

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Douglas 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

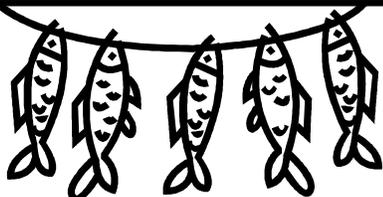
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

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

**\$1.4 billion**



In Douglas County, **37,580** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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## Investments in Recreation

**Gandy Dancer State Trail, Saunders State Trail and Wild Rivers State Trail** provide hundreds of miles of biking, hiking, snowmobile and ATV opportunities for local residents and tourists.

The DNR recently **invested \$2,216,161 in state properties in Douglas County**, which has benefited park repairs and upgrades.

Douglas County has over **107,627 acres** of state owned lands open to public hunting and outdoor recreation.

**2,187 extended growth walleye** were stocked in **Amnicon Lake** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative**. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

In fiscal year 2014, **Amnicon Falls** and **Pattison State Park** had an estimated **84,783 visitors** making a **local estimated economic impact of \$9,322,447**.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **318 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Douglas County.

## Community Partnerships

DNR granted a total of **\$89,047 to the Douglas County Sheriff Department** for ATV, snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

For calendar year 2014, the **DNR entered into a \$20,930 contract** with the Douglas County Department of Health and Human Services to **conduct inspections and sampling at 161 small public water systems**.

Douglas County has **188 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water.

## Snapshot of grants in Douglas County

Douglas County was awarded **\$1,477,617 for ATV and snowmobile trail maintenance** and to acquire St. Croix Barrens Land and the Wilkie parcel for nature-based outdoor recreation activities.

**DNR awarded \$669,735 toward education, planning and prevention** of Aquatic Invasive Species, clean boats – clean waters project and the Lake Nebagamon Management Planning Project.

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

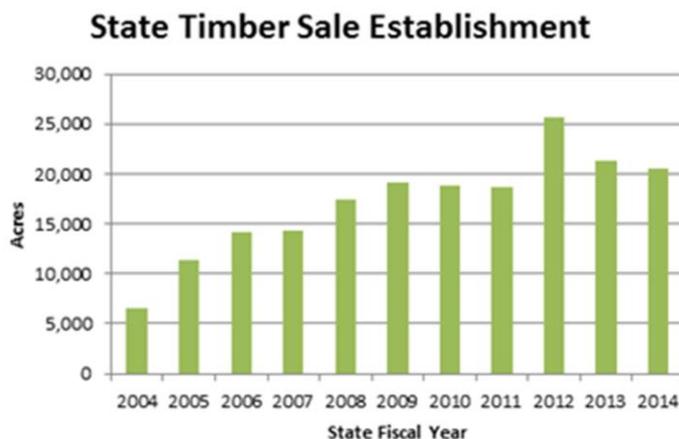
## Forestry Activities

**In 2013, DNR suppressed Wisconsin's largest forest fire in 33 years.** The Germann Road fire burned a swath more than 9 miles long and 1.5 miles wide consuming 7,442 acres and destroying 100 structures. **Through the efforts of 167 DNR personnel and 44 local fire departments, 350 structures were saved.**

Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL) **105,215 acres of private land in Douglas County are being properly managed** for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **87,943 acres** of the privately owned lands **are open for public access for hunting and recreation.**

In the last 3 fiscal years, **Douglas County Forest has received over \$309,766 in grants** from the DNR for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest lands.

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



## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 731 contaminated properties resulting in 63 acres being made available for reuse.** DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment.**

DNR provided **\$167,969 in Brownfield grants** over the past 3 years to place contaminated properties back into productive commercial or industrial use.

DNR provided **\$343,821 in reimbursements** over the past 3 years for expenses relating to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination from product storage systems.**

## Deer Management in Douglas County

In 2014, Douglas 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 4,664 deer were registered in Douglas County with 1,150 harvested during archery deer season and 3,514 harvested during the gun deer season.