

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Fond du Lac County

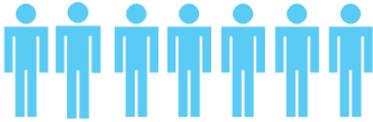
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

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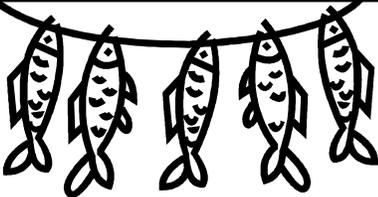
763,384



RESIDENT HUNTERS

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

\$1.4 billion



In Fond du Lac County, **56,202** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

In fiscal year 2014, **Kettle Moraine State Forest** had close to **590,462** visitors making an estimated local impact of **\$29,251,487**.

4,233 extended growth walleye were stocked in **Long Lake** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative**. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

Fond du Lac County has over **28,584 acres** of state owned lands open to public hunting and outdoor recreation.

DNR granted a total of **\$11,157.67** to the **Fond du Lac County Sheriff Department** for boat patrol activities.

The DNR has recently **invested \$826,978** in **state managed properties** in Fond du Lac County.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **956 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Fond du Lac County.

Community Partnerships

Campbellsport Public Library in Fond du Lac 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.

In 2014, DNR **stocked 2,840 pheasant** in Fond du Lac County. **This results in increased hunting opportunities, which helps the local economy.** Pheasant stocking continues to be a priority to promote and sustain pheasant hunting in Wisconsin.

Snapshot of grants in Fond du Lac County

A total of **\$1,161,474** was awarded in Fond du Lac County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A few activities include: Kettle Moraine Lake aquatic invasive species control and prevention, snowmobile and ATV maintenance, Lakeside Park Fishing Platform Development and Reforestation and afforestation.

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

Forestry Activities

Since 2011, **DNR has granted \$28,933 to local Fire Departments** to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires. **This partnership augments and strengthens the DNR's overall initial attack and fire suppression capabilities** on forest fires providing greater protection of lives, properties and natural resources.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$28,998 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands and waters.**

Since 2011, **Fond du Lac County has received \$17,459 in Urban Forestry grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

Since 2005, **over 10,662 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Fond du Lac County. The harvests provided over **\$420,286 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

Six communities received technical assistance from DNR between 2011 and 2014, which helped them develop or improve their urban forest management programs.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR provided **\$212,924 in reimbursements** over the past 3 years for expenses relating to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination from product storage systems.**

DNR provided **\$55,341 in Brownfield grants** over the past 3 years to place contaminated properties back into productive commercial or industrial use.

DNR has approved **cleanups at 972 contaminated properties resulting in 131 acres being made available for reuse.**

Deer Management in Fond du Lac County

In 2014, Fond du Lac 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 one landowner who has over 1,400 acres of land enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program. This will result in improvements to wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 4,609 deer were registered in Fond du Lac County with 1,356 harvested during archery deer season and 3,253 harvested during the gun deer season.