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Governor Walker Announces \$1.52 Million in Grants for Wisconsin's Coastal Communities

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Governor Scott Walker today announced \$1.52 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 40 grants will be used by local and state governments, regional planning commissions, universities and nonprofit organizations to assist with projects totaling nearly \$3.4 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 Ocean and Coastal Resource 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.

2012-2013 Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant Recipients

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

Project Name Wetland Restoration Monitoring in Sheboygan and Ozaukee Counties
Applicant Department of Natural Resources
Grant Amount \$29,220
Category Wetland Protection
Contact Melissa Sparrow-Lien (920) 892-8756

This project will update wetland restoration inventories in Ozaukee and Sheboygan Counties and merge them with the DNR restoration tracking program.

Project Name Cave Inventory and Management Plan for Horseshoe Bay Cave Hibernaculum
Applicant Department of Natural Resources
Grant Amount \$27,247
Category Wetland Protection
Contact Jennifer Schehr (608) 267-0281

This project will develop a cave inventory and management plan that addresses the prevention of White-nose Syndrome in resident bats by restricting human access to the cave.

Project Name Development of a Groundwater Flow Model for the Mink River Estuary
Applicant University of Wisconsin-Extension
Grant Amount \$47,511
Category Wetland Protection
Contact Suzanne Samuelsen (608) 265-5917

This project will design, construct, and calibrate a numerical groundwater flow model for the Mink River Estuary and surrounding aquifers in Door County.

Project Name Harbor Park Sea Wall Replacement and Park Improvement Concept and Design
Applicant City of Two Rivers
Grant Amount \$53,690
Category Public Access
Contact James McDonald (920) 793-5540

The project from the City of Two Rivers will address a failing sea wall and future development of the harbor at the junction of the Twin Rivers.

Project Name West Waterfront Walkway Extension and Sawyer Park Improvements
Applicant City of Sturgeon Bay
Grant Amount \$99,650
Category Public Access
Contact Marty Olejniczak (920) 746-6908

This project will construct an 1100-foot waterfront walkway under the Oregon Street Bridge through Sawyer Park.

Project Name Crescent Beach Management and Monitoring of Non-Point Pollutants in Ahnapee River Watershed
Applicant City of Algoma
Grant Amount \$48,074
Category Nonpoint
Contact Tom Romdenne (920) 487-5203

This project will identify upstream nonpoint pollution sources in the Ahnapee River that may contribute to poor water quality along Lake Michigan and at Crescent Beach in the City of Algoma.

Project Name Coastal Cities Trail Connectivity Inventory and Analysis
Applicant Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission
Grant Amount \$25,000
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Angela Pierce (920) 448-2820

This project will develop a consistent, standardized, and comprehensive GIS database inventory of all trails within coastal cities along Lake Michigan in the Bay-Lake region.

Project Name Detroit Harbor Waterfront Master Plan
Applicant Town of Washington Island
Grant Amount \$30,000
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Joel Gunnlaugsson (920) 847-2522

This project will develop a Harbor Waterfront Master Plan for the Detroit Harbor area on Washington Island.

Project Name Water Use Audit and Retrofit -- Peninsula State Park
Applicant Department of Natural Resources
Grant Amount \$20,245
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Shaili Pfeiffer (608) 267-7630

This project will conduct a pilot water use audit and retrofit to reduce water use at Peninsula State Park in Door County.

Project Name **Watershed Education**
Applicant UW-Green Bay
Grant Amount \$19,896
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Annette Pelegrin (920) 465-5031

This project will build watershed and water quality awareness about the Lower Fox River by educating teachers and engaging students in water quality monitoring.

Project Name **Port Opportunity Study for the Port of Green Bay**
Applicant Brown County Planning Commission
Grant Amount \$29,949
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Aaron Schuette (920) 448-6486

This project will update and significantly expand on the 2005 Port Opportunity Study for the Port of Green Bay. The project will result in a prioritized list of properties for potential Port of Green Bay acquisition.

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 **Milwaukee Estuary Wetland Restoration Plan: Grand Trunk Site**
Applicant City of Milwaukee Redevelopment Authority
Grant Amount \$30,000
Category Wetland Protection
Contact Michael Maierle (414) 286-5720

This project will develop a project plan to restore 6.5 acres of wetlands and a small creek in the Milwaukee estuary on the edge of the Port of Milwaukee, and to provide public access.

Project Name **Boardwalk Construction and Native Landscape Restoration**
Applicant City of Port Washington
Grant Amount \$40,000
Category Public Access
Contact Rob Vanden Noven (262) 268-4267

This project will construct an elevated boardwalk over a restored coal storage dock.

Project Name **Green Street Development for a Healthy Community**
Applicant Sixteenth Street Community Health Center
Grant Amount \$35,125
Category Nonpoint
Contact Ben Gramling (414) 385-3577

This project will develop a Green Street Concept Plan to address urban stormwater management needs along the Kinnickinnic River Corridor in the City of Milwaukee.

Project Name **Public/Private Partnership Addressing Phosphorus and Nonpoint Pollution on Lake Michigan**
Applicant Clean Wisconsin
Grant Amount \$35,000
Category Nonpoint
Contact Mark Redsten (608) 251-7020

This project will build private/public stakeholder groups in Racine and Green Bay and expand the capacity of both local governments to implement the Adaptive Management Option of Wisconsin's new phosphorus rule.

Project Name **Volunteer Monitoring for Modeling Beach Data**
Applicant Alliance for the Great Lakes
Grant Amount \$20,038
Category Nonpoint
Contact Jamie Cross (773) 486-9059

This project will test the feasibility of using trained Adopt-a-Beach volunteers to operate predictive beach models on days local health departments are unable to deploy personnel.

Project Name **Rotary Centennial Arboretum Curriculum Development**
Applicant Urban Ecology Center
Grant Amount \$15,000
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Demetria Dunn (414) 964-8505

This project will develop and pilot curriculum for the new Rotary Centennial Arboretum in Milwaukee utilizing the Neighborhood Environmental Education Project framework.

Project Name **Downtown Milwaukee Lakefront Gateway Analysis**
Applicant City of Milwaukee
Grant Amount \$36,000
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Robert Harris (414) 286-5654

This project will develop a redesign and alternatives analysis for the intersection at Michigan Street and Lincoln Memorial Drive.

Project Name **Root River Public Access Planning Project**
Applicant Root River Council
Grant Amount \$29,355
Category Land Use & Community Planning
Contact Monte Osterman (262) 308-2766

This project will result in design recommendations for completing a dedicated riverfront path in downtown Racine for decreasing stream-bank erosion and for strengthening the connections between the riverfront path and commercial, retail and recreational hubs.

Project Name **Pike River Watershed Plan**
Applicant Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network
Grant Amount \$20,000
Category Nonpoint
Contact Susan Greenfield (262) 898-2055

This project will develop a watershed restoration plan for the Direct Drainage area of the Pike River Basin.

Project Name **City of Milwaukee Green Streets: From Pilot Projects to Policy**
Applicant City of Milwaukee Office of Environmental Sustainability
Grant Amount \$60,000
Category Natural Hazards
Contact Erick Shambarger (414) 286-8556

This proposal seeks to reduce flooding hazards and non-point source pollution in the City of Milwaukee by establishing a policy for green infrastructure.

Project Name **Coastal Wetland Inventory**
Applicant Department of Natural Resources
Grant Amount \$87,039
Category Technical Assistance/Outreach
Contact Lois Simon (608) 266-8852

This project will update data for the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory for Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee and Racine Counties.

Project Name **Technical Assistance**
Applicant Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Grant Amount \$20,000
Category Technical Assistance/Outreach
Contact Don Reed

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 **Lake Superior Estuaries Inventory and Outreach**
Applicant Department of Natural Resources
Grant Amount \$20,000
Category Wetland Protection
Contact Rebecca Schroeder (608) 266-5244

This project will complete the Lake Superior Estuary Inventory Plan, begin implementation of the Plan by completing inventories of priority sites, and publish a summary of all 35 Lake Superior estuaries.

Project Name **Saxon Harbor Pavilion**
Applicant Iron County
Grant Amount \$81,680
Category Public Access
Contact Mike Saari (715) 561-3375

This project will construct a new pavilion, restrooms and showers at Saxon Harbor.

Project Name **Ashland County Invasive Species Prevention and Containment**
Applicant Ashland County Land and Water Conservation Department
Grant Amount \$27,500
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Tom Fratt (715) 682-7187

This project will build Ashland County's capacity to implement and enhance an invasive species education and prevention program.

Project Name **Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Project**
Applicant City of Superior
Grant Amount \$5,000
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Diane R. Thompson (715) 394-0392

This project will design and install aquatic invasive species signage at three of the four boat launches in the City of Superior.

Project Name **Outreach and Education at Meyers Beach using RTWOS for Assisting Kayak Safety in Sea Caves, Apostle Islands**
Applicant University of Wisconsin-Madison
Grant Amount \$29,965
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Chin H. Wu (608) 263-3078

This project will implement Phase III of the Real Time Wave Observation System project.

Project Name **Lake Superior Water Trail Enhancement Project**
Applicant Northwest Regional Planning Commission
Grant Amount \$16,500
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Jason Laumann (715) 635-2197

This project will develop a recreational companion guide to the Lake Superior Water Trail and is the next stage in trail development.

Project Name **Houghton Falls Nature Preserve Trails**
Applicant Town of Bayview
Grant Amount \$5,957
Category Public Access
Contact Al House (715) 292-5117

This project will improve public access at the Houghton Falls Nature Preserve through the construction of boardwalks and informational signage.

Project Name **Griggs Approach Pier and Concrete Apron**
Applicant Town of LaPointe
Grant Amount \$53,505
Category Public Access
Contact Keith Sowl (715) 747-6855

This project will repair and enhance the existing concrete approach ramp and improve access for recreation, boating and fishing on Lake Superior.

Project Name **Pikes Bay Beach Public Access Improvements**
Applicant Town of Bayfield
Grant Amount \$26,703
Category Public Access
Contact Tom Gordon (715) 779-5671

This project will improve public access to the Pikes Bay Beach through trail and boardwalk construction.

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

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

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Project Name **Wisconsin Harbor Towns Travel Guide**
Applicant Wisconsin Harbor Towns Association
Grant Amount \$25,600
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Kathy Tank (800) 719-4881

This project will develop, print and distribute the new Wisconsin Harbor Towns Travel Guide.

Project Name **Coastal Conservation and Resource Efficiency Program**
Applicant Wisconsin Rural Water Association
Grant Amount \$51,310
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact David Lawrence (715) 344-7778

This project will work with smaller regulated utilities within the 15 coastal counties to conduct water audits to identify possible efficiencies and conduct leak detection surveys to identify areas of loss.

Project Name **Needs Assessment of Programs and Resources to Encourage Private Wetland Restoration and Management**
Applicant Wisconsin Wetlands Association
Grant Amount \$25,320
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Katie Beilfuss (608) 250-9971

This project will undertake a comprehensive Needs Assessment of programs and resources available to support landowners interested in wetland protection and management.

Project Name **Grosbeaks Galore Migratory Bird Habitat Education Project**
Applicant Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin
Grant Amount \$33,336
Category Great Lakes Education
Contact Barb Barzen (608) 261-4381

This project will build awareness on issues that affect migratory birds through outreach and education targeted to private landowners, land managers, and community planning teams in Lake Michigan coastal counties.

Project Name **Coastal Technical Assistance to Local Governments**
Applicant Department of Natural Resources
Grant Amount \$330,239
Category Technical Assistance/Outreach
Contact Lois Simon (608) 266-8852

This project will provide support for Water Management Specialists at the Department of Natural Resources. Specialists will provide technical assistance to local units of government and administer wetland regulations throughout the coastal regions.
