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E-Newsletter

January 2014

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As we start 2014, the Commission has been publishing an E-Newsletter for three years. We strive each month to provide you useful and interesting information about Commission activities and news from around the region.

So we'd like your feedback about how we're doing with it.

[Please complete this short nine question survey.](#)

Thank you!

Commission Work Program and Budget

The Commissioners approved the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission's *2014-2015 Work Program and 2014 Annual Budget* at their meeting on December 13th. The Work Program is prepared to ensure that the Commission is allocating the necessary resources to serve its member counties and communities, partner organizations, as well as state and federal departments as efficiently and effectively as possible. In addition, the Commission is required by Wisconsin State Statute to prepare and adopt an annual budget by October 1st of each year for the subsequent fiscal year. For a copy of the Commission's *2014-2015 Work Program and 2014 Annual Budget*, please contact [Richard Heath](#).

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Incredible Edible Green Bay ~ A Celebration of Green Bay's Local Food Initiatives

Join [New Leaf Foods](#) and the Milwaukee Victory Garden Initiative at Kavarna Coffeehouse (143 N. Broadway) on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 6:00 PM for [Incredible Edible Green Bay](#) - a presentation of local food initiatives happening in Northeast Wisconsin.

Green Bay is a rich and vibrant community with a diversity of local food producers and food initiatives working to build a healthy food culture. From local farmers in the fields to cooks in the kitchen, from the gardeners and growers in our urban open spaces, from our schools, hospitals, restaurants, and grocery aisles to our family table, community members are coming together to create a healthy local food system. Come hear speakers from local organizations describe what they are doing to create a sustainable local food culture and discuss future plans for New Leaf Foods.

The following groups will be giving presentations with representatives and materials available: New Leaf Market, New Leaf Foods, Inc., Brown County Extension - Community Gardens, NWTC Sustainable Agriculture Program, Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems, Helfenstein Soup Council, Glacierland Resource Conservation & Development, Live 54218, UWGB SLO Foods, UWGB Heirloom Plant Sale, Trust Local Foods, Farmory, Brown County Culinary Kitchen, Seymour Park Garden & Forest Project, and The Victory Garden Initiative.

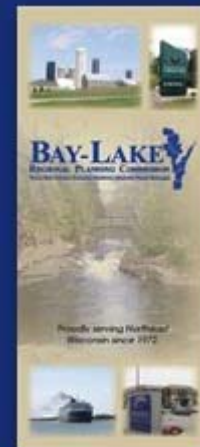


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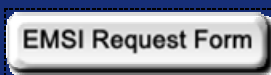


Great Lakes USA Launches Sports Travel Guide

Great Lakes USA launched a new sports travel brochure that complements Brand USA's promotion of sports in the US. Brand USA is a public private partnership with the mission of promoting international travel to the US. The guide covers football, baseball, hockey, basketball, soccer, golf, motor racing, and local activities and events. It also highlights the diverse range of sporting experiences available in the Great Lakes region as well as facts about the sports, teams, and stadiums.

Great Lakes USA launched the brochure at World Travel Market, the UK's premier travel trade show. "In previous years we produced guides on shopping, great escapes, winter and the outdoors but this year we have decided to tie in with Brand USA's promotion of sports tourism. Sports draw people together and watching a sporting event is a great way to add an extra dimension to a Great Lakes holiday," said Toby McCarrick, Great Lakes USA Executive Director. (Article from [The Compass: A Report of the Council of Great Lakes Governors](#))

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



Office Space Available



The Commission moved to its current office in October 2013, and staff have found it to be very accommodating for our operations and very close to downtown amenities. There are additional office spaces available in the complex. Open space includes a 321 sq. ft. suite; a 540 sq. ft. three-room suite; and a 2,176 sq. ft. multi-office area on the ground floor that is adjacent to the breakroom and restrooms. The rate is \$9.00 per sq. ft. and includes utilities and parking. If you are interested in being the Commission's a neighbor, contact Bill Van Ess at (920) 884-2850 ext. 5080.

Sheboygan MPO Update

Commission staff has completed the process of quantifying population, housing and employment growth between 2010 and 2045 to traffic analysis zones (TAZs) in Sheboygan County for three land use scenarios: (1) continuation of existing trends; (2) compact/infill development; and (3) corridor development. Commission staff is making small modifications to these growth distributions based on comments from members of the MPO advisory committees at recent meetings. An open house will be scheduled to present all three scenarios to the public and obtain feedback in early 2014. In addition, MPO staff will ask WisDOT travel forecasting staff to calculate various transportation performance measures in 2045 for all three scenarios. These efforts should help members of the MPO advisory committees to reach a decision regarding which scenario should be carried forward in the remainder of the process to develop the *Year 2045 Sheboygan Area Transportation Plan (SATP)*.

Commission staff prepared a report on 2013 transportation system performance indicators in December. This report was presented to the MPO advisory committees at their December joint meeting. Commission staff thanks WisDOT staff, other state agency staff and local staff (particularly the Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation Department for bicycle facility data and Shoreline Metro for transit data) for their cooperation in the completion of this report.

Commission staff is in the process of amending the *Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Calendar Years 2013 - 2016*. Primary TIP elements being amended include Tables 5 (Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Projects) and 6 (Street and Highway Improvement Projects). Staff from the Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation Department assisted Commission staff in determining changes to the timing and funding of existing Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program (NMTTP) projects, while WisDOT Northeast Region staff assisted Commission staff in determining changes to the timing and funding of street and highway improvement projects.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 17, 2014
[Incredible Edible Green Bay](#)

January 23, 2014
Sheboygan MPO
Technical and Policy
Advisory
Committees,
Sheboygan

Feb. 18-20, 2014
[Wisconsin Wetlands Association 19th Annual Wetland Conference](#)

March 14, 2014
Commission Meeting,
Harmony Café,
Green Bay

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with the Commission on a project.

- WCMP Great Lakes Areas of Concern Land Acquisition Grants, January 21, 2014
- Fund for Lake Michigan (Southeast WI), January 24, 2014
- National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grant Program, January 13, 2014
- USFS Community Forest and Open Space Program, January 15, 2014
- Great Lakes Fishery Commission Fishery Research Program, January 15, 2014
- Great Lakes Fishery Commission Sea Lamprey Research Program, January 15, 2014
- Diesel Emission Reduction Act Construction Rebate Program, January 15, 2014
- Tony Hawk Foundation Skate Park Grants, January 15, 2014
- EPA Brownfields Grants and Revolving Loan Fund, January 22, 2014
- WDNR Flood Control Grants, January 22, 2014
- Bikes Belong, January 31, 2014
- Wells Fargo Homeownership Grant, January 31, 2014
- Captain Planet Foundation Grants, January 31, 2014
- U.S. Soccer Foundation Safe Places to Play Grants, February 1, 2014
- Wisconsin Humanities Council Mini Grants, February 1, 2014
- WDNR Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention & Control Grants, February 1, 2014
- WDNR Lake Management Planning - Large and Small Grants, February 1, 2014
- WDNR Sport Fish Restoration, February 1, 2014
- EPA Environmental Education Model Grant Program, February 4, 2014
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration, February 5, 2014
- Creative Communities Grant, February 5, 2014
- EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants, February 13, 2014
- WisDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), February 14, 2014
- Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Environmental Education Grants, February 15, 2014
- Value-Added Producer Grants, February 24, 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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