

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Adams 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

763,384



RESIDENT HUNTERS

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

\$1.4 billion



In Adams County, **18,030** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

In fiscal year 2014, **Roche-A-Cri State Park** attracted close to **70,660** visitors making an **estimated local economic impact of \$3,533,000**.

In 2013, **\$55,475** was awarded to maintain **221 miles of Adams County Snowmobile Trails**.

1,083 extended growth walleye were stocked in **Big Roche A Cri Lake** and **2,951** in **Fourteen Mile Creek** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative**. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

\$464,435 was invested back into the infrastructure of Adams County's state properties.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **187** citizens became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Adams County.

Community Partnerships

In 2013, **Adams County Sheriff Department** was granted a total of **\$51,796** for ATV, snowmobile and boat patrols.

DNR worked with the community of Easton to remove the dam on White Creek.

Snapshot of grants in Adams County

Tri-Lakes Management District was awarded **\$47,162** to continue their work on Clean Boats, Clean Waters activities, water quality projects and Aquatic Invasive Species on Camelot, Sherwood and Arrowhead lakes in Adams County.

Adams County Planning and Zoning was awarded **\$96,930** to develop a nutrient management plan for 4,470 acres of crop land within the Tri Lakes Watershed.

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

Forestry Activities

Through the Forest Tax Law programs, **98,735 acres of private land in Adams County are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment.** This provides a steady stream of sustainably produced timber for the forest industry as well benefits from a healthy environment. Additionally, **33,236 acres of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation.**

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$162,000 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.

In 2005, **DNR successfully suppressed the Cottonville Fire, which burned 3,410 acres.** Although 30 residences were destroyed, **300 structures were saved through the efforts of almost 200 DNR personnel** and 22 fire departments. Additionally, since 2011, DNR staff has responded to 126 fires in the county.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR responded to **13 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 approved **cleanups at 183 contaminated properties resulting in 17 acres being made available for reuse.** This assures the cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment.**

Legislature authorized funding for the **Wisconsin Air Resource Program (WARP)** created improvements to the air permitting process. This initiative resulted in **improvements to timeliness and consistency of permit reviews,** as well as making the entire process more transparent to the public.

Deer Management in Adams County

In 2014, Adams 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 six landowners who have 750 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 5,666 deer were registered in Adams County with 1,462 harvested during archery deer season and 4,204 harvested during the gun deer season.