

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Monitoring the Implementation of Property Master Plans**

Property or Properties: Straight Lake State Park

Year Master Plan was Approved: 2009

**Property-wide**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Real Estate Mtg.</p>	<p><b>Recent Park Land Acquisitions / Transactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquire acreage within the expanded project boundary totaling 3225 acres.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accomplishments 2011</b></p>	<p><i>No acquisitions in 2011. SLSP does have a signed option for the land issue for the park entrance, which should be complete in 2012.</i></p> <p><i>Currently working on providing Polk Burnett Electric an easement so all overhead power lines can be removed. This will require burying a portion of power line along 270<sup>th</sup> Ave and 120<sup>th</sup> ST.</i></p>

**Property-wide**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Interpretation and Education Programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Display kiosks and signage at the day use area.</li> <li>Glacial history and Ice Age National Scenic Trail information.</li> <li>Clam Falls Historical Road information</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Accomplishments 2011</b></p>	<p><i>Two informational bulletin board have been placed, one at the current entrance on 120<sup>th</sup> St. and another at the Ice Age Trail Parking Lot off of 280<sup>th</sup> Ave.</i></p>
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**Recreation**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Recreation Mtg.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide 2 Canoe Landings / Boat access sites</li> <li>• Provide 10 Semi-primitive walk-in / cart-in Campsites</li> <li>• Provide 2 primitive remote paddle-in / hike-in campsites</li> <li>• Provide 4 Ice Age Trail primitive remote hike-in campsites</li> <li>• Provide 2 group semi-primitive walk-in / cart-in campsites</li> <li>• Provide 1 day use Area</li> <li>• Provide 1 Public Contact Station</li> <li>• Provide 2 Parking Areas</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accomplishments 2011</b></p>	<p><i>Initial development is in the planning stage with the first set of drawing coming soon. The PEVS initial plan has been review and change made. If the time line stays on track initial development could start in 2012.</i></p> <p><i>The park has been approved for infrastructure parking lot at the corner of 280<sup>th</sup> Ave and 130<sup>th</sup> ST. This may be completed in 2012.</i></p>

**Vegetation Management**

**RAINBOW LAKE RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an attractive, natural appearing forested setting featuring forest with larger diameter trees, lakes and wetlands for opportunities for high quality, lower intensity, non-motorized recreational uses.</li> <li>• Protect and enhance the natural, scenic character of the area. Maintain and expand the acreage of</li> </ul>
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<p>Recreation Mtg.</p>	<p>mixed northern hardwoods and closed canopy forest conditions. On appropriate sites, increase the presence of larger, older trees (130 to 150 years).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain Rainbow Lake and its shoreline in a predominantly undeveloped, natural appearing condition. Manage as needed to minimize user impacts.</li> <li>• Protect and maintain the area's high quality wetlands.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accomplishments 2011</b></p>	<p><i>.No activity until initial development.</i></p>

**TUNNEL CHANNEL WOODS STATE NATURAL AREA**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Vegetative Mtg.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an area with little fragmentation by trails or roads and having a closed canopy northern hardwood forest, with an oak and white pine component exhibiting old-growth characteristics, such as large diameter trees and coarse woody debris, and a ground layer free of exotic or invasive species.</li> <li>• Maintain conditions where natural processes may continue to enhance old-growth forest characteristics within the area.</li> <li>• Restore and maintain the core of the management area, which includes the ephemeral ponds, in an undeveloped condition and unfragmented by roads and trails. Provide limited access on primitive trails located on the fringe of the management area.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accomplishments 2011</b></p>	<p><i>.No activity.</i></p>

**STRAIGHT LAKE AND RIVER SCENIC MANAGEMENT AREA**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Vegetative Mtg.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide habitat for interior forest bird species in a natural appearing, undeveloped recreational setting that is characterized by a generally closed canopied, older forest dominated by larger diameter, longer lived trees.</li> <li>• Expand the acreage of mixed stands of northern hardwoods and maintain oak as a component. Increase the presence of larger, older trees (up to 120–140 years.) on appropriate sites. Maintain and enhance closed canopy forest conditions within the Straight Lake and the Tunnel Channel viewshed. Maintain and enhance closed canopy forest conditions in the remainder of the management area to the degree practicable.</li> <li>• Use periodic even-aged selection pine plantation thinnings to develop a more natural appearing structure. Over the long-term, gradually convert the stand to mixed northern hardwoods, while retaining some pine to their biological maturity.</li> <li>• Maintain and enhance the wetlands associated with Straight Lake and Straight River, with no disturbance of the existing wetland vegetation and habitat.</li> <li>• Maintain low visibility of management activities in the area, particularly in the viewshed of Straight Lake and along designated trails.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accomplishments 2011</b></p>	<p><i>.The plans for reconstruction of the dam are moving forward going out for bids in May 2012. Trees in the construction area have been identified and numbered to determine which trees will be cut and trees that will remain. This was done to protect the viewshed as much as possible from the lake.</i></p>

**STRAIGHT LAKE TAMARACK FEN STATE NATURAL AREA**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide and maintain an ecologically functional tamarack fen and adjacent sedge meadow.</li> <li>• Maintain an undisturbed condition where natural processes predominate.</li> </ul>
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Recreation Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain the area free of invasive species.</li> </ul>
<b>Accomplishments 2011</b>	<i>.No activity</i>

**UPPER STRAIGHT RIVER SCENIC MANAGEMENT AREA**

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>  Vegetative Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an attractive, natural appearing setting comprised primarily of oak-northern hardwood forests, patches of aspen, and open wetlands for the Ice Age trail and other compatible, dispersed recreational uses.</li> <li>• Protect and enhance the natural, scenic character of the area by maintaining and expanding the acreage of mixed oak-northern hardwoods and closed canopy conditions, and increasing the presence of larger diameter trees on appropriate sites.</li> <li>• Protect and maintain high quality wetlands.</li> </ul>
<b>Accomplishments 2011</b>	<i>.No activity</i>