

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Forest County

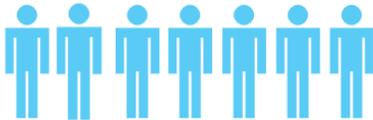
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

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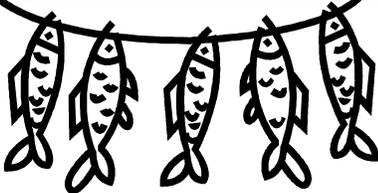
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

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

**\$1.4 billion**



In Forest County, **11,129** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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## Investments in Recreation

Over **21,000** extended growth walleye were stocked in **Franklin, Pine, Range Line and Stevens Lake** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative**. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

Forest County has over **67,438 acres** of state owned lands open to public hunting and outdoor recreation.

The **Nicolet and Wolf River State Trails** provide year-round outdoor recreational opportunities to local and visiting guests. The trails offer biking, hiking, ATV, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

DNR granted a total of **\$54,437** for ATV, snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **95 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Forest County.

## Community Partnerships

The DNR has strong relationships with Forest County groups through its **Citizen-based Monitoring Program**, an initiative that connects citizens and scientists working together to monitor and evaluate Wisconsin's natural resources. Recent partnerships in Forest County include support to the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition to monitor invasive species and establish the Northeast Wisconsin Invasive Species Corps.

Forest County has **72 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 Forest County

A total of **\$2,773,455** was awarded in Forest County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A few activities include: Lake Metonga Aquatic Invasive Species Control and Prevention, Clean Boats – Clean Waters and snowmobile and ATV trail maintenance.

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

## Forestry Activities

**Forestry is the largest employer** in the county. It produces **\$38.4 million** in economic output providing **\$9.7 million** in added value to the county.

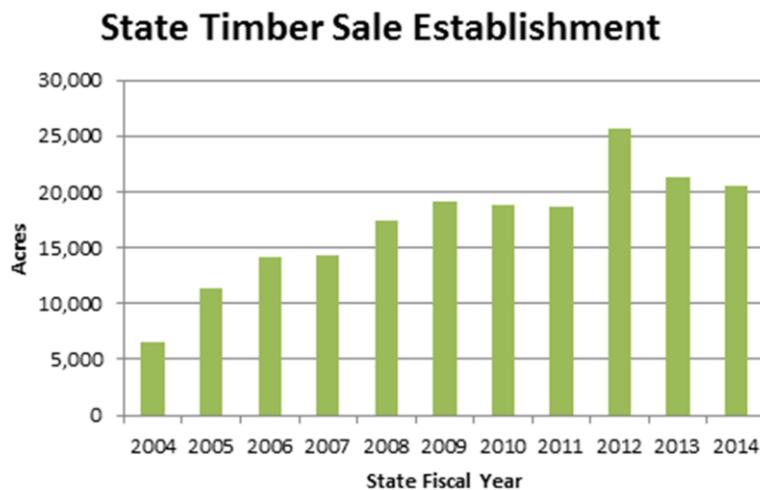
In the last 3 fiscal years, **Forest County Forest has received over \$137,070 in grants** from the DNR for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest lands.

Since 2012, Forest County has **received over \$2.4 million in Stewardship Grants to purchase 2,821 acres** to add to their county forest.

Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL) **127,801 acres of private land in Forest County are being properly managed** for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **95,756 acres of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation.**

Since 2005, **over 7,045 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Forest County, providing more than **\$228,804 in revenue** to the state.

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



## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 19 contaminated properties resulting in one acre being made available for reuse.** DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment.**

**DNR provided \$35,320 in reimbursements** over the past 3 years for expenses relating to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination from product storage systems.**

## Deer Management in Forest County

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

In 2013, a total of 2,319 deer were registered in Forest County with 596 harvested during archery deer season and 1,723 harvested during the gun deer season.