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Governor Doyle Announces \$1.6 Million in Grants for Wisconsin's Coastal Communities

Governor Jim Doyle today announced \$1.6 million in grants to protect and improve the natural resources and support quality of life in Wisconsin's coastal communities. Administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration's Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, the 39 grants will be used by nonprofit organizations, as well as local, state, and tribal governments to assist with projects totaling nearly \$5.4 million.

"Our wise stewardship of Lakes Michigan and Superior is essential to the environmental and economic health of Wisconsin. The Great Lakes provide the people of Wisconsin with drinking water, commerce and recreation. They are critical habitat to countless species of plants and animals." Governor Doyle said. "Today, on the fortieth anniversary of Earth Day, I am pleased to announce these investments to support efforts to protect our coastal resources."

The intergovernmental and private sector collaborations aided by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program advance Wisconsin and Regional priorities for the Great Lakes such as enhancing public access, sustainable use practices, habitat restoration, and pollution control. As Co-Chair of the Council of Great Lakes Governor's, Governor Doyle is working with his Great Lakes colleagues, federal cabinet agencies, tribes, and the Great Lakes Cities organization to establish funding for and implement the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy for protecting and restoring the Great Lakes.

"A healthy Great Lakes system is important to Wisconsin, the region and the nation," Governor Doyle said. "Projects receiving grant funding this year support efforts to enhance and sustain resources in coastal communities. They improve public recreational access, promote stormwater management, develop educational programming, and support habitat protection as just a few of the goals of these grant recipients."

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 Ocean and Coastal Resource Management and U.S. Department of Commerce, to local governments and other entities for innovative coastal initiatives.

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

A complete list of grants is attached.

2010-2011 Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant Recipients

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

Project Name: Coastal Wetland Inventory
Applicant: Department of Natural Resources
Grant Amount: \$90,691.00
Category: Technical Assistance/Outreach
Contact: Lois Simon (608) 266-8852

This project will update the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory (WWI) for Kewaunee and Oconto Counties, update wetland map changes for other coastal counties, fill wetland data orders, and provide GIS support to data users.

Project Name: Technical Assistance
Applicant: Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission
Grant Amount: \$20,000.00
Category: Technical Assistance/Outreach
Contact: Mark Walter (920) 448-2820

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

Project Name: Road-End and Public Access Inventory to Lake Michigan (Kewaunee, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan Counties)
Applicant: Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission
Grant Amount: \$29,997.00
Category: Land Use & Community Planning
Contact: Angela Pierce (920) 448-2820

This project will inventory and assess public access locations to Lake Michigan in Kewaunee, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan Counties.

Project Name: Duck Creek Fish Passage Project
Applicant: Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
Grant Amount: \$34,000.00
Category: Restoration:Habitat
Contact: Stacy Gilmore (920) 496-5325

This project will remove deteriorating dams in Pamperin Park and restore in-stream habitat, modify a dam at the Oneida Golf and Country Club to restrict invasive species along a fish passage, and re-establish natural shoreline habitat.

Project Name: Cleaning Water Today for Tomorrow's Generations
Applicant: Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District
Grant Amount: \$6,850.00
Category: Great Lakes Education
Contact: Lisa Evenson (920) 438-1064

This project will develop a new environmental education video and brochure to educate students and the public on wastewater treatment, local water quality, stormwater pollution prevention, invasive species, and hazardous waste.

Project Name: Katherine Harper Riverwalk and Wildlife Viewing Pier
Applicant: City of De Pere
Grant Amount: \$100,000.00
Category: Public Access
Contact: Marty Kosobucki (920) 339-4065

This project will construct a recreational walkway that crosses a channel of the Fox River to Government Island. The project includes a fishing pier, a viewing pier, and a scissors bridge from Voyageur Park to Government Island.

Project Name: Murphy Park Pasture Acquisition
Applicant: Door County Parks Department
Grant Amount: \$25,000.00
Category: Public Access
Contact: George Pinney (920) 746-9959

This project will provide funding for the acquisition of 14 acres for open space and access to Horseshoe Bay Cave next to Murphy County Park on Green Bay.

Project Name: Door County Coastal Terrestrial Invasive Species Education and Control
Applicant: Door County Soil & Water Conservation Department
Grant Amount: \$15,000.00
Category: Great Lakes Education
Contact: Amanda Surfus (920) 746-2214

This project will provide hands-on workshops to landowners and organizations for terrestrial invasive species education and control in four Door County landscapes of distinction. Participants will learn proper identification, control and monitoring techniques.

Project Name: Monitoring Groundwater Inflow to the Mink River Estuary
Applicant: University of Wisconsin-Extension
Grant Amount: \$37,980.00
Category: Wetland Protection
Contact: Jim Erickson (608) 262-6636

This project will establish a groundwater monitoring network around the Mink River Estuary in Door County. The data will be used to better identify and protect critical habitat for the endangered Hine's emerald dragonfly habitat.

Project Name: Egg Harbor Municipal Marina Parking Lot Runoff Control Project
Applicant: Village of Egg Harbor
Grant Amount: \$25,000.00
Category: Nonpoint
Contact: Joshua Van Lieshout (920) 868-3334

This project will construct a stormwater filtration basin and catch basin at the new Municipal Harbor and Marina parking lot to prevent parking lot and upland runoff from discharging directly to Egg Harbor and Green Bay.

Project Name: City of Kewaunee Land Use Plan Implementation
Applicant: City of Kewaunee
Grant Amount: \$11,500.00
Category: Land Use & Community Planning
Contact: Brian Kranz (920) 388-5000

This project will update the City of Kewaunee Outdoor Recreation Plan and Zoning Ordinance, which were priorities identified in the city's 2007 comprehensive plan.

Project Name: Manitowoc County Zoning Ordinance and Mapping Update
Applicant: Manitowoc County
Grant Amount: \$30,000.00
Category: Land Use & Community Planning
Contact: Tim Ryan (920) 683-4185

This project will update Manitowoc County's Zoning Ordinance, adopted in 1965. This will help implement the County comprehensive plan.

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

Project Name: Sucker Creek Coastal Watershed Pilot Project
Applicant: Ozaukee County Land & Water Management Department
Grant Amount: \$33,725.00
Category: Nonpoint
Contact: Andy Holschbach (262) 284-8271

This project will conduct a habitat assessment of Sucker Creek watershed, map identified outfalls and discharge points, sample outfalls for pollutants, determine applicability of vegetative buffers along drainages, and develop a measurable plan of action to improve water quality.

Project Name: Reed Street Yards Riverwalk
Applicant: City of Milwaukee
Grant Amount: \$75,000.00
Category: Public Access
Contact: Dan Casanova (414) 286-5921

This project will complete 2,700 feet of river walkway that bridges gaps and completes the Hank Aaron State Trail from Miller Park to the Lakeshore.

Project Name: Lakefront Redevelopment Plan
Applicant: City of Oak Creek
Grant Amount: \$30,000.00
Category: Land Use & Community Planning
Contact: Doug Seymour (414) 768-6526

This project will support a planning process to guide environmental remediation and redevelopment of the City's lakefront. The planning area is 250 acres and includes one mile of Lake Michigan shoreline.

Project Name: Lakeshore State Park - Science in the Park
Applicant: Friends of Lakeshore State Park
Grant Amount: \$10,000.00
Category: Great Lakes Education
Contact: Todd Montgomery (414) 273-1173

This project will design and install three interpretive signs and two park entrance kiosks at Lakeshore State Park to provide visitors with information regarding Great Lakes issues, park programs, and education opportunities.

Project Name: Maryland Avenue School Rain Garden
Applicant: Milwaukee Public Schools
Grant Amount: \$39,310.00
Category: Nonpoint
Contact: Phil Dosmann (414) 906-4800

This project will remove a 10,000 square foot parking lot and lawn and create a 14,000 square foot exploratory rain garden at a Milwaukee elementary school. The rain garden will be integrated into the school curriculum as a laboratory for environmental studies and scientific experimentation.

Project Name: Residential Green Infrastructure Planning and Design along the Kinnickinnic River Corridor
Applicant: Sixteenth Street Community Health Center
Grant Amount: \$32,000.00
Category: Nonpoint
Contact: Peter McAvoy (414) 385-3746

This project will identify locations of high levels of water pollution from nonpoint sources within a Kinnickinnic River Corridor residential area. Residential green infrastructure plans and designs will be developed to detain and treat stormwater.

Project Name: Habitat Improvement Project in the Estuary Environment (HIPEE)
Applicant: Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District
Grant Amount: \$23,282.00
Category: Restoration:Habitat
Contact: Kevin Schafer (414) 225-2088

This project will be a pilot study of the effectiveness and feasibility of Habitat Underwater Baskets (HUBs) to provide habitat for fish and other aquatic life in urbanized parts of the Milwaukee estuary.

Project Name: Boulevard Bioswales
Applicant: City of Milwaukee
Grant Amount: \$35,000.00
Category: Nonpoint
Contact: Kimberly Kujoth (414) 286-5453

This project will install 5,000 square feet of bioswales on Bay Street boulevards. This will include curb cuts to channel runoff from the street, basins to detain stormwater, and planting native perennials and trees to promote pollutant filtering.

Project Name: **Increasing Public Access to Lake Michigan**
Applicant: City of Racine
Grant Amount: \$21,825.00
Category: Public Access
Contact: Donnie Snow (262) 636-9451

This project will purchase and install a "Mobi-Mat RecPath" at the City of Racine's North Beach to increase accessibility to the beach area.

Project Name: **Technical Assistance**
Applicant: Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Grant Amount: \$20,000.00
Category: Technical Assistance/Outreach
Contact: Don Reed (262) 547-6721

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

Project Name: **A Survey of Residents: A Critical Planning Tool for Advancing Water Quality and Restoration Efforts**
Applicant: 1000 Friends of Wisconsin
Grant Amount: \$18,000.00
Category: Great Lakes Education
Contact: Kate Morgan (608) 259-1000

This project will develop and conduct a bilingual survey of residents in the Menomonee, Kinnickinnic, and Milwaukee Watersheds regarding knowledge, attitudes and behaviors related to stormwater and water resources.

Project Name: **Greater Milwaukee Watersheds Water Monitoring Plan**
Applicant: River Alliance of Wisconsin
Grant Amount: \$10,000.00
Category: Nonpoint
Contact: Christopher Clayton (608) 257-2424

This project will develop a water monitoring plan for the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds region. The plan will identify data gaps, potential monitoring efficiencies, roles of citizens, options for measuring improvements, and challenges to creating a regional water monitoring system.

Project Name: **Return the Sturgeon**
Applicant: Riveredge Nature Center
Grant Amount: \$28,717.00
Category: Great Lakes Education
Contact: Marc White (262) 375-2715

This project will provide educational programs to support efforts to re-establish Lake Sturgeon in the Milwaukee River. This includes developing a volunteer program, coordinating the 2010 Lake Sturgeon Release Event, and creating interpretative signs for municipal parks on the Milwaukee River.

Project Name: **Building Operational "Nowcast" Models for Predicting Water Quality at Five Lake Michigan Beaches**

Applicant: Department of Natural Resources
Grant Amount: \$21,227.00
Category: Nonpoint
Contact: Adam Mednick (608) 261-6416

This project will build, refine, and evaluate nowcast water quality models at 5 Lake Michigan beaches in Ozaukee County and the City of Racine. Local agencies will use the models to improve accuracy of beach water quality forecasts and advisories.

Lake Superior

Project Name: **Long Range Plan & Feasibility Study for Future Development of the LaPointe Harbor**

Applicant: Town of LaPointe
Grant Amount: \$40,000.00
Category: Land Use & Community Planning
Contact: Barb Nelson (715) 747-6913

This project will develop a long range plan and feasibility study for the development of a harbor on Madeline Island.

Project Name: **Community Lands Assessment and Ameliorative Multi Site Master Plan**

Applicant: Town of Clover
Grant Amount: \$26,650.00
Category: Land Use & Community Planning
Contact: Jane Bucy (715) 774-3797

This project will complete a lakefront and public lands master plan. The plan will address the redesign of a town park and campground on Lake Superior.

Project Name: **Implementation of a real-time wave observation system on Lake Superior**

Applicant: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Grant Amount: \$29,925.00
Category: Public Access
Contact: Chin Wu (608) 263-3078

This project will implement a real time wave observation system (RTWOS) at the caves near Meyers Beach Road in the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore by adding a digital camera and a compact web-browser.

Project Name: **Third Street Boat Launch Rehabilitation**

Applicant: City of Bayfield
Grant Amount: \$50,000.00
Category: Public Access
Contact: Tom Kovachevich (715) 779-5712

This project will support improvements at the Third Street Boat Launch.

Project Name: Iron County Invasive Species Integrated Prevention Project
Applicant: Iron County Land & Water Conservation Department
Grant Amount: \$25,890.00
Category: Great Lakes Education
Contact: MaryJo Gingras (715) 561-2234

This project will develop a Citizen Lake Monitoring Network Program to educate lake residents and visitors on water quality and aquatic invasive species, provide outreach on Eurasian Water-milfoil control, and conduct an Aquatic Plant Survey.

Project Name: Technical Assistance
Applicant: Northwest Regional Planning Commission
Grant Amount: \$20,000.00
Category: Technical Assistance/Outreach
Contact: Jason Laumann (715) 635-2197

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

Coastwide

Project Name: Technical Assistance to Local Units of Government
Applicant: Department of Natural Resources
Grant Amount: \$389,230.00
Category: Technical Assistance/Outreach
Contact: Lois Simon (608) 266-8852

This project will support core waterway and wetland permitting staff and local government technical assistance in the three coastal regions.

Project Name: Great Lakes Educator Recognition (Certificate) Program
Applicant: Alliance for the Great Lakes
Grant Amount: \$15,000.00
Category: Great Lakes Education
Contact: Stephanie Smith (773) 486-9059

This project will develop a formalized recognition (certification) program and peer-training opportunities for Wisconsin educators who integrate Great Lakes education into classroom activities.

Project Name: Wetland Toolkit - Phase II
Applicant: Department of Natural Resources
Grant Amount: \$15,000.00
Category: Great Lakes Education

Contact: Cherie Hagen (715) 635-4034

This project will reprint the Wetland Restoration Handbook for Wisconsin Landowners, and design and print a publication about Wetland Protection Laws and State Permit Process for local governments and landowners.

Project Name: Protecting Wisconsin's Coastal Working Lands: Technical Assistance & Outreach to Communities & Landowners

Applicant: Gathering Waters Conservancy
Grant Amount: \$34,300.00
Category: Great Lakes Education
Contact: Michael Carlson (608) 251-9131

This project will conduct seven workshops and develop training and outreach materials on the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) program in coastal communities. The workshops will target landowners, local government officials and land trusts to facilitate the development of local PACE programs.

Project Name: Wisconsin Clean Marina Program Training and Certification

Applicant: Wisconsin Marina Association
Grant Amount: \$50,825.00
Category: Nonpoint
Contact: Michelle Shrider (715) 373-5050

This project will complete development of the Wisconsin Clean Marina Program by providing education, training, and technical assistance to marinas for improving coastal water quality. The certification process will recognize marinas that voluntarily meet program requirements.

Project Name: Coastal Conservation and Resource Efficiency Program

Applicant: Wisconsin Rural Water Association
Grant Amount: \$29,665.00
Category: Great Lakes Education
Contact: Ken Blomberg (715) 344-7778

This project will provide water conservation information, technical assistance, and promotional material to coastal communities and utilities.

Project Name: Integrated Wetland Outreach to Coastal Communities

Applicant: Wisconsin Wetlands Association
Grant Amount: \$24,541.00
Category: Great Lakes Education
Contact: Becky Abel (608) 250-9971

This project will conduct two to three Wetland Summits in coastal counties, reprint and distribute A Local Decision Makers' Guide to Wetlands Conservation, and designate one to two coastal Wetland Gem sites as Ramsar Wetlands of International Significance.
