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Governor Walker Announces \$1.3 Million in Grants for Wisconsin's Coastal Communities

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Governor Scott Walker today announced \$1.3 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 37 grants will be used by local and state governments, regional planning commissions, universities and nonprofit organizations to assist with projects totaling nearly \$3.1 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.

2016-2017 Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grant Recipients

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

Project Name **Amsterdam Dunes Invasive Species Management**
Applicant Sheboygan County
Grant Amount \$39,000
Category Restoration: Habitat
Contact Aaron Brault (920) 459-3060

This project begins restoration of newly acquired county lakeshore property by removing invasive plants on 39 acres, part of a 328 acre parcel.

Project Name **Bay Beach Amusement Park – Beach Restoration Engineering**
Applicant City of Green Bay
Grant Amount \$50,000
Category Public Access
Contact Dan Ditscheit (920) 448-3381

This project is for a engineering and feasibility study for a swimming beach at Bay Beach.

Project Name **Dunes Lake Restoration**
Applicant Department of Natural Resources
Grant Amount \$38,501
Category Restoration: Habitat
Contact Joshua Martinez (920) 662-5139

This project begins restoring Dunes Lake, an important waterfowl and migratory bird area, by removing phosphorus-rich sediment.

Project Name **Historic Structures Report for Life-Saving and Lighthouse Facilities on Plum and Pilot Islands**
Applicant Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands
Grant Amount \$26,072
Category Public Access
Contact Tim Sweet (715) 823-6873

This Historic Structures Report project establishes a long term Programmatic Agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office to be used by the property owner, US Fish & Wildlife Service as part of a master-planning guide for facilities preservation, rehabilitation and public interpretation.

Project Name **Inventory and Analysis of Brown County Marinas, Launches, and Harbors for Watercraft Safe Refuge**
Applicant Brown County
Grant Amount \$29,994
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Aaron Schuette (920) 448-6486

This project creates an inventory of existing marinas, launches and harbors within Brown County and analyze their potential for small watercraft harbors of refuge.

Project Name **Peshtigo River Fish Viewing Platform**
Applicant City of Peshtigo
Grant Amount \$20,644
Category Public Access
Contact Dave Zahn (715) 938-1296

This Phase I project provides design, construction plans and cost estimates for the proposed fish viewing platform.

Project Name **Planning for the Future of Water Resources in Fish Creek**
Applicant Town of Gibraltar
Grant Amount \$57,147
Category Cumulative & Secondary Impacts:Nonpoint
Contact Beth Hagen (920) 868-1714

This project develops plans to address water resources for Fish Creek. This includes conceptual designs to mitigate the impacts of stormwater discharge at Fish Creek Beach and a comprehensive nine key element watershed management plan.

Project Name **Public Access For Dunes Lake**
Applicant Door County Soil & Water Conservation Department
Grant Amount \$3,000
Category Public Access
Contact Krista Lutzke (920) 746-2363

This Dunes Lake public access parking and interpretive signage project is a compliment to a lake restoration project at the site.

Project Name **Technical Assistance**
Applicant Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission
Grant Amount \$20,000
Category Technical Assistance/Outreach
Contact

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

Project Name **Town of Scott Comprehensive Plan**
Applicant Town of Scott
Grant Amount \$11,305
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Dave Cerny (920) 406-9380

This project updates the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Results of two WCMP-funded studies will be incorporated into the update.

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

Project Name **Breakwater Gateway Public Access Project**

Applicant City of Port Washington
Grant Amount \$75,000
Category Public Access
Contact Mark Grams (262) 284-5585

City of Port Washington

The project widens and renovates the nearshore sections of the city's breakwater to create an ADA accessible fishing/viewing platform.

Project Name **Enhancing Public Access at Samuel Myers Park**

Applicant City of Racine
Grant Amount \$35,025
Category Public Access
Contact Julie Kinzelman (262) 636-9501

This project builds on past WCMP funded projects, and installs the remaining sections of cord walk trail (~700 linear feet) at Sam Myers Park.

Project Name **Galvanizing Water Stewardship in Milwaukee Neighborhoods**

Applicant Milwaukee Water Commons
Grant Amount \$17,500
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Ann Brummitt (414) 763-6199

This project continues implementing the Water School program in Milwaukee. This includes training diverse community members to become catalysts for water stewardship efforts through project development, and creating opportunities for broader participation and investment in Milwaukee's water future.

Project Name **Improving Public Access to Milwaukee's Rivers and Lake Michigan**

Applicant Milwaukee Riverkeeper
Grant Amount \$30,000
Category Public Access
Contact Cheryl Nenn (414) 287-0207

This project updates the 2006 Milwaukee Urban Water Trail Map. The project includes identification of new access points and extends to Ozaukee County and Lake Michigan access points.

Project Name **Lake Michigan Learning Lab at the Port Exploreum**

Applicant Port Washington Historical Society
Grant Amount \$16,000
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Bill Moren (262) 573-3130

This project develops and implements the Lake Michigan Learning Lab Project at the Port Exploreum.

Project Name **Lake Vista Park Bluff Trail Construction**

Applicant City of Oak Creek
Grant Amount \$100,000
Category Public Access
Contact Gerald Peterson (414) 768-6504

A proposed 4,098 linear feet of trails and 5 overlook areas provides the City of Oak Creek with its first safe and legal public access route to the bluffs and shoreline of Lake Michigan.

Project Name **Mequon Preservation Partners**
Applicant Ozaukee Washington Land Trust, Inc
Grant Amount \$31,530
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Shawn Graff (262) 338-1794

This project develops a watershed-based strategic plan for protecting and restoring land and water resources in the City of Mequon.

Project Name **Milwaukee River Parkway Habitat and Access Improvement Project**
Applicant Milwaukee County
Grant Amount \$75,840
Category Restoration:Habitat
Contact John Dargle (414) 257-4774

This project restores 500 feet of an eroded bluff along the Milwaukee River through grading and replanting 2.5 acres with native plants. A stairway and accessible path will be constructed to connect the riverfront trail with the streets above.

Project Name **Respect Our Waters - A Coastal Collaboration for a Healthy Lake Michigan**
Applicant Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust, Inc.
Grant Amount \$30,400
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Jacob Fincher (414) 382-1766

This project integrates existing stormwater pollution awareness campaigns into a single campaign to improve Great Lakes environmental literacy and promote water quality stewardship in watersheds bordering Lake Michigan from Kenosha to Marinette Counties.

Project Name **Strategic Urban Forestry Plan Implementation**
Applicant Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation & Culture
Grant Amount \$14,000
Category Restoration:Habitat
Contact John Dargle, Jr. (414) 257-7275

This project restores riparian habitat by removing invasive plant species, and removes ash trees in response to the emerald ash borer. Native trees and shrubs will be planted in place of removed trees. This will restore a long-neglected property that was previously Riverside Park and is now a center for environmental learning managed by the Urban Ecology Center.

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 supports 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 Revisted Phase II**
Applicant University of Wisconsin-Superior
Grant Amount \$38,474
Category Wetland Protection
Contact Paul Hlina (715) 394-8477

This project continues the inventory and data collection of a current WCMP-funded project in the Brule River watershed. The data collected and analyzed informs understanding and management decision-making in response to changes in the Lake Superior watershed.

Project Name **Autonomous Real Time Stereo Imaging System (ARTSIS)**
Applicant University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Grant Amount \$29,969
Category Public Access
Contact Chin Wu (608) 263-3078

The project develops ARTSIS that provides both summer wave characteristics and winter ice conditions in the Sea Caves, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore for the safety of visitors.

Project Name **Bayfield Area Community Stewardship Project**
Applicant City of Bayfield
Grant Amount \$16,000
Category Restoration:Habitat
Contact Billie Hoopman (715) 779-5712

This project implements invasive plant control and trail stewardship activities on public natural areas through the Bayfield Area Community Stewardship Project. The Brownstone Trail, Big Ravine Forest Preserve and Cornucopia Beach are targeted.

Project Name **Bayview Pier Project – Phases II and III**
Applicant City of Ashland
Grant Amount \$60,000
Category Public Access
Contact Sara Hudson (714) 682-7059

The project is the implementation of aspects of the WCMP funded plan for Bayview Pier that includes an ADA compliant pier and beach access on the southern shores of Lake Superior.

Project Name **Groundwater Education and Well Testing Program**
Applicant Bayfield County Health Department
Grant Amount \$23,600
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Anne Marie Coy (715) 373-6109

This project implements a groundwater education and well testing program in Bayfield County. The project targets rural landowners, shore land owners and agricultural producers.

Project Name **Houghton Falls Nature Preserve Stewardship Project**
Applicant Town of Bayview
Grant Amount \$20,000
Category Public Access
Contact Charly Ray (715) 813-0218

This project improves trail conditions creates additional interpretive signage at key trail locations; and improves resource protection.

Project Name **Iron County Regional Trail: Connecting People to the Montreal River Watershed**
Applicant Iron County
Grant Amount \$25,000
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Joe Pinardi (715) 561-3226

The project is for planning, design, and title work to be used as a first step in creating a regional trail system, connecting the East And West branches of the Montreal River, in Iron County. The trail will connect the East and West branches of the Montreal River.

Project Name **Sustaining Water Quality in Lake Superior - Developing Decision Support Tools for Local Governments**
Applicant Northland College
Grant Amount \$29,250
Category Cumulative & Secondary Impacts:Nonpoint
Contact Randy Lehr (715) 682-1261

This project develops decision support tools to inform the implementation of the Water Quality Trading Program in Bayfield County and evaluate its efficacy. The project develops a watershed nutrient management framework to be piloted in the south Fish Creek watershed.

Project Name **Technical Assistance**
Applicant Northwest Regional Planning Commission
Grant Amount \$20,000
Category Technical Assistance/Outreach
Contact Jason Laumann

This project supports coastal management activities and technical assistance to local governments in the Lake Superior region.

Project Name **Village of Cornucopia Breakwater Access Restoration**
Applicant Town of Bell
Grant Amount \$54,000
Category Public Access
Contact Yvette Fleming (715) 742-3427

This project restores and protects an existing path, and steel pilings that provide easy access for people to enjoy Lake Superior without the expense of a boat.

Coastwide

Project Name **Creation of a historical coastal database and geoportal for the 1930s Wisconsin Land Inventory Data**
Applicant University of Wisconsin-Madison
Grant Amount \$56,613
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact David Mladenoff (608) 262-1992

This project digitizes historical Wisconsin Land Economic Inventory (Bordner Survey) maps. It creates a database and portal to access and analyze spatial data for planning.

Project Name **Engaging Birders and the Public in the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas**
Applicant Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, Inc.
Grant Amount \$7,354
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Christine Reel (262) 844-8187

This project conducts six Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas workshops in the state's Great Lakes coastal counties. The Atlas represents the largest citizen science project in the state and provides the most comprehensive overview of bird distribution, status and conservation needs of any taxonomic group.

Project Name **Evaluating the Effectiveness of Beach Redesign and Remediation Projects along Wisconsin's Coast**
Applicant University of Wisconsin Sea Grant
Grant Amount \$29,202
Category Cumulative & Secondary Impacts:Nonpoint
Contact David Hart (608) 262-6515

This project estimates the impact of completed redesign/remediation projects at three restored beaches together with the potential impacts of planned projects at three reference beaches.

Project Name **Sustainable Solutions to Nonpoint Source Pollution**
Applicant Glacierland RC&D Council
Grant Amount \$50,000
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Kari Divine (920) 465-3006

This project produces and broadcasts a 1-hour documentary "Search for Sustainability" that explores the science, sources and social implications of Wisconsin's nonpoint source pollution that threatens Lake Michigan water quality.

Project Name **Wisconsin Harbor Town Travel Guide Project**
Applicant Wisconsin Harbor Towns Association
Grant Amount \$29,300
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Kathy Tank (800) 719-4881

This project updates, prints and distributes 75,000 copies of the Wisconsin Harbor Town Travel Guide.