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Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions and the Wisconsin DNR announce the award of 9 EAB mitigation grants



EAB on a penny

In partnership with the Wisconsin DNR, East Central Wisconsin RPC, Northwest Wisconsin RPC, and Southeastern Wisconsin RPC, the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission is pleased to announce the total award of \$82,450 to nine Wisconsin communities for projects to mitigate the impacts of EAB. Grant funds will support planting nearly 700 diverse, non-host trees in public areas in EAB-quarantined counties within the Wisconsin Great Lakes Basin to help recover from EAB

losses or to bolster community preparedness for EAB.

The funding was made available through a FY2015 U.S. Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GRLI) grant received by the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission earlier this year. Wisconsin has over five million ash trees and all are at risk with the EAB's confirmed presence in Wisconsin. A total of 42 Wisconsin counties have been quarantined to lessen the risk of spreading the infestation.

The nine grant recipients were awarded grants ranging from \$2,400 to \$20,000, with grant recipients providing at least a 25% match of the total project. Grants have been awarded to city, village, and town governments to assist with tree planting projects totaling over \$133,000. A complete list of funded projects are available here.

Thank you to all who applied. We received many great proposals. We wish we had more money to fund them all! We will continue seeking additional funds to further efforts to mitigate EAB.

For additional information about the Wisconsin RPCs and DNR Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Mitigation Grant Program, contact <u>Angela Kowalzek-Adrians</u>.

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Bay-Lake RPC Received TAP Grant Award

Regional Planning Commission has been awarded grant funds in the amount of \$108,000 to develop a Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan for northeast Wisconsin. The award is part of the 2016-2020 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding cycle. TAP allocates federal funds to transportation improvement projects that expand travel choice, strengthen the local economy, improve the quality of life, and protect the environment. Bay-Lake RPC's Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan is intended to increase transportation options for residents and visitors through identifying and planning for bicycle-pedestrian trails, on-road accommodations, sidewalks, etc. Future newsletter articles will provide additional details once the project commences.

The Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan will begin in 2017 and is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2018.

For additional information, please contact **Brandon Robinson**.

GLRI Phragmites Management Project Update

Chemical treatments of Phragmites is underway in the lower Green Bay area, the lower Fox River, and the lower East River. Although several rain days have limited the treatment window, great progress has been made, and the three contractors are on track to complete the project by the end of September, and before the first frost.

The Phragmites will be mowed down in late October or into the winter. By spring, we hope to see less of this nasty invasive. The contractors have a goal of 90% effectiveness with their treatments. Follow-up chemical treatments will occur in fall 2017 for any returning Phragmites or areas missed.

For more information, contact Angela Kowalzek-Adrians or Amy Carrozzino-Lyon. The Phragmites Information Hotline (920-430-0220) will be regularly updated with a recorded message about treatment schedule and progress.

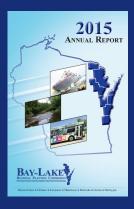


Treatments with Marshmaster in Allouez

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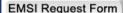


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WFRV (9/1/2016): <u>Amphibious vehicles used to kill invasive plants in Green</u> <u>Bay</u> by Jordan Lamers

WLUK Fox 11 (8/31/2016): <u>Phragmites sprayed in Green Bay area</u> by Eric Peterson

WLUK Fox 11 (8/23/2016): <u>Phragmites to be sprayed in Green Bay area</u> by Eric Peterson

Green Bay Press-Gazette (7/26/2016): <u>Green Bay is 'ground zero' for invasive reeds</u> by Adam Rodewald

Commission Chairman Retires

After representing Manitowoc County on the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission for many years, both as a member and as an officer, Donald Markwardt has stepped down as Chairman. Mr. Markwardt was appointed to the Commission by the Governor of Wisconsin in 1992 and has continued to serve as a Commissioner up until recently when he announced his decision to retire from the Commission. Don has been a valuable asset to the Commission and was a joy to work with. He will be missed by all.

Bay-Lake RPC Elects New Officers

At the Commission's Annual Meeting held on September 9, 2016, three new officers of the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission were appointed. The new Chairman of the Commission is Mike Hotz. Mr. Hotz is a governor appointee that represents Sheboygan County. He is a long-time member of the Commission that is replacing the retiring former Chairman Don Markwardt.

Other new officers include Terry Brazeau and Daniel Koski. Mr. Brazeau represents Oconto County and has been appointed Vice-Chairman of the Commission. Daniel Koski, representing Manitowoc County, is the new Secretary/Treasurer. Both Mr. Brazeau and Mr. Koski are members of the Commission that were recommended by their respective County Boards and appointed by the Governor of Wisconsin to the Commission. Congratulations to all new officers!

Upcoming Events/Meetings

October 7-9, 2016

<u>Living on the Ledge: A Celebration of Wisconsin's Niagara Escarpment</u>
UW Fox Valley - Menasha, WI

October 20, 2016

<u>Lake Michigan Stakeholders' Fall Membership Meeting</u>
Baileys Harbor, WI

October 20-21, 2016
WLIA Fall Regional Meeting

Heartwood Resort, Trego, WI

October 28, 2016

Executive Committee Meeting BLRPC office, Green Bay, WI

December 9, 2016

Full Commission Meeting Location TBD, 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.

- Captain Planet Foundation Educator Grants, September 30, 2016
- ATC Community Tree Planting Program, September 30, 2016
- 2017 DNR Urban Forestry Grants, October 1, 2015
- <u>Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program Grants</u>, October 10, 2016
- Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grants, November 4, 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 Georgia-Pacific Foundation Grants ING Foundation Grants International Paper Grants** Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) Grant **Kinder Morgan Foundation Grants Kodak American Greenways Grants**

<u>Laura Jane Musser Fund</u> <u>Lawrence Foundation Grants</u>

<u>Lego Children's Fund Grants</u> <u>MeadWestvaco Foundation Grants</u>

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<u>for the Americas Grants</u>

MLB Baseball Tomorrow Fund Patagonia Environmental Grants

RGK Foundation Education Fund Rockefeller Family Fund

<u>US Soccer Foundation Grant</u> <u>Waste Management Charitable Giving</u>

Wisconsin Humanities Council Grant

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