

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

**BAY-LAKE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
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MULTI-COUNTY/REGIONAL

- Commission staff helped facilitate a meeting of the Northeast Wisconsin Regional Access to Transportation Committee (NEWRATC) at Neighbor Works on Jackson Street on October 9th. The charge of this committee is “to coordinate and develop a regional committee to systematically address access to transportation for at-risk populations with special needs.” Generally, counties covered by the Bay-Lake and East Central Wisconsin RPC regions are represented on this committee.
- The Natural Resources Planner attended the State of the Lake Michigan/Great Lakes Beach Association Conference in Sheboygan October 15-17th.
- On October 24th, the Executive Director participated in teleconference to begin planning for the 2014 Sustainable Forestry Conference in Florence.
- On October 25th, the Commission’s Executive Committee held its quarterly meeting at the Sheboygan Marsh near Elkhart Lake.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the region wide GLRI beach project. Implementation of the beach redesign plans for some beaches in the region is underway. On October 29th, the Natural Resources Planner met the UWO partners and toured their expanded lab facility.
- The Executive Director participated in a stakeholder committee teleconference on October 30th to plan for a global trade breakout session at New North’s upcoming summit.
- Commission staff continued work to inventory trails in the Region’s coastal cities as part of a WCMP project.
- In October, Commission staff developed the 2014 Regional Transportation Work Program and provided a copy to WisDOT staff for their review.
- Commission staff prepared and submitted a grant application to the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program to fund an update to the Natural, Agricultural, and Cultural Resources and the Housing elements of the Commission’s Regional Comprehensive Plan.
- 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.

BROWN COUNTY

- On October 24th, 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 improvement project.
- The Commission approved a contract with the City of Green Bay to provide them grant funds from U.S. Forest Service to support EAB mitigation efforts.

- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory in the City of Green Bay as part of the WCMP Regional Trail project.
- The Natural Resources Planner participated on the Green Bay/Lower Fox AOC habitat and social uses committees hosted by the Wisconsin DNR.

DOOR COUNTY

- Commission staff prepared several EMSI reports on the economic impact of the maritime industry in Door County and Northeast Wisconsin for the Door County Economic Development Corporation.
- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory in the City of Sturgeon Bay as part of the WCMP Regional Trail project.

FLORENCE COUNTY

- The Community Planner continued work on the 2013 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan for Florence County.

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 Casco and Pierce.

MANITOWOC COUNTY

- Commission staff met with Maritime Metro Transit (MMT) staff on October 15th to review a proposal to complete a Transit Development Program (TDP) update for MMT. Commission staff revised the draft proposal to incorporate suggested revisions from MMT staff, and then submitted the revised proposal to MMT staff in late October.
- Commission staff continued work on updating Manitowoc County's hazard mitigation plan. The steering committee met on October 22nd.
- 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.
- 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

- Commission staff completed the City of Marinette's 2014 Shared-Ride Taxi application on October 9th and provided a copy to WisDOT staff for their review and approval.
- The Community Planner continued to assist the City of Marinette with the administration of its Shared-Ride Taxi Transit Program with the completion of the third quarter report.
- Commission staff continues to assist WisDOT staff and Jewell & Associates staff on the US 141 Corridor Study from STH 64 to Smith Creek Road in Marinette County.

- Commission staff submitted Marinette County's hazard mitigation plan to WEM and FEMA for preliminary approval.
- Commission staff prepared several EMSI reports on jobs & economic impact of Marinette Marine Corp. for the Marinette County Association for Business & Industry Inc.
- The Community Planner continued work on the 2013 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan for Marinette County.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Red Arrow Park beach in Marinette. Implementation of the plan is moving forward at Red Arrow Park beach.
- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory in the City of Marinette as part of the WCMP Regional Trail project.
- Commission staff provided zoning assistance to the Towns of Niagara and Wagner.

OCONTO COUNTY

- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Oconto City Beach in the City of Oconto. On October 1st, the Natural Resources Planner met with the Mayor, Park and Recreation Director and the Director of Public Works to discuss the project.
- 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 Oconto County's hazard mitigation plan. A contract has been signed between Oconto County and the Commission, and work on the update will get underway soon.
- Commission staff prepared several EMSI reports on the economic impact of the logging industry and wood products manufacturing in various multi-county regions for the Oconto County Economic Development Corporation.
- The Community Planner continued work on the 2013 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan for Oconto County.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

- The Community Planner finalized the text of the *Sheboygan County Farmland Preservation Plan*.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Sheboygan beaches.
- Commission staff continued work on a trail inventory in the City of Sheboygan as part of the WCMP Regional Trail project.
- Commission staff continued preparation of the *2014 Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Planning Work Program* in October. WisDOT and USDOT staff met with Commission staff to review the draft MPO work program on October 8th. The MPO advisory committees reviewed and recommended approval of the *2014 Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Planning Work Program* to the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission at their joint meeting on October 10th. 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. Commission

staff spent much of late October editing the MPO Work Program in response to WisDOT and USDOT comments received at the review meeting.

- The Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees met jointly on October 10th.
- Commission staff presented a series of tables and maps depicting demographic patterns under the “Compact/Infill Development” growth scenario at the joint meeting of the MPO advisory committees on October 10th.
- Commission staff met with City of Sheboygan staff, with WisDOT Northeast Region staff and with the city’s design consultant to discuss the Calumet Drive (State Highway 42) project in Sheboygan on October 11th.
- Commission staff began to allocate household, population and employment growth to TAZs under the “Corridor Development” growth scenario in October. Allocations under this third and final growth scenario will continue in November.
- 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 October. Some of these visualization applications could also be transferred to other Commission-led planning efforts in the region.
- Members of the Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees reviewed potential modifications to the functional classification of streets and highways in the Sheboygan Urbanized Area at their joint meeting on October 10th.
- Commission staff provided some technical assistance to Shoreline Metro in October. This technical assistance included: some mapping; provision of elderly and disabled population estimates for Sheboygan County; and completion of a quarterly report regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that Shoreline Metro receives from the City of Sheboygan’s Department of Planning and Development (and ultimately through HUD).
- Commission staff sent a letter to the local program coordinator at the WisDOT Northeast Region in October; this letter established the prioritization of candidate projects for Surface Transportation Program (STP) Urban funding for the 2013 to 2018 cycle.