

# MEETING NOTICE ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

Place: In Person, Menasha City Center (City Hall) 100 Main Street – Room 133,

Menasha WI 54952 (maps attached - please note alternate route due to Racine

Street construction)

Please contact the East Central Office if you are unable to attend and arrange for an alternate to be present.

#### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order

#### 2. Roll Call

A. Welcome and Introduction of Alternates and Guests

#### 3. Business

- A. Presentation and action on the 2023 Annual Report
- B. Nominating Committee Report
  - 1. Action on 2024-2026 Commission Chair and Vice Chair Nominations
  - 2. Action on 2024-2026 Standing Committee Appointment Structure

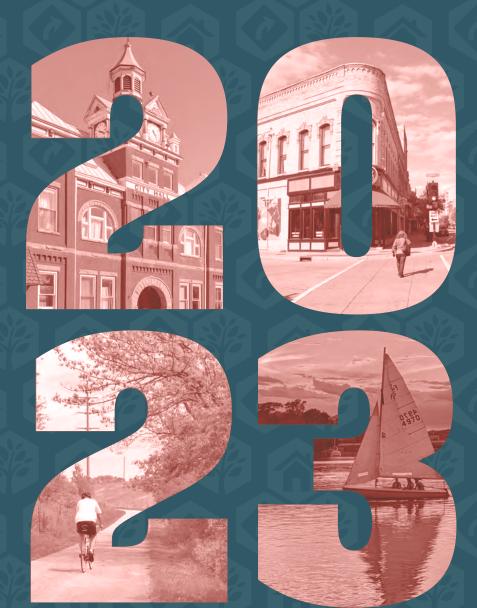
#### 4. Next Meeting

A. **Commission Meeting:** The next Commission Board meeting will be following the Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

#### 5. Adjourn

Any person wishing to attend this meeting or hearing, who, because of a disability, requires special accommodations should contact the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission at (920) 751-4770 at least three business days prior to the meeting or hearing so that arrangements, within reason, can be made.

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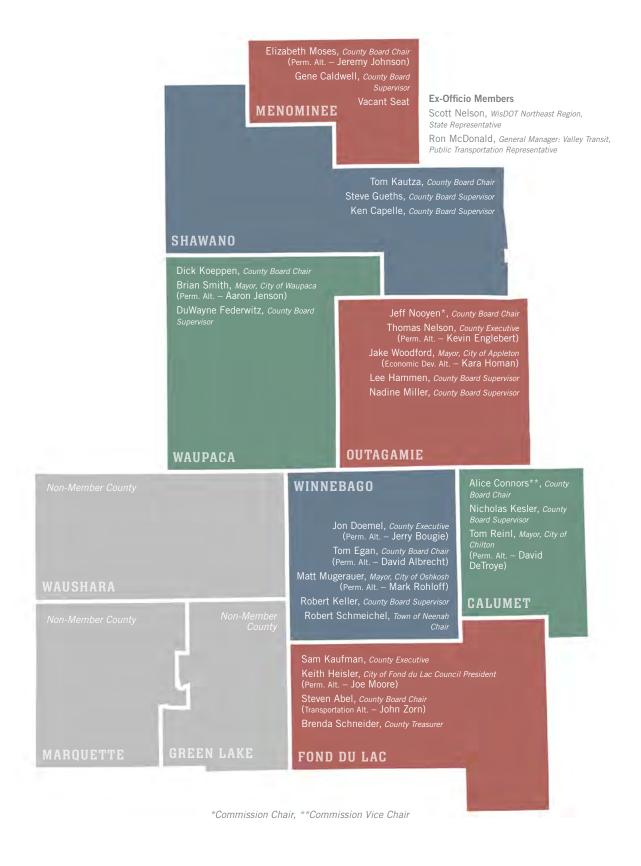


ANNUAL REPORT





### **COUNTIES & COMMISSIONERS**



### LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

To the Community Members and Elected Leaders of the East Central Region:

Over the past year, the Commission has continued to deliver high-quality planning services and support to communities throughout the Region, including several impactful projects in the core program areas.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ► Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Updated
- ► Small Communities Technical Assistance Program – Third Round, Four Communities
- Menominee Indian Tribe Economic Resiliency Project – Supported
- ► Regional Aviation Development Fund Developed

#### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

- ► Fox Cities Sewer Service Area (SSA) Plan update
- SSA conformance reviews, amendments, maintenance
- Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Program administration 5 counties

#### LOCAL CONTRACTS

 City of Chilton Comprehensive Plan Update – On time, under budget

#### RECOGNITION

- ► ECWRPC's Small Community Technical Assistance Program received the "Overcoming Adversity Award" at the Mid-America Economic Development Council Conference
- ► ECWRPC's Equitable Engagement Toolkit and Guidebook received the "Innovation Award" at the American Planning Association - Wisconsin Chapter Conference

#### TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Regional Transportation Program

 Specialized Transportation Coordination Plan Updates – All member counties

Safe Routes to School Program

- ► Eight new participating schools and 25 school action plans completed
- ► Walking school bus, bike rodeo, project RADAR, bike helmet distribution programs
- ► Education campaigns, including development of informational videos

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Administration – Appleton (Fox Cities), Oshkosh, and Fond du Lac

- ► Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) All MPOs
- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)Program All MPOs
- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside ProgramAll MPO's
- ► Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO, Oshkosh MPO
- ► Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Fond du Lac MPO
- Electric Vehicle (EV) Readiness Plan Oshkosh MPO
- Community Connectors Grant Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO College Ave. Corridor

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Chair of East Central Regional Planning Commission during a period of renewed focus on the core program areas which has elevated the quality and value of programs and services being delivered to our member counties. Looking ahead, the Commission is currently working through an independent, objective assessment of its programs and operations with an eye towards continued improvements to build on our collective success as a region.

Sincerely,

Jeff Nooyen, Chair Outagamie County Board Chair



### **COMMISSION HISTORY**

#### TIMELINE

The East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) was created under Executive Order No. 41, issued by Wisconsin Governor Patrick J. Lucey, dated June 29, 1972. This action was taken after the submittal of petitions by the ten counties within the East Central Region pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes §66.945 (now State Statutes § 66.0309). ECWRPC was preceded by two area wide planning agencies; the Fox Valley Council of Governments (FVCOG) and the Northeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NEWRPC). The Fox Valley Council of Governments was formed in 1956 and comprised 15 governmental units in the Appleton-Neenah and Oshkosh urbanized areas. The Northeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission formed in 1962 and was comprised of nine counties encompassing the Wolf River Basin. With the issuance of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Areawide Planning Organization (APO) and Areawide Principal Jurisdiction (APJ) certification requirements in July, 1970, these two agencies were dissolved and replaced by ECWRPC. The three northern counties of NEWRPC were removed from the region and Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, and Marquette Counties were added. The Commission continues to provide planning services and programs serving member Counties in Northeastern Wisconsin.



1956 Fox Valley Council of Governments



1962 Northeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission



1972
East Central Wisconsin
Regional Planning Commission

# COMMISSION OVERVIEW

#### WHAT WE DO

The Commission was established to promote intergovernmental cooperation, regional planning, and a vision for the future. In addition, the Commission serves as the coordinating organization between federal, state, and local governments for the region. The Commission assists local units of government on issues that occur at a regional level and the Commission staff provides technical assistance, support, and services directly to individual units of government.

Over the past three years, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission has focused on developing the core program areas of Economic Development, Transportation, Regional Comprehensive Planning, and Environmental Management.

#### CORE PROGRAM AREAS

- ► Regional Comprehensive Plan
- ► Economic Development Program
- ► Environmental Management Program
- ► Transportation Program

#### ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- ▶ Water Quality Management
- ► NR-135 Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Program
- ► GIS Data Analysis and Visualization
- Local Contracts



#### **OUR MISSION**

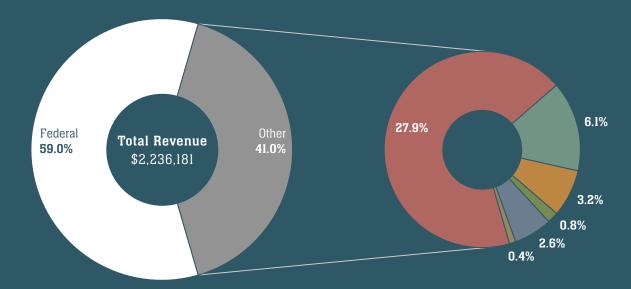
East Central builds relationships and cooperative, visionary growth strategies to keep our region beautiful, healthy, and prosperous.



#### **OUR VISION**

East Central effectively and efficiently develops, administers, and implements valued planning programs at the regional and local level, enhancing our communities' quality of life.

#### 2023 OPERATING REVENUE SOURCES



- Federal Grants | \$1,318,871 | **59.0%**
- **County Levy** | \$625,000 | **27.9**%
- NR-135 Program | \$136,355 | 6.1%
- State Grants | \$71,514 | 3.2%

- **Local Grants** | \$16,940 | **0.8**%
- Local Contracts | \$58,026 | 2.6%
- Public Charges for Services | \$9,475 | 0.4%

### **COMMISSION FINANCIALS**

# AUDITED STATEMENT OF NET POSITION, 2023

Total Assets **\$1,155,864** 

**Deferred Outflows** 

Pension and OPEB \$1,300,477

Total Liabilities \$569,525

Deferred Inflows

Pension and OPEB \$821,562

Total Net Position \$1.065.254

#### AUDITED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION, 2023

Total Operating Revenues \$2,236,181
Total Operating Expenses \$2,316,893

Operating Income (\$80,712)

Total Non-Operating

Revenue **\$20,978** 

Net Position-01/01/2023 **\$1,124,988** 

Net Position-12/31/2023 \$1,065,254

Change in Net Position (\$59,734)

# STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Alice Connors - Vice Chair Steven Abel Jeremy Johnson (Perm Alt) for Elizabeth Moses Jeff Nooyen - Chair Tom Kautza Dick Koeppen David Albrecht (Perm Alt) for Tom Egan Calumet County
Fond du Lac County
Menominee County
Outagamie County
Shawano County
Waupaca County
Winnebago County

#### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

David DeTroye (Perm Alt) for Tom Reinl Brenda Schneider - Vice Chair Jeremy Johnson (Perm Alt) for Elizabeth Moses Jeff Nooyen Kevin Englebert - Chair (Perm Alt) for Thomas Nelson Ken Capelle Aaron Jenson (Perm Alt) for Brian Smith David Albrecht (Perm Alt) for Tom Egan Bob Schmeichel Calumet County
Fond du Lac County
Menominee County
Outagamie County
Outagamie County
Shawano County
Waupaca County
Winnebago County
Winnebago County

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Alice Connors - Chair
Sam Kaufmann
Gene Caldwell
Kara Homan (Economic Dev Alt) for Jake Woodford
Nadine Miller
DuWayne Federwitz
Steve Gueths
Jerry Bougie - Vice Chair (Perm Alt) for Jon Doemel
Mark Rohloff - (Perm Alt) for Matt Mugerauer

Calumet County
Fond du Lac County
Menominee County
Outagamie County
Outagamie County
Shawano County
Waupaca County
Winnebago County
Winnebago County

#### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Nick Kesler
John Zorn (Transportation Alt) for Steven Abel
Joe Moore (Perm Alt) for Keith Heisler
Vacant
Lee Hammen - Vice Chair
Tom Kautza
Dick Koeppen
Robert Keller - Chair
Ronald McDonald
Nick Weber

Calumet County
Fond du Lac County
Fond du Lac County
Menominee County
Outagamie County
Shawano County
Waupaca County
Winnebago County
Valley Transit Rep.
WisDOT Rep.



### STATE OF THE REGION



\*10 County Region Source: ESRI Business Analyst 2023



## GIS ANALYSIS & VISUALIZATION

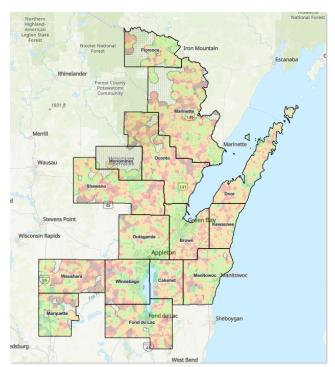
#### PROGRAM BACKGROUND

ECWRPC staff use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to locate, analyze, and visualize planning data. The ECWRPC GIS team also maintains three online GIS Hubs for public use. The Economic Development Hub, Transportation Hub, and Water Quality Hub have many tools available for users to explore regional datasets, as well as build their own maps.



#### BROADBAND MAPPING

High-speed internet access is needed to fully engage in the economy, and it helps ensure public safety and health in local communities. Despite this need, many people lack broadband access, especially in rural areas. In 2023, ECWRPC GIS staff worked closely with New North, Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, Neverman Consulting, and regional counties to develop the New North Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Hub. This project was funded through a BEAD Local Planning Grant from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. The BEAD Hub displays geospatial datasets that are important to planning for broadband internet expansion, such as broadband speeds, environmental factors, critical infrastructure, population, and housing.



#### 3-D MODELING AND VISUALIZATION

ECWRPC is committed to remaining on the forefront of GIS technology. In 2023, staff utilized GIS to design 3-D models and animated flythroughs for transportation planning projects. As shown in the photo to the right, staff modeled County Highway N reconstruction efforts for Outagamie County.





## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

#### PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is designated as an Economic Development District (EDD) by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). This designation provides funding to carry out regional Economic Development activities, which included several major items in 2023. In 2023, staff applied to the non-competitive 2024 – 2026 Partnership Planning Assistant Grant. This three-year grant is the primary funding source for the ECWRPC Economic Development Program.

# COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

With the last major update occurring in 2018, staff diligently worked over the course of the last year to produce the 2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which is required by EDA to have a major update every five years.

Major Goals in the CEDS include:

- Access to housing and quality of life amenities for all
- Promote regional innovation and collaboration that supports a thriving and resilient business environment
- Sustain and expand regional physical infrastructure, assets, and amenities
- Cultivate organizational capacity within the public, non-profit, and private sectors to strengthen the resiliency of the regional economy and advance an exceptional quality of life

# DISASTER RECOVERY AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY PLAN

The Disaster Recovery and Economic Resiliency Plan evaluates the economic impact of the pandemic on key sectors of the regional economy. The plan is comprised of an inventory of economic data between 2015 and 2021 for the East Central region, its ten counties, and all NAICS 2-code sectors to identify a baseline of the regional economy prior to the pandemic. In addition, it includes commentary from stakeholders interviewed in 2021 to provide additional context on the impacts to key sectors of the regional economy during the pandemic.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HUB

Staff continued to make updates to the Economic Development Hub throughout 2023. The Hub is a key online repository for the ECWRPC Economic Development Program that is used to highlight regional initiatives, display economic development data, and host important documents and reports. Vital to guiding effective decisions, ECWRPC staff also compiled data reports for 9 different entities throughout the region.

#### COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT

Staff continued to participate on the Advisory Group for the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin Economic Resiliency Plan. Awarded by EDA, this plan will serve to enhance the economic resiliency and recovery of the Tribe and County following the pandemic. This plan, in addition to other Tribal, USDA, and EDA initiatives, was discussed on September 19th during the Greater Menominee Rural Partners Network Discussion.



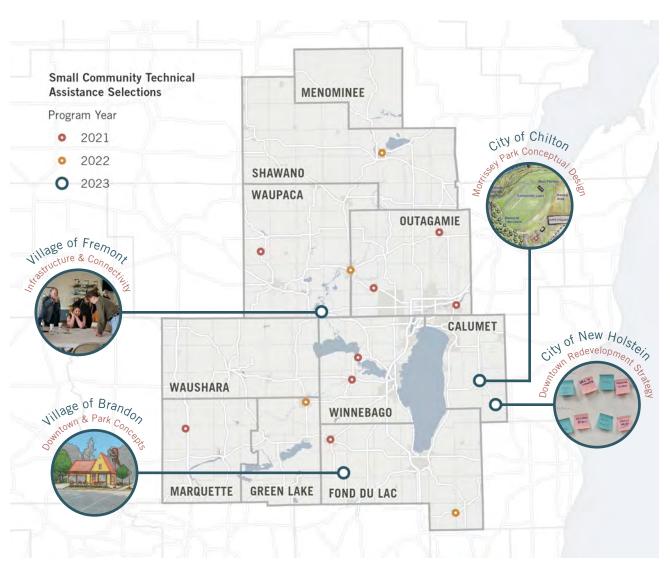
# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

# SMALL COMMUNITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Partnering with Ayres Associates, ECWRPC provided free technical assistance workshops to four communities in our region in 2023. A competitive application for technical assistance was released in August with four communities selected to receive assistance in October.

Following the workshops, a final report was provided by Ayres that documented the results and gave recommendations. This assistance concluded the third year of the program with assistance provided to 16 total communities across the ECWRPC region.

#### 2023 PROGRAM SELECTIONS



# **URBAN TRANSPORTATION**

#### TRANSIT PLANNING

ECWRPC staff, on behalf of GO Transit, contracted with SRF Consulting to conduct an update to their Transit Development Plan. The project kicked off on May 2023 and is expected to conclude in April 2024.

ECWRPC staff, Valley Transit, and the City of Neenah worked with SRF Consulting on two studies: a ridership and fare survey for Valley Transit and a study to examine potential locations for the City of Neenah's transfer center. This yearlong project was completed in September 2023.

#### TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL

ECWRPC manages the Northeast Region Travel Demand Model (NERTDM) to predict traffic behavior with a data driven approach. The NERTDM is used to analyze the composition of traffic, purpose of travel, peak hour usage, and origin-destination linkages.

# TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

In coordination with WisDOT Northeast Region, ECWRPC develops the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which includes all anticipated federal and state aids for transportation projects in the urbanized area, as a prerequisite for federal funding approval.

# COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN

The ECWRPC Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) is a safety action plan developed for the Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO, the Oshkosh MPO, and the municipalities within the MPOs. The document is designed to satisfy the action plan requirements of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program, a federal discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over five years (2022-2026).

#### URBAN TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AWARDED IN 2023

Project Description	MPO	Program	Federal Funds
Leonard Point Rd Reconstruction (Town of Algoma)	Oshkosh	STBG-U	\$4,152,708
CTH VV/Pioneer Rd Reconstruction (Fond du Lac County)	Fond du Lac	STBG-U	\$3,060,444
Lawe St Reconstruction (Appleton)	Appleton/Fox Cities	STBG-U	\$2,997,650
Shady Ln Reconstruction (Fox Crossing)	Appleton/Fox Cities	STBG-U	\$1,907,196
Marcella St/Kennedy Ave Multimodal Trail Project (Kimberly)	Appleton/Fox Cities	TA Set-Aside	\$682,318
Eisenhower Dr Multimodal Trail (Buchanan)	Appleton/Fox Cities	TA Set-Aside	\$643,641
STH 96/W Wisconsin Ave Sidewalk (Grand Chute)	Appleton/Fox Cities	TA Set-Aside	\$409,625
High Cliff State Trail Corridor Feasibility Study: Local Roads (Harrison)	Appleton/Fox Cities	TA Set-Aside	\$65,600
High Cliff State Trail Corridor Feasibility Study: STH 114 (Menasha)	Appleton/Fox Cities	TA Set-Aside	\$48,000
LED Street Lighting Conversion (Kaukauna and Menasha)	Appleton/Fox Cities	Carbon Reduction	\$421,706
Smart Arrow Boards and PCMS (Outagamie County)	Appleton/Fox Cities	Carbon Reduction	\$36,000





### **URBAN TRANSPORTATION**

# COLLEGE AVENUE CORRIDOR PROJECT

ECWRPC partnered with Outagamie County
Development & Land Services Department to
apply for the Community Connectors Grant
Program and was selected as one of 15 teams
from across the country as the inaugural
cohort for this program. This grant program
is supported by the Robert Wood Johnson
Foundation and Smart Growth America in
collaboration with Equitable Cities, the New
Urban Mobility Alliance, and America Walks. The
program helps advance locally driven projects to
reconnect communities separated or harmed by
transportation infrastructure and tap available
federal and state funds to support them.

The team's project focus is the College Avenue Corridor from Mall Drive to Richmond Street in Grand Chute and Appleton. The Core Team consists of Outagamie County, ECWRPC, Town of Grand Chute, City of Appleton, Appleton Area School District, Fox Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau, WisDOT, and the Boys and Girls Club of the Fox Valley. Partner Organizations include ECWRPC Safe Routes to School, Appleton COTS, Pillars, Inc., Valley Transit, Appleton International Airport, and Outagamie County Public Health Division. Members of the team attended a convening in Atlanta, GA, November 13 -15, 2023 to kick off the project.











### **RURAL TRANSPORTATION**

# SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PLANS

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning
Commission facilitated the process to update
the Specialized Transportation Coordination Plan
for each of its seven member counties (<u>Calumet</u>,
<u>Fond du Lac</u>, <u>Menominee</u>, <u>Outagamie</u>, <u>Shawano</u>,
<u>Waupaca</u>, and <u>Winnebago</u>). These plans are
required to be updated every five years to remain
eligible for certain federal and state funding
sources. The particular funding pool that this
plan connects to offers financial assistance for
the purpose of providing transportation services
for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Public involvement was a major focus and included examining existing transportation options, setting goals, and prioritizing action items. ECWRPC developed and released a survey and held a public participation session in each county to actively gather this public input. The Specialized Transportation Coordination Plan process began in the summer of 2023 and concluded with adoption in October 2023.



#### PASER STUDIES

ECWRPC staff assisted the Town of Auburn and Town of Empire in Fond du Lac County to update the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) scores on all local roadways. Towns are requested by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) to update their local road ratings every two years. Staff utilized GIS and technical expertise to complete a comprehensive inventory and evaluation of roadways in these townships. This data was then entered into the Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads (WISLR) on behalf of the town to complete the required update.

#### SMALL URBAN AREAS

ECWRPC staff worked with local communities in 2023 to update the small urban area boundaries for New London, Ripon, Shawano-Cecil, and Waupaca. An urban area has a population of at least 5,000 and less than 50,000 people. These boundaries are updated every 10 years to reflect land use and population changes determined by the decennial Census. The urban area boundaries are then used to summarize and report Census data, as well as update the functional classification of the area's roadways.



### ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

#### FOND DU LAC MPO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN

East Central staff kicked off the Fond du Lac MPO Bicvcle and Pedestrian Plan in June 2023. This plan involved the six E's of active transportation planning: Education, Engagement, Encourage, Engineering, Evaluation, and Equity. With insight from an advisory group, online and in-person community engagement, and meetings with stakeholders, a draft plan was developed in December 2023.

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOOLKIT AND GUIDEBOOK

The Equitable Engagement Toolkit and Guidebook was adopted by the Commission in January 2023. This guidebook provides best-practice resources for ECWRPC staff and communities to engage community members, with an emphasis on engaging historically underserved populations, throughout the planning process. In September 2023, the Equitable Engagement Toolkit and Guidebook received an award from the American Planning Association Wisconsin Chapter for Innovations in Planning.

#### HIGH CLIFF CONNECTION

In March 2023, ECWRPC staff and partners were invited to speak about the High Cliff Connection project to the Wisconsin Legislative Trails Caucus. This was an opportunity to highlight this planned active transportation concept to state elected officials.





While ECWRPC staff remain involved in the core team for this project, it is under leadership of a Trail Coordinator, who was hired by the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region (CFFVR) in January of 2023. The Trail Coordinator, Lynda Fink of Trail Strategies, LLC, will be working with communities on planning efforts, including conducting continued studies and securing funding. A generous \$2M donation was made by the David and Rita Nelson Family Fund within the CFFVR toward this project, and these funds may be used as leverage for additional funding to make this connection a reality.





25

school action plans were completed.



174

schools participated in one day events encouraging walking & bicycling to school.



759

helmets were distributed throughout our service area during community events.



907

elementary aged students attended our bike rodeos.



# SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

#### PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The East Central Wisconsin Regional <u>Safe Routes</u> to <u>School program</u> is dedicated to increasing education and awareness of the benefits of walking and bicycling to students in K-12 schools. By starting with children and trips to school, communities become safe places for everyone to walk and bike. Safe Routes to School programs and initiatives help ease congestion and air pollution, reduce our reliance on cars, strengthen community connections and contribute to students' readiness to learn in school.

#### **PARTNERSHIPS**

Notably, in 2023, eight new schools participated in Safe Routes to School programs and initiatives.

The Safe Routes to School team also worked with Marshfield Clinic, Department of Children and Families, and the Wisconsin Afterschool Network to make short informational videos related to the Walking School Bus program and other alternatives to vehicle travel.





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Sanitary Sewer
Extension Reviews



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Private Sanitary Lateral Reviews



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Preliminary Certified Survey Map Review



] SSA Amendment

Review



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Facility Plan Reviews



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Mainline

Replacements



### WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

#### PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The State of Wisconsin's Areawide Water Quality Management Planning (AWQMP)
Program is authorized under chapter NR-121
Wisconsin Administrative Code. The purpose of the program is to evaluate various means of achieving water quality goals and standards set forth in the 1972 amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, commonly known as the Clean Water Act.

Sewer Service Area (SSA) Planning is one component of the AWQMP. ECWRPC administers the SSA Planning Program under a contract agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). Sewer Service Area Plans are prepared to identify areas where public sanitary sewer service could be provided in a cost effective and environmentally sound manner. Each SSA Plan maps out Environmentally Sensitive Areas such as streams, floodplains, wetlands, and other locations where sewer service is excluded to protect the community from adverse water quality impacts.

Administration activities include reviewing sanitary sewer extension and private sanitary lateral requests for conformance with SSA Plans, processing sewer service area amendment requests, conducting subdivision plat reviews, and maintaining twenty-five SSA Plans throughout the Region.

#### FOX CITIES SSA PLAN UPDATE

In 2023, East Central Regional Plan Commission updated the Fox Cities Sewer Service Area Plan for 2040. The Fox Cities region is comprised of four sewer service areas including the Appleton SSA, Fox West SSA, Heart of the Valley SSA, and Neenah-Menasha SSA. Twenty-two municipalities were engaged and effected by the 2040 Fox Cities Sewer Service Area Plan update as well as various other stakeholders and agencies.





### NR-135 NON-METALLIC MINING

#### PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The NR-135 Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Program was established in December of 2000 with the goal of providing a framework for statewide regulation of non-metallic mining reclamation. This is accomplished by establishing uniform reclamation standards and requiring counties to adopt a reclamation ordinance capable of ensuring compliance with these standards. ECWRPC administers these ordinances on behalf of Calumet, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca and Winnebago counties.

Administration activities for the program include:

- ► Reclamation plan reviews, permit approvals
- ► Site inspections
- Operator and WDNR annual reporting
- Operator financial assurance requirements
- Certification of completed reclamation activities

#### QUARTERLY UPDATES

The NR-135 program is self-funded exclusively by mine operators based on the amount of acreage considered active for each mine. The acreage fees are reviewed annually to cover the cost to administer the program. The budget is then reviewed annually by county staff and included in East Central's Work Program and Budget. The Commission met with the County planning directors throughout 2023 and provided quarterly updates to the counties to ensure operator compliance with the ordinance.

#### UAV FLIGHTS

ECWRPC staff continued to improve the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) technology in 2023. The UAV program enables staff to view up-to-date site imagery, create 2D and 3D images, track site changes, calculate topsoil and overburden volumes, and generate final reclamation documentation.

#### 2023 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

County	# of Sites	Active Acres	Reserve Acres	Reclaimed Acres	UAV Flights
Calumet	20	522	736	0	9
Outagamie	45	1,354	1,641	13	8
Shawano	45	646	883	7	7
Waupaca	44	685	1,382	11	5
Winnebago	41	971	1,157	13	4
Total	195	4,178	5,799	44	33

### **COMMISSION STAFF**



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Executive Director



Craig Moser Deputy

Director

Sara
Otting
Controller



Leann
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Administrative
Coordinator



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GIS Manager



Tim Badtke

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**TO:** Nominating Committee

FROM: Mark Rohloff, Chair of the Nominating Committee

**DATE:** May 9, 2024

**RE:** Appointments of the 2024-2026 Commission Chair, Vice Chair and Standing

Committee Appointments

#### 2024-2026 Commission Chair and Vice Chair

The Nominating Committee met on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 and Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to discuss the appointments of the Commission Chair, Vice Chair and the Standing Committee Appointments.

The Nominating Committee reviewed and discussed the 2024-2026 Commission Chair and Vice Chair. The Committee had two nominations for the Commission Chair and the Committee nominated Alice Connors, Calumet County, as the Chair of the Commission for 2024-2026. Jeremy Johnson, Menominee County, was nominated as the 2024-2026 Vice Chair of the Commission.

**Nominating Committee Recommendation:** The Nominating Committee recommends the approval of Alice Connors, Calumet County, for the 2024-2026 Commission Chair and Jeremy Johnson, Menominee County, Vice Chair. They will serve for a two year term as noted in the Commission's bylaws.

#### **2024-2026 Standing Committee Appointments**

The Nominating Committee reviewed and discussed the Standing Committee Appointments. Standing Committee Appointments were discussed for the following Committees of the Commission:

- Executive Committee
- Economic Development Committee
- Environmental Management Committee
- Transportation Committee
- Regional Aviation Development Committee

The Committee approved the 2024-2026 Standing Committee appointments as presented in the attached table.

**Nominating Committee Recommendation:** The Nominating Committee recommends the approval of the Standing Committee Appointments as presented.

Table 1: 2024 - 2026 Commission Board Appointments						
Member County	Populati on 2010**	Populati on 2020 **		Name	ECWRPC Term Expires	Office Term Expires
Calumet County	48,971	52,442	County Board Chair	Alice Connors	April, 2026	April, 2026
			County Board Supervisor	Nick Kesler	April, 2026	April, 2026
			Mayor of the Largest City - Chilton	Tom Reinl / Perm Alt. David DeTroye	April, 2026	April, 2026
Fond du Lac County	101,633	104,154	County Executive	Sam Kaufman	April, 2025	April, 2025
			County Board Chair	Steve Abel /Perm Alt. Dean Will	April, 2026	April, 2026
			County Board Appt. #1	Brenda Schneider		April, 2026
			Mayor of the Largest City - Fond du Lac	(Council Pres) Tiffany Brault/Perm Alt Joe Moore		April, 2026
Menominee County*	4,232	4,255	County Board Chair	Elizabeth Moses / Alt. Jeremy Johnson	April, 2025	April, 2025
			County Board Supervisor	Denise Gilane		April, 2025
			County Board Appt. #1	Gene Caldwell	April, 2025	April, 2025
Outagamie County	176,695		County Executive	Thomas Nelson / Perm Alt. Kevin Englebert		April, 2027
			County Board Chair	Dan Gabrielson		
		190,705	County Board Appt. #1	Karen Lawrence		April, 2026
			County Board Appt. #2	Lee Hammen		April, 2026
			Mayor of the Largest City - Appleton	Jake Woodford	April, 2026	April, 2028
	41,949	40,881	County Board Chair	Tom Kautza		April, 2026
Shawano County			County Board Supervisor	Ken Capelle	April, 2026	April, 2026
			County Board Appt. #1	Matt Pleshek	April, 2026	April, 2026
	52,410	51,812	County Board Chair	Dave Morack		April, 2026
Waupaca County			County Board Supervisor	DuWayne Federwitz		April, 2026
			Mayor of the Largest City - Waupaca	Brian Smith /Perm Alt. Aaron Jenson	April, 2026	April, 2026
Winnebago County	166,994	171,730	County Executive	Jon Doemel / Perm Alt. Jerry Bougie		April, 2025
			County Board Chair	Tom Egan / Perm Alt. Nate Gustafson		April, 2026
			County Board Appt. #1	Austin Hammond		April, 2026
			County Board Appt. #2	Bob Schmeichel		April, 2025
			Mayor of the Largest City - Oshkosh	Matt Mugerauer / Perm Alt. Mark Roloff		April, 2025
Ex-Officio Members	NA	NA	Valley Transit Manager	Ron McDonald	April, 2026	NA
Ex officio moniporo			WisDOT - NE Region - Green Bay	Scott Nelson/Nick Weber	April, 2026	NA

<sup>\*</sup>Menominee County elections fall on the odd numbered years (i.e. 2023)

<sup>\*\*</sup>Population Data provided by the 2010 and 2020 U.S. Census.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Per the Commission's By-laws, once a member County reaches 50,000 in population the Mayor of the largest City serves on the Commission Board. For every 50,000 in population thereafter the member

Table 2: PROPOSED 2024 2026 ECWRPC Commission Committee Appointments						
Standing Committee	Committee Member Number	County	Appointment Position	Name		
Executive Committee	Committee member #1	Calumet County	County Bd Chair	Alice Connors		
	Committee member #2	Fond du Lac County	County Bd Chair	Steve Abel / Perm Alt. Dean Will		
	Committee member #3	Menominee County	County Bd Chair	Elizabeth Moses / Perm Alt. Jeremy Johnson		
	Committee member #4	Outagamie County	County Bd Chair	Dan Gabrielson		
	Committee member #5	Shawano County	County Bd Chair	Tom Kautza		
	Committee member #6	Waupaca County	County Bd Chair	Dave Morack		
	Committee member #7	Winnebago County	County Bd Chair	Tom Egan / Perm Alt. Nate Gustafson		
	Committee member #1	Calumet County	Mayor of Largest City - Chilton	Tom Reinl / Perm Alt. David DeTroye		
	Committee member #2	Fond du Lac County	County Board Appt. #1	Brenda Schneider		
	Committee member #3	Menominee County	County Board Chair	Elizabeth Moses / Perm Alt. Jeremy Johnson		
F	Committee member #4	Outagamie County	County Board Chair	Dan Gabrielson		
Environmental  Management Committee	Committee member #5	Outagamie County	County Executive	Thomas Nelson / Perm Alt. Kevin Englebert		
Management Committee	Committee member #6	Shawano County	County Bd. Appt.	Matt Pleshek		
	Committee member #7	Waupaca County	Mayor of the Largest City - Waupaca	Brian Smith / Perm Alt. Aaron Jenson		
	Committee member #8	Winnebago County	County Board Chair	Tom Egan / Perm Alt. Nate Gustafson		
	Committee member #9	Winnebago County	County Board Appt #2	Bob Schmeichel		
	Committee member #1	Calumet County	County Board Chair	Alice Connors		
	Committee member #2	Fond du Lac County	County Executive	Sam Kaufman		
	Committee member #3	Outagamie County	Mayor of Largest City - Appleton	Jake Woodford / EDC Alt.Kara Homan		
l	Committee member #4	Outagamie County	County Board Appt. #1	Karen Lawrence		
Economic Development Committee	Committee member #5	Menominee County	County Board Supervisor	Gene Caldwell		
Committee	Committee member #6	Waupaca County	County Board Supervisor	DuWayne Federwitz		
	Committee member #7	Shawano County	County Board Supervisor	Ken Capelle		
	Committee member #8	Winnebago County	County Executive	Jon Doemel / Perm Alt. Jerry Bougie		
	Committee member #9	Winnebago County	Mayor of Largest City - Oshkosh	Matt Mugerauer / Perm Alt. Mark Rohloff		
	Committee member #1	Calumet County*	County Board Supervisor	Nick Kesler		
	Committee member #2	Fond du Lac County*	County Board Chair	Steve Abel / Perm Alt. Dean Will		
	Committee member #3	Fond du Lac County	City Council President	Tiffany Brault / Perm Alt. Joe Moore		
Transportation Committee	Committee member #4	Menominee County	County Bd. Appt.	Denise Gilane		
*County contains a portion	Committee member #5	Outagamie County*	County Board Appt. #2	Lee Hammen		
of a Metropolitan Planning	Committee member #6	Shawano County	County Board Chair	Tom Kautza		
Area	Committee member #7	Waupaca County	County Board Chair	Dave Morack		
	Committee member #8	Winnebago County*	County Board Appt. #1	Austin Hammond		
	Committee member #9	Ex Officio	Valley Transit	Ronald McDonald		
	Committee member #10	Ex Officio	WisDOT-NE Region	Scott Nelson / Nick Weber		
Special Committee	Committee Member Number	County/Organization	Appointment Position	Name		
	Committee member #1		Executive Committee Rep	Alice Connors		
<b> </b>	Committee member #2		Economic Development Committee Rep	Matt Mugerauer / Perm Alt. Mark Rohloff		
	Committee member #3		Transportation Committee Rep	Dave Morack		
	Committee member #4	Outagamie County	Outagamie Commissioner	Thomas Nelson / Perm Alt. Kevin Englebert		
Regional Aviation  Development Fund	Committee member #5		Business Community Rep	Gena Miller, Menasha Packaging		
Committee	Committee member #6	Air Wisconsin	Airport/Aviation Community Rep	Rob Binns, Air Wisconsin		
Committee	Committee member #7		Travel/Tourism Community Rep	Chip Juedes, Fox World Travel		
	Committee member #8	Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)	Appleton Airport Director	Abe Weber		
	Committee member #9	Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)	CVB/Tourism/Economic Development Rep	Pam Seidl		
			ECWRPC Executive Director			