

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Shawano County

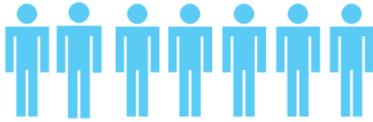
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

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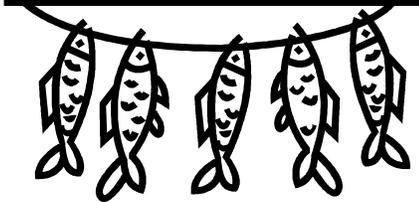
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

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

**\$1.4 billion**



In Shawano County, **26,495** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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## Investments in Recreation

**2,342 extended growth walleye** were stocked in **Loon Lake** 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 **435 citizens became hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile certified** in Shawano County.

The DNR has recently invested **\$144,246 in capital development funds** to improve access to and wetland habitat on state managed wildlife areas in Shawano County.

In 2014, DNR stocked **140 pheasants** in Shawano County. Stocking results in increased hunting opportunities, which helps the local economy.

Shawano County has over **15,933 acres of state owned lands** open to public hunting and outdoor recreation.

## Community Partnerships

DNR granted a total of **\$23,245** to the **Shawano County Sheriff Department** for ATV, snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

**Bonduel Public Library** in Shawano County was one of **17 libraries** chosen to test pilot **Outdoor Explorer Backpacks**. The backpacks encourage kids and families to get outdoors and explore Wisconsin's natural resources.

DNR staff participated in **Shawano County Youth Conservation Field Day** that was held at the **Navarino Nature Center**. Various natural resource staff conducted activities with **168 children** from four Shawano County area schools.

A successful cooperative effort, DNR assisted with the collection of walleye eggs which were placed into **Walleyes for Tomorrow walleye wagon**. A total of **2,555,000 walleyes** were stocked in **Shawano Lake** in 2014.

Shawano County has **145 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 Shawano County

A total of **\$1,224,441** was awarded in Shawano 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, aquatic invasive species control in Cloverleaf Lake, land acquisition of the Shawano Wolf River Sturgeon Trail.

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

## Forestry Activities

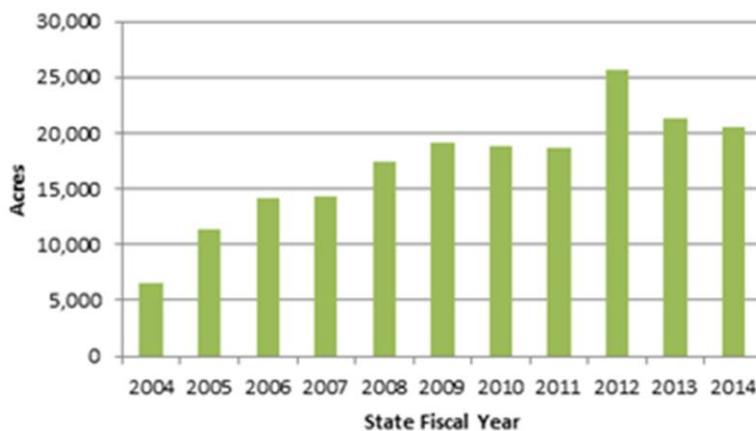
Forestry is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest employer in the county and produces an economic output of \$97.4 million, providing \$26.4 million in added value to the county.

Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL), **100,363 acres** of private land in Shawano County are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **14,654 acres** of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$89,000 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters.**

*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 171 contaminated properties** resulting in **33 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment.**

**DNR responded to 20 spills of hazardous materials** over the past three years.

DNR provided **\$104,291 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 Shawano County

In 2014, Shawano 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 15 landowners who have over 630 acres of land enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 11,648 deer were registered in Shawano County with 3,179 harvested during archery deer season and 8,469 harvested during the gun deer season.