

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Monroe County

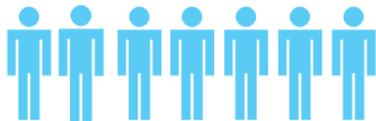
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

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

**\$1.4 billion**



In Monroe County, **33,903** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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## Investments in Recreation

In fiscal year 2014, the **Elroy-Sparta State Trail** attracted close to **48,485 visitors**, making an estimated **local economic impact of \$4,363,650**.

**\$101,687** was invested back into the infrastructure of Monroe County's state properties.

**La Crosse River State Trail** had close to **57,445 visitors** in 2014 making an **economic impact of \$5,170,050**.

The City of Tomah was awarded **\$17,475** by the DNR to construct an **accessible fishing pier**.

DNR awarded **\$74,575** for the maintenance of **298 miles of the Monroe County Snowmobile Trails**.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **454 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Monroe County.

## Community Partnerships

**Kendall Public Library** in Monroe 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.

DNR stocked **540 pheasants** on **Sand Creek Public Hunting and Fishing Area and Ridgeville Wildlife Area**.

In the 2014 season, **70 disabled hunters** participated in the October hunt at Fort McCoy Army Base.

In an outreach effort to increase angler recruitment, retention and education, DNR held **10 classes for school aged kids** in Monroe County. The classes focused on fish identification and general fishing knowledge.

## Forestry Activities

Since June 2010, DNR has provided over **\$61,857** to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters.

**\$37,714** was granted to local Fire Departments to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

**Monroe County has 49,654 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.

Monroe County received **\$26,990 in Urban Forestry Grants to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs** such as tree inventories and assessments, management plans, emerald ash borer (EAB) preparedness plans, urban forest restoration projects, staff training and public education.

Since 2005, over **10,671 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Monroe County. The harvests provided over **\$393,274 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved cleanups at **337 contaminated properties resulting in 10 acres being made available for reuse**. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

DNR has **responded to 51 spills** of hazardous materials over the past three years.

DNR provided **\$322,264 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses relating to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination from product storage systems**.

## Deer Management in Monroe County

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

DNR worked with eight landowners who have 1,300 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 7,529 deer were registered in Monroe County with 1,501 harvested during archery deer season and 6,028 harvested during the gun deer season.