



Attachment A



Overview of SEWRPC Organization and Work Program




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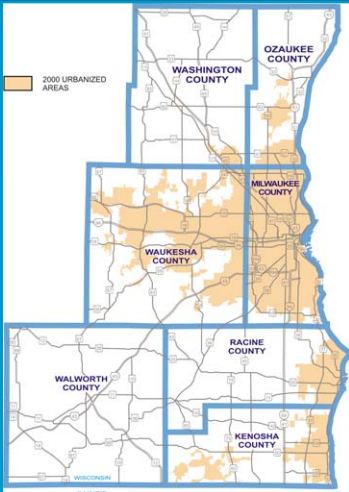
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SEWRPC Reason for Being

- Need to maintain a governmental agency with a geography large enough to address many developmental and environmental problems
- Governor ordered creation in 1960 after being petitioned by the seven county boards (predates any Federal mandates)
- Advisory planning body—cannot make anything happen
- Assignment of Federally required functions
 - Transportation (MPO)
 - Air Quality
 - Water Quality



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SEWRPC Region

- Seven counties
 - Kenosha
 - Milwaukee
 - Ozaukee
 - Racine
 - Walworth
 - Washington
 - Waukesha
- Area: 2,689 square miles; 5% of State
- Population: 1.97 million persons; 36% of State
- Employment: 1.19 million jobs; 36% of State
- Wealth: \$145.4 billion equalized valuation; 37% of State
- 154 general purpose units of government
 - 7 counties
 - 29 cities
 - 57 villages
 - 61 towns
- School districts, utility districts, sewerage districts, sanitary districts, lake management districts



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SEWRPC Governance and Operational Culture

- Commission consists of 21 members
 - Three from each of seven counties
 - One appointed by county board; by custom a county supervisor
 - Two appointed by Governor, one from a county board supplied list; can be local elected officials or private sector representatives
- Advisory Committees
 - Direct involvement of public officials, agency representatives, and private citizens
 - Committees tend to be program based; e.g. Advisory Committee on Regional Transportation System Planning
 - Are responsible for reviewing much of the Commission's work
 - Consensus-based recommendations to Commission
 - Commission rarely rejects or modifies advisory committee positions

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SEWRPC Statutory Charge / Functions

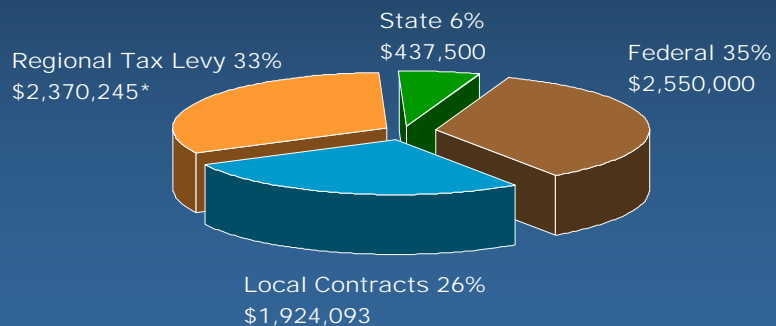
- Data collection, analysis, and dissemination
 - Uniform, areawide basis
 - Share with public and private sectors
 - Data alone can contribute to better decisions
- Framework of long range, areawide plans for physical development of Region
 - Mandated by State law
 - Land use most basic element
 - Transportation, utility, and facility elements
 - Environmental protection elements
- Provide a center to coordinate day-to-day planning activities
 - Integrate regional and local plans
 - Promote regional plan implementation
 - Facilitate intergovernmental discussions

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SEWRPC Funding Sources

- 2007 Budget Revenues: \$7,281,838



*By law, This sum is apportioned to each county based upon that county's Proportion of the total equalized value of the Region

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SEWRPC Work Program

- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
 - Federally recognized with requirements
 - Forecasts of growth and change
 - Regional land use plan
 - Regional transportation plan (highways, transit, bicycle/pedestrian, system management)
 - Relationships to State air quality plan
 - RTA support
 - Short-range subarea transit planning support
 - Project oriented plan implementation support

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SEWRPC Work Program—continued

- Environmental Planning
 - Water quality planning
 - Flood hazard mapping and flood mitigation
 - Lake management
 - Sewer service areas
 - Water supply planning
 - Natural areas planning

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SEWRPC Work Program—continued

- Telecommunications Planning
- Housing Planning
- County and Local Government Support
 - Orthophotography and mapping
 - “Smart Growth” Planning
 - Zoning and subdivision ordinances
 - County Surveyor consortium
 - Program administration (loan funds, floodplain buyouts)
 - Field activities (wetlands, streams)
 - Shared staff

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SEWRPC Staff

- Staff Size
 - 66 full-time employees
 - Part-time help
 - Consultants
- Staff Categories
 - 42 Professional
 - 30 Technical
 - 8 Clerical and Administrative
- Staff Skills and Disciplines
 - Planning and zoning
 - Transportation planning and engineering
 - Transit planning and operations
 - Traffic engineering and impact analysis
 - Airport planning
 - Hydrology
 - Hydraulic engineering
 - Civil and sanitary engineering
 - Surveying and mapping
 - Survey research
 - Public administration
 - Landscape architecture
 - Limnology
 - Biology and plant ecology
 - Soil science
 - Economics
 - Demography
 - Aquatic ecology

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SEWRPC's Role in the Public Works Development Process (Using Highways as an Example)

| <u>Process Step</u> | <u>Primary Responsibility</u> | <u>Step Characteristics</u> | <u>Outcome</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| System Planning | SEWRPC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem definition • Objectives and standards • Areawide perspective • Analysis is comprehensive in nature • Evaluation of broad range of alternatives | Selection of a recommended system plan with broad estimate of impacts and costs |
| Preliminary Engineering | WisDOT Counties Municipalities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refines and details the project recommended in system plan • Local, focused perspective • Analysis narrowly confined • Evaluation of narrow set of alternatives that are variations of the recommended solution | Project plan with detailed impact analysis and costs suitable for decision-making |

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SEWRPC's Role in the Public Works Development Process (Using Highways as an Example)—continued

| <u>Process Step</u> | <u>Primary Responsibility</u> | <u>Step Characteristics</u> | <u>Outcome</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Final Design, Construction, Operation | WisDOT Counties Municipalities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop detailed construction plans and specifications for project • Obtain necessary approvals • Solicit bids • Monitor construction • Certify end result | Add finished project to system |

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Creation of the SEWRPC Environmental Justice Task Force

- Recognition of a relatively sparse representation of minority group members on SEWRPC technical advisory committees
- Desire to better reflect minority group viewpoints in the planning programs
- Desire to strengthen the SEWRPC public involvement program with respect to Environmental Justice populations
- Desire for a structured oversight of SEWRPC efforts to meet the Federal Environmental Justice requirements

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