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### ***E-Newsletter***

***July 2013***

#### **City of Manitowoc RLF Brownfields Grant**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded the City of Manitowoc a \$1 million revolving loan fund grant. The grant received by the city is the only one being awarded in Wisconsin, and one of 13 nationally. Through the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, EPA is working to help states and communities around the country clean-up and revitalize brownfield sites. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the City of Manitowoc will provide eight loans and two subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances and petroleum. Grants funds also will be used to market the program, oversee cleanup of the sites, and monitor and enforce institutional controls. For more information on the grant, please visit the [EPA Brownfields Website](#).



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#### **Great Lakes Boaters' Forecast Tool**

The Great Lakes Observing System (GLOS) announces the launch of its expanded [Boaters' Forecast tool](#) that now covers the entire Great Lakes. The tool was originally developed for recreational boaters in the St. Lawrence River and can now be used by boaters throughout the Great Lakes.

The tool provides information on water currents and depth to help boaters plan a safe and enjoyable boating day. The easy-to-use, web-based format was customized to address information needs specific to Great Lakes boaters, including information on marina and boat launch locations. The tool also provides access to modeled waves, currents, and wind output from NOAA along with real-time data and other information of interest to harbor communities.

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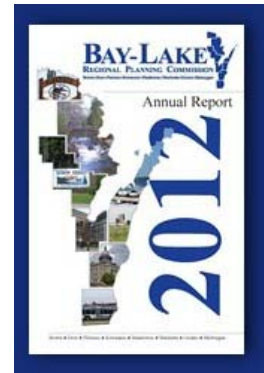
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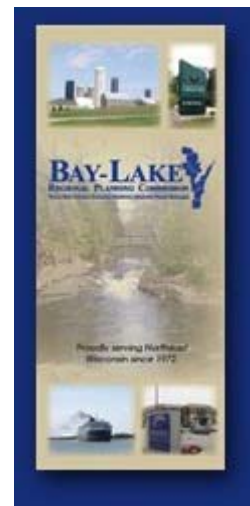
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## Great Lakes Water Levels on the Decline

A recent article written by John Schwartz of the New York Times notes that "Drought and other factors have created historically low water marks for the Great Lakes, putting the \$34 billion Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway shipping industry in peril, a situation that could send ominous ripples throughout the economy. Water levels in the Great Lakes have been below their long-term averages during the past 14 years, and this winter the water in Lakes Michigan and Huron, the hardest-hit lakes, dropped to record lows, according to the Army Corps of Engineers. Keith Kompoltowicz, the chief of watershed hydrology with the corps's Detroit district, said that in January "the monthly mean was the lowest ever recorded, going back to 1918." Click [here](#) for the full article.



## Regionalism Workshop

The Commission will be participating in a regional workshop in July. The workshop, "Making Regionalism Work - Learning from The Charlotte Success Story," will feature a presentation by Ronnie Bryant, President and CEO of the Charlotte Regional Partnership.



Mr. Bryant will speak to the importance and significance of regionalism and economic development. He will share the spectacular transformation of a small southern town into one of the fastest growing metropolitan regions in the country. Ronnie Bryant leads the team that promotes the 16-county Charlotte USA region throughout the world as a premier location for businesses considering expansion or relocation.

The workshop will be held at The Marq at 3177 French Road in De Pere on July 16th at 8:00 a.m. You may register for this event [online](#), by [email](#), or by calling 920-734-7101.

To submit a request for an EMSI Analyst Query, please complete and submit this form:

EMSI Request Form

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**June 29th, 2013**  
Niagara Escarpment Ledge Tour: [Survey Re-enactment on the Niagara Escarpment and Escarpment Wetland Complex Tour](#), Bayshore Blufflands Preserve

**July 26, 2013**  
Commission Executive Committee

## Community Climate Change Network



Local governments play a critical role in addressing climate change. Many decisions regarding land use, building practices, transportation, and waste management and recycling are made at the local level. These decisions impact energy use in the community and the resulting greenhouse gas emissions. Many communities nationwide have begun [taking action](#) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The [EPA Region 5 Community Climate Change Network](#) is a valuable resource for communities looking for information and opportunities about energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction, as well as access to a network of other like-minded communities that are taking action on climate change. To join, send an email with your contact information to [Erin Newman](#) with EPA Region 5.

For additional information about opportunities for climate planning, contact [Angela Pierce](#) at the Commission.

## Pavement Rating Assistance



State statute requires local units of government to submit surface condition ratings for all local roads under their jurisdiction to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) every two years. The next submissions to WisDOT are due by December 15, 2013.

Just as was done in 2011, Commission staff will be providing assistance to communities to meet the pavement rating requirement. A majority of these services will be free of charge to Commission members, while non-member communities will be charged for time and materials. If your community would like the use the services of Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission for pavement rating assistance, please contact [Brandon Robinson](#).

A series of four online courses is also available for communities who rate the condition of their roads using PASER, submit their ratings to DOT for inclusion in WISLR, the Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads, and use the WISLR pavement analysis tools to create a three to five year plan and budget for their road system. Registration details can be found through the [Transportation Information Center](#).

## 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.

- [USDA - Rural Cooperative Development Grant \(RCDG\)](#), July 10, 2013

Meeting, 10AM,  
Oconto County

**July 26, 2013**  
[Benefits, Needs and Future Demands of Public/Specialized Transportation Services in Northeastern Wisconsin](#), New London

**September 10-12, 2013**  
[9th Annual Great Lakes Restoration Conference](#), Milwaukee

**October 15-17, 2013**  
[Lake Michigan: State of the Lake and Great Lakes Beach Association Joint Conference](#), Sheboygan

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- [USDA 2014 National Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program](#), July 15, 2013
- [Wisconsin Land Information Program](#), July 16, 2013
- [North American Wetlands Conservation Act U.S. Standard Grants](#), July 26, 2013
- [Homeownership Grant Program](#), July 31, 2013
- [Wisconsin Humanities Council Mini Grants](#), August 1, 2013
- [Access Fund Climbing Preservation Grant Program](#), August 1, 2013
- [Lake Management Planning Grants](#), August 1, 2013
- [Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Program](#), August 1, 2013
- [Meetings Mean Business! Grants Program](#), August 1, 2013
- [Joint Effort Marketing \(JEM\) Program](#), August 1 and September 1, 2013
- [Art Works](#), March 7 and August 8, 2013
- [Home Depot Community Impacts Grants Program](#), August 13, 2013
- [Wisconsin Humanities Council Major Grants](#), August 15, 2013
- [Highway Safety Improvement Program](#), August 15, 2013
- [Ready, Set, Go! Grants](#), September 1, 2013
- [C.D. Besadny Conservation Grant](#), September 6, 2013
- [Teachers' Outdoor Environmental Education Fund](#), September 6, 2013
- [Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Fund Subgrants](#), September 13, 2013 [Genographic Legacy Fund](#), September 15, 2013
- [Target Field Trip Grants](#), September 30, 2013
- [Captain Planet Foundation Grants](#), September 30, 2013
- [Urban Forestry Grants](#), October 1, 2013
- [Freshwater Future Project Grant Program](#), September 30, 2013
- [ATC Tree Planting Program](#), September 30, 2013
- [Land O'Lakes Foundation Rural Communities Grants](#), October 1, 2013
- [Ray C. Anderson Foundation Environmental Grants Program](#), through 2013

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