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The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission was established by Governor Lucey in April 1972 by Executive Order 35 to provide planning services on area-wide issues, to represent local interests on state and federal planning program activities, and to provide local planning assistance to communities in the northeastern Wisconsin region.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

I would like to welcome Mr. Brian Paplham as our newest Commissioner from Kewaunee County. Mr. Paplham is a County Board Supervisor. He brings with him experience working with the Commission on Kewaunee County's Comprehensive Plan and will be a valuable addition to our organization.

As always, we continue to work diligently on a multitude of projects throughout our region including planning for the Ice Age Trail in Kewaunee, Manitowoc and Sheboygan counties; comprehensive planning in Door, Kewaunee, Marinette and Sheboygan counties; hazard mitigation planning in Florence County; GIS mapping in Oconto County; and waterfront planning in Brown County. The Commission is completing work on its regional comprehensive plan and is working with the University of Wisconsin-Extension on a strategic plan. Thanks go out to Merritt Bussiere and Rob Burke who have spent a great deal of time interviewing our partners and stakeholders. We will use the strategic plan as a guide to effectively fulfill our mission while focusing on the needs of the communities in the region. Information on our regional plan can be found on our website.

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns about the Commission. I can be reached at (920) 448-2820 or mwalter@baylakerpc.org

Mark Walter, Executive Director

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MULTI-REGIONAL ORTHO PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT RECOGNIZED

At the 2005 Wisconsin Land Information Association (WLIA) Annual Conference held in February in Green Bay, the largest locally-driven, multi-county, multi-regional aerial photography project in state history was recognized with a Local Government Achievement Award. The Bay-Lake (BLRPC), East Central (ECWRPC) and North Central (NCWRPC) Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions were presented with the award for their role as coordinators of the BLRPC-ECWRPC-NCWRPC 2005 Orthophotography Consortium project.



From right to left: Alissa Bails (WLIA President), Andrew Jennings (ECWRPC), Andrew Faust (NCWRPC), and Joshua Schedler (BLRPC)

The project involves 24 counties in the three RPC regions. Counties and communities who are a part of the consortium are acquiring digital mapping products in 2004 and 2005 and can expect a 20-25 percent cost savings. Aerial photography is currently being captured with delivery of digital orthophotos this fall.

For more information regarding this project, please contact Joshua Schedler at jschedler@baylakerpc.org.

KATIE HESS PROVIDES GRANT WRITING SERVICES



Katie Hess,
Economic Development Planner

Are you planning a project that will require grant writing assistance? **Ms. Kathrine L. Hess** is the Economic Development Planner for the Commission. Katie has been with the Commission for four years and has a B.S. in Environmental Policy and Planning from the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay. Her work includes preparation and presentation of the *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Annual Report* for the Bay-Lake region; grant writing and administration for public facilities, public facilities for economic development, housing and transportation projects; facilitation of nominal group sessions; preparation of environmental review records; survey preparation, facilitation and tabulation; economic development presentations; and grant writing workshops.

Katie is part of an experienced Commission grant writing team that has been helping communities, organizations and businesses alike locate, apply for, and administer grants for over 30 years. The Commission has been successful in securing nearly \$26 million dollars in grants in the past seven years alone. For more information on securing grant funding in your community, please contact Katie Hess at khess@baylakerpc.org.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Work has begun on the 2005 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The Commission is required annually to prepare an economic development strategy in order to continue to be eligible for funding from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The report contains detailed information on the region's economic trends, an economic analysis by county, a list of potential community economic development projects, a review of past economic development projects, and projects and goals for the upcoming year. Only projects listed in the CEDS are eligible to receive financial assistance from EDA. The 2005 CEDS will be approved by the RPC's commissioners by resolution in September, with submittal of the report to EDA by September 30th.

The Commission's Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) will oversee drafting of the document. The committee is comprised of community economic development professionals from throughout the Commission's eight county region. The committee is scheduled to meet four times during 2005. The first meeting was held on March 17th to review the scoring process for projects. At the second EDAC meeting in May, the projects

submitted by each community will be reviewed and scored. The committee will have a chance to make revisions to the draft CEDS document at their meeting in August. The November meeting will involve a debriefing concerning the preparation of the 2005 CEDS, and to begin making plans for preparation of the 2006 CEDS.

We would like to thank the members of the Economic Development Advisory Committee for advising us on various community economic development issues and projects throughout the year. Committee members include Gail Beyer, Jennifer Brown, Merritt Bussiere, Bill Chaudoir, Don Clewley, Rodney Cotillier, Gary Delveaux, Paul Ehrfurth, Paulette Enders, Wendy Gehlhoff, James Gilligan, Kim Goerg, Jim Golembeski, Greg Hines, Mark Kanz, Shawn Kaskie, Jay Krauss, Chuck Lamine, David Less, Dale Mohr, Bruce Mommaerts, Doug Oitzinger, Dee Olsen, Bill Patzke, Dan Pawlitzke, Tedd Penn, Parker Plitz, Nancy Rhode, Dennis Russell, Richard Seidemann and Dave Such.

For more information on the CEDS process or the Commission's economic development program, please contact Katie Hess or Richard Heath.

ALL-HAZARDS MITIGATION PLANNING



Wisconsin has received guidance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding the 2005 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program. The PDM Program is a national competitive grant program for states, Indian tribes, counties, communities, colleges and universities for pre-disaster mitigation planning and implementation of cost-effective mitigation projects that primarily address natural hazards. FEMA requires that an applicant have an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in place to be eligible to receive project grant funding under the PDM Program.

An All-Hazards Mitigation Plan can be funded under a PDM-Planning grant, but that Plan will need to be in place to receive future PDM monies for any other project, even disaster-related projects. In the Bay-Lake Region, the Commission has been assisting Florence County and the city of Sheboygan in developing FEMA-approved All-Hazards Mitigation Plans. (Note: Wisconsin Emergency Management recently recommended approval of the *City of Sheboygan Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan* to FEMA). Kewaunee County is the only other unit of government currently preparing a plan.

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In February, Commission staff prepared or assisted with the preparation of grant applications for Brown, Sheboygan and Manitowoc counties. These three counties were part of a group of 16 Wisconsin applicants submitting requests to Wisconsin Emergency Management for a FEMA PDM-Planning grant. Funding awards will be announced in June or early July 2005. The planning grants are 75 percent federally funded through FEMA, with a 25 percent local match, which can be from contributions, cash, in-kind services and other non-federal sources.

If you have any questions about All-Hazards Mitigation Planning, or how the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission can assist your community with an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan, please contact Angela Pierce, Natural Resources Planner, at the Commission office or by email at apierce@baylakerpc.org.

CLEVELAND/CENTERVILLE PLANNING GRANT AWARDED

The Wisconsin Department of Administration's (WDOA) announced that the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission prepared the only successful non-county comprehensive planning grant application for the Village of

Cleveland and the Town of Centerville in Manitowoc County for the FY 2005 grant cycle. A complete listing of the planning grant awards can be found on the WDOA website: (http://www.doa.state.wi.us/docs_view2.asp?docid=4643).

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING IN THE REGION

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission continues to assist Kewaunee County and communities within Kewaunee and Door counties as part of the Kewaunee County multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan process. The county planning effort is a bottom-up approach, with each of the participants developing their own detailed local plans for adoption which will then be incorporated into the county framework plan.

To date, the Commission has completed draft chapters of the first four to five elements of each of the plans. Each element is being reviewed by local Plan Commissions/Committees and by the Kewaunee County Smart Growth Committee. In addition, the Commission has conducted a series of visioning workshops; nominal group meetings; and strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (S.W.O.T.) workshops to identify local and regional issues. All of the elements and workshop results are available for review on the Commission's website: www.baylakerpc.org or the Kewaunee County website: www.kewauneeeco.org.

The Commission plans to host several local and county open houses in June and July 2005 to present background material developed as part of the plans as well as to solicit public input. The Kewaunee County planning process is expected to continue through April 2007. For additional information on the Kewaunee County project, please contact Brandon Robinson at brobinson@baylakerpc.org.

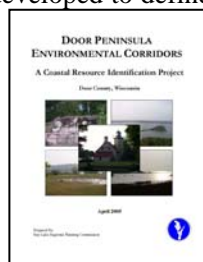
The Commission also continues to work with the City of Peshtigo and Town of Peshtigo on a multi-jurisdictional plan. The city and town were awarded a state planning grant in 2004 to develop a joint comprehensive plan under 66.1001 Wis. Stats. As of May 2005, the Commission has held a series of visioning and issue identification meetings, plus completed draft chapters for the Agricultural, Cultural and Natural Resources, Housing and Economic Development elements of the city and town plans. For more information on the development of the City of Peshtigo/Town of Peshtigo plan, please contact Mark Walter.

WCMP PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission is currently working on three projects under grants received from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program. The projects are titled *Door Peninsula Environmental Corridors*, *Bay-Lake Regional Environmental Corridors*, and *Access to the West Shore of Green Bay*. These projects will be completed and available in report form in the late summer of 2005. Below is the status of each of the three projects.

Door Peninsula Environmental Corridors

Bay-Lake staff have delineated environmental corridors for the Door Peninsula which are made up of coastal, natural and cultural resources. A draft report has been developed to define the environmental corridors of the Door Peninsula and offer planning recommendations for the corridor. In early April 2005, Commission staff met with a technical advisory committee of natural resource professionals and citizens in Door County to present the environmental corridor data and receive feedback regarding the delineated corridor and the draft report. Once the draft report and maps have been reviewed, the *Door Peninsula Environmental Corridors* report will be finalized.



Bay-Lake Regional Environmental Corridors

When the *Door Peninsula Environmental Corridors* report has been finalized, it will complete the delineation of region-wide environmental corridors. Therefore, as a second element of the WCMP grant for the Door Peninsula, the BLRPC will ensure consistency of environmental corridors across county lines for

the entire region by creating a concise report of information on the region's environmental corridors. This information will aid in the development of local comprehensive planning, sewer service area planning, stormwater management planning, and land use planning, as well as the Bay-Lake regional comprehensive plan.

Access to the West Shore of Green Bay

The *Access to the West Shore of Green Bay* study is a project that will inventory and evaluate the status of access points to Green Bay along the west shore of the Bay from Marinette to the village of Howard. A field inventory of the access points to the Bay has been developed to include any point where a person may gain access to Green Bay. The inventory was evaluated to determine current ownership, public or private, facilities available, and any other information that may be useful to the public when seeking access to the Bay. The report will be a useful planning tool for local officials and helpful to the public seeking access to the Bay. In addition, this information will provide a valuable benchmark for the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program when reporting to the federal offices of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on their accomplishments in creating additional public access.

If you have any questions about WCMP projects, or would like additional information about the Program, please contact Angela Pierce at the Commission's office or by email at apierce@baylakerpc.org.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

7 - 4:00 P.M.

Ice Age National Scenic Trail Open House
Liberty Town Hall
Valders, WI

10 - 10:00 A.M.

Commission Meeting
Green Bay, WI

15-17 - Wisconsin Land Information Association

Regional Meeting
Hayward, WI

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