

Driftless Area Master Planning News



DNR's Master Planning Efforts for Trout and Smallmouth Bass Waters

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Welcome

Thanks for your interest in DNR's Master Planning effort for trout and smallmouth bass waters in the Driftless Area of Wisconsin. You are on our mailing list because you signed up via [our website](#), sent us a postcard or have attended a meeting in the past. We'll be sending out this electronic newsletter every once in a while to keep you up to date on our planning activities.

Master Planning Efforts Begin

Folks at the DNR have initiated efforts on a management plan that will describe DNR properties in the Driftless Area and guide future actions. The focus is not on all properties the agency owns in the area, but only land along trout and smallmouth bass waters. The plan will focus on recreational uses and habitat management.

The planning project encompasses 23 counties and thousands of acres of land that are mostly in narrow strips along hundreds of streams. In addition, the agency has purchased angler access easements along dozens more streams.



Developing a master plan for such a large area is a big effort and requires help from people like you and interested users groups. The area has been divided

into eight planning regions (map). You may have told us which are your favorites when you gave us your name and email or mailing address.



What's Coming Up?

In 2013 the DNR plans to host multiple open house meetings to share background information and to identify issues that you would like to see addressed.

You can expect to receive this newsletter to keep you up-to-date and to let you know when and where the public meetings will be held. Please join in to voice your opinion on how to improve fishing in the Driftless Area, where more public access is needed, and what land management practices should be applied.