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December 2013

Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission Open House

The Commission will be hosting an open house on Friday, December 13, 2013 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at its new offices on 425 S. Adams Street, Green Bay. The public is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available. Parking is on the street in front of the office building.



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Wisconsin Ports Master Plan



Center for Freight and Infrastructure (CFIRE) has joined a partnership that includes the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association, Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP), Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), and the Port of Green Bay to develop a master plan for Wisconsin ports. This year-long project will create a strategic plan and development initiatives that will help increase commercial development of

Wisconsin's ports and support local and statewide economic development. The CFIRE-led team will assess Wisconsin's commercial port infrastructure, their current and potential markets, and related

policies and programs. These assessments will then be used to create a strategic action plan to attract sustainable markets, encourage community development, and support the economic growth of Wisconsin's commercial ports.

For more information about this project, visit the center's [website](#).

Federal Funding Opportunities

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has announced its next four funding cycle deadlines for investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Eligible applicants include a(n): (i) District Organization of a designated Economic Development District; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State. For more information, please visit EDA's website at www.eda.gov



USDA-Rural Development is now accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2014 Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) program. This year's application deadline is January 31, 2014. The purpose of RBEG program is to support the development of small and emerging private business enterprises in rural areas. **Eligible applicants include public bodies and private nonprofit corporations serving rural areas.** Funding decisions are based on a competitive process.

For more information, contact [Kristin Peterson](#), Business & Cooperative Programs Specialist at USDA-Rural Development. Full application materials can be downloaded from the WI Rural Development [website](#).

NR 115 Rulemaking and Deadline Extension



There are two agenda items relating to shoreland zoning at the December 11th meeting of the Natural Resources Board (NRB). The department will be requesting approval from the NRB to issue an executive order, signed by the Secretary, to extend the deadline for counties to adopt an ordinance in compliance with the current shoreland zoning

standards in NR 115. The current deadline is February 1, 2014 and the proposed extension would be until May 1, 2016. The department will also be requesting that the NRB adopt WT-06-12, the proposed changes to NR 115, Wis. Admin. Code. If approved by the NRB the rule will then proceed to the Governor and Legislature for adoption.

The agenda and documents relating to these items can be reviewed [here](#).

Wisconsin DNR Financial Resource Guide for Cleanup & Redevelopment

The Wisconsin DNR has developed *Financial Resource Guide for Cleanup & Redevelopment* to help communities with the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield sites. The guide is divided into sections on grants, reimbursements, loans, tax incentives and waterfront revitalization programs. Check out the Guide [here](#).

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Sheboygan MPO Update

The Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees met on November 14th. At this meeting, the MPO advisory committees: received an update on the *2014 Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Planning Work Program*; recommended approval of the revised functional classification of streets and highways in the Sheboygan Urbanized Area; received an update on the allocation of population, housing and employment growth by 2045 to traffic analysis zones (TAZs) in Sheboygan County under Scenario #2 (Compact/Infill Development) and under Scenario #3 (Corridor Development); received an update on coming amendments to the *Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*; and received an update on WisDOT Northeast Region and other MPO planning activities.

The final *2014 Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Planning Work Program* was submitted to USDOT and WisDOT staff on November 18th.

All of the quantified socioeconomic data by TAZ for each of the three 2045 land use scenarios have been submitted to WisDOT travel forecasting staff for testing by the travel demand forecast model. Commission GIS staff continue to work on mapping for the Corridor Development scenario.

Commission staff provided technical assistance to Shoreline Metro staff in late November. This included assistance in preparing portions of Shoreline Metro's Title VI program, as well as assistance in preparing portions of Shoreline Metro's annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application.

For more information, please contact [Jeff Agee-Aguayo](#).

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.

- [ArtPlace America 2014 Innovation Grants Program](#), December 13, 2013
- [Transportation Alternatives Program](#), December 13, 2013
- [Environmental Solutions for Communities Grant Program](#), December 16, 2013
- [US Fish & Wildlife Service Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act](#), December 16, 2013
- [NOAA Great Lakes Coastal Storms Program](#), December 18, 2013
- [NOAA Marine Debris Prevention](#), December 20, 2013
- [Clean Water Fund and Safe Drinking Water Loan Program](#), December 31, 2013
- [Ray C. Anderson Foundation Environmental Grants Program](#), through 2013
- [National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grant Program](#), January 13, 2014
- [Great Lakes Fishery Trust Grants](#), January 13, 2014
- [USFS Community Forest and Open Space Program](#), January 15, 2014
- [WCMP Great Lakes Area of Concern Land Acquisition Grants](#), January 21, 2014

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December 13, 2013

Full Commission Meeting

1-3PM

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- [Brownfield Assessment/Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup Grants](#), January 22, 2014
- [National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration](#), February 5, 2014
- [Georgetown University Energy Prize Letter of Intent](#), February 28, 2014
- [Joint Effort Marketing \(JEM\) Grant Program](#), various deadlines throughout the year
- [MLB Baseball Tomorrow Fund](#), various deadlines throughout the year
- [US Soccer Foundation Safe Place to Play Grant](#), various deadlines throughout the year
- [Wisconsin Humanities Council Grant](#), various deadlines throughout the year
- [Meetings Mean Business! Grant Program](#), various deadlines throughout the year

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