

Bay-Lake Regional Environmental Corridors

Summary Sheet

Purpose of Defining Environmental Corridors

Development is pressuring the unique natural resource base of Green Bay and Lake Michigan, particularly the coastal wetlands, waterways, wildlife habitat, and cultural resources of the Bay-Lake Region, and there is a need to identify protection mechanisms for these resources. In response to this need, the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission has completed a report defining and mapping environmental corridors for the Region.

The data gathered for the report provides the Bay-Lake Region with detailed mapping of environmental corridor delineations, which will provide valuable information for planning activities, offer assistance in the preservation of important natural and cultural features, and present information regarding environmental protection, development, land use patterns, and landscape design. As communities of the Bay-Lake Region undertake planning activities, such as comprehensive planning, shoreland zoning, subdivision reviews, and sewer service planning they will depend greatly upon the availability of detailed, accurate, and current mapping of natural and cultural resources.

The information gathered for this report, encompasses much of the Natural, Agricultural, and Cultural Resources chapter of the *Bay-Lake Regional Comprehensive Plan*.

The goal of this project is to support and encourage a watershed approach to planning, outreach, and education efforts on matters affecting the natural and cultural resources of the Region and the waters of Lake Michigan.

Defining Environmental Corridors

The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission has identified the valuable coastal, natural, and cultural resources throughout the Region consistent with Wisconsin's Comprehensive Planning legislation.

The following environmental corridor features were mapped using the Commission's Geographic Information Systems (GIS). The information has been compiled into a report, the *Bay-Lake Regional Environmental Corridors* containing preservation and planning recommendations for environmental corridors.

Environmental Corridor Features and Sources of Data

Features	Sources
Navigable Waters w/75-foot Setback	USGS 1:24,000-scale quadrangle maps, local base maps
Wetlands w/50-foot Buffer	WDNR Wisconsin Wetland Inventory maps
100-Year Floodplains	FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps
Steep Slopes (12 percent or greater)	USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service
Public Parks and Recreation Areas	WDNR and local
Historical/Archeological Sites	Federal and State Historical Society
State Natural Areas	WDNR
State Wildlife and Fishery Areas	WDNR



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