

STATUS REPORT ON THE WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PLANNING GRANT APPLICATIONS

The review of the 26 applications for Waterfront Revitalization Planning Grants has not yet been completed. In addition to receiving far more applications than expected, the timely completion of the reviews has been interrupted by the need for staff to address flood relief issues. However, every effort is being made to complete the reviews by the end of the month.

The proposals received are for a variety of projects and nearly all types of “waterfronts” are targeted for revitalization, including inland lake shorelines, river shorelines and shorelines of communities on the Great Lakes. The quality of the applications reviewed to date is going to make it difficult to arrive at a funding plan since all proposals appear meritorious. More than \$500,000 of planning funds are requested, far in excess of the \$200,000 allocated to the initiative. The likelihood of additional funds being added to the original allocation is slim given the anticipated demand for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) assistance for flood disaster recovery efforts. CDBG funds will also be the source for planning grant awards.

Your patience in waiting for the award announcements is much appreciated. If you have further questions or concerns, please email us at **COMMERCEWWI@Wisconsin.gov**