

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Lafayette County

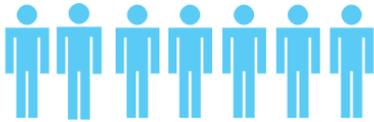
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

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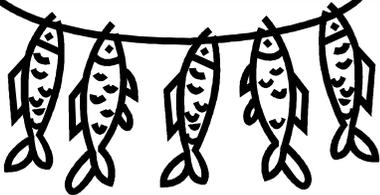
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

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

**\$1.4 billion**



In Lafayette County, **7,473** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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## Investments in Recreation

In fiscal year 2014, **Yellowstone Lake State Park** had close to **250,300 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$14,555,000.**

Lafayette County has over **6,427 acres** of state owned lands open to public hunting and outdoor recreation.

In 2014, DNR stocked **1,620 pheasants** in Lafayette County. Stocking results in increased hunting opportunities.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **248 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Lafayette County.

DNR granted a total of **\$12,270** to the Lafayette County Sheriff Department for ATV patrol activities.

DNR has recently invested **\$573,000 in capital development funds** to improve state managed lands in Lafayette County, including \$279,000 to fully renovate the Yellowstone Lake Shooting Range.

## Community Partnerships

Lafayette County has **50 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.

## Snapshot of grants in Lafayette County

A total of **\$331,227** was awarded in Lafayette County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities.** A snapshot of projects include: Yellowstone Lake Clean Boats – Clean Waters project, ATV, UTV and snowmobile trail maintenance, Pecatonica River Spawning enhancements and forest planning developments and improvements.

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

## Forestry Activities

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$42,368 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.

**DNR granted \$3,332 to local Fire Departments** in Lafayette County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety in handling wild land fires.

Lafayette County has **336 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.

Since 2005, **over 299 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Lafayette County. The harvests provided more than **\$10,294 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 53 contaminated properties** resulting in **12 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

**DNR responded to 12 spills of hazardous materials** over the past three years. DNR works with local fire departments and regional hazardous materials teams to coordinate response and clean-up activities.

DNR provided **\$176,332 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 Lafayette County

In 2014, Lafayette 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 five landowners who have 600 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 2,848 deer were registered in Lafayette County with 501 harvested during archery deer season and 2,347 harvested during the gun deer season.