

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Oconto County

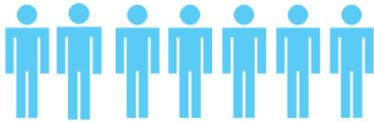
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

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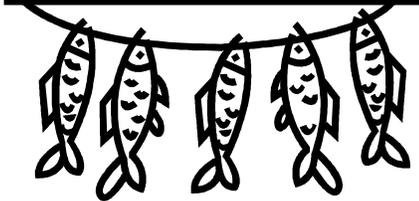
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

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

\$1.4 billion



In Oconto County, **28,980** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

26,204 extended growth walleye were stocked in **Anderson, Archibald, Kelly and Maiden Lakes and Townsend Flowage** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative** in the fall of 2014. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

Oconto County has over **7,500 acres of state owned properties** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **561 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Oconto County.

Community Partnerships

DNR granted a total of **\$41,390** to the **Oconto County Sheriff Department** for ATV and snowmobile patrol activities.

Multiple grants were awarded to Oconto County and to numerous lake associations in the county to **monitor water quality and treat aquatic invasive species**.

Oconto County has **229 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 Oconto County

A total of \$1,584,812 was awarded in Oconto County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: aquatic invasive species outreach, trail maintenance and the expansion of the Machinckanee Shooting Range.

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

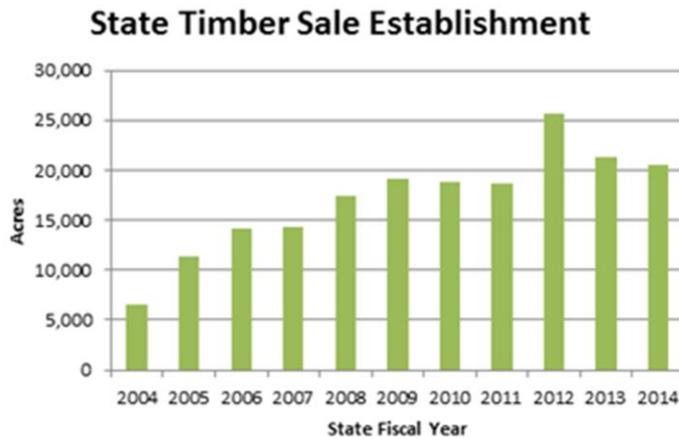
Forestry Activities

Forestry is one of the **top 10 industries** in Oconto County. It produces **\$100.8 million** in economic output, providing **\$25.2 million** in added value to the county.

Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL), **56,464 acres** of private land in Oconto County are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **5,617 acres** of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$83,500 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters**

The following graph represents the average acres of timber sales established on state lands in Wisconsin annually.



Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 191 contaminated properties** resulting in **136 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment.**

DNR responded to 28 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 **\$48,672 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 Oconto County

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

DNR is working with three landowners who have 270 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 7,502 deer were registered in Oconto County with 2,149 harvested during archery deer season and 5,353 harvested during the gun deer season.