

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

Property: Straight Lake State Wildlife Area*

Master Plan Year: 2011

* A combined plan with Straight Lake SP

Land Management

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Long-term Resource Management Objective (50 yr. +) for Hardwood Forest Habitat Management Area. Provide a predominantly oak-northern hardwood forest comprised of a variety of age classes (to 150 years) for habitat for forest game and other forest wildlife species.
Accomplishments 2011	<i>Intermediate improvement harvest sold and under contract on 60 acres.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Hardwood Forest Habitat Management Area. Maintain and enhance age structure of the existing oak-northern hardwood forest habitat.
Accomplishments 2011	<i>No activity this year.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Hardwood Forest Habitat Management Area. Maintain existing aspen stands.
Accomplishments 2011	<i>Timber harvest under contract is set up to promote aspen component within the stand.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Long-term Resource Management Objectives (50 yr +) Wetland Habitat Management Area. Maintain a hemi-marsh habitat.
Accomplishments 2011	<i>Kept boards in control structures to continue to allow flowages to fill after having been dewatered in the past.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Long-term Resource Management Objectives (50 yr +) Wetland Habitat Management Area. Provide extensive grasslands adjacent to the two southern impoundments (as shown on Map D) for grassland dependant wildlife species and waterfowl nesting cover.
Accomplishments 2011	<i>South fields burned in fall to prepare for winter seeding.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Wetland Habitat Management Area. Establish a biologically diverse hemi-marsh habitat (approximately 50% diverse mix of native aquatic and emergent wetland vegetation and 50% open water) that will be beneficial for waterfowl, shorebirds and other wetland dependant species
Accomplishments 2011	<i>Restored two wetlands adjacent to warm season plantings.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Wetland Habitat Management Area. Enlarge the patch-size of the grasslands to enhance its functional value for grassland-dependant wildlife species.
Accomplishments 2011	<i>No activity this year.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Wetland Habitat Management Area. Convert existing crop fields to grasslands or to forested habitat, as appropriate to the site
Accomplishments 2011	<i>South fields planted to native grasses and forbs.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Wetland Habitat Management Area. Provide scattered aspen/oak forest habitat in a variety of age classes ranging from 0 to 120 years.
Accomplishments 2011	<i>Harvest sold and under contract in northern hardwoods stands where aspen component will be enhanced where appropriate.</i>

Public Access and Recreation

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Provide opportunities for and emphasizing wildlife-related recreational activities, such as hunting, trapping and wildlife viewing and interpretation. Secondly, provide opportunities for compatible activities like hiking, nature study, and berry picking. Actions to be taken to meet these objectives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct five small 2-4 vehicle parking lots on the periphery of the wildlife area in the general locations shown on Map C. Site and develop a parking lot off 280th Ave. so it also provides a vehicle accessible observation area overlooking the lower flowage. • Develop and maintain up to a 6.4 mile network of primitive to lightly developed trails to provide access for hunting, wildlife observation, and hiking, as generally shown on Map C. The trails on the wildlife area will be connected to the state park trail system to allow hikers' access to the entire Straight Lake Park and Wildlife Area trail system. Temporary management roads and trails will provide additional access-ways throughout the wildlife area.
Accomplishments 2011	<i>Created an additional parking lot, bringing the total up to 3, in addition to having two single-car pull-in areas.</i>