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A New Look for a New Year!

The Commission E-Newsletter has a new look. But more importantly, it is now mobile friendly! If you have any issues viewing content due to mobile-readability, font, or color; we want to hear from you. Please contact <u>Angela Kowalzek-Adrians</u> with any questions or comments about our E-Newsletters. Suggestions for articles are always welcome!

We hope you continue to enjoy our monthly E-Newsletters. Happy New Year!

There's still time to apply for FREE Technical Assistance!



The Commission is still accepting applications for free technical assistance. This program provides member counties and communities a chance to receive professional planning assistance on small-scale plans or projects at little or no cost, if selected (based on a set criteria).

An application for the Technical Assistance Program is available on the Commission's <u>website</u>. **Applications are due to the Commission no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, February 19, 2015.**

Please contact <u>Cindy Wojtczak</u>, Executive Director, if you have any questions or comments.

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Sheboygan MPO Update

Commission staff completed work on a land use inventory of the Sheboygan metropolitan planning area in December. The land use inventory has not been completed since 2009. The Commission's limited term employee (LTE) Transportation Technician completed this task, with the assistance of the Commission's GIS Coordinator.

Commission staff conducted a passenger opinion survey of Shoreline Metro in early December. Data entry occurred in December, and Commission staff is in the process of preparing a report summarizing survey findings.

Commission staff presented a transportation system performance indicator report for 2015 to the Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees at their December joint meeting.

The Commission approved the *Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Calendar Years 2016 - 2019* in December, after being recommended for approval by the Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees. The USDOT issued its conformity finding on the *2016 - 2019 TIP* in December. Commission staff distributed the final *2016 - 2019 TIP* to key Federal and state agency stakeholders electronically in December, and the final *2016 - 2019 TIP* was placed on the Commission's MPO webpage. The final *2016 - 2019 TIP* will be distributed to members of the MPO advisory committees in January.

Please contact Jeff Agee-Aguayo for additional information.

Great Lakes Clean Communities Network (GLCCN) and Mini Grant Program

The GLCCN is a Great Lakes Protection Fund supported initiative to develop a network of environmental practitioners around the Great Lakes Basin who work together to enhance their local environment and improve the health of the Great Lakes. Through the use of the Ecological Scorecard, communities can evaluate and track their ecological improvements over time.

To help support your community's efforts to improve your EcoScore, communities that have completed an Eco-Evaluation are eligible to

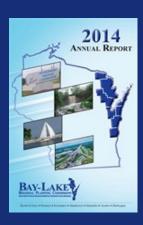


participate in the GLCCN mini grant program. The program will fund practices that directly improve water quality in your local watershed (e.g., green infrastructure or low impact development practices).

Grants will be awarded for projects up to \$4,000. Eligible activities include: rain garden installations, rain barrel sale events, porous



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pavement, green roofs, and more.

Check out **GLCCN** online for more information.

Upcoming Events/Meetings

January 22, 2016

Executive Committee Meeting Green Bay, WI

February 10-12, 2015

Wisconsin Land Information Association
Elkhart Lake. WI

February 23-25, 2015

<u>Wisconsin Wetlands Association 21st Annual Conference</u> Green Bay, WI

Available Grant Opportunities

The following is a list of upcoming grant opportunities and their due dates. Please contact the <u>Commission</u> 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.

- Assistance to Firefighters Grants, January 15, 2016
- Municipal Dam Grants, January 21, 2016
- <u>U.S. Soccer Foundation Safe Places to Play Grants</u>, January 29, 2016
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), January 29, 2016
- People for Bikes Community Grants, January 29, 2016
- Surface Water Grants: Management, February 1, 2016
- National Trust Preservation Funds, February 1, 2016
- Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) Grants, February 1, 2016
- Wisconsin Humanities Council Mini Grants, February 1, 2016
- Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, February 1, 2016
- Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program, February 3, 2016
- Creative Communities Grants, February 5, 2016
- North American Wetlands Conservation Act U.S. Standard Grants, February 26, 2016

American Honda Foundation BayCare Clinic Foundation Grants

Ben & Jerry's Foundation Grants Cedar Tree Foundation Grants

Charles Stuart Mott Foundation Cornell Douglas Foundation Grants

Environmental Grants

CN Stronger Communities Fund

Costco Wholesale Grants

Doris Duke Charitable Foundation **EcoTech Grants - The Captain Planet** Foundation **Environmental Research & Gannett Foundation Grants Education Foundation Grants ING Foundation Grants Georgia-Pacific Foundation Grants International Paper Grants** Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) Grant **Kinder Morgan Foundation Grants Kodak American Greenways Grants** Laura Jane Musser Fund **Lawrence Foundation Grants** Lego Children's Fund Grants MeadWestvaco Foundation Grants Meetings Mean Business! Grant Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas Grants **MLB Baseball Tomorrow Fund** Patagonia Environmental Grants **RGK Foundation Education Fund** Rockefeller Family Fund **US Soccer Foundation Grant** Waste Management Charitable **Giving Wisconsin Humanities Council Grant**

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