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## **Van Roy Applauds Grants to Green Bay Area Coastal Communities**

**MADISON** – Rep. Karl Van Roy (R-Howard) is pleased to announce that the communities of Green Bay, Howard and Suamico will benefit from \$1.6 million in coastal management grants. The grants will fund 42 projects, 16 of which are in the Bay-Lake region, and will be made to non-profit organizations as well as local, state and tribal governments.

“Coastal communities are a central part of Wisconsin’s economy and culture, and we have a responsibility to care for them,” said Van Roy. “These grants will help to protect and preserve our coastal resources so that our children can enjoy them as much as we have.”

According to Van Roy, three projects will affect the 90<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. First, the Village of Suamico is receiving \$80,000 to acquire shoreline land for a public park. The park will feature linkages to Sensiba Wildlife Area via a recreational trail. A second grant of \$29,984 will go to the Brown County Planning Commission to analyze the fiscal costs of developed versus undeveloped coastal land in Suamico. Finally, \$30,000 will go to The Nature Conservancy for the Green Bay Integrity Assessment project. Now in its third phase, the project is intended to improve understanding and management of the Bay of Green Bay’s coastal system.

“Each of these projects will improve the health and beauty of shorelines in our district,” said Van Roy. “From buying coastal land for public enjoyment to researching the very lake we live on, the projects represent a comprehensive approach to coastal management.”

The grants will be made from Wisconsin’s Coastal Management Program, which works to balance protecting natural resources and promoting economic development along Wisconsin’s Great Lakes coasts. The program distributes federal funds received from the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management and the U.S. Department of Commerce. Uses for the 39 other grants include wetland protection, pollution reduction, community planning, public access, land acquisition, and education.

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