

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Winnebago County

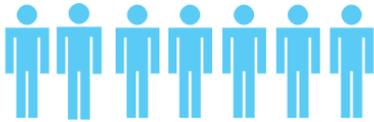
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

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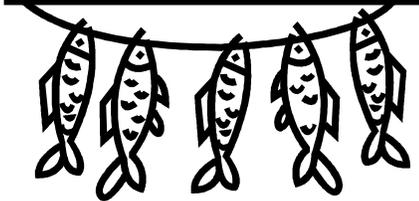
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

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

**\$1.4 billion**



In Winnebago County, **75,307** 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 **716 citizens became hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile certified** in Winnebago County.

In 2014, DNR stocked **120 pheasants** in Winnebago County. Stocking results in increased hunting opportunities, which helps the local economy.

The DNR has recently invested **\$214,718 in capital development funds** to improve state managed lands in Winnebago County, including the Terrell's Island Breakwall Trail, home to successful nesting of the state endangered Common Tern.

## Community Partnerships

A total of **\$55,222** was awarded to the **Winnebago County Sheriff Department** for snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

The DNR has strong relationships with Winnebago County groups through its **Citizen-Based Monitoring Program**, an initiative that connects citizens and scientists together to monitor and evaluate Wisconsin's natural resources. Recent partnerships in Winnebago County include: support to the **Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited River Keepers** to engage citizens in monitoring surface waters; the **University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh** to establish an aquatic invasive species monitoring protocol for Winnebago County citizen volunteers and interns and the **Northeast Wisconsin Alliance** to engage citizens in eagle wintering counts.

## Snapshot of grants in Winnebago County

A total of **\$6,318,787** was awarded to Winnebago County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: park development of Herb and Dolly Smith Park in Neenah, fish stocking at the Winnebago County Community Park and grants to individuals to plan and develop private forests.

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

## Forestry Activities

**Forestry is one of the top five industries** in Winnebago County. It produces **\$3.7 billion** in economic output, providing **\$1.1 billion** in added value to the county.

Since 2011, **Winnebago County has received \$105,719 in Urban Forestry Grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

**Six communities in Winnebago 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 \$11,198 to local Fire Departments** in Winnebago County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety in handling wild land fires.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$13,700 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, practices that improve forest health and soil and water protection.

## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 1,401 contaminated properties** resulting in **254 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

**DNR responded to 72 spills of hazardous materials** over the past three years.

DNR provided **\$199,829 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

DNR provided **\$21,447 in Brownfield Grants** over the past three years to place contaminated properties back into productive commercial or industrial use.

## Deer Management in Winnebago County

In 2014, Winnebago 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 two landowners who have over 800 acres of land enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 2,398 deer were registered in Winnebago County with 869 harvested during archery deer season and 1,529 harvested during the gun deer season.