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**Name of Organization:** Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission

**Type of Organization:** Other

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**Project Title:** Critical Habitat Inventory of the Bay-Lake Region

**Project Category:** Habitat (Ecological) Protection and Rest

**Rank by Organization (if applicable):** 0

**Total Funding Requested (\$):** 58,300 **Project Duration:** 2 Years

**Abstract:**

This project would identify, inventory and access critical habitat areas within the Bay-Lake region. The first phase of the project would be to define a region wide criteria for a critical habitat area. The second phase is to identify all existing protected areas such as DNR state natural areas, public parks, or scientific areas that fall under the newly created critical habitat definition. Finally new areas that have potential for protection will be identified and assessed. Along with the assessment, there will be species lists for all threatened and endangered species that have been found in that area. All information will be put into the Commission's Geographic Information System (GIS).

Other Aspects include:

- Identification of common species throughout region
- Prioritize areas that need more protection than others
- Provide information on how to protect areas
- Public input/educate on why areas are valuable

**Geographic Areas Affected by the Project**

**States:**

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | New York     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Pennsylvania |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Wisconsin    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ohio         |

**Lakes:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Superior            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Erie      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Huron               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ontario   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michigan | <input type="checkbox"/> | All Lakes |

**Geographic Initiatives:**

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|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Chicago | <input type="checkbox"/> NE Ohio | <input type="checkbox"/> NW Indiana | <input type="checkbox"/> SE Michigan | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake St. Clair |
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**Primary Affected Area of Concern:** Fox River/Green Bay, WI

**Other Affected Areas of Concern:**

***For Habitat Projects Only:***

**Primary Affected Biodiversity Investment Area:** Door County Peninsula

**Other Affected Biodiversity Investment Areas:** Green Bay West Shore

**Problem Statement:**

- An overall assessment of the pristine or natural areas throughout the region that provide critical habitat for plants and animals will provide the Commission, local units of government and citizens an additional tool for protecting and preserving threatened habitats. (protected and unprotected)
- There is also a need to identify threatened and endangered species.
- Find and Link common species throughout region
- Need help from communities.
- Educate general public on reasons for conservation

**Proposed Work Outcome:**

Report and GIS database of critical habitat areas for the eight counties of the Bay-Lake Region in northeastern Wisconsin.

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<b>Project Milestones:</b>	<b>Dates:</b>
Project Start	09/2000
Form TAC	10/2000
Define Critical Habitat Criteria	04/2001
Inventory Existing Protected Habitats	10/2001
Identify Unprotected Critical Habitats	04/2002
Create GIS Database	05/2002
Draft Report	05/2002
Project End	08/2002

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Project Addresses Environmental Justice

**If So, Description of How:**

Project Addresses Education/Outreach

**If So, Description of How:**

The project will address public outreach through public informational meetings, involvement with citizen groups, and distribution of a report documenting criteria for identifying critical habitats and protection mechanisms.

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**Project Budget:**

	<b>Federal Share Requested (\$)</b>	<b>Applicant's Share (\$)</b>
<b>Personnel:</b>	26,000	2,000
<b>Fringe:</b>	14,000	2,500
<b>Travel:</b>	1,000	0
<b>Equipment:</b>	0	0
<b>Supplies:</b>	1,000	500
<b>Contracts:</b>	0	0
<b>Construction:</b>	0	0
<b>Other:</b>	0	0
<b>Total Direct Costs:</b>	42,000	5,000
<b>Indirect Costs:</b>	16,300	2,500
<b>Total:</b>	58,300	7,500
<b>Projected Income:</b>	0	0

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**Funding by Other Organizations (Names, Amounts, Description of Commitments):**

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**Description of Collaboration/Community Based Support:**

- TNC
- WDNR
- USFWL
- Locals
- Tribe
- UWGB
- Land Trusts