

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Ashland 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?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

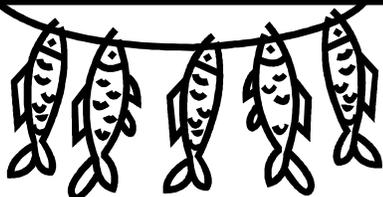
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

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

\$1.4 billion



In Ashland County, **21,361** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

In fiscal year 2014, **Big Bay State Park** had close to **170,000** visitors making an **estimated local impact of \$7,301,544**.

5,797 extended growth walleye were stocked in **Lake Galilee and Upper Clam Lake** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative**. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

In fiscal year 2014, **Copper Falls State Park** had close to **171,064** visitors making an **estimated local impact of \$6,315,683**.

DNR granted a total of **\$37,838** to the Ashland County Sheriff Department for ATV and snowmobile patrol activities.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **206 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Ashland County.

Community Partnerships

Since 2011, DNR has granted **\$26,655** to **local Fire Departments** to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

Ashland County has **91 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 Ashland County

With **\$222,491** of Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding, the **Chequamegon Bay Shoreland Restoration project** resulted in restoring 4,100 feet of public shoreland in the City of Ashland.

A total of **\$1,190,205** was awarded in Ashland County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, aquatic invasive species, public health and safety and forestry activities**.

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

Forestry Activities

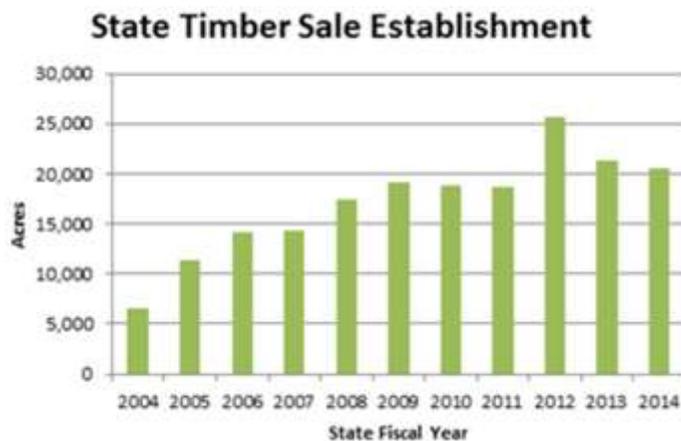
Forestry is the one of the **top 10 employers** in Ashland County. It produces **\$120.7 million** in economic output providing **\$40.3 million** in added value.

Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL) **96,395 acres of private land in Ashland County** are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **72,687 acres of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation.**

In the last three fiscal years, **Ashland County Forest has received over \$152,893 in grants** from the DNR for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest lands.

Since 2011, **Ashland County has received \$23,931 in Urban Forestry grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

The following graph represents the average acres of timber sales established on state lands in Wisconsin annually.



Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR is overseeing the clean-up of the **Northern States Power (NSP) Lakefront Superfund Site in Ashland**. Northern States Power has begun work on the on-land portion of the clean-up, which will involve excavation and treatment of contaminated soils at the former manufacturing gas plant and in Kreher Park, as well as treatment of contaminated groundwater.

Deer Management in Ashland County

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

In the 2013 season, 1,869 deer were registered in Ashland County with 465 harvested during archery deer season and 1,404 harvested during the gun deer season.