

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Manitowoc County

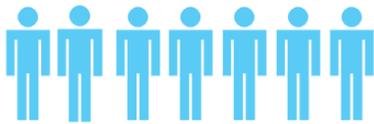
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

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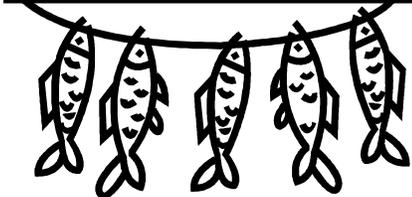
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

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

**\$1.4 billion**



In Manitowoc County, **44,282** 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 **598 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Manitowoc County.

In fiscal year 2014, **Point Beach State Forest** had close to **381,760 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$15,423,104**.

DNR granted a total of **\$8,423** to Manitowoc County Sheriff Department for snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

Manitowoc County **has over 10,978 state owned acres** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

DNR has recently invested **\$139,420 in capital development funds** to improve facilities at Point Beach State Forest and the Collins-Killsnake Wildlife Area in Manitowoc County.

## Community Partnerships

DNR partners with the **Northeast Wisconsin Great Lakes Sport fishing Clubs** who operates a pond that rears about **25,000 domestic brown trout** annually.

Manitowoc County has **132 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water.

DNR has awarded several grants to **Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership** and **Woodland Dunes Nature Center** to assist in **cultivating environmental stewardship**.

## Snapshot of grants in Manitowoc County

A total of **\$3,294,034** was awarded in Manitowoc County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: the building of a fish cleaning station at Two Rivers Veterans Park and multiple outreach efforts to educate on the control and prevention of spreading aquatic invasive species into and from Manitowoc County lakes.

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

## Forestry Activities

**DNR granted \$43,866 to local Fire Departments** in Manitowoc County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety in handling wild land fires.

Since 2011, **Manitowoc County has received \$19,570 in Urban Forestry Grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs such as tree inventories and assessments, management plans, emerald ash borer preparedness plans, urban forest restoration projects, staff training and public education.

**Five communities in Manitowoc County have received technical assistance from the DNR between 2011 and 2014**, which helped them to develop or improve their urban forest management programs.

Manitowoc County has **992 acres of private land open for public access** as a result of the tax law programs (Forest Crop and MFL). The Tax Law Programs encourage proper management of timber, wildlife, water quality and the environment through written management plans for a landowner's property.

Since 2005, **over 3,323 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Manitowoc County. The harvests provided more than **\$140,245 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 535 contaminated properties** resulting in **96 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

DNR provided **\$87,629 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

DNR provided **\$174,676 in Brownfield Grants** over the past three years to place contaminated properties back into productive commercial or industrial use.

## Deer Management in Manitowoc County

In 2014, Manitowoc 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 3,958 deer were registered in Manitowoc County with 1,133 harvested during archery deer season and 2,825 harvested during the gun deer season.