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Governor Scott Walker Declares September Coastal Awareness Month

\$1 Million in Grants Available to Improve Wisconsin's Coastlines

Governor Scott Walker has proclaimed September 2014 as Coastal Awareness Month in Wisconsin in recognition of the importance the Great Lakes play in the state. The Governor's proclamation is a reminder for the people of Wisconsin to protect, promote and enjoy the state's Great Lakes as Lake Michigan and Lake Superior are integral to Wisconsin's economy, recreation, tourism, cultural history and quality of life.

In recognition of Coastal Awareness Month and the importance of the Great Lakes, the Department of Administration's Wisconsin Coastal Management Program is also announcing that nearly \$1 million in grants are available to help improve Wisconsin's coastlines. The Coastal Management Program is seeking proposals to enhance, preserve, protect and restore resources within the state's coastal zone. This includes all counties adjacent to Lakes Superior and Michigan, with their nearly 1000 miles of shoreline.

Grants are available for coastal wetland protection and habitat restoration, nonpoint source pollution control, coastal resource and community planning, Great Lakes education, public access and historic preservation. The grants are federally funded through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), but administered through the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program.

The deadline for submitting a grant application is November 3. Communities, tribal governments, universities and non-profits should keep the following items in mind when submitting an application:

- There is a cost-share requirement for all projects. The matching funds must come from non-federal sources, and may be in the form of in-kind contributions.
- For habitat restoration and construction projects, be sure to include copies of all required permits or permit applications, as well as title documentation with the application materials.
- For all projects, be sure to include copies of required documentation and letters of support.

Application materials are available at [online](#) and the Coastal Management Program has scheduled three informational workshops to discuss the grant application process:

August 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center
29270 County Highway G – Ashland

September 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Bay Lake Regional Planning Commission
439 South Jackson Street – Green Bay

September 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Port of Milwaukee
2323 S. Lincoln Memorial Drive – Milwaukee

The Department of Administration's Coastal Management Program is in its 36th year, and the program works cooperatively with stakeholders to help protect and enhance the natural, cultural and historical resources of the Great Lakes, while encouraging responsible economic development. It also publishes the *Wisconsin Great Lakes Chronicle*, which promotes public awareness of Great Lake issues. To read the *Chronicle* and learn more about the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, visit <http://coastal.wisconsin.gov>.

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