

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

Property:  Straight Lake State Wildlife Area\*

Master Plan Year:  2010

\* A combined plan with Straight Lake SP

**Land Management**

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Long-term Resource Management Objective (50 yr. +) for Hardwood Forest Habitat Management Area.</b> 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.
<b>Accomplishments 2013</b>	<i>One 50-acre timber sale is complete; one 50-acre timber sale is active. A 175-acre timber sale may be sold in the fall of 2014.</i>

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Hardwood Forest Habitat Management Area.</b> Maintain and enhance age structure of the existing oak-northern hardwood forest habitat.
<b>Accomplishments 2013</b>	<i>One 50-acre timber sale is complete; one 50-acre timber sale is active. A 175-acre timber sale may be sold in the fall of 2014.</i>

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Hardwood Forest Habitat Management Area.</b> Maintain existing aspen stands.
<b>Accomplishments 2013</b>	<i>Timber harvest recently completed was set up to promote aspen component within the stand.</i>

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Long-term Resource Management Objectives (50 yr +) Wetland Habitat Management Area.</b> Maintain a hemi-marsh habitat.
<b>Accomplishments 2013</b>	<i>Managed beaver issues in order to maintain the ability to manipulate water levels.</i>

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Long-term Resource Management Objectives (50 yr +) Wetland Habitat Management Area.</b> Provide extensive grasslands adjacent to the two southern impoundments (as shown on Map D) for grassland dependant wildlife species and waterfowl nesting cover.
<b>Accomplishments 2013</b>	<i>19 acre establishment burn completed to enhance warm season grass cover.</i>

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Wetland Habitat Management Area.</b> 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
<b>Accomplishments 2013</b>	<i>Managed beaver issues in order to maintain the ability to manipulate water levels. Seeded middle flowage to wild rice in the spring of 2013 and the north flowage in the fall of 2013.</i>

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Wetland Habitat Management Area.</b> Enlarge the patch-size of the grasslands to enhance its functional value for grassland-dependant wildlife species.
<b>Accomplishments 2013</b>	<i>19 acre establishment burn completed to enhance warm season grass cover. Prepared 20 acre middle unit for establishment burn in 2014.</i>

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Wetland Habitat Management Area.</b> Convert existing crop fields to grasslands or to forested habitat, as appropriate to the site
<b>Accomplishments 2013</b>	<i>No action taken this year.</i>

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Short-term Resource Management Objectives (0-50 yr) Wetland Habitat Management Area.</b> Provide scattered aspen/oak forest habitat in a variety of age classes ranging from 0 to 120 years.
<b>Accomplishments 2013</b>	<i>Harvest completed in northern hardwoods stand where aspen component will be enhanced where appropriate.</i>

**Public Access and Recreation**

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>	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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Accomplishments 2013</b>	<i>No action taken this year.</i>