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City of Green Bay EAB Project

The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, the City of Green Bay, and the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary are partnering on an effort to mitigate the impacts of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in the City of Green Bay - an EAB quarantined county.

The Bay-Lake RPC acquired a US Forest Service - Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant of \$157,564 to support Green Bay's EAB mitigation efforts including ash management and replacement with non-host species within a priority zone referred to as the "Slow Ash Mortality Zone" (or SLAM zone) and around the Wildlife Sanctuary. The SLAM zone is a 1.5-mile radius from where EAB was first found in the City.

Ash will be replaced with non-host species along streets, in 18 parks, and around the Wildlife Sanctuary. This project supports efforts to reduce ash in the City from 21% to 5% by 2027. The two-year project goal is 35% reduction of the ash population by replacing 1,500 trees with non-host species; treating 2,750 ash annually to retain canopy cover; and ongoing monitoring and inspection of planted and treated trees.

The project will also include outreach and education workshops at the Wildlife Sanctuary on EAB and proper tree planting for neighborhood associations. Workshops will include providing 100 non-host trees to each of the 12 neighborhood associations impacted by EAB in the SLAM zone.

For more information, please contact [Angela Pierce](#) with Bay-Lake RPC or [Brian Pelot](#) with the City of Green Bay.



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Global New North

The effort to implement the goals within the 2012 Northeast Wisconsin Global Trade Strategy has been

branded [Global New North](#) and is part of New North, Inc.'s ongoing programming. Staff at New North, Inc. have created a [newsletter](#) highlighting programs and current articles that address a broad spectrum of global trade topics here in Wisconsin.

Please share this [newsletter](#) with local companies and organizations that are seeking opportunities to expand their businesses through international trade. The newsletter also highlights the abundant resources that are available to assist companies with all types of global trade topics and issues. In addition, there is a calendar of events that lists workshops, conferences, and meetings focusing on a wide variety of global trade areas.

Hazard Mitigation Planning Update

FEMA has approved the hazard mitigation plan update for Sheboygan County. The Bay-Lake RPC assisted the County Emergency Management Department and a steering committee in developing and drafting the plan update. Through this plan, Sheboygan County has identified action items to minimize risk and damage to people and property from natural hazards. This plan update ensures that Sheboygan County maintains its qualification to apply for FEMA funding to undertake mitigation projects that will minimize future risks.



Marinette and Manitowoc counties are currently in the process of developing their hazard mitigation plan updates. Marinette County will seek approval by the end of the year and Manitowoc County is looking to spring 2014. Additionally, Oconto County will begin their plan update by the end of the year.

For more information, please contact [Angela Pierce](#).

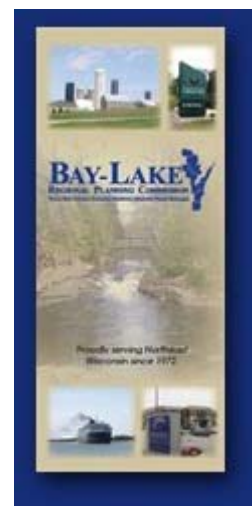
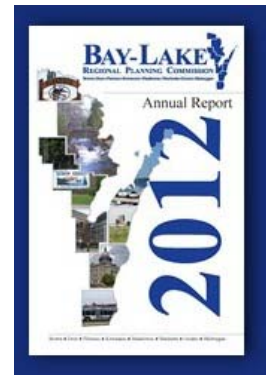


Transportation Alternatives Program

The 2014-2018 TAP pre-scoping application is now available on [WisDOT's website](#). The TAP allocates federal funds to transportation improvement projects that "expand travel choice, strengthen the local economy, improve the quality of life, and protect the environment. With certain exceptions, projects that met eligibility criteria for the [Safe Routes to School Program](#), [Transportation Enhancements](#), and/or the [Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Program](#) will be eligible TAP projects. The TAP pre-scoping application is due on December 13, 2013. Please contact [Brandon Robinson](#) of the Commission staff or visit WisDOT's [TAP website](#) for more information on project eligibility.

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December 13, 2013
Full Commission Meeting & Open House for New Office

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Sheboygan MPO Update

The Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees met on October 10th. At this meeting, the MPO advisory committees recommended approval of the *2014 Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Planning Work Program*, and started the process of reviewing the functional classification of streets and highways in the newly adjusted Sheboygan Urbanized Area. In addition, members of the MPO advisory committees reviewed the distribution of population, housing and employment for the second of the future land use scenarios for the *Year 2045 Sheboygan Area Transportation Plan* (Compact/Infill Development) at their October 10th joint meeting.

The Commission approved the *2014 Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Planning Work Program* at a meeting of its Executive Committee in Sheboygan County on October 25th.

MPO staff submitted a letter to the WisDOT Northeast Region's local program manager with notification of the prioritization of the four candidate projects for STP Urban funding in early October. The City of Sheboygan intends to complete the two top ranked projects (North Avenue from Calumet Drive/State Highway 42 to North 15th Street, and Superior Avenue from North Taylor Drive to North 29th Street) over the funding period (through 2018), and these projects will be allocated over \$3 million in funding over that cycle.

Other major work activities of MPO staff in recent weeks have involved final editing of the *2014 Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Planning Work Program* (this document will be submitted to WisDOT and USDOT by mid November), as well as allocation of population, housing and employment under the third and final land use scenario for the *Year 2045 SATP* (Corridor Development).

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Available Grant Opportunities



The following is a list of upcoming grant opportunities and their due dates. Please contact the [Commission](#) if you have a project idea, or need assistance with preparing or administering a grant, or if you are interested in partnering with the Commission on a project.

- [Rural Community Development Initiative](#), November 12, 2013
- [Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat Partnership](#), November 15, 2013
- [Museums¹ for America Grant](#), December 2, 2013
- [Transportation Alternatives Program](#), December 13, 2013
- [ArtPlace America 2014 Innovation Program](#), December 13, 2013
- [Environmental Solutions for Communities Grant Program](#), December 16, 2013
- [Clean Water Fund and Safe Drinking Water Loan](#), December 31, 2013
- [Ray C. Anderson Foundation Environmental Grant](#), through 2013

- [National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grant Program](#), January 13, 2014
- [USFS Community Forest and Open Space](#), January 15, 2014
- [Georgetown University Energy Prize](#), February 28, 2014
- [Joint Effort Marketing \(JEM\) Grant](#), various deadlines
- [MLB Baseball Tomorrow Fund](#), various deadlines
- [US Soccer Foundation Grant](#), various deadlines
- [Wisconsin Humanities Council Grant](#), various deadlines
- [Meetings Mean Business! Grant Program](#), various deadlines

1. Museums include, but are not limited to, aquariums, arboretums, art museums, botanical gardens, children's/youth museums, specialized and general museums, historic houses/sites, history museums, natural history/anthropology museums, nature centers, planetariums, science/technology centers, and zoological parks.

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