

MONTHLY WORK PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT
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MULTI-COUNTY/REGIONAL

- On March 4th and 5th, the Natural Resources Planner attended the annual Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance Conference in Neenah.
- The Executive Director attended a Brown County Workforce Update Seminar on March 7th sponsored by the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Commission staff met on March 12th with various partner organizations to discuss the opportunity to pursue funding from EDA for a foreign direct investment project that will encompass the New North Region.
- The Executive Director attended the quarterly Wisconsin Association of Regional Planning Commission's meeting in Madison on March 13th.
- The Commission held its full Commission meeting on March 14th at the Harmony Café in Green Bay.
- On March 20th, the Executive Director presented at the annual Grants Conference held at the Bordini Center in Appleton that was sponsored by Representative Reid Ribble.
- On March 24th, the Natural Resources Planner attended training on phosphorus trading topics in Green Bay.
- The Executive Director met with Senator Dave Hansen on March 28th to discuss current projects in Northeast Wisconsin and opportunities for state and RPC collaborations in the future.
- On March 26th, the Executive Director participated in teleconferences to continue planning for the *2014 Sustainable Forestry Conference* in Florence.
- 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.
- Commission staff prepared a second round application for 2014-2018 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding to provide regional Safe Routes to School planning assistance.
- Commission staff met with the Marinette/Oconto County Mobility Manager to explain the 2014-2018 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan for Florence, Marinette, and Oconto counties, as well as discuss upcoming roles, responsibilities, and projects.
- Commission staff continued updating the inventory portion of the Transportation Element of the Bay-Lake Regional Planning 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 March 6th, the Natural Resources Planner participated in a Green Bay and Lower Fox River AOC meeting.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the Bay Beach improvement project.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the City of Green Bay EAB mitigation project.

DOOR COUNTY

- No County specific activities during this period. See "Multi-County/Regional" above.

FLORENCE COUNTY

- No County specific activities during this period. See "Multi-County/Regional" above.

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 complete.
- The Commission continued to provide technical assistance for the administration and updating of zoning and other ordinances for Kewaunee County; and the Towns of Lincoln and Pierce.
- Commission staff prepared an economic report for Kewaunee County using EMSI software.

MANITOWOC COUNTY

- On March 19th, the Natural Resources Planner met with communities in Manitowoc County, the Wisconsin DNR, East Central Wisconsin RPC, and Sea Grant to discuss flooding issues in the Manitowoc River watershed.
- On March 31st, Commission staff held a teleconference with City of Manitowoc staff and with Ian Ritz of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to discuss the scope of services and contract to prepare a Transit Development Program (TDP) Update for the Maritime Metro Transit System. An update to the plan will begin in May.
- Commission staff continued working on an update to the Farmland Preservation Plan for Manitowoc County.
- Commission staff continued work on updating Manitowoc County's hazard mitigation plan. An open house has been scheduled for April 9th in Manitowoc.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Manitowoc County beaches. The beach redesign plan has been implemented at Red Arrow Beach in Manitowoc.

MARINETTE COUNTY

- Commission staff continued to assist the City of Marinette with the administration of its Shared-Ride Taxi Transit Program. Staff attended the city's quarterly Transportation Committee meeting on March 19th.
- On March 28th, Commission staff assisted WisDOT Northeast Region staff with downloading a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application from the Village of Wausaukee.
- Commission staff are working with staff from WisDOT staff and Jewell & Associates to finalize the US Highway 141 Corridor Study from STH 64 to Smith Creek Road in Marinette County.

- Commission staff has finalized the Marinette County's hazard mitigation plan. The plan is now awaiting adoption and final approval by FEMA.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Red Arrow Park beach in Marinette. Implementation of the plan at Red Arrow Park beach will move forward in spring 2014.

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 is facilitating meetings to update to Oconto County's hazard mitigation plan.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the GLRI beach survey project for Sheboygan beaches.
- 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 March. Some of these visualization applications could also be transferred to other Commission-led planning efforts in the region.
- Commission staff completed preparing Chapter 2 of the *Year 2045 Sheboygan Area Transportation Plan* (Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process) in March, including preparation of two maps. This chapter will be presented to the Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees at their joint meeting in late April.
- Commission staff started preparing Chapter 5 of the *Year 2045 SATP* (Existing Condition of the Transportation Network) in March, beginning with the Transit Network section of Chapter 5. This included the preparation of maps. This chapter will take several months to prepare.
- Commission staff met on March 3rd to discuss dividing staff responsibilities in preparing the *Year 2045 SATP*, which is due in April of 2015. Commission staff also preformatted the template for the plan document in March.
- Commission staff provided a small amount of technical assistance to Shoreline Metro during the month of March. This included assisting Shoreline Metro in preparing for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) triennial review that will be taking place in late June and early July.
- The Commission approved several amendments to the *2013 – 2016 TIP* at its meeting on March 14th. Commission staff transmitted the approved amendments to applicable state and Federal agencies on March 24th.
- Commission staff prepared a major amendment to the *Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area TIP: Calendar Years 2013 – 2016* in late March. Copies of the draft TIP major amendment were sent out for local public review, and the draft TIP major amendment was placed on the MPO webpage. The 30 day public comment period on the draft TIP major amendment officially began on March 26th, and runs through April 25th; notice was placed in the *Sheboygan Press*, and other area news media were also notified. Over 180 parties on the MPO Public Participation Plan mailing list were also notified of the public comment period on the TIP major amendment and its availability for review. The public comment period and availability of the draft TIP major amendment for review were also publicized on the Commission's Facebook page as well as via Twitter.

- Commission staff placed the *Annual Listing of Obligated Projects for Calendar Year 2013* on the MPO webpage in March.