

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Chippewa County

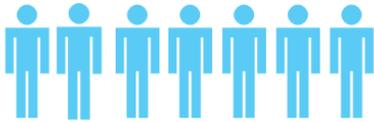
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

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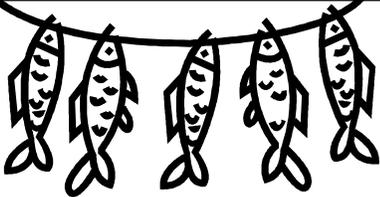
763,384



RESIDENT HUNTERS

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

\$1.4 billion



In Chippewa County, **63,054** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

DNR granted a total of **\$38,822** to the Chippewa County Sheriff Department for ATV, snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

In fiscal year 2014, **Burnet Island State Park, Lake Wissota State Park and Chippewa Moraine State Recreation Area** attracted close to **275,902 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$17,095,385**.

In 2014, DNR stocked **1,440 pheasants** in Chippewa County. This results in increased hunting opportunities, which helps the local economy. Pheasant stocking continues to be a priority to promote and sustain pheasant hunting in Wisconsin.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **787 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Chippewa County.

Community Partnerships

Chippewa County has **218 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.

For calendar year 2014, the DNR entered into a **\$23,790 contract with the Chippewa County Zoning Department** to conduct inspections and sampling at **183 small public water systems**.

Snapshot of grants in Chippewa County

A total of **\$2,372,088** was awarded in Chippewa County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**.

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

Forestry Activities

Forestry is one of the **top 10 employers** in Chippewa County. It produces **\$332.8 million** in economic output providing **\$96.5 million** in added value.

Since 2011, DNR has granted **\$25,339 to local Fire Departments** to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

Chippewa County has 6,300 acres of private land open for public access for recreation as a result of tax law programs (Forest Crop and MFL).

In the last three fiscal years, **Chippewa County Forest has received over \$142,436 in grants** from DNR for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest lands.

Since 2005, **over 7,947 cord equivalents of timber products** have been harvested from state-owned land in Chippewa County. The harvests provided over **\$289,150 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

Since June 2010, DNR has **provided over \$11,483 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands and waters.**

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR **held multiple outreach sessions** with local municipality officials on industrial sand mining and **committed four engineering staff** to assist in compliance specific to this industry.

Chippewa Falls is in the **process of redeveloping the entrance into downtown** and is discussing with DNR contamination issues at several area properties. **Cleanup and redevelopment is expected to occur on about half a dozen brownfield sites**, including the former Xcel Gas plant and the former Chieftain Oil bulk plant.

DNR is working with EPA to provide technical assistance on the former Presto Industries Superfund Site.

Deer Management in Chippewa County

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

In 2013, 6,329 deer were registered in Chippewa County with 1,624 harvested during archery deer season and 4,705 harvested during the gun deer season.