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Global New North Trade Missions



Commission staff has been a part of a Steering Committee charged with implementing the strategies outlined in the Global Trade Study completed in 2012. The set of activities to implement the study's five goals was branded *Global New North* and is a strategic initiative of New North, Inc. Since 2012, a complete resource directory has been developed, new business networking groups were formed, various trade missions are being promoted, a calendar of events was established, and a monthly newsletter focusing entirely on trade topics is being published. If you belong to a county, city, or local economic development entity and have ongoing contact with businesses that are either exporting or would like to export their goods, visit New North's [website](#) to subscribe to their [newsletter](#) and to view all the great resources that have been assembled to support the expansion of global trade for companies in Northeast Wisconsin.

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Lake Michigan Champions of Conservation Awards

Do you know of an individual, organization or company, or policy maker involved in innovative initiatives or projects to improve the health of Lake Michigan? Consider nominating them as a 2015 Lake Michigan Champion of Conservation!

The second annual Lake Michigan Champions of Conservation Awards, sponsored by the [Lake Michigan Stakeholders](#) and [LNRP](#), honor and recognize individuals, businesses and community organizations, and policy makers for outstanding environmental achievements and innovation.



This year, the nomination process is simple. Just complete and submit an [online form](#) by **May 1, 2015** at the Lake Michigan Stakeholders [website](#).



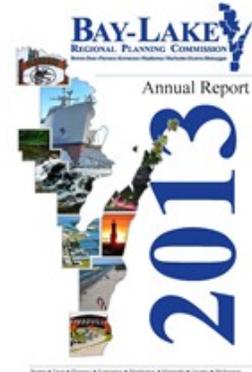
Self-nominations are welcome! Nominations can come from any group, program, organization, business, or individual located and working on the restoration, improvement or enhancement of Lake Michigan (in the Wisconsin portion of the Lake Michigan basin) or any of the watersheds that flow into the lake.



All nominations should focus on one of the following areas:

- *Water Resources Protection:* Projects that monitor or improve streams, rivers, lakes or wetlands in the Lake Michigan basin.
- *Environmental Education and Outreach:* Projects that establish or improve communication and education about environmental issues for the general public, youth and stewardship programs.
- *Land Use Protection and Habitat Restoration:* Projects that focus on improving land development decisions to restore and protect natural areas.

[2013 Annual Report](#)



Open Commissioner Positions

Just three commissioner vacancies remain on the Commission. Have a voice in the direction of regional projects in Northeast Wisconsin. No experience required -- just an enthusiasm to make progress in the region.



We are seeking interested individuals who reside in Kewaunee, Marinette, and Florence counties to serve 6-year terms on the Commission. These positions are filled through the appointment by the Governor with input from each of the individual counties. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Commissioner, as well as the application process, please contact [Richard Heath](#).

[Brochure](#)



Sheboygan MPO Update

Commission staff continues to prepare the *Year 2045 Sheboygan Area Transportation Plan (SATP)*. Portions of draft Chapter 6 (Transportation and Land Use) was revised based on comments received in December; the revised chapter was reviewed at the January 22nd joint meeting of the Sheboygan MPO Technical and Policy Advisory Committees. Commission staff continues to prepare draft Chapter 7 (Recommended Transportation Plan); the main sections that remain to be completed in this chapter are: recommended capacity adding street and highway projects (candidate projects are currently being tested by the travel demand forecast model); recommended bicycle and pedestrian transportation projects (subject to fiscal constraint); and a comparison of travel demand projections under 2010 and 2045 baseline conditions and under 2045 conditions with the recommended transportation plan. Commission staff also continues to prepare draft Chapter 8 (Mitigation of Environmental Impacts of Major Transportation Projects), and continues to collect data for Chapter 9 (Financial Plan). Draft Appendix B (Transportation System Performance Indicators) was prepared in

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 27, 10AM
Commission's Financial Planning Committee, Green Bay

March 13, 10AM
Full Commission Meeting, Green Bay

April 26-28

late December and in January, and was presented to the MPO advisory committees for review at their joint meeting on January 22nd.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation approved the *Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Calendar Years 2015 - 2018* in a letter dated January 9th. Copies of the final 2015 - 2018 TIP have been distributed to all members of the MPO advisory committees, and a paper copy of the document is on permanent public display at the Mead Public Library.

Please contact [Jeff Agee-Aguayo](#) for additional information.

CDBG Application Training

The Division of Housing - Bureau of Community Development will be holding two training sessions for prospective grant applicants to provide guidance and instructions for completing the CDBG-PF & PLNG application for the 2015 competitive round of Public Facilities and Planning grants. The training sessions will be held on:

- **Wednesday, February 25, 2015 in Madison** (*Webinar option will be available*)
- **Wednesday, March 4, 2015 in Minocqua.**

The grant application and application instructions will be posted on the Bureau's [website](#). Applications will be due by May 25, 2015. If you have specific questions about the application process, please direct your inquiries to [Ben Hsuborger](#) at (608) 261-7744.

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.

- [Sustain Our Great Lakes Program Grants](#), February 18, 2015
- [Great Lakes Areas of Concern Land Acquisition Grants](#), February 23, 2015
- [NOAA Great Lakes Habitat Restoration Program Project Grants](#), March 3, 2015
- [Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program](#), April 24, 2015
- [2015 Healing Our Waters Grant Program](#), First-come, first-served
- On-going or Various deadlines throughout the year:

[American Honda Foundation](#)

[BayCare Clinic Foundation Grants](#)

[Ben & Jerry's Foundation Grants](#)

[Cedar Tree Foundation Grants](#)

[Charles Stuart Mott Foundation Environmental Grants](#)

[Cornell Douglas Foundation Grants](#)

[CN Stronger Communities Fund](#)

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MLB Baseball Tomorrow Fund

RGK Foundation Education Fund

US Soccer Foundation Safe Place to Play Grant

Wisconsin Humanities Council Grant

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