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During the challenge, log your sustainable trips on CommuteWISE to track the impact of your choices, win fun raffle prizes, and check on the leaderboard. The Commission hosts two challenges each year—spring and fall—to encourage sustainable commuting and celebrate green choices.

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First Deliverable Completed for the Metro Milwaukee Pollution Reduction Action Plan

Commission staff completed the first deliverable under the U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Program Planning Grant (CPRG) (www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants), submitting the Metropolitan Milwaukee Priority Pollution Reduction Action Plan (www.sewrpc.org/CAPR-349.pdf) to the EPA on February 28.

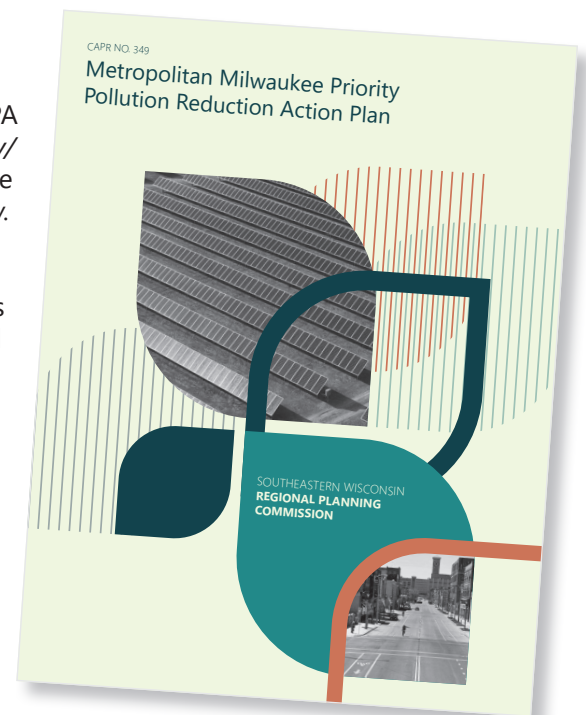
This marks the initial milestone in a multi-year planning effort and ensures that the four-county metro area (Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, and Waukesha) is eligible for funding through the EPA's competitive CPRG Implementation Grant Program, which provides \$4.6 billion to organizations across the U.S. to implement measures identified in their priority plans. The City of Milwaukee is leading the Implementation Grant development, in coordination with interested local governments in the metro area. The Priority Plan includes four required elements: greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) inventory, priority pollution reduction measures, benefits analysis, and a review of authority to implement.

The following priority GHG reduction measures focus on strategies that can achieve significant GHG reductions based on Milwaukee's Climate and Equity Plan, and associated outreach to counties, municipalities, and local organizations within the Milwaukee metro area:

- Increase building energy efficiency and solar for public sector and commercial buildings. Strategies to achieve this include a commercial building resource center that can be used to support voluntary programs and/or commercial building energy policy, and direct funding for municipal energy efficiency projects.
- Increase adoption of electric, hybrid, and clean fuel vehicles in municipal fleets and develop a regional public charging network.
- Establish a program for regional sustainability assistance, including shared sustainability staff for participating communities to embed climate pollution reduction practices in local governments.
- Contribute to greening the grid through utility-scale solar, including funding for programs that allow municipal and county governments to subscribe to large-scale projects.
- Implement Complete Streets principles, including improved and expanded bicycle networks and facilities.
- Build new, affordable, net-zero housing.

Commission staff are excited to continue working with our State and regional partners, community organizations, and local governments on the completion of a Comprehensive Pollution Reduction Plan, which is due by June 1, 2025. This effort will include additional outreach, long-term pollution reduction strategies, an expanded review of benefits, and a workforce planning analysis.

If you or your organization would like to be involved or receive updates, please share your contact information via a short survey (arcg.is/05yWW1).





2020 Regional Land Use Inventory Completed

The Commission has now completed its 2020 land use inventory for the seven-county Southeastern Wisconsin Region. This information is available in a mapping format on the Commission’s Interactive Mapping Application that can be found online at: www.sewrpc.org/Regional-Mapping. It is also available in GIS and tabular formats by contacting Mike Gosetti of the Commission staff at 262.953.4292.

The Commission undertakes a major update of its land use inventory at selected points in time. This inventory identifies existing land uses by detailed categories for the entire Region. The classification system used in the inventory consists of nine major categories that can be divided into more than 60 subcategories, making the inventory suitable for land use and transportation planning; adaptable to stormwater drainage, public utility, and community facility planning; and compatible with other land use classification systems. Analyses of the inventory datasets also identify growth and change within the Region with respect to urban development and its impact on environmentally sensitive lands and prime farmlands.

The Commission’s regional land use inventory is critical not only to prepare the regional land use plan, but is also vitally important to all of the Commission’s planning work.

The Commission has completed regional land use inventories for the years 1963, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2010, 2015, and now, 2020.

Aerial orthoimagery serves as the primary basis for identifying existing land use, supplemented by available oblique aerial photographs and other secondary source material as appropriate. Work on the regional land use inventory was initiated in 2021 and was completed in late 2023.

This land use inventory information is also available to all local units of government within the Region, and is often used by these organizations to prepare their own local and county comprehensive plans.



2015 Land Use Inventory



2020 Land Use Inventory

The example above shows changes that occurred in a five-year time span. The area identified in these photos was categorized as “Unused Urban Land” in the Commission’s 2015 Land Use Inventory. Utilizing the 2020 orthophoto imagery, Commission staff was able to identify this redevelopment and will re-classify this land as “Multifamily Residential” in the 2020 Land Use Inventory.

2024 REVIEW & UPDATE OF VISION 2050

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Commission staff recently sought input from residents on the draft 2024 Review and Update of VISION 2050, the Region’s long-range land use and transportation plan. The draft plan update included updates to plan recommendations, information on funding for the recommended transportation system, and analysis of plan benefits and impacts related to disadvantaged populations. In addition, the draft plan update included information on federal performance targets set for the Region’s transportation system. Learn more on the VISION 2050 website: www.vision2050sewis.org.

