

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Lincoln 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

763,384



RESIDENT HUNTERS

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

\$1.4 billion



In Lincoln County, **29,560** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

6,113 extended growth walleye were stocked in **Lake Pesobic, Pine, Somo and Squaw Lakes** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative** in the fall 2014. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **330 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Lincoln County.

Lincoln County has over **33,535 acres of state owned lands** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

Under Clean Boats - Clean Waters, 2,056 boats were inspected in 2014.

"In fiscal year 2014, **Council Grounds State Park** had close to **161,900 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$10, 240,175."**

DNR has recently invested **\$174,357 in capital development funds** to improve the LeMay Forestry Center and to provide access to DNR lands in Lincoln County.

DNR granted a total of **\$47,541** to the Lincoln County Sheriff Department for ATV, snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

Community Partnerships

Mirror Lake, a kids fishing lake in the city of Tomahawk, was stocked with **2,775 brook and rainbow trout** in 2014.

Lincoln County has **110 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 Lincoln County

A total of **\$1,026,309** was awarded in Lincoln County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: management planning on the Jersey Flowage Lake, aquatic invasive species management and improvements to the Merrill Memorial Forest Trail.

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

Forestry Activities

Forestry is the largest employer in the county and produces an economic output of \$465 million, providing \$119 million in added value to the county.

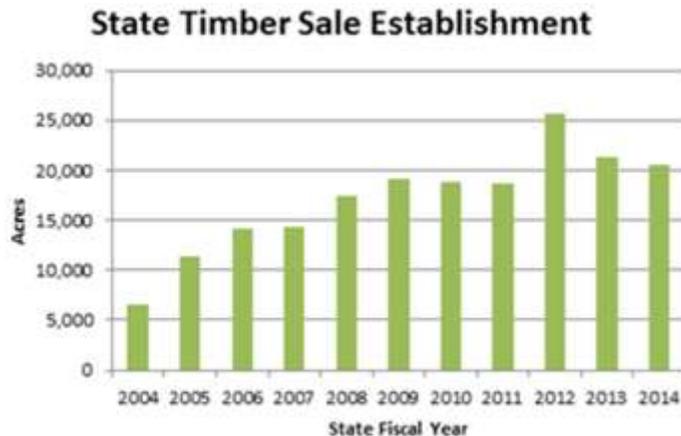
Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL) **162,353 acres** of private land in Lincoln County are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **77,757 acres** of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation.

Since 2005, **over 28,002 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Lincoln County. The harvests provided more than **\$1 million in revenue** to the state.

In the last three fiscal years, **Lincoln County Forest has received over \$201,000 in grants** from the DNR for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest lands

Since June 2010, DNR has provided over **\$36,695 to private forest owners** to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands and waters.

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



Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 252 contaminated properties** resulting in **20 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment.**

DNR provided **\$259,211 in Brownfield Grants** over the past three years to place contaminated properties back into productive commercial or industrial use.

Deer Management in Lincoln County

In 2014, Lincoln 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 eight landowners who have 560 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 3,731 deer were registered in Lincoln County with 1,118 harvested during archery deer season and 2,613 harvested during the gun deer season.