

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Dane County

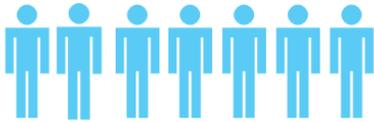
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

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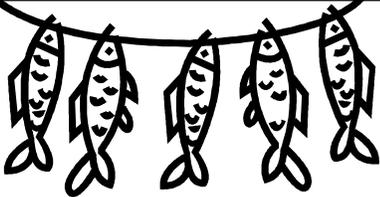
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

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

**\$1.4 billion**



In Dane County, **141,359** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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## Investments in Recreation

**97,751 extended growth walleye** were stocked in **Lake Mendota** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative**. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

In fiscal year 2014, **Blue Mounds, Governor Nelson and Lake Kegonsa State Parks and Badger and Military Ridge State Trails** attracted close to **637,085 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$47,118,292**.

Dane County has over **24,990 acres** of state owned lands open to public hunting and outdoor recreation.

**\$1,872,900** is being invested at Blue Mound State Park to remodel buildings and construct a new public pool.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **1,624 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Dane County.

DNR granted a **total of \$238,176** to the Dane County Sheriff Department for ATV, snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

In 2014, DNR stocked **6,520 pheasants** in Dane County. This results in increased hunting opportunities, which helps the local economy.

## Community Partnerships

Dane County has **316 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 Dane County

A total of **\$12,188,291** was awarded in Dane 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

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$387,499 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands and waters.**

**Dane County received \$626,704 in Urban Forestry Grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

Since 2011, DNR has granted **\$45,050 to local Fire Departments** to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

**Over 20 communities in Dane County have received technical assistance from DNR** between 2011 and 2014, which has helped them develop or improve their urban forest management programs.

Since 2005, **over 8,205 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Dane County. The harvests provided over **\$307,521 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

**Dane County has 369 acres of private land open for public access for recreation as a result of tax law programs** (Forest Crop and MFL).

## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

The **DNR awarded approximately \$50,000 in grants to the Badger Bus Lines** in 2013-14 with U.S. EPA Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) funds **for emission reductions from diesel equipment.**

With the help of **\$1.5 million from DNR's brownfields program**, the **former Royster Clark industrial facility** that produced granulated fertilizer on Madison's east side has been cleaned up and is now poised for redevelopment.

On East Washington Avenue near the Capitol, more than **\$250,000 from the DNR helped clean up a former auto dealer site**, clearing the way for a new grocery store, mixed housing and mixed commercial, retail and office projects.

## Deer Management in Dane County

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

In 2013, 3,911 deer were registered in Dane County with 1,280 harvested during archery deer season and 2,631 harvested during the gun deer season.