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## **E-Newsletter**

**August 2014**

### **2015-2016 Work Program**

The Commission is in the early stages of preparing its *2015-16 Work Program and 2015 Budget*. The Work Program serves as an important communication tool with the region's counties, communities, and partner organizations to help ensure that the Commission is allocating the appropriate resources to assist with the completion and/or implementation of local and regional projects. The community project survey serves as the basis of the work program. Commission staff will work with the respective municipalities and organizations to identify suitable state and federal technical and financial resources to help complete the projects. The preliminary *2015-16 Work Program and 2015 Budget* will be reviewed and approved in September, and the final work program and budget will be adopted by the Commissioners in December.

### **Emerald Ash Borer Assistance**

There is a very real threat that Emerald Ash Borer will continue its march across Wisconsin, destroying small and large stands of Ash trees located in both rural and urban communities. Door County was recently added to the list of quarantined EAB counties in the Bay-Lake Region that had already included Brown and Sheboygan counties. Commission staff have been working with communities and counties for the past few years in the preparation of their EAB response and mitigation plans. We recommend reviewing the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' [Emerald Ash Borer Toolkit](#) for some valuable information and data that can help determine the best alternatives for your local approach to the EAB. For those communities and counties seeking either technical or financial assistance to prepare for or combat EAB, please contact [Angela Pierce](#).



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## GLRI Grant Applications

U.S. EPA is soliciting applications for grants and/or cooperative agreements to be awarded as part of the Great Lakes



Restoration Initiative

(GLRI). EPA will award approximately \$27.5 million under a request for applications (RFA) for up to 30 projects, contingent upon funding availability, the quality of applications received and other applicable considerations. This RFA is EPA's major competitive grant funding opportunity under the GLRI for fiscal year 2014. It is one of several funding opportunities available through federal agencies under the GLRI.

Applications are requested for projects within the following three categories:

- Invasive species control
- Watershed management implementation
- Sediment reduction projects in priority watersheds

Applications are due August 27, 2014 and must be submitted through [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov). Contact [Angela Pierce](#) if you need assistance developing a project or submitting an application.

## Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grants and Workshop

Approximately \$1,500,000 is available through the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) to enhance and restore coastal resources within the state's coastal zone -- all counties adjacent to Lakes Superior and Michigan. Applications are requested for projects within the following categories:

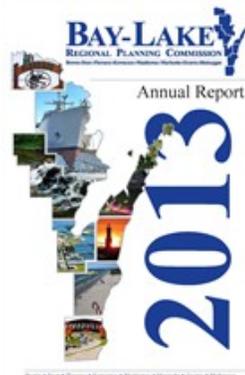
- Coastal Wetland Protection and Habitat Restoration;
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Control;
- Coastal Resource and Community Planning;
- Great Lakes Education;
- Public Access; and
- Community Planning.

The Bay-Lake RPC will be hosting a WCMP Grant workshop on September 3, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at 439 S Jackson Street in Green Bay. After a presentation about the grant program, WCMP and Bay-Lake RPC staff will be on hand to discuss your project ideas.

Applications to the grant program are due November 3, 2014. Application materials are available on the [WCMP website](#). Contact [Angela Pierce](#) if you need assistance developing a project or submitting an application.



[2013 Annual Report](#)



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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**August 14**  
[Lake Michigan Day](#)  
UW-Manitowoc

**September 3, 2014**  
**1:30PM**



## Join the Campaign to Love Lake Michigan

Lake Michigan is an integral part of our way of life here in the Great Lakes region. It's a massive ecosystem, a valuable natural resource, and absolutely critical to our economy. The near-shore Lake Michigan zone is among the most biologically productive in the region, and the Lake itself provides drinking water, recreational opportunities, wetlands and wildlife, and critical dunes and pristine shorelines.

The use of Lake Michigan's vast resources has enriched our communities, but the cost to the Lake has become clear with time. The unique biodiversity of Lake Michigan is at great risk from a variety of threats, including: invasive species; climate change; water pollution; altered hydrology; poorly planned residential and industrial growth; and stress from agriculture, forestry and fisheries practices.

We believe that Lake Michigan is ours to protect, promote and enjoy. It is up to us, the citizens of the Lake Michigan Basin, to balance the three fundamental elements - environmental integrity, economic vitality and sociocultural well-being.

That's why the [Lake Michigan Forum](#) and Bay-Lake RPC are launching the "Love Lake Michigan" campaign. The campaign aims to increase awareness of the value of Lake Michigan and catalyze action to protect it through education, engagement and empowerment of citizens of the Lake Michigan Basin.

Join the campaign by:

- pledging to love Lake Michigan;
- sharing your love of the Lake via social media ([#loveLakeMichigan](#)); and
- participating through the Forum; and volunteering in the basin.

Learn more about the Love Lake Michigan campaign at [www.lovelakemichigan.org](http://www.lovelakemichigan.org).

By engaging the more than 12,000 citizens of the Lake Michigan Basin, we can work toward our vision of a Lake Michigan with safe and healthy beaches, restored habitats, healthy fish and wildlife populations and a thriving economy for all of us to enjoy now and into the future.

**Watch upcoming E-Newsletters for exciting FREE Love Lake Michigan merchandise like t-shirts, pint glasses, and pens.**

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 About the Lake Michigan Forum: The Lake Michigan Forum is project funded by EPA through the GLRI and administered by Delta Institute. The Lake Michigan Forum provides input to EPA on the Lake Michigan Lakewide Action and Management Plan from stakeholders of the Lake Michigan Basin; it also serves as a critical link between government, academia, regional planners, industry, and public stakeholders throughout the basin, enabling these groups to share information and coordinate action to restore and protect the integrity of Lake Michigan. Learn more at [www.lakemichiganforum.org](http://www.lakemichiganforum.org).

**Share office space with us!**

WCMP Grant  
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 439 S Jackson St  
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The Commission has 2-4 offices available for occupancy. The offices range in size from 108 sq. ft. to 143 sq. ft. Each office has a window with partial furnishings. The rent is \$7.00/sf and includes utilities. There will be an additional monthly cost for phone and internet service, parking, and office cleaning. A conference room and small break room are included in the rental cost. If your organization is seeking temporary or long-term office space close to all the downtown amenities, please contact [Richard Heath](#) for more information.

### 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 with the Commission on a project.

- [Wells Fargo Clean Technology and Innovatin Grant Program](#), August 15, 2014
- [Community Impacts Grants Program](#), August 15, 2014
- [Wisconsin Humanities Council Major Grants](#), August 15, 2014
- [Highway Safety Improvement Program \(HSIP\)](#), August 15, 2014
- [Toyota Together Green](#), August 15, 2014
- [Community Impacts Grants Program](#), August 15, 2014
- [GLRI](#), August 27, 2014
- [Ready, Set, Go Grants](#), September 1, 2014
- [EPA Brownfields Planning Grants](#), September 22, 2014
- [WCMP](#), November 3, 2014
- On-going or Various deadlines throughout the year:

<a href="#">American Honda Foundation</a>	<a href="#">BayCare Clinic Foundation Grants</a>
<a href="#">Ben &amp; Jerry's Foundation Grants</a>	<a href="#">Cedar Tree Foundation Grants</a>
<a href="#">Charles Stuart Mott Foundation Environmental Grants</a>	<a href="#">Cornell Douglas Foundation Grants</a>
<a href="#">Costco Wholesale Grants</a>	<a href="#">EcoTech Grants - The Captain Planet Foundation</a>
<a href="#">Environmental Research &amp; Education Foundation Grants</a>	<a href="#">Gannett Foundation Grants</a>
<a href="#">ING Foundation Grants</a>	<a href="#">International Paper Grants</a>
<a href="#">Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) Grant</a>	<a href="#">Kinder Morgan Foundation Grants</a>
<a href="#">Kodak American Greenways Grants</a>	<a href="#">Lawrence Foundation Grants</a>
<a href="#">Lego Children's Fund Grants</a>	<a href="#">MeadWestvaco Foundation Grants</a>
<a href="#">Meetings Mean Business! Grant</a>	<a href="#">Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas Grants</a>
<a href="#">MLB Baseball Tomorrow Fund</a>	<a href="#">Patagonia Environmental Grants</a>
<a href="#">RGK Foundation Education Fund</a>	<a href="#">US Soccer Foundation Safe Place to Play Grant</a>

Waste Management Charitable Giving

Wisconsin Humanities Council Grant

To submit information for consideration in future newsletters, send an email to [apierce@baylakerpc.org](mailto:apierce@baylakerpc.org). Include your name, community/organization, and contact information in the body of the message.

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