

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Pepin County

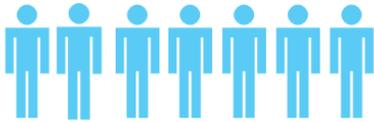
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

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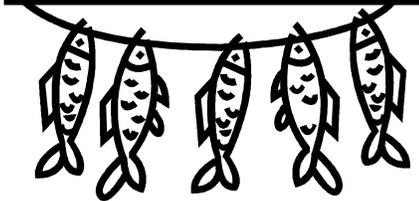
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

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

**\$1.4 billion**



In Pepin County, **8,479** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

## Investments in Recreation

In fiscal year 2014, **Chippewa River State Trail** had close to **39,870 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$3,220,300**.

Pepin County has over **5,761 acres of state owned lands** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

## Community Partnerships

Pepin County has **29 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.

Since 2009, the **DNR's Landowner Incentive Program** has provided nearly **\$35,000 in cost-share funds** to **private landowners** in Pepin County.

The DNR has strong relationships with Outagamie County groups through its **Citizen- Based Monitoring Program**, an initiative that connects citizens and scientists together to monitor and evaluate Wisconsin's natural resources. Recent partnerships in Pepin County included support to the **Beaver Creek Reserve to engage citizens in education, conservation and monitoring of Wisconsin birds and bats**; and the West Central Wisconsin **Invasive Plant Management Area** cooperative that engaged citizens in the mapping and eradication of invasive plant species.

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## Snapshot of grants in Pepin County

A total of **\$165,226** was awarded in Pepin County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: grants to individuals to plan and develop private forests, trail maintenance and the continuation of riverbank restoration on three private properties on the Chippewa River.

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

## Forestry Activities

Pepin County has **2,100 acres of private land open for public access** as a result of the 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 2011, **Pepin County has received \$4,300 in Urban Forestry Grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$4,800 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters.**

**DNR granted \$1,400 to local Fire Departments** in Pepin County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety in handling wild land fires.

Since 2005, **over 1,080 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Pepin County. The harvests provided more than **\$80,000 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

**Two communities in Pepin County have received technical assistance from the DNR between 2011 and 2014**, which helped them to develop or improve their urban forest management programs.

## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR provided **\$21,048 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

Legislature authorized funding for the **Wisconsin Air Resource Program**, which created **improvements to the air permitting process**. This initiative resulted in more timely, consistent and transparent reviews of permits.

## Deer Management in Pepin County

In 2014, Pepin 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 2,564 deer were registered in Pepin County with 504 harvested during archery deer season and 2,060 harvested during the gun deer season.