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Governor Walker Announces \$1 Million in Grants for Wisconsin's Coastal Communities

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Governor Scott Walker today announced \$1.06 million in grants to protect and improve the natural resources, support the quality of life and foster economic development in Wisconsin's coastal communities. Administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration's Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, the 32 grants will be used by local and state governments, regional planning commissions, universities and nonprofit organizations to assist with projects totaling nearly \$2.6 million.

Wisconsin's Great Lakes are an important economic, cultural and natural resource. Lake Michigan and Lake Superior provide the people of Wisconsin with drinking water, commerce and recreation, and are a reason so many people live and visit the State.

The intergovernmental and private sector collaborations aided by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program advance Wisconsin and regional Great Lakes priorities such as enhancing public access, sustainable use practices, habitat restoration, and pollution control.

Recipients for this year's grants were recommended by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council, a Governor-appointed citizen and governmental advisory group. The funds are part of Wisconsin's federally-funded Coastal Management Program.

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program balances natural resource protection and sustainable economic development along Wisconsin's Great Lakes coasts. The program awards federal funds from the Office of Coastal Management in the U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to local governments and other entities for innovative coastal initiatives.

Additional information about the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program can be found at <http://coastal.wisconsin.gov>.

A complete list of grants is attached.

2015-2016 Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant Recipients

Bay-Lake Region (Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Oconto and Sheboygan Counties)

Project Name **Bradley Lake Stormwater Swale and Biofiltration System**
Applicant City of Sturgeon Bay
Grant Amount \$50,000
Category Nonpoint
Contact Robert Bordeau (920) 746-6922

This project will daylight a storm sewer and create a series of swales and biofiltration cells to capture and treat overland flow. The stormwater system will be designed to convey up to 100-year storm events, treat water conveyed during common rain events and prevent direct drainage into Bradley Lake.

Project Name **East Twin River Waterfront Public Access Planning – Hamilton Redevelopment**
Applicant City of Two Rivers
Grant Amount \$13,000
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Greg Buckley (920) 793-5532

This project will prepare a redevelopment plan for the former Hamilton Industries property on the west bank of the East Twin River in the City of Two Rivers.

Project Name **Engaging Agricultural Landowners in Participatory Watershed Management**
Applicant Alliance for the Great Lakes
Grant Amount \$27,509
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Todd Brennan (312) 445-9749

This project will facilitate the engagement of agricultural landowners in a Brown County subwatershed in a participatory watershed planning process with the goal of meeting water quality standards. A framework for landowner engagement will be developed and local partners will be supported by outreach.

Project Name **Leveraging our Comparative Advantage, Phase II: Identification and Development of Wisconsin Port Market Scenarios**
Applicant Brown County Port and Solid Waste
Grant Amount \$48,000
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Mark Walter (920) 492-4965

This project will identify commodities or goods that could be shipped in greater quantity on the Great Lakes and will assess the feasibility to move those goods on maritime routes compared to current routing of trucking or rail.

Project Name **Partnership to Reduce Nonpoint Source Pollution and Improve Riparian Habitat in Wequiock Creek Watershed, Brown Co WI**
Applicant UW-Green Bay
Grant Amount \$28,372
Category Nonpoint
Contact Robert Howe (920) 465-5032

This project will develop a sustainable stream monitoring program in Wequiock Creek watershed and develop a collaborative outreach and education effort to support watershed protection. Wequiock Creek will be added to the Lower Fox River Watershed Monitoring Program as a new monitoring location.

Project Name **Regional Planning in Northeast Wisconsin**
Applicant Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission
Grant Amount \$20,000
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Brandon Robinson (920) 448-2820

This project will update the Natural, Agricultural, and Cultural Resource; Housing; Land Use; and Implementation elements of the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission's Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Project Name **Sheboygan Harbor Wave Surge Mitigation Study**
Applicant City of Sheboygan
Grant Amount \$32,000
Category Public Access
Contact Chad Pelishek (920) 459-3383

This project will study wave damage at the Harbor Centre Marina, develop alternatives for construction that could prevent future wave damage, and prepare cost estimates to inform a cost-benefit analysis.

Project Name **Sturgeon Bay Festival Waterfront Phase 2**
Applicant City of Sturgeon Bay
Grant Amount \$50,000
Category Public Access
Contact Marty Olejniczak (920) 746-6908

This project will support construction of a Festival Waterfront Promenade and Walkway, a concrete event stage, public seat walls, public space lawn, sidewalks. and an access driveway.

Project Name **Village of Bellevue Accessible Boat Launch**
Applicant Village of Bellevue
Grant Amount \$21,575
Category Public Access
Contact Candice Mortara (920) 209-7789

This project will develop an accessible boat launch on the East River in the Town of Bellevue in Manderly Park. The proposed accessible landing will be attached to the end of the current boat landing with a gangway to allow the floating dock to move up and down with the river levels.

Project Name **Technical Assistance**
Applicant Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission
Grant Amount \$20,000
Category Technical Assistance/Outreach
Contact Angela Pierce (920) 448-2820

This project will support coastal management activities and technical assistance to local governments in the Bay-Lake region.

Southeast Region (Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, and Racine Counties)

Project Name **Atwater Beach South Boardwalk**
Applicant Village of Shorewood
Grant Amount \$39,750
Category Public Access
Contact Ericka Lang (414) 847-2647

This project will construct a 410-foot, raised boardwalk on Atwater Beach in the Village of Shorewood. The boardwalk will connect the landings of a 114-stair staircase at the end of a 1,100-foot paved switchback trail.

Project Name **Bio-infiltration of Nonpoint Source Pollution to Improve Nearshore Coastal Water Quality-Samuel Myers Park**
Applicant City of Racine Health Department
Grant Amount \$54,730
Category Nonpoint
Contact Julie Kinzelman (262) 636-9501

This project will install a 15,646 square foot (0.35 acre) bio-infiltration cell to retain, infiltrate and clean surface runoff and nonpoint source pollution originating from above the ordinary high water mark at Samuel Myers Park. Native plantings will provide stabilization and enhance wildlife habitat.

Project Name **Chiwaukee Prairie Habitat Restoration & Species Inventory**
Applicant Department of Natural Resources
Grant Amount \$30,000
Category Restoration:Habitat
Contact Sharon Fandel (608) 275-3207

This project will restore 100 acres of rare coastal wetlands through the removal of invasive plants and prescribed burns. The site in Chiwaukee Prairie is newly donated land from The Nature Conservancy and provides a consolidated area of wetlands to restore.

Project Name **Developing a Sustainable Model for Disseminating Wetland Information and Guidance to Private Landowners**
Applicant Wisconsin Wetlands Association
Grant Amount \$29,855
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Katie Beilfuss (608) 250-9971

This project will develop a sustainable model for disseminating wetland information and guidance to private landowners and build an infrastructure of wetland landowners and natural resource professionals to serve as a resource for wetlands throughout the region.

Project Name **Lake Michigan Basin Fish Passage Inventory**
Applicant Ozaukee County Planning & Parks Dept
Grant Amount \$20,000
Category Restoration:Habitat
Contact Andrew Struck (262) 238-8275

This project will complete an inventory of riparian habitat and barriers to fish passage in the Lake Michigan basin of Ozaukee County. It will also prioritize barrier removal and remediation projects based on methodology developed and tested in the Milwaukee River basin.

Project Name Machinery Row Connections Design
Applicant Racine County Economic Development Corporation
Grant Amount \$25,000
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Jenny Trick (262) 898-7412

This project will create schematic designs and preliminary cost estimates for an area on the Root River in the City of Racine.

Project Name Milwaukee Riverfront Revitalization
Applicant City of Milwaukee
Grant Amount \$30,000
Category Public Access
Contact Alyssa Remington (414) 286-5802

This project will create a public park with a 38 x 115 foot former railroad pier which extends into the Milwaukee River. The City would improve the property, along with the neighboring Jefferson Street right of way parcel with landscaping, re-deck the pier, and add safety features such as new railings and lighting.

Project Name Neighborhood Environmental Education Ways to Our Watersheds Project
Applicant Urban Ecology Center
Grant Amount \$10,000
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Demetria Smith (414) 964-8505

This project will expand and enhance the delivery of water-based programming and exploration to elementary and middle school students through the Ways to Our Watersheds Project. This project will also promote Wisconsin Coastal Awareness Month through a month-long initiative that will include educational and recreational programming.

Project Name Southport Marina Seawall/Harbor Entrance Redesign
Applicant City Kenosha
Grant Amount \$50,000
Category Public Access
Contact Michael Lemens (262) 653-4000

This project will complete a feasibility study, including design-based modeling and lake seiche analysis, and structure re-design planning through permitting and bidding documents. The result will be plans for structures at the entrance to Southport Marina that will control sedimentation and reduce dredging costs.

Project Name Stormwater Harvesting on Machinery Row
Applicant City of Racine
Grant Amount \$75,000
Category Nonpoint
Contact Matthew Sadowski (262) 636-9152

This project will implement stormwater harvesting infrastructure within Machinery Row, targeting newly constructed public streets, the Riverfront Promenade and designated parking areas. Infiltration systems will be incorporated to reduce the volume of stormwater runoff being discharged.

Project Name Taking Green Infrastructure to Scale in Milwaukee's 30th Street Industrial Corridor
Applicant Clean Wisconsin
Grant Amount \$10,000
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Mark Redsten (608) 251-7020

This project will assist communities in Milwaukee's 30th Street Industrial Corridor to create neighborhood-scale green infrastructure goals and block-by-block plans to implement the goals and will provide recommendations to the City of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District on how to encourage widespread adoption of green infrastructure in the area.

Project Name **Training WATERshed Educators**
Applicant River Bend Nature Center
Grant Amount \$15,595
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Nancy Carlson (262) 639-1515

This project will develop a sustainable system to integrate Great Lakes education, through the WATERshed program, into all 4th and 7th grade classrooms in the Racine Unified School District. This will include developing a program to recruit, train and manage volunteer educators.

Project Name **Waterway Plan for Milwaukee's Harbor District**
Applicant Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee
Grant Amount \$50,000
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact David Misky (414) 286-8682

This project will create a Waterway Plan for Milwaukee's Harbor District with recommendations for public access, stormwater management, habitat restoration and other issues.

Project Name **Technical Assistance**
Applicant Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Grant Amount \$20,000
Category Technical Assistance/Outreach
Contact Thomas Slawski (262) 953-3263

This project will support coastal management activities and technical assistance to local governments in the Southeast region.

Lake Superior (Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland and Iron Counties)

Project Name **An Analysis of the Vegetative Cover of the Brule River Watershed, Revisited**
Applicant University of Wisconsin-Superior
Grant Amount \$57,000
Category Restoration:Habitat
Contact Paul Hlina (715) 394-8477

This project will establish a baseline for measuring impacts of climate change on Lake Superior basin. The sites will be re-surveyed to compare with present conditions. "Botany blitzes" will be held to collect species lists and provide community outreach and involvement.habitats, with a focus on the Brule River watershed. Historical vegetation surveys will be compiled.

Project Name **Ashland County Agriculture and Natural Resource Planning**
Applicant Ashland County Land & Water Conservation Department
Grant Amount \$22,305
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Tom Fratt (715) 682-7187

This project will update the Ashland County Farmland Preservation Plan and its Comprehensive Plan.

Project Name **Bayfield Waterfront Trail, Phase II**
Applicant City of Bayfield
Grant Amount \$55,000
Category Public Access
Contact Billie Hoopman (715) 779-5712

This project will implement portions of Bayfield's Waterfront Trail, including: reestablishment of walkways along Washington Avenue to the beach; improvements along First Street and Wilson Avenue; a history marker; and an overlook on Wilson Avenue.

Project Name **Iron County Comprehensive Plan Update**
Applicant Iron County
Grant Amount \$40,000
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Tom Bergman (715) 561-5414

This project will update Iron County's Comprehensive Plan making connections with existing community development initiatives, updating planning policies, and creating a coastal resource element.

Project Name **Lake Superior Binational Forum and WOJB-FM Multi-Media Outreach Campaign**
Applicant Northland College
Grant Amount \$22,556
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Lissa Radke (715) 682-1489

This project will produce 15 seven-to-fifteen minute interviews recorded and packaged as podcasts, and 5 sixty-minute webinars, featuring successful Wisconsin Great Lakes restoration and protection initiatives. The webinars will allow participants to explore issues in greater detail and will be broadcast live, recorded and archived.

Project Name **Wisconsin Lake Superior Byway Kiosk Project**
Applicant Town of Barksdale
Grant Amount \$8,808
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Mary Nowakowski (414) 698-5479

This project will construct and install ten informational kiosks along the Wisconsin Lake Superior Scenic Byway. Each kiosk will accommodate two sheltered panels. One weather resistant panel will feature the Wisconsin Lake Superior Scenic Byway map and the second panel will highlight a specific point of interest at that location.

Project Name **Technical Assistance**
Applicant Northwest Regional Planning Commission
Grant Amount \$20,000
Category Technical Assistance/Outreach
Contact Jason Laumann (715) 635-2197

This Northwest region project will support coastal management activities and technical assistance to local governments in the Northwest.

Coastwide

Project Name	Scattered like Grape Shot: An Encompassing Approach to Sharing Wisconsin's Maritime History
Applicant	Wisconsin Historical Society
Grant Amount	\$28,849
Category	Great Lakes Education
Contact	John Broihahn (608) 264-6496

This project will direct a field school to train avocational archaeologists and local diver volunteers. The field school will conduct an underwater Phase II archaeological survey of the Grape Shot, an unsurveyed canal Schooner. Fieldwork and data will be incorporated into the state-wide Maritime Trails education initiative.