownfields cleanup by obtaining federal funding from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). WBC members include the WDNR as well as all nine of Wisconsin's Regional Planning Commissions. Funding opportunities include:

- Revolving Loan Funds that are awarded to the WBC are managed by the WDNR through the Wisconsin Ready for Reuse Loan and Grant Program.
- Coalition Assessment Grants that are awarded to the WBC are managed by the DNR through the Wisconsin Plant Recovery Initiative Assessment Monies (WAM) program. Also view this WAM promotional flyer for more information.

For more information on cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields in the Bay-Lake Region, please visit the Commission's brownfields website or contact Brandon Robinson.

Case Study on Hazard Mitigation Planning in the Bay-Lake Region



The Climate Change and Adaptation Exchange (CAKE), a joint project of Island Press and EcoAdapt, did a case study on the work the Commission has been doing in hazard mitigation planning.

Climate change is projected to increase erosion as lake levels and ice cover decrease, and

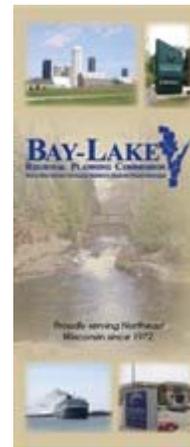
wind and wave action increase. Damage to natural environments and built infrastructure along the shoreline will likely increase as a result. In response, the Commission has worked to educate and provide guidance to local communities in order to plan for and mitigate climate-enhanced coastal hazards.

CAKE aims to build a shared knowledge base for managing natural systems in the face of rapid climate change. CAKE brings together EcoAdapt's recognized leadership in developing the concepts and practices of climate adaptation with Island Press's 27 years as the leading publisher of solutions-based environmental information to offer the most valuable, up-to-date, and authoritative materials on the subject. Just as importantly, CAKE is intended to help build an innovative community of practice.

Please contact Angela Pierce if you have any questions on climate change planning or hazard mitigation planning in the Bay-Lake Region.

Sheboygan MPO Update

The Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees recommended approval of the *Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Calendar Years 2013 - 2016* at their joint meeting on February 21, 2013. The Commission



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**March 8, 2013,
10AM**

Full Commission Meeting, Green Bay

April 13-17, 2013

APA National Planning Conference, Chicago

June 13-14, 2013

APA Wisconsin Chapter Annual Planning Conference, Sheboygan

September 10-12, 2013

Healing Our Waters Coalition, 9th Annual Great Lakes Restoration Conference, Milwaukee

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approved the *2013 - 2016 TIP* at a meeting of its Executive Committee on February 27, 2013. The Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration issued their conformity finding on the *2013 - 2016 TIP* in late February. Commission staff has been producing final copies of the *2013 - 2016 TIP* for distribution to state and federal agencies as well as to each community in the MPO area. The *2013 - 2016 TIP* can be found at the Commission [website](#).

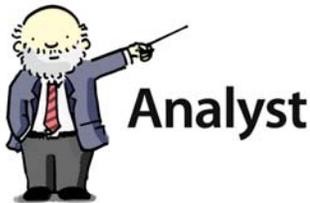
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In addition, on February 21, 2013, the Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees recommended approval of redefinition of the boundaries of the adjusted Sheboygan Urbanized Area based on 2010 Census data and on observation of urban development patterns, and also recommended approval of continuation of the existing Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries for transportation planning purposes in and around the adjusted Sheboygan Urbanized Area boundaries. The full Commission will take action on these boundaries at its March 8, 2013 meeting.

Planning activities in the coming months will include the functional reclassification of streets and highways in the adjusted Sheboygan Urbanized Area, as well as development, quantification and evaluation of up to three future (2045) land use scenarios as part of the preparation of the next long-range transportation plan.

Please contact [Jeff Agee-Aguayo](#) with any questions or comments on Sheboygan MPO planning activities.



EMSI Analyst software is available at the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission!

Commission staff has been trained on EMSI Analyst software and are now accepting requests for demographic and economic information. All counties and local units of government, along with planning and economic development partners, are eligible to receive this service through the Commission. The data found on EMSI Analyst is very valuable information that can be used to draft grant applications, prepare site search proposals, and evaluate local and regional economic conditions.

The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission is able to provide you hands-on access to this powerful software, or you can give us a call to request information, and we will assemble the data for you.

If you are from the Bay-Lake Region and would like to get information, or use EMSI Analyst, please contact [Brandon Robinson](#) or [Joshua Schedler](#) at the Commission. For more information on EMSI Analyst, visit the EMSI [website](#).

Available Grant Opportunities



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.

- [FY 2013 Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry](#), March 12, 2013

- [Economic Development Assistance](#), March 13, 2013
- [Pollution Prevention Grant Program](#), March 14, 2013
- [NRCS Conservation Innovation Grants](#), March 15, 2013
- [MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Awards Program](#), March 17, 2013
- [Emergency Shelter Grant/Transitional Housing Program/Homelessness Prevention Program](#), March 22, 2013
- [Focus on Energy Business Incentive Program](#), March 31, 2013
- [Meetings Mean Business Grants Program](#), April 1, 2013
- [Baseball Tomorrow Fund](#), April 1, 2013
- [Joint Effort Marketing \(JEM\) Program](#), April 1, 2013
- [Wisconsin Humanities Council Major Grants](#), April 15, 2013
- [Notice of Discharge Grants](#), April 15, 2013
- [Snowmobile Routes and Warning Signs](#), April 15, 2013
- [Snowmobile Trail Aids](#), April 15, 2013
- [Nonpoint Pollution Abatement Program - Targeted Runoff Management](#), April 15, 2013
- [Nonpoint Pollution Abatement Program - Urban Nonpoint Source and Stormwater](#), April 15, 2013
- [All Terrain Vehicles \(ATV\)](#), April 15, 2013
- [Homeownership Grant Program](#), April 30, 2013

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