

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Monitoring the Implementation of Property Master Plans**

Property: Menominee River Natural Resources Area

Master Plan Year: 2000

<p>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</p> <p>General mgt</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implement a normal fire response to protect life and property within the project boundary, using best management practices and “light-on-the-land” techniques. ▪ Where needed on the property, conduct land rehabilitation to prevent non-point source pollution to the Menominee River, associated tributaries, and wetlands.
<p>Accomplishments 2009</p>	<p><i>Nothing occurred under the bulleted objectives in 2009. No additional management actions are needed at this time to implement a normal fire response and no land rehabilitation opportunities were identified.</i></p>

**MASTER PLAN
OBJECTIVES**

Vegetation mgmt.

Zone of Old Growth Reserves

- Promote through passive management about 500 acres of “old growth forest” within a corridor 200 feet from the ordinary high water line of the Menominee River, or to the visual horizon, whichever is greater, and on other suitable sites within the project.
- Thin one acre of pine plantation to achieve old growth objectives.

Zone of Managed Old Growth Pine

Primarily outside of the river corridor (as shown on Map 4) develop and maintain pine with old growth ecological attributes, particularly larger diameter trees, using limited active management and harvests.

Apply the following management prescriptions:

- Thin plantation pine on a re-occurring basis to approximate the structure and size class of adjacent naturally occurring pine stands.
- Selectively thin naturally occurring white pine to speed up the transformation from pole and small sawtimber sized trees to large sawtimber sized trees.

Zone of Mixed Age Aspen

- Maintain and enhance a minimum of 900 acres of the 1,232 acre area in aspen in a patchwork of all age/size classes for wildlife habitat.
- For habitat diversity, maintain and expand other timber types in this zone considering the health and vigor of the stand and the capability of the site.

**Accomplishments
2009**

Zone of Mixed Age Aspen.

Timber sale completed on 26 acres (20 acres aspen and 6 acres oak) in compartment 5.

Aspen timber sale sold (23 acres) and scheduled for harvest during the winter of 2010.

Aspen timber sale set up (24 acres) and scheduled for sale in 2011.

These will help achieve the objective of developing a patchwork of all age/size classes of aspen for wildlife habitat.

Zone of Managed Old Growth.

Identified 70 acres of old growth pine for management in compartment 5.

These areas are scheduled for thinning in 2011 and will help transform them from small sawtimber sized trees to large sawtimber sized trees and promote the development of old growth characteristics.

<p>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</p> <p>Public Access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide and maintain access to the property primarily by foot with vehicle access limited to peripheral parking lots (as shown on Map 2). ▪ Provide for foot access by primitive to lightly developed designated walking trails primitive roads (as shown on Map 2)
<p>Accomplishments 2009</p>	<p><i>All hiking trails and parking lots were inspected and maintained in 2009. This included removal of garbage, down trees/limbs, and hazard trees as well as replacement of damaged or missing signage. Three disabled recreational enthusiasts were granted access to the property.</i></p>

<p>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</p> <p>Recreation mgt.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide about two miles of hiking trail in the river corridor at the Verhayen Lane/Pemene Falls location, developed to primitive standards. ▪ Provide a small parking lot and disabled accessible trail to a viewing area for Quiver Falls. ▪ Provide two designated primitive canoe access campsites within the river corridor. ▪ Allow camping on the islands within the property boundaries.
<p>Accomplishments 2009</p>	<p><i>First, third, and fourth objectives were previously achieved and maintained as described above. The second objective is addressed below in a Development project.</i></p>

<p style="text-align: center;">MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Development</p>	<p>Parking and Access to Quiver Falls Overlook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A small parking lot and handicap accessible trail to a viewing area will be established at Quiver Falls. ▪ A gravel parking lot with up to ten parking spaces will be established and an interpretive sign explaining the significance of Quiver Falls will be erected. ▪ Upgrade and maintain the canoe launch/take-out site located at Quiver Falls. <p>Parking and Access to Pemene Falls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A two-mile looped hiking trail to a viewing spot at Pemene Falls will begin and end at the southern access point. ▪ A five-car parking area will be provided here as well as a walk-in campsite along the river. <p>Peripheral Parking and Entry Sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access to the interior of the property will be provided at three additional sites around the property and by water from the Menominee River. ▪ Three entry points, each with five-car parking, will be established at Mullaney Creek Road, off Horseshoe Road and Pemene River Road.
<p style="text-align: center;">Accomplishments 2009</p>	<p><i>DNR has contracted with Marinette County Highway Department to implement the Quiver Falls Parking lot and canoe launch/take out site as well as the accessible boat landing down stream of Quiver Falls. The field work began in the Fall of 2009 and will continue in Spring 2010. Pemene Falls Parking and Access was previously accomplished as well as the additional Peripheral Parking and Entry Sites. These areas have been inspected and maintained annually.</i></p>

<p>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</p> <p>Land Acquisition</p>	<p>Acquire an additional 197.36 acres inside the project boundary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Beecher TWP Section 17, Larsen 40.0 ▪ Beecher TWP Section 17, Dishneau 40.0 ▪ Pembine TWP Section 06, Harvat 38.8 ▪ Pembine TWP Section 06, Rostagno, et al 19.28 ▪ Pembine TWP Section 06, Rostagno 19.28 ▪ Pembine TWP Section 08, Marinette County Forest 40.0
<p>Accomplishments 2009</p>	<p><i>The Larsen 40 acres is the only non-State property in Section 17, Beecher Township. An acquisition partnership is being pursued for the Harvat property. This would possibly occur in 2011. The Rostagno parcels remain private. No inquiry or contact has occurred. The Department and Marinette County completed a land trade for the last parcel listed above. Approximately 40 acres of Marinette County Forest (NWSW Section 8 T36N R22E) was traded for about 40 acres WI DNR land NWNE Section 21 T36N R19E. The trade was pending for a number of years. Property has been reconed and added to compartment 4.</i></p>