

**MONTHLY WORK PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT
AUGUST 2013
By County**

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MULTI-COUNTY/REGIONAL

- The Natural Resources Planner attended a wildfire planning conference in Madison on August 6th and 7th funded through a grant from Glacierland RC&D.
- On August 8th, Commission staff participated in a Great Lakes Water Levels Community Workshop held at the Neville Public Museum in Green Bay.
- The Executive Director attended the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and Wisconsin Department of Administration's programs workshop on August 14th in Algoma.
- On August 14th, the Natural Resources Planner participated in a meeting of the Niagara Escarpment Greenway planning project with East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission in Menasha.
- The Executive Director hosted the monthly Regional RLF committee meeting on August 20th.
- On August 20th, Commission staff participated in a workshop in Kimberly detailing the process of evaluating roads through PASER and managing roads using WISLR.
- On August 23rd, the Executive Director attended the quarterly NEWREP meeting held at the Bordini Center in Appleton.
- On August 28th, Commission staff participated in a public hearing regarding the limited scope supplemental draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the State Highway 23 expansion project between Plymouth and Fond du Lac; this public hearing was held at UW Fond du Lac.
- Commission staff continued work to inventory trails in the Region's coastal cities as part of a WCMP 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.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the region wide GLRI beach project. Implementation of the beach redesign plans for several beaches in the region is underway.

BROWN COUNTY

- On August 22nd, the Executive Director attended the monthly Downtown Green Bay/Olde Main Street Business Development Committee meeting in Green Bay.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the Bay Beach project.
- Commission staff provided additional information to the US Forest Service to finalize a grant to support EAB mitigation efforts in the City of Green Bay.

- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory in the City of Green Bay as part of the WCMP Regional Trail project.

DOOR COUNTY

- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory in the City of Sturgeon Bay as part of the WCMP Regional Trail project.
- Commission staff responded to an EMSI Analyst request for Egg Harbor during August.

FLORENCE COUNTY

- Commission staff continued work on the 2013 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan for Florence County. A Florence County public transit/human services transportation coordination meeting is scheduled for September 11th.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY

- On August 26th – 27th Commission staff conducted a field evaluation of roads utilizing PASER for the Town of Ahnapee and City of Algoma in Kewaunee County.
- Commission staff continued discussions with the Kewaunee County Active Community Environment (ACE) Committee to discuss the funding/development of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan for Kewaunee County.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Kewaunee County beaches. Implementation of the beach redesign plan for Selner Beach in Kewaunee is underway.
- Commission staff continued providing zoning assistance to the Towns of Ahnapee, Casco, Pierce, and Red River.

MANITOWOC COUNTY

- Commission staff continued work on updating the county's hazard mitigation plan. The steering committee met on August 13th.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Manitowoc County beaches. Implementation of the plan is moving forward at Red Arrow Beach in Manitowoc.
- The Community Planner continued discussions with the Manitowoc County Planning Department regarding an update to the county's Farmland Preservation Plan and grant application process for 2014.
- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory for the cities of Two Rivers and Manitowoc as part of the WCMP Regional Trail project.

MARINETTE COUNTY

- The Community Planner continued work on the 2013 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan for Marinette County. Commission staff facilitated a joint Marinette/Oconto County public transit/human services transportation coordination meeting on August 22nd, in the City of Oconto.
- Commission staff continued updating the county's hazard mitigation plan. An open house/public informational meeting was held on August 28th in Marinette.

- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Red Arrow Park beach in Marinette and Michaelis Park beach in the Town of Peshtigo. Implementation of the plan is moving forward at Red Arrow Park beach.
- Commission staff continues to work with WisDOT staff and Jewell & Associates staff on the US Highway 141 Corridor Study from STH 64 to Smith Creek Road in Marinette County.
- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory in the City of Marinette as part of the WCMP Regional Trail project.
- The Community Planner continued to assist the City of Marinette with the administration of its Shared-Ride Taxi Transit Program. Commission staff have begun work on the City of Marinette's 2014 Shared Taxi Application.

OCONTO COUNTY

- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Oconto City Beach in the City of Oconto.
- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory in the City of Oconto as part of the WCMP Regional Trail project.
- Commission staff secured grant funding from WEM/FEMA to update the county's hazard mitigation plan.
- The Community Planner continued work on the 2013 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan for Oconto County. Commission staff facilitated a joint Marinette/Oconto County public transit/human services transportation coordination meeting on August 22nd, in the City of Oconto.
- Commission met with Oconto County Planning staff on August 26th to discuss potential projects for 2014.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

- The Community Planner continued to update the text of the *Sheboygan County Farmland Preservation Plan*.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Sheboygan beaches. A meeting was held with public works staff on August 27th in Sheboygan to review the beach redesign plans.
- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory in the City of Sheboygan as part of the WCMP Regional Trail project.
- The Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees met jointly on August 22nd. Agenda items addressed at this meeting included: prioritization of Surface Transportation Program (STP) Urban candidate projects submitted for the 2013 – 2018 funding cycle in the Sheboygan Urbanized Area; distribution, review and recommendation of approval of a proposed amendment to the *2013 Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Planning Work Program*; review of the allocation of population, housing and employment growth by 2045 to traffic analysis zones (TAZs) in Sheboygan County under Scenario #1 (Continuation of Existing Trends) and under Scenario #2 (Compact/Infill Development); and an update on WisDOT Northeast Region and other MPO planning activities.
- Commission staff began preparing the draft *2014 Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Planning Work Program* in late August.

- Commission staff spent August allocating household, population, employment, and school and college enrollment growth to TAZs under the “Compact/Infill Development” growth scenario. All growth was allocated by late August. A full socioeconomic file for this scenario was submitted to WisDOT’s modeling consultant (SRF Consulting Group) by the end of August. Allocations under the third and final growth scenario (Corridor Development) will begin in September.
- 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 August. Some of these visualization applications could also be transferred to other Commission-led planning efforts in the region.
- The MPO Transportation Planner participated in Rep. Reid Ribble’s transportation policy conference at Heritage Hill State Historic Park in Green Bay on August 9th.
- Commission staff participated in a meeting of the WisDOT Northeast Region model users’ group on August 20th.
- Commission staff prepared a spreadsheet rating the STP Urban candidate projects submitted for the 2013 – 2018 funding cycle in the Sheboygan Urbanized Area; this spreadsheet was prepared utilizing the *STP Urban System Project Prioritization Policy*. The Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees ranked the four candidate projects and tentatively recommended which projects should be advanced for funding at their joint meeting on August 22nd.
- Commission staff prepared an amendment to the *2013 Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Planning Work Program* in August; this amendment was recommended for approval by the Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees at their joint meeting on August 22nd, and the Commission is scheduled to take action on the amendment at its September meeting.
- On August 23rd, Commission staff sent an e-mail to staff of the WisDOT Bureau of Planning and Economic Development certifying that there was sufficient local share to fund an increased level of funding for the Sheboygan MPO program in 2014.