

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Juneau County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

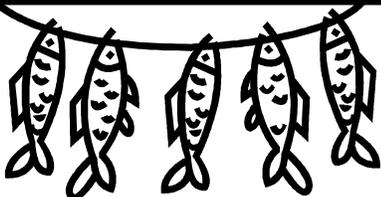
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Juneau County, **19,161** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **264 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Juneau County.

1,220 extended growth walleye were stocked in New Lisbon Lake under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative**. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

DNR granted \$31,237 to the Juneau County Sheriff Department for ATV, snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

Juneau County has over **12,656 acres of state owned lands** open to public hunting and outdoor recreation.

In fiscal year 2014, **400 state trail, Elroy-Sparta State Trail and Buckhorn, Mill Bluff and Rocky Arbor state parks** attracted close to **371,313 visitors** making an estimated local impact of **\$24,826,356**.

Community Partnerships

Juneau County has **136 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water.

DNR collaborated with Natural Resources Conservation Service to identify priority streams for **habitat projects** and implement projects on easement areas when needed and available.

DNR has recently invested **\$2,470,251 in state managed properties** in Juneau County, including **\$2.1 million** to construct family campground facilities at **Buckhorn State Park**.

Snapshot of grants in Juneau County

A total of \$2,046,797 was awarded in Juneau County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: rehabilitation of a two lane boat landing in Mauston, snowmobile trail maintenance and forest improvement and plan development.

****Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

Forestry Activities

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$60,270 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters** through management plan development, tree planting, and other practices that improve forest health and soil and water protection.

Since 2005, **over 36,367 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Juneau County. The harvests provided more than **\$1.3 million in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

In the last three fiscal years, **Juneau County Forest has received over \$138,354 in grants** from the DNR for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest lands as well as to improve and enhance wildlife populations, wildlife habitat and the public understanding of wildlife.

Over the last three fiscal years, **DNR has annually provided .3 full time employee equivalents of DNR staff time as assistance to Juneau County Forest**. This assistance helped the county forest generate an average of **\$163,820/year in revenue**, which in turn supports Juneau County's economy and government.

Juneau County has **7,496 acres of private land open for public access** as a result of the tax law programs. The Tax Law Programs encourage proper management of timber, wildlife, water quality and the environment through written management plans for a landowner's property.

DNR granted \$17,240 to local Fire Departments in Juneau County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety in handling

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 362 contaminated properties** resulting in **37 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

DNR provided **\$224,713 in Brownfield Grants** over the past three years to place contaminated properties back into productive commercial or industrial use.

DNR provided **\$438,405 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

Deer Management in Juneau County

In 2014, Juneau County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR worked with two landowners who have 190 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 4,702 deer were registered in Juneau County with 1,083 harvested during archery deer season and 3,619 harvested during the gun deer season.