

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Iowa County

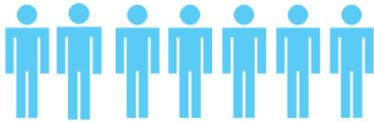
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

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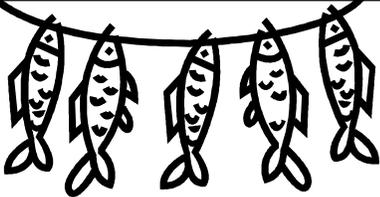
763,384



RESIDENT HUNTERS

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

\$1.4 billion



In Iowa County, **16,080** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

In fiscal year 2014, **Governor Dodge State Park, Military Ridge State Trail and Tower Hill State Park** had close to **606,531 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$35,342,441**.

Iowa County has over **22,926 acres** of state owned lands open to public hunting and outdoor recreation.

The DNR has recently invested **\$2,581,607 in state managed properties** in Iowa County, including upgrades and repairs at state parks and trails.

In 2014, DNR **stocked 1,600 pheasants** in Iowa 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.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **273 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Iowa County.

Community Partnerships

Since 2006, the DNR's **Landowner Incentive Program** has provided **\$194,000** to Iowa County residents in cost-share funds for **36** restoration projects that benefit at-risk wildlife.

Iowa County has **93 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.

In fiscal year 2014, one **Well Compensation Grant** was awarded for **\$9,000**. This grant provided assistance to a resident who needed to replace a well that was contaminated with livestock bacteria.

Snapshot of grants in Iowa County

A total of **\$962,901** was awarded in Iowa County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of activities include: Blackhawk Lake and Cox Hollow Lake Clean Boats – Clean Waters, trail maintenance and recycling efforts.

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

Forestry Activities

Since June 2010, DNR has provided over **\$337,075** to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands and waters through management plan development, tree planting, practices that improve forest health and soil and water protection.

Iowa County has **1,586 acres of private land open for public access for recreation as a result of tax law programs** (Forest Crop and MFL). The Tax Law Programs encourage proper management of timber, wildlife, water quality and the environment through written management plans for a landowner's property.

Since 2005, **over 5,203 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Iowa County. The harvests provided over **\$150,341 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

Since 2011, **DNR has granted \$6,394 to local Fire Departments** in Iowa County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

Three communities have received technical assistance from DNR between 2011 and 2014, which has helped them develop or improve their urban forest management programs. **Two of the communities have national Tree City USA certification.**

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved cleanups at **127 contaminated properties resulting in 38 acres being made available for reuse**. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide long-term protection of public health and environment.

DNR responded to **14 spills of hazardous materials** over the past 3 years.

DNR provided **\$165,109 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 Iowa County

In 2014, Iowa 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 11 landowners who have over 1,100 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program. This initiative helps improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 5,295 deer were registered in Iowa County with 1,076 harvested during archery deer season and 4,219 harvested during the gun deer season.