

MONTHLY WORK PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT
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MULTI-COUNTY/REGIONAL

- The Natural Resources Planner participated in U.S. Representative Reid Ribble's Phosphorus Summit on April 1st in Green Bay.
- On April 2nd, the Natural Resources Planner participated in a steering committee meeting of the Lake Michigan Stakeholders in Sheboygan.
- Commission staff participated in U.S. Representative Reid Ribble's 2015 Transportation Summit on April 9th at NWTC.
- On April 10th, 24th, and 27th, the Natural Resources Planner participated in meetings of the Lower Green Bay and Fox River Area of Concern in Green Bay.
- The Executive Director emceed the 11th Annual Sustainable Forestry Conference held on April 16th in Florence.
- On April 16th and 23rd, the Natural Resources Planner met with WDNR and others to work on the Commission's GLRI Phragmites project. On April 25th, a presentation about the project was given to the East Shore Drive Neighborhood Association in Green Bay.
- On April 17th, the Natural Resources Planner presented at the Green Bay Conservation Partners Roundtable at UWGB.
- The Natural Resources Planner gave a presentation to representatives of the NOAA Sea Grant Program in Madison on April 22nd.
- The quarterly Commission Executive Committee meeting was held on April 24th at the Blue Harbor Hotel and Conference Center in Sheboygan.
- On April 29th, the Executive Director participated in the quarterly EDA teleconference call.
- On April 29th, Commission staff helped facilitate a meeting of the Northeast Wisconsin Regional Access to Transportation Committee (NEWRATC) in Green Bay. 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 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.
- Commission staff continued updating the Transportation Element of the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission's Regional Comprehensive Plan. The Commission was awarded a \$20,000 grant by Wisconsin Coastal Management to update other elements of the plan.

- The Natural Resources Planner is in discussions with the Friends of Grand Traverse Islands and others to pursue the update of a 1976 study the Commission completed to evaluate the feasibility of designating the Grand Traverse Islands as a National Lakeshore.

BROWN COUNTY

- On April 21st, the Natural Resources Planner met with the Oneida Tribe hazard mitigation plan steering committee to be updating their plan.
- On April 23rd, the Executive Director attended the monthly Olde Main Street/Downtown Green Bay, Inc. Business Development Committee meeting.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the Bay Beach improvement project. On April 25th, a presentation was given about the project to the East Shore Drive Neighborhood Association in Green Bay.
- The Natural Resources Planner continued work on the City of Green Bay EAB mitigation project with completion of the project scheduled for this coming summer.

DOOR COUNTY

- Commission staff had discussions with the Village of Sister Bay to update its comprehensive plan.

FLORENCE COUNTY

- Commission staff continued updating the Farmland Preservation Plan for Florence County.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY

- The Commission provided technical assistance for the administration and updating of zoning and other ordinances for Kewaunee County; and the Towns of Lincoln and Pierce.

MANITOWOC COUNTY

- Commission staff continued work on updating the Manitowoc-Two Rivers-Mishicot SSA Plan. The Natural Resources Planner met with the technical advisory committee on April 14th in Two Rivers.
- A small amount of work on the Maritime Metro Transit Development Program (TDP) took place in April. Commission staff prepared the quarterly invoice and supporting materials for WisDOT in April, and some mapping of trip generators also occurred in April.
- On April 21st, the Community Assistance Planner attended the Cooperstown Town Board meeting to discuss updating the town's comprehensive plan.
- Commission staff continue discussions with the Town of Manitowoc Rapids to update the town's comprehensive plan.
- Commission staff finalized the Manitowoc County Farmland Preservation Plan document.

MARINETTE COUNTY

- On April 22nd, the Executive Director attended the steering committee meeting facilitated by MCABI to look at the possibility of building a new hotel, sports complex, and convention center somewhere in the City of Marinette area.
- Commission staff continued to assist the City of Marinette with the administration of its Shared-Ride Taxi Transit Program with the completion of the 2015 1st quarter report.

OCONTO COUNTY

- Commission staff continued work on updating Oconto County's hazard mitigation plan. The plan is currently being reviewed by FEMA.
- Commission staff continue discussions with Town of Riverview officials to update their comprehensive plan.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

- Commission staff continued updating the Town of Lyndon comprehensive plan.
- Commission staff participated in the WisDOT Northeast Region's Local Program Funding Symposium on April 7th.
- Commission staff participated in a quarterly meeting of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Bureau of Air Management's Transportation Conformity Work Group (via teleconference) on April 9th.
- Commission staff facilitated an environmental consultation meeting on the draft *Year 2045 SATP* with stakeholder agency personnel at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Northeast Region office on April 21st. Teleconference capabilities were also available, and over half of the meeting participants joined the meeting via teleconference.
- The Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees met jointly on April 23rd.
- Commission staff provided the Commission's Executive Committee with an update on the *Year 2045 SATP* at the committee's quarterly meeting in Sheboygan on April 24th.
- Commission staff participated in a quarterly MPO Directors' meeting in Madison on April 28th.
- Commission staff completed revisions to draft Chapters 4 (Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives) and 5 (Existing Condition of the Transportation Network) of the *Year 2045 Sheboygan Area Transportation Plan (SATP)* in April. Commission staff also formatted all previously presented chapters in the *Year 2045 SATP* in April. Commission staff completed draft Chapters 1 (Introduction), 7 (Recommended Transportation Plan), 8 (Mitigation of Environmental Impacts of Major Transportation Projects) and 9 (Financial Plan) in April. All of these revised and completed draft chapters were reviewed with members of the Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees at their April 23rd joint meeting.
- Commission staff completed all of the draft appendices in the *Year 2045 SATP* in April. Members of the Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees reviewed the most significant draft appendices in the *Year 2045 SATP* at their April 23rd joint meeting, including Appendix C (Air Quality Conformity Analysis) and Appendix E (Environmental Justice Analysis).
- The Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees released the draft *Year 2045 SATP* for a 30 day public comment period (including a public hearing) at their joint meeting on April 23rd.
- In late April, Commission staff made the draft *Year 2045 SATP* available at five public review locations in the Sheboygan area. In addition, the draft *Year 2045 SATP* has been made available at the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission website. An announcement of the public comment period and public hearing for the *Year 2045 SATP* was placed in the April 30th *Sheboygan Press*. The public comment period will run through May 29th, and the

public hearing will be held on May 19th. Commission staff was also in the process of notifying everyone on the MPO Public Participation Plan mailing list of the public comment period and public hearing on the *Year 2045 SATP* in late April. The public was also notified of the public comment period and public hearing on the *Year 2045 SATP* on the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission Facebook page and via Twitter.

- Commission staff provided technical assistance to Shoreline Metro during the month of April. This involved assisting Shoreline Metro with the preparation of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) quarterly report. Commission staff also assisted Shoreline Metro with mapping of its ADA paratransit service area (based on recent route revisions) and of Metro Connection's county transportation routes in April.