

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Marathon 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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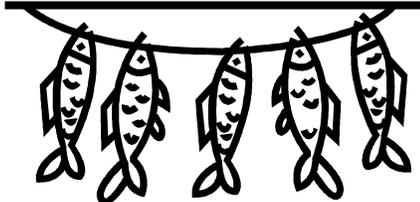
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

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

\$1.4 billion



In Marathon County, **90,322** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

2,456 extended growth walleye were stocked in **Norrie and Pike Lakes** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative** in the fall of 2014. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

In fiscal year 2014, **Rib Mountain State Park** had close to **329,415 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$16,570,473**.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **1,086 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Marathon County.

DNR has recently invested **\$7,583,205 in capital development funds** to improve state managed lands in Marathon County, including over **\$6.5 million** spent on improvements to Rib Mountain State Park.

Marathon County has over **188,269 state owned acres** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

In 2014, DNR stocked **240 pheasants** in Marathon County. Stocking results in increased hunting opportunities.

Community Partnerships

The **Stanton W. Mead Education and Visitor Center** offers educational programming to over 10,000 students and adults annually.

DNR granted a total of **\$13,654** to the **Marathon County Sheriff Department** for snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

Marathon County has **223 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water.

For calendar year 2014, the DNR entered into a **\$23,920 contract with the Marathon County Health Department** to conduct inspections and sampling at **184 small public water systems**.

Snapshot of grants in Marathon County

A total of **\$2,835,204** was awarded in Marathon County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: aquatic invasive species outreach, trail maintenance and Ice Age Trail work in Rice Lake.

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

Forestry Activities

Forestry is the third largest employer in the county and produces an economic output of \$1.5 billion, providing \$391 million in added value to the county.

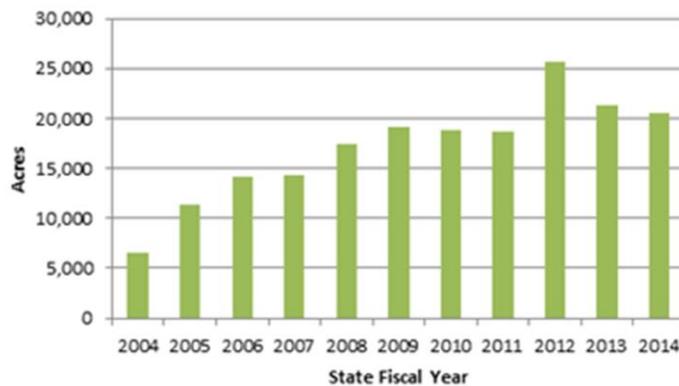
Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL), **110,910 acres** of private land in Marathon County are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **22,027 acres** of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation.

In the last three fiscal years, **Marathon County Forest has received over \$160,321 in grants** from the DNR for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest lands.

Since 2011, **Marathon County has received \$67,997 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.

State Timber Sale Establishment



Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR provided more than **\$4.5 million for state-funded response**, combined with responsible parties' funding, to **remediate the Holtz Krause landfill** for redevelopment without going through the Superfund process.

DNR approved **cleanups at 786 contaminated properties** resulting in **328 acres** being made available for reuse.

DNR provided **\$1,250,789 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

DNR provided **\$188,760 in Brownfield Grants** over the past three years to place contaminated properties back into productive use.

Deer Management in Marathon County

In 2014, Marathon 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 14,223 deer were registered in Marathon County with 3,484 harvested during archery deer season and 10,739 harvested during the gun deer season.