

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Burnett County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

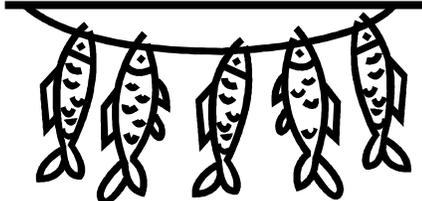
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Burnett County, **35,848** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

26,513 extended growth walleye were stocked in **Devils, McKenzie and Middle McKenzie Lakes** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative**. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

DNR granted a total of **\$43,522** to the Burnett County Sheriff Department for ATV, snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **96 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Burnett County.

Copper Falls State Park invested **\$451,000** over the last two years for a trail extension and infrastructure updates.

Community Partnerships

DNR partnered Burnett County's Land and Water Conservation Department to develop a new Lake Protection Grant subprogram for improved shoreland conditions. Burnett County is a leader in this arena with a model shoreline restoration program and the **first county in the state to incentivize shoreland restoration**.

Burnett County has **180 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water. Wisconsin has more public water systems than any other state in the nation.

Snapshot of grants in Burnett County

A total of **\$1,748,904** was awarded in Burnett County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, aquatic invasive species, public health and safety and forestry activities**.

**Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.

Forestry Activities

In the last three fiscal years, **Burnett County Forest has received over \$178,834 in grants** from DNR for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest lands.

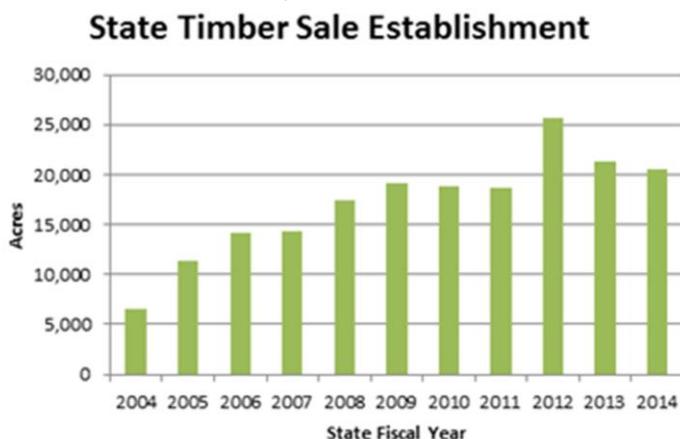
Over the last 3 fiscal years, **the DNR has annually provided 1.4 full time employee equivalents** of forestry staff time as assistance to Burnett County Forest, which **generated an average of \$1.46 million/year** in revenue.

Since June 2010, **DNR provided over \$44,351 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands.**

Since 2011, DNR has granted **\$34,128 to local Fire Departments** to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

Through the Forest Tax Law program (Forest Crop and MFL) **29,838 acres of private land in Burnett County are being properly managed** for timber, wildlife, water quality and a health environment. Additionally, **9,586 acres of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation.**

The following graph represents the average acres of timber sales established on state lands in Wisconsin annually.



Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved Burnett Dairy Coop to distribute waste cheese brine for highway de-icing, saving money on disposal costs and reducing costs associated with purchasing products for highway deicing.

Deer Management in Burnett County

In 2014, Burnett County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR worked with one landowner who has 680 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, 4,764 deer were registered in Burnett County with 1,014 harvested during archery deer season and 3,750 harvested during the gun deer season.