

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Waukesha County

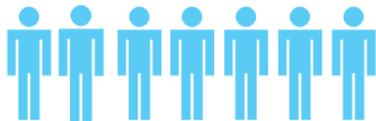
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

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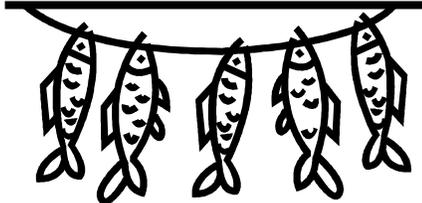
763,384



RESIDENT HUNTERS

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

\$1.4 billion



In Waukesha County, **107,058** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

37,467 extended growth walleye were stocked in **Fowler and Pewaukee Lakes** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative** in the fall of 2014. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

In fiscal year 2014, **Glacial Drumlin State Trail** (east segment), **Kettle Moraine State Forest- Lapham Peak Unit and Southern Unit** had close to **1,835,027 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$82,306,760**.

Waukesha County has over **21,320 acres of state owned lands** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **1,419 citizens became hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile certified** in Waukesha County.

Community Partnerships

New Berlin Public Library in Waukesha 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 granted a total of **\$146,787** to Waukesha County for snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

DNR employees provided hands on learning opportunities while working with students from the East Troy High School and Nature's Classroom Institute on the **Mukwonago River Habitat Improvement Project**.

Snapshot of grants in Waukesha County

A total of **\$7,161,294** was awarded in Waukesha County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: acquisition of land in the Mukwonago River Greenway Corridor for outdoor recreational activities, trail maintenance and grants to individuals to plan and develop private forests.

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

Forestry Activities

Forestry is the 6th largest employer in the county and produces an economic output of \$104.4 million, providing \$28.5 million in added value to the county.

Since 2011, **Waukesha County has received \$60,262 in Urban Forestry Grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

DNR granted \$58,155 to local Fire Departments in Waukesha County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety in handling wild land fires.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$44,600 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters** through management plan development, tree planting, practices that improve forest health and soil and water protection.

Since 2005, **over 20,152 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Waukesha County. The harvests provided more than **\$754,800 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 2,331 contaminated properties** resulting in **577 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

DNR responded to 73 spills of hazardous materials over the past three years.

DNR provided **\$451,422 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

DNR provided **\$164,873 in Brownfield Grants** over the past three years to place contaminated properties back into productive use.

Deer Management in Waukesha County

In 2014, Waukesha 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 two landowners who have over 135 acres of land enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 2,053 deer were registered in Waukesha County with 1,093 harvested during archery deer season and 960 harvested during the gun deer season.