

## Summary of Objectives

1. Promote continuation of a landscape mix of forests that represent a full array of forest types, age classes and successional stages.
2. Encourage additional increases in forestland where appropriate as determined by ecological, economic, and society's needs and values.
3. Encourage the maintenance of native tree species within forests and the presence of forest types that are becoming uncommon.
4. Encourage the maintenance of oak within forests and the oak forest type.
5. Conserve, protect, and manage for biological diversity and support continuing research on biological and ecosystem diversity.
6. Develop tools and strategies for improving the transmission of forest science information to the public.
7. Protect threatened and endangered species and support inventory and research on biological and ecosystem diversity.
8. Work to minimize invasive species introductions and mitigate the impact of those introduced on all forestlands.
9. Protect rare ecosystems and support continuing inventory and research on biological and ecosystem diversity.
10. Manage for healthy vigorous forests that are more tolerant of insect outbreaks and disease and human related impacts.
11. Conserve, protect, and manage old growth forests and, where feasible, encourage their appropriate representation on the variety of ownerships.
12. Work to minimize forest fragmentation and explore techniques that would allow fragmented forests to retain a larger portion of their original ecological, economic, and social benefits.
13. Monitor and assess the growing wildland-urban interface and continue to support forest fire prevention efforts and public education campaigns designed to minimize the threat of uncontrolled wild fires.
14. Increase use of forest management practices, including prescribed fire, that create and maintain diverse forests.
15. Maintain and expand existing programs designed to address the possible effects of global warming and measure and document changes in forest composition, structure, and function as well as changes in other biotic communities.
16. Encourage the understanding of forests in providing a carbon sink and encourage actions that preserve forests ability to function as a carbon sink.
17. Identify and work to minimize the potentially negative impacts of pollutants and pesticides on all of Wisconsin's ecosystems.
18. Educate the public about the important role played by forests in protecting water resources and support the reforestation of sensitive or erosion-prone areas.
19. Work to develop public consensus and encourage public involvement on the management of forest succession in Wisconsin.
20. Encourage forest management practices and the production of forest products that sustainably meet the needs of current generations while providing adequate resources to meet the needs of the future.
21. Actively plan for the future of Wisconsin's forests so that the needs of forest-based recreationists can be met while protecting the sustainability of our forest resource.
22. Actively plan for Wisconsin's forests so that forests can be shared by multiple user groups while protecting the sustainability of our resources.
23. Educate the public and decision-makers about the full range of forest values, not just those with economic value.
24. Intensify cooperative efforts to enhance the sustainability of Wisconsin's forests through forest certification and other means that contribute to protecting this resource and its benefits into the future.
25. Continue to promote recycling in Wisconsin.
26. Continue to promote the efficient use of harvested wood.
27. Cooperatively develop a long-term property tax strategy that will protect Wisconsin's forest resources and the myriad values they provide.
28. Encourage the continued use of purchase of development rights and acquisition of land to protect important forestlands from development.
29. Ensure timber harvesting is conducted in a sustainable manner and increase public acceptance of harvesting practices.
30. Maintain adequate supply of quality nursery seedlings for Wisconsin's conservation needs.
31. Initiate programs that minimize the fragmentation of industrial forestlands and protect public access to forestlands.
32. Initiate programs that minimize the fragmentation of forestlands caused by development effects and educate new forest landowners about sustainable forestry.
33. Provide increased forestry assistance to forest landowners.
34. Seek to educate forest landowners about the importance of forests and the need for forest practices that sustain forest resources.
35. Provide adequate amounts of forestland open to public use to meet the recreational needs of the people of Wisconsin.
36. Promote increased public dialogue about forestry issues.
37. Explore strategies to minimize conflicts between forest user groups.
38. Invest in education and consensus building processes that help balance the pros and cons of controversial forest management techniques such as clear cutting and other management techniques.
39. Invest in planning efforts and explore management techniques on public forests that provide the broadest range of benefits to the people of Wisconsin.
40. Further assess the implications of the increasing interest in motorized recreation, and plan to accommodate appropriate levels of motorized and non-motorized forest recreationists.
41. Further assess the implications of the creation of more trails and their increasing use, and plan to accommodate appropriate development and use.
42. Strengthen levels of fire protection in fire-prone areas and educate the public about the threat of fire posed by the wildland-urban interface.
43. Implement outreach efforts to connect people with the impacts of their consumption behavior.
44. Enhance urban forestry awareness and technical assistance.
45. Enhance awareness efforts aimed at educating the general public, public officials, and developers about the need for growth and development planning that considers forests.

46. Initiate educational and incentive programs aimed at improving the quality of the urban canopy in areas with a low rate of owner occupancy.
47. Invest in inventory, monitoring, and analysis efforts to better document changes in ecological, economic, and social criteria and indicators.
48. Invest in improving the effectiveness of public education and outreach efforts to better facilitate public involvement in decision-making about Wisconsin's forest resources.
49. Raise awareness about the possible impacts of population increase on forests and demand for forest products.
50. Promote collaboration within the full range of agencies, interest groups, and disciplines involved in forestry.
51. Work to better understand and consider the cultural and intrinsic values of Wisconsin's forests.
52. Explore opportunities to expand the use of wood biomass for the production of energy in the state.