

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Kenosha County

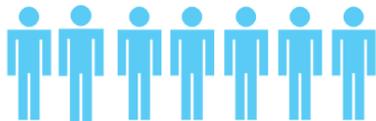
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

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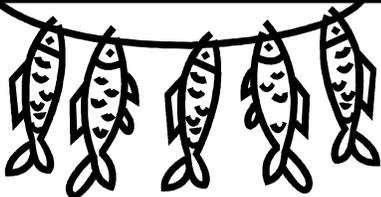
763,384



RESIDENT HUNTERS

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

\$1.4 billion



In Kenosha County, **44,650** 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 **905 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Kenosha County.

Kenosha Community Library in Kenosha County was one of **17 libraries** chosen to test pilot **Outdoor Explorer Backpacks**. The backpacks encourage kids and families to get outdoors and explore Wisconsin's natural resources.

DNR granted a total of **\$111,807 in Kenosha County** for snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

Kenosha County has over **7,270 acres of state owned lands** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

DNR has recently invested **\$397,182 in capital development** funds to improve recreational facilities at the Richard Bong State Recreation Area in Kenosha County.

Community Partnerships

Kenosha County has **262 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water. Wisconsin has more public water systems than any other state in the nation.

DNR stocked nearly **2,800 rainbow trout** in two **urban fishing ponds** in Kenosha County to provide a unique angling opportunity for youth and disabled anglers in urban areas.

Snapshot of grants in Kenosha County

A total of **\$2,506,378** was awarded in Kenosha County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include the development of a boardwalk at Simmons Island Park in the City of Kenosha, trail, park and snowmobile trail development and the land acquisition of the Nature Conservancy-Brown.

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

Forestry Activities

Since 2011, **Kenosha County has received \$44,180 in Urban Forestry Grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs such as tree inventories and assessments, management plans, emerald ash borer preparedness plans, urban forest restoration projects, staff training and public education.

Eight communities in Kenosha County have received technical assistance from the DNR between 2011 and 2014, which helped them to develop or improve their urban forest management programs.

DNR granted \$13,016 to local Fire Departments in Kenosha County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety in handling wild land fires.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$5,750 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.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 760 contaminated properties** resulting in **225 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

DNR responded to 34 spills of hazardous materials over the past three years.

DNR provided **\$2,033,412 in Brownfield Grants** over the past three years to place contaminated properties back into productive commercial or industrial use.

DNR provided **\$216,256 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 Kenosha County

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

In 2013, a total of 470 deer were registered in Kenosha County with 233 harvested during archery deer season and 237 harvested during the gun deer season.