

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

Property or Properties: Kettle Moraine State Forest – Pike Lake Unit

Year Master Plan was Approved: 2009

**Property-wide**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Real Estate Mtg.</p>	<p><b>Recent Park Land Acquisitions / Transactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquire acreage within the project boundary totaling 3,540 acres.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accomplishments 2012</b></p>	<p><i>Brown Property (74.33 acres) T10N R18E Section 27, Town of Hartford. Land purchase borders south end of Pike Lake.</i></p> <p><i>Thompson Parcel (140 acres) Loew Lake Unit. T9N R18E. Section 24. Town of Erin. Purchase includes log cabin built in Circa 1847.</i></p>

**Recreation**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Recreation Mtg.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide approximately eight miles of hiking and groomed cross-country ski trails.</li> <li>Provide approximately three miles of family bike trails, including trails that connect the major public use areas.</li> <li>Provide for a segment of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail that meets the National Park Service's Ice Age Trail standards.</li> <li>Accommodate a short, pass-through segment of snowmobile trail in a location that does not conflict with the primary uses of the property</li> <li>Provide opportunities for rustic and modern family camping in a quiet, natural setting.</li> <li>Provide opportunities for outdoor group camping in a setting apart from other uses.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide opportunities for primitive, walk-in camping for Ice Age Trail hikers and other property visitors seeking a more secluded, less developed camping experience.</li> <li>• Provide indoor ADA camping, with support from the Pike Lake Friends Group and others.</li> <li>• Provide high quality opportunities for beach use, swimming, and picnicking at Pike Lake.</li> <li>• Provide motorized watercraft access to Pike Lake with an accessible mooring pier. The total number of vehicle/trailer parking spaces shall not exceed the maximum allowed under NR 1.91 Wis. Adm. Code.</li> <li>• Provide dedicated facilities for non-motorized watercraft access to Pike Lake.</li> <li>• Provide shore-fishing opportunities for all persons (ADA accessible).</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Accomplishments 2012</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Hiking is one of the most popular recreational activities which meets physical fitness and aesthetics needs of the forest visitor. Pike lake Hosted a couple of 5k runs and Summer Boot Camp – both events use the trails.</i></li> <li>• <i>The recent FY 2012 purchase of a Ginzu Groomer has improved the quality of the grooming of the ski trails.</i></li> <li>• <i>The Pike Lake Unit protects a heavily used section of the Ice Age Trail. The management unit is in contact with the Ice Age Trail Alliance to tap into expertise to maintain with in the trail maintenance standards. Planned hikes have been planned through the use of Meet Up social media – average 30 – 40 hikers per event.</i></li> <li>• <i>The existing snowmobile trail runs along the north end of the Pike Lake Unit. Current plans are to run a new trail to connect the west side of Kettle Moraine Road to enter North End of Pike Lake off of Franklin Drive. Master Plan amendment will be submitted. The Brown Property purchase provides access with a trail that was approved and put in the fall of 2011 that enters the South End of Pike Lake.</i></li> <li>• <i>Continue to provide outstanding family camping experience. The campground is very small and has been proposed to the administration to an additional loop that is outlined in the master plan – possibly FY2015 – 2017.</i></li> <li>• <i>Pike Lake Unit continues provide quality opportunities in the day use areas. The fire place was replaced in south shelter. Changing stalls constructed in 1974 were removed due to rot and new stalls constructed. 4 picnic tables were purchased. Saturday programs Memorial Day – Labor Day 2012 and 2013 – headline programs funded through Affinity Card Grant.</i></li> <li>• <i>Funding for ADA accessible fishing pier was approved. Specifications are currently being put together with a plan to be constructed spring of 2014. Location is south of beach area.</i></li> </ul>

**Vegetation Management**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Vegetative Mtg.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect and enhance the natural, scenic character of the area. Expand and maintain the acreage of predominantly closed canopy, northern/central hardwood forest to approximately 400 acres for enhanced habitat for forest interior bird species, Cerulean Warbler. On appropriate sites establish and maintain old growth forest characteristics, including abundant larger trees of older age classes, snags, and downed coarse woody debris.</li> <li>• Maintain approximately 25 acres of oak and aspen dominated stands.</li> <li>• Establish and maintain approximately 80 acres of oak savannah and approximately 15 acres of grassland/shrub community type in areas that do not fragment forest blocks.</li> <li>• Protect and maintain 37 acres of open-canopy wetland and 27 acres of lowland hardwood wetland communities. Protect and maintain permanent and ephemeral ponds.</li> <li>• Maintain and enhance the shoreline of Pike Lake (outside of developed recreational use areas) to provide fish and wildlife habitat.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accomplishments 2012</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Along Highway 60 west of Kettle Moraine Road - Spring of 2012 and 2013 removed 10 acres of Honeysuckle and Buckthorn to promote grassland habitat for song birds.</i></li> <li>• <i>Along Highway 60 east of Kettle Moraine Road – Spring of 2012, burned open grass land field that was displaying an infiltration of woody shrubs. Woody vegetation was mowed after burn. Promote open grassland for songbird habitat.</i></li> <li>• <i>Fall of 2011 – purchased the Brown Property as part of watershed protection along the southern edge of Pike Lake.</i></li> </ul>

**Headwaters Recreation Management Area**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Vegetative Mtg.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide wildlife habitat and a high quality recreational setting featuring forested areas, grasslands and prairie and oak savannas, wetlands, and shoreline habitats. Maintain and enhance existing forested lands, and expand where practicable.</li> <li>• Protect the quality and extent of the wetlands and increase the protection of water quality of the Ashippun River and Pike Lake.</li> <li>• Convert and maintain acquired agricultural lands to native grasses and forbs or cool season grasses, or to forest cover.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accomplishments 2012</b></p>	<p>.</p>

