

## **NCWRPC Annual Report**

The NCWRPC is a regional planning and economic development agency, which provides assistance to local governments throughout a ten county region. It was created in 1973 under Wisconsin Statute 66.0309 as a voluntary association of governments for the purposes of preparing a plan for the development of the region, to conduct research and serve as a data center, to serve as a forum for intergovernmental cooperation and to provide local assistance. The NCWRPC provides assistance to member units of government in the following areas: economic development, geographic information systems (GIS), intergovernmental coordination, land use planning, and transportation.

### **Recent Local Efforts:**

- Prepared Lincoln County Specialized Transit Study
- Provided assistance to Merrill and Tomahawk with various planning projects.
- Approved Technology Zone Tax Credits for Northland Stainless Steel and Daigle Brothers projects.
- WISLR Assistance for City of Tomahawk and Towns of Harding & Tomahawk
- Assisted preparation of Commerce grant application for Lincoln County EDC

### **Recent Regional Efforts:**

- Prepared Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)...to maintain the Region's Economic Development District designation, as defined by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA).
- Provided assistance to the formation of the Northeast Wisconsin Communication (NEWCOM) organization. This group focuses on the issue of radio and other communication operability among 18 counties. A state grant was secured for an initial assessment and implementation has begun.
- Provided assistance to the GROW NORTH Economic Development Group to promote economic growth in Lincoln, Forest, Langlade, Oneida and Vilas Counties.
- Provided staff assistance to the North Central Advantage Technology Zone...to administer the State's tax credit program for the Region.
- Provided staff assistance to the North Central Wisconsin Development Corporation (NCWDC)...to manage a regional revolving loan fund.
- Maintained and developed Regional Mapping Information for the ten county Region.

- Prepared NCWRPC NEWS, the NCWRPC's quarterly Newsletter, and distribute to over 1,100 interested parties, including all county board members.
- Maintained Census Data, Socioeconomic Information and Planning Library.

The North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission prepares and publishes several planning reports each year. A list of reports is available at the NCWRPC Office. The NCWRPC also publishes a quarterly Newsletter, NCWRPC NEWS, which is sent to all county supervisors, chief-elected officials, clerks and many other interested parties throughout the region, state and nation.

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