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## ***E-Newsletter***

***September 2015***

### **New Executive Director**

Please welcome Cindy Wojtczak as the Commission's new Executive Director!

Several years ago, Cindy started her career as an intern at the Commission. That internship ultimately turned into a senior Economic Planner position, and Cindy worked for the Commission for nearly 20 years. In 2003, Cindy left the Commission to go to Ayres Associates as an Economic Planner and Supervisor for Municipal Engineers.



Much of Cindy's work involves a diversity of planning projects with an emphasis on Economic Planning, grant writing, and administration. She has brought millions of dollars into the region through her grant writing, most of which was for public infrastructure projects like water towers, wastewater treatment plants, new wells, sewer and water system improvements, park improvements, special studies, and street improvements.

Cindy lives in Brown County and enjoys golfing and traveling. She is married with two grown daughters, one of whom is a school psychologist and the other an attorney.

Please welcome Cindy to the Commission by contacting her at [cwojtczak@baylakerpc.org](mailto:cwojtczak@baylakerpc.org) or (920) 448-2820.

### **Bay Beach Restoration Action Plan**

An Economic Development District & Metropolitan Planning Organization serving Northeast Wisconsin for over 40 years.

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The Bay Beach Restoration Action Plan is complete and available for download on the Commission's [website](#). This plan was funded under an EPA Urban Waters Grant and provides a strategy for restoring Bay Beach in Green Bay. It is the

culmination of three years of water quality research by the Commission, the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh, and others.

Although Bay Beach occasionally experiences episodes of elevated *E. coli*, the water quality for recreational contact is comparable to other Lake Michigan beaches in Wisconsin. However, harmful algal blooms continue to be a concern in Green Bay and additional research is needed on effective monitoring techniques and management. Though many types of algae can form blooms, freshwater harmful algal blooms have the ability to produce toxins that are dangerous to other organisms such as humans, dogs, and livestock. Most harmful algal blooms occur in warm, slow moving, nutrient-rich waters in mid-June through late September and are formed by cyanobacteria (aka blue-green algae).

Based on water quality testing conducted as part of the Bay Beach Restoration Action Plan, no reason has been found to maintain closure of Bay Beach. Permanent closure of the beach resulted from pollution that is no longer allowable under the Clean Water Act. Other pollution such as PCBs and mercury are still affecting the Bay; however, not to an extent that raises any concern for recreational water contact.

For additional information about the Bay Beach Restoration Action Plan, please contact [Angela Kowalzek-Adrians](#) (formerly Pierce).

### Welcome New Staff Member

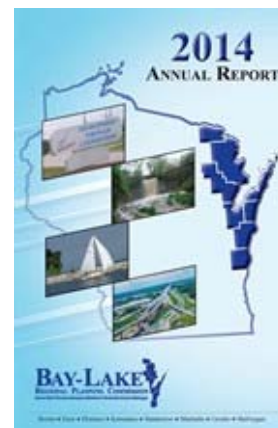
Amy Carrozzino-Lyon has joined the Commission as a limited term employee to assist with the Commission's GLRI funded *Phragmites* control project. Amy will be working part-time as the *Phragmites* Project Coordinator to treat *Phragmites* along the Lower Green Bay and Fox River shoreline and provide outreach and education to landowners. Amy can be contacted at [AmyCL@baylakerpc.org](mailto:AmyCL@baylakerpc.org).

### Community Project Survey

The Commission will be sending out its annual community survey to member units of government within the next several days. The solicitation is to gather information on proposed community and economic development projects that will be included as a part of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and for integration into the Commission's rolling two-year Work Program. To ensure that each municipality receives a copy of the survey, it will be sent to the clerks at the town, village, and city levels, and will also be sent to various planning and economic development staff members in the region. These projects should represent a "priority list" of projects



2014 Annual Report



Brochure



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 10,  
1:30PM  
WCMP Grant  
Workshop  
Neville Museum

that address industrial park development or improvements, public facilities upgrades, business incubators, transportation infrastructure, park enhancements, plan updates (e.g., comprehensive plans), or planning projects that will result in sustainable economic development for one's respective community, county, or region.

If your community/county/organization had submitted projects in 2014, that list can be referenced on the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission [website](#).

For more information regarding the Community Survey, please contact [Brandon Robinson](#).

## Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Activities

There are several upcoming work activities in the Sheboygan MPO program in the remaining months of 2015. The major upcoming activities will include: preparation of the *2016 Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Planning Work Program*; conducting a land use inventory update for the metropolitan planning area; preparing a performance indicator report; conducting passenger opinion and boarding and alighting surveys of Shoreline Metro; and preparation of the *Sheboygan Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Calendar Years 2016 - 2019*. The Commission is working to add a limited term employee (LTE) on staff to assist with these and other activities in the remainder of 2015.

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

- [NEA Our Towns Placemaking Grants](#), September 21, 2015
- [USDA Rural Broadband Access Loan Program](#), September 30, 2015
- [Freshwater Future Project Grant Program](#), September 30, 2015
- [Captain Planet Foundation Grants](#), September 30, 2015
- [WDNR Urban Forestry Grants](#), October 1, 2015
- [National Trust for Historic Preservation Fund](#), October 1, 2015
- [Baseball Tomorrow Fund](#), October 1, 2015
- [US Soccer Foundation Grants](#), October 2, 2015
- [WDNR Safe Drinking Water Program and Clean Water Fund](#), October 31, 2015
- [Georgia Pacific Foundation Community Grants](#), October 31, 2015
- [WisDOT Local Roads Improvement Program](#), November 1, 2015
- [Wisconsin Coastal Management Program](#), November 2,

**September 11,  
9:30AM**  
Commission Meeting

**October 6-7**  
8th Annual Growing Sustainable Communities Conference, Dubuque, IA

**October 28-30**  
9th Biennial State of Lake Michigan/15th Annual Great Lakes Beach Association Joint Conference, Acme, MI

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2015

- [Great Lakes Restoration Initiative](#), September 28, 2015
- 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="#">CN Stronger Communities Fund</a>	<a href="#">Costco Wholesale Grants</a>
<a href="#">Doris Duke Charitable Foundation</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="#">Georgia-Pacific 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="#">Laura Jane Musser Fund</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="#">Rockefeller Family Fund</a>
<a href="#">US Soccer Foundation Grant</a>	<a href="#">Waste Management Charitable Giving</a>
<a href="#">Wisconsin Humanities Council Grant</a>	

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