

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Milwaukee 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

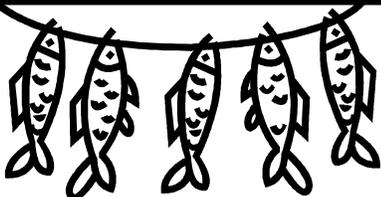
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

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

\$1.4 billion



In Milwaukee County, **88,717** 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 **1,066 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Milwaukee County.

In fiscal year 2014, **Lakeshore State Park and Havenwoods State Forest** had close to **257,257 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$11,480,903**.

Milwaukee County has over **529 acres of state owned properties** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

Community Partnerships

Cudahy Family Library in Milwaukee 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.

Annually, DNR hosts approximately **80 wildlife education programs** across southeast Wisconsin that impact close to **2,700 citizens**, predominantly urban youth. Programming includes training and education in topics such as: archery, Wisconsin wildlife, biodiversity, habitat and management, career opportunities and hunting and fishing.

DNR granted a total of **\$276,243** to the **Milwaukee County Sheriff Department and City Police Department** for boat patrol activities.

Milwaukee County has **106 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water.

Snapshot of grants in Milwaukee County

A total of \$11,041,461 was awarded in Milwaukee County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: monitoring wildlife populations, urban forestry and the Union Pacific Railroad Acquisition to complete the Oak Leak Trail.

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

Forestry Activities

Since 2011, **Milwaukee County has received \$337,025 in Urban Forestry Grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

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

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 7,553 contaminated properties** resulting in **1,280 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

DNR responded to 329 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 **\$1,481,079 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

DNR provided **\$1,758,608 in Brownfield Grants** over the past three years to place contaminated properties back into productive commercial or industrial use.

In Oak Creek, cleanup and redevelopment work is underway as part of **the Lake Vista Redevelopment Area**, which is the former Allis Chalmers/DuPont property and the EPEC Polymers, Inc. property.

Legislature authorized funding for the **Wisconsin Air Resource Program**, which created **improvements to the air permitting process**. This initiative resulted in more timely, consistent and transparent reviews of permits.

DNR is assisting with the cleanup and redevelopment at the former **Pfister & Vogel** tannery on North Water Street, Milwaukee.

Deer Management in Milwaukee County

In 2014, Milwaukee 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 54 deer were registered in Milwaukee County; all of which were harvested during the archery season.