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## Special Edition – Save the Dates!

### 2018 Governor's Northern Economic & Community Development Summit

**December 5 & 6** are the dates and The Waters of Minocqua is the place! Join us at this premier annual event focused on the people, communities and success stories of Northern Wisconsin. Details will be coming in early October.

### Planning for the Northern Summit – We Want Your Input!

Be a part of setting the agenda for the December conference. Community Roundtables will be held in 8 locations. Come visit with Rachel, MaryAnn, and some surprise guests. Format is drop-in anytime—you don't have to stay for the full time.

- **Ashland** – Tuesday, June 12, 2:00 to 4:00 PM, Ashland County Courthouse
- **Hayward** – Wednesday, June 13, 1:00 to 3:00 PM, Sawyer County Courthouse
- **Balsam Lake** – Thursday, June 28, 1:00 to 3:00 PM, Polk County Government Center
- **Phillips** – Wednesday, July 18, 2:30 to 4:30 PM, Normal Building
- **Minocqua** – Thursday, July 19, 1:30 to 3:00 PM, Minocqua Area Chamber of Commerce
- **Florence** – Tuesday, July 31, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Florence County Visitors Center
- **Crandon** – Wednesday, July 18, 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM, Crandon Chamber of Commerce
- **Peshtigo** – Tuesday, June 26, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM, Peshtigo City Hall

### Rural Arts Forum

**Friday, June 29, Amery Northern Lakes Center for the Arts**  
People who care about Wisconsin's future are invited to attend this annual gathering celebrating the arts, creativity and community in northwestern Wisconsin, sponsored by Arts Wisconsin. For more information [click here](#).

### Small Town Forums

These annual regional forums are designed to bring together people involved and interested in promoting, enhancing and preserving Wisconsin's small communities. All Forums will take place from 12 noon to 4:30 PM.

- **August 24**, Egg Harbor
- **August 22**, New Glarus
- **September 6**, Pepin
- **September 19**, Hurley

For more information, see the [Wisconsin Rural Partners website](#).

### Broadband Expansion Grant Applications Due July 16th!

If you have any questions or would like more information on the [grant program](#), please contact the PSC's Dennis Klaila at 608-267-9780 or [dennis.klaila@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dennis.klaila@wisconsin.gov).

### Opportunity Zones

Congratulations to those northern communities which were identified as [Opportunity Zones](#) by the federal government! The U.S. Department of the Treasury is currently developing the rules for this new program. When complete, the State of Wisconsin will be holding in-person meetings and webinars to share the details of this new economic development opportunity. Stay tuned!

The Northern Office serves as a connection point between communities in Northern Wisconsin and the resources of state government. If you are looking for information, have a suggestion, or need assistance with problem resolution with a state agency, please contact us. We travel throughout the 40 county region north of U.S. Highway 10 and can be available, with 3 to 4 weeks notice, to attend your meetings and events. Keep in touch!

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