

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Sawyer County

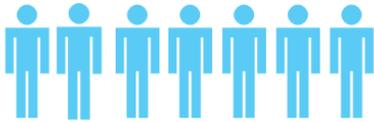
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

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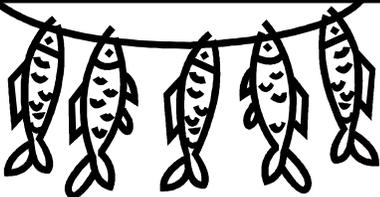
763,384



RESIDENT HUNTERS

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

\$1.4 billion



In Sawyer County, **46,037** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

68,613 extended growth walleye were stocked in **11 bodies of water** in **Sawyer County** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative** in the fall of 2014. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **174 citizens became hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Sawyer County.

In fiscal year 2014, **Tussock State Trail** had close to **34,592 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$4,274,533**.

Sawyer County has over **108,804 acres of state owned lands** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

Completing the construction of a **1.3 million building** on the **Flambeau River State Forest**, the building will provide operational functions for the forest and is the focal point for visitors arriving by car, ATV, snowmobile and canoe.

Community Partnerships

DNR granted a total of **\$31,807** to the **Sawyer County Sheriff Department** for ATV, snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

Sawyer County has **186 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.

DNR granted \$45,775 to local Fire Departments in Sawyer County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety in handling wild land fires.

Snapshot of grants in Sawyer County

A total of **\$2,457,161** was awarded in Sawyer County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: grants to individuals to plan and develop private forests, Placid Lake Diversion Canal Dam removal, trail maintenance and development of a boat landing at Bass Lake.

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

Forestry Activities

Forestry is the 4th largest employer in the county and produces an economic output of \$112.6 million, providing \$39.5 million in added value to the county.

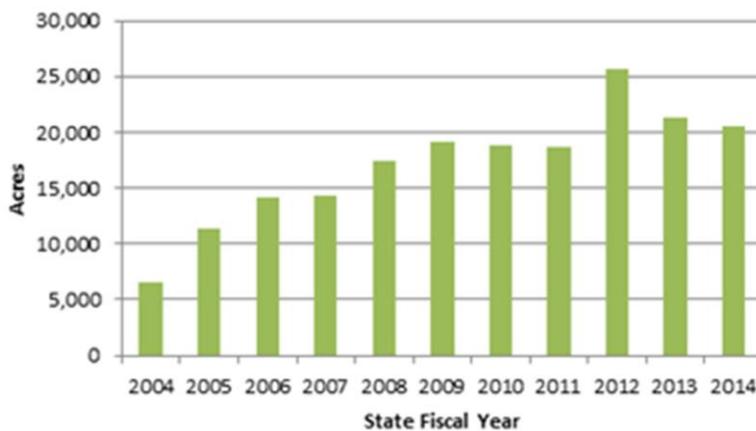
Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL), **115,541 acres** of private land in Sawyer County are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **86,923 acres** of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation.

Since 2005, **over 176,000 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Sawyer County. The harvests provided more than **\$5.8 million in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

In the last three fiscal years, **Sawyer County Forest has received over \$152,000 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.

State Timber Sale Establishment



Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 143 contaminated properties** resulting in **14 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

DNR provided **\$125,354 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

Deer Management in Sawyer County

In 2014, Sawyer 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 17 landowners who have over 2,100 acres of land enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 4,033 deer were registered in Sawyer County with 1,022 harvested during archery deer season and 3,011 harvested during the gun deer season.