



FUNDING & PROGRAM UPDATE



REAP Assembly Scheduled for October 20th

The 2011 REAP Assembly for Region XII is scheduled for October 20th at Swan Lake State Park in Carroll with an open house from 5:30-6:30 PM and the assembly beginning at 6:30. REAP has a 22-year, \$260 million funding history for parks, water quality, habitat improvements, roadside prairies, historical development, and conservation education. This event is your opportunity to suggest program improvements.



Blue Zones Project Statements of Interest Due October 28th

As part of Iowa's Healthiest State Initiative, Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Healthways are sponsoring the Blue Zones Project. Ten communities that demonstrate the greatest passion, interest and ability to bring their community together will receive assistance from national experts to develop and implement a blueprint for making permanent environment, policy and social network changes that transition people into healthier behaviors. Interested communities should visit <http://www.bluezonesproject.com> for more information and to download and submit a Statement of Interest.



Derelict Building Program Grants due November 1st

The DNR and Keep Iowa Beautiful have announced a new program for cities with a population of less than 5,000 with city-owned dilapidated buildings. The Derelict Building Program will provide up to \$75,000 to assist with the renovation or deconstruction of these buildings. Award money can be used to offset the cost of the assessment and abatement of asbestos, deconstruction, and construction. The program focuses on landfill diversion through the recycling and reuse of building materials and encourages a 30 percent landfill diversion of waste from the project.

Please contact Fred Kesten at fkesten@region12cog.org or (712)792-9914 for more information.



CDBG Housing Fund Applications due December 7th

The state Housing Fund is accepting applications for Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Programs. This funding is designed to maintain and upgrade the housing stock to ensure that homes are sound, safe, and energy efficient. Projects may include roofing, siding, windows, doors, and updating electrical, plumbing, and heating systems. Repaired homes must meet guidelines that the State has developed for these projects. The program requires that the homeowner meet certain established income guidelines and be the occupant of the home. This is a very competitive program and requires a lengthy application process. If your community is interested in this program, please contact Laurie Gilbert at lgilbert@region12cog.org or (712)792-9914 as soon as possible.

