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The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) is seeking proposals to enhance, preserve, protect and restore resources within the state's coastal zone—all counties adjacent to Lakes Superior and Michigan, with their nearly 1000 miles of shoreline. WCMP anticipates awarding approximately \$1.5 million in grant funding.

WCMP 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. **Applications are due November 2, 2015.**

Applicants are encouraged to contact WCMP staff early to discuss ideas for project proposals and application requirements. When developing proposals, please pay close attention to the following items:

- Application materials and the Request for Proposals are available on the WCMP website at <http://coastal.wisconsin.gov>.
- There is a cost-share requirement for all projects. Matching funds must be 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 and title documentation with the application materials.
- For all projects, be sure to include copies of required documentation and letters of support.

WCMP has scheduled three informational workshops to discuss the grant application process and funding priorities. The meeting dates and locations are:

- Ashland  
Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 1:30 p.m.  
Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, 29270 County Highway G
- Green Bay  
Thursday, September 10, 2015, 1:30 p.m.  
Neville Public Museum, 210 Museum Place
- Milwaukee  
Tuesday, September 22, 2015, 1:30 p.m.  
Port of Milwaukee, 2323 S. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee

If you have questions, please contact WCMP at (608) 267-7982.

## **New Municipal Records Submission Procedures**

The 2015-2017 State Executive Budget changed Wisconsin Secretary of State Duties so that all municipal records pertaining to transfer of property between municipalities are no longer submitted to the Secretary of State. They must now be submitted to Municipal Boundary Review (MBR) in the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA). This includes annexation ordinances, detachments, cooperative boundary agreements, and annual submission of municipal boundaries. Certificates of Incorporation will also be processed and issued by the DOA. The process for submitting petitions for annexation is unchanged and should continue to be submitted to MBR.

These changes bring most municipal property related filing requirements to the MBR team, who have the knowledge and resources to make document submittal, processing, and distribution more timely and efficient.

One copy of required materials should be mailed to:

Wisconsin Department of Administration  
Municipal Boundary Review  
PO Box 1645  
Madison, WI 53701-1645

For questions, please contact MBR staff at (608) 266-1927 or email [mds@wisconsin.gov](mailto:mds@wisconsin.gov).

## **WHEDA Annual Conference**

WHEDA has announced that the WHEDA Conference 2015 is set for Tuesday, November 17 at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. With over 700 attendees at last year's conference, it has become one of the "can't-miss" events of the year for Wisconsin colleagues looking to create affordable housing and sustainable communities.

If you are a government official who has responsibilities to create affordable housing and sustainable communities, then this conference is for you. It is a unique opportunity to network and attend sessions covering topics of interest to developers, syndicators, asset managers and property managers. This year's agenda will be jam-packed with informative topics presented by nationally known speakers and trainers. For more information, visit <http://www.wheda.com/theconference>.

## **Broadband Update**

*Broadband Policies & Regulations Guide*, an updated and expanded guide for Wisconsin stakeholders navigating the complex legal and regulatory environments surrounding location broadband access and adoption, has been published by the UW-Extension Broadband & E-Commerce Education Center.

Each community faces its own challenges and brings unique strengths to community broadband-building efforts. By popular demand, it has greatly expanded the selection of examples from Wisconsin and other states across the U.S. These examples highlight policies and practices in places that have addressed broadband locally, such as:

- Local government broadband resolutions
- Tower agreements between municipalities and private internet service providers
- Successful applications for state and federal grant funds
- Surveys measuring broadband demand among local businesses and households and more.

The document is available at <http://broadband.uwex.edu/resources/policy>.

## Urban Forestry Grant Application Open

The 2016 Urban Forestry Grant application period opens August 1. Applications, resolutions and supporting documents must be received on or before October 1.

While you will notice some enhancements to the application itself, you need to be aware that in an effort to be consistent with other Department of Natural Resources grant procedures, the Authorizing Resolution for Urban Forestry grants will now be *required at the time of application*, since it authorizes submittal of the application on behalf of the applicant. Based on your council's process, *please make arrangements to get this item on their agenda as soon as possible*. In addition, resolutions will only be in effect for the associated grant cycle.

A Microsoft Word version of the sample combined Urban Forestry Grant/Urban Forestry Catastrophic Storm Grant resolution can be found at the Urban Forestry Grant Web Page, <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/urbanforests/grants/index.html>.

Due to the rather short notice on this process change, if there are extenuating circumstances, a *small* grace period may be available. A written exception request, routed through your Urban Forestry Coordinator containing the reason for delay and date the Resolution will arrive by must be received before the application deadline of October 1 to be considered.

In the future, to allow more time, the application period will open at the beginning of July. To prepare, you should consider drafting this resolution on an annual basis as part of your storm recovery plan, or in anticipation of your next Urban Forestry grant application.

Please route any questions to [DNRUrbanForestryGrants@wi.gov](mailto:DNRUrbanForestryGrants@wi.gov).

## Funds for Planting Trees

If your city, village, town, county, or tribe is looking for tree planting funds, American Transmission Company's (ATC) *Grow Smart Tree Planting Program* may be helpful. Communities in 30 of 40 counties in the northern half of the state are eligible. Awards range from \$100 to \$5,000. Applications will be accepted through September 30, 2015.

For more information, see <http://www.atcllc.com/learning-center/trees-and-vegetation/grow-smart/community-planting-program>.

## Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services Funding

The Department of Homeland Security administers the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) program. The AFG Program offers competitive grant funding to fire departments and non-affiliated Emergency Medical Service providers. There are three different funding opportunities that will fund operations and safety, vehicles, and fire prevention activities. Information about each of these opportunities including program guidance documents, frequently asked questions, and the link to the applications can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants>.

# Wisconsin's First Statewide Parcel Map

The Wisconsin Department of Administration and State Cartographer's Office have recently announced the release of the *Version 1 Statewide Parcel Map*, the state's first publically available statewide digital parcel map.

## About Parcel Maps

The first statewide parcel map is one step in improving GIS (geographic information system) in Wisconsin. Parcel maps are one of the most important map layers in GIS today, as they depict land ownership, land use, and the value of property. Because almost every aspect of government and business can be associated with a land parcel, digital parcel data can be used to support economic development, emergency planning and response, natural resource management, and a host of other citizen services.

Maps of all parcels in a community are created and maintained at the local level. The *Version 1 Statewide Parcel Map Database* brings together local parcel data for all 72 of Wisconsin counties into a single database.

The web application, available at [www.sco.wisc.edu](http://www.sco.wisc.edu), provides users with a one-stop web-based mapping interface for browsing the statewide parcel layer.

In addition to the Version 1 Statewide Parcel Map Application, the statewide parcel layer is available for download via ArcGIS Online (as file geodatabase).

## Database Characteristics

The V1 Project is part of a larger Statewide Digital Parcel Map Initiative, a multi-year, DOA initiative that resulted from Act 20, the state's 2013-15 biennial budget. The V1 schema documentation includes detailed information about available parcel attribute information. Attributes contained in the Version 1 database include:

- Assessed value of land
- Assessed value of improvements
- Total assessed value
- Class of property (residential, commercial, manufacturing, agricultural, undeveloped, agricultural forest, productive forest land, other)
- Estimated fair market value
- Total property tax
- Any property address information maintained by the county
- Any acreage information maintained by the county
- Parcel ID
- School district

## Room to Grow!

As this is the first iteration of a statewide parcel layer, there is much room for improvement. To suggest improvements or provide feedback on the ways that you plan to make use of this parcel data, users are encouraged to send comments to [WLIP@wisconsin.gov](mailto:WLIP@wisconsin.gov).

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