

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Wood County

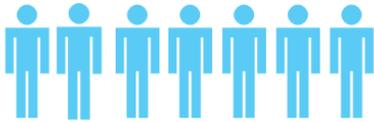
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

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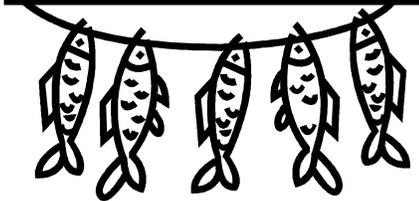
763,384



RESIDENT HUNTERS

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

\$1.4 billion



In Wood County, **61,112** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

Investments in Recreation

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **768 citizens became hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile certified** in Wood County.

2,461 extended growth walleye were stocked in **Nepco Lake** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative** in the fall of 2014. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

Wood County has over **16,115 acres of state owned lands** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

Community Partnerships

The **Mead/McMillan Wildlife Area** encompasses **40,000 acres** of public lands with a rich mixture of wildlife and habitats, including extensively managed wetlands, forests, sedge meadows, spruce/tamarack bogs and grasslands. Hunting and trapping are major activities in the fall and winter; wildlife observation, hiking, and seasonal biking are also popular activities. The Stanton W. Mead Education and Visitor Center offers **educational programming to over 10,000 students and adults annually**.

DNR granted a total of **\$9,239** to the **Wood County Sheriff Department** and **Town of Rome** for snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

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Snapshot of grants in Wood County

A total of **\$1,724,319** was awarded in Wood 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 outreach and trail maintenance.

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

Forestry Activities

Forestry is the 3rd largest employer in the county and produces an economic output of \$1.9 billion, providing \$488 million in added value to the county.

Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL), **49,395 acres** of private land in Wood County are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **12,197 acres** of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation.

In the last three fiscal years, **Wood County Forest has received over \$121,700 in grants** from the DNR for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest lands.

Since 2005, **over 17,061 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Wood County. The harvests provided more than **\$410,000 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$44,700 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters.**

Since 2011, **Wood County has received \$26,630 in Urban Forestry Grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

DNR granted \$32,626 to local Fire Departments in Wood County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety in handling wild land fires.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 690 contaminated properties** resulting in **122 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment.**

DNR responded to 52 spills of hazardous materials over the past three years. DNR works with local fire departments and regional hazardous materials teams to coordinate response and clean-up activities.

DNR provided **\$168,657 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 Wood County

In 2014, Wood 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 10 landowners who have over 1,800 acres of land enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 6,370 deer were registered in Wood County with 1,796 harvested during archery deer season and 4,574 harvested during the gun deer season.