

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Clark County

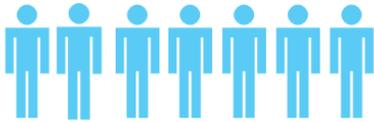
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

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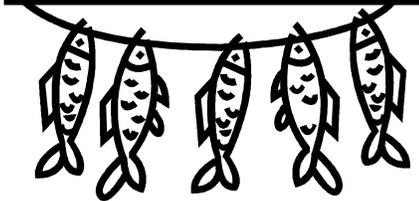
763,384



RESIDENT HUNTERS

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

\$1.4 billion



In Clark County, **20,033** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

5,613 extended growth walleye were stocked in **Mead and Rock Dam Lakes** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative**. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

Clark County has over **882 acres** of state owned lands open to public hunting and outdoor recreation.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **479 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Clark County.

DNR granted a total of **\$19,375** to the Clark County Sheriff Department for ATV and snowmobile patrol activities.

Community Partnerships

One of the largest disabled gun deer hunts in the state is held in Clark County. In 2014, **58 hunters** from across the state were guided on over 9,000 acres of prime hunting land. This hunt is only possible due to the great support of local landowners and volunteers.

Clark County has **99 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.

Snapshot of grants in Clark County

A total of **\$2,129,855** was awarded in Clark County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**.

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

Forestry Activities

Forestry is one of the **top 10 employers** in Clark County. It produces an economic output of **\$145.7 million** providing **\$40.2 million** in added value.

In the last three fiscal years, **Clark County Forest has received over \$214,435 in grants** from the DNR for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest lands.

Over the last three fiscal years, the **DNR has annually provided 1.6 full time employee equivalents** of forestry staff time as assistance to Clark County Forest, which **helped generate an average of \$2.2 million/year in revenue**.

Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL) **62,016 acres of private land in Clark County** are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **11,364 acres** of those private lands are **open for public access for hunting and recreation**.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$46,290 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands and waters**.

Since 2011, DNR has granted **\$11,481 to local Fire Departments** to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

The DNR awarded the Town of Mayville a recycling efficiency award for Lowest Collection Cost per Ton, and The Town of Thorp was recognized as a Program Efficiency Leader.

DNR is working to assess long-term solutions into the discovery of 15 contaminated drinking wells in the Village of Unity. Bottled water and shower trailers were provided and **DNR is designing water treatment systems for the most contaminated properties**.

Deer Management in Clark County

In 2014, Clark County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR worked with 11 landowners who have 2,100 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, 11,438 deer were registered in Clark County with 2,932 harvested during archery deer season and 8,506 harvested during the gun deer season.