

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Pierce County

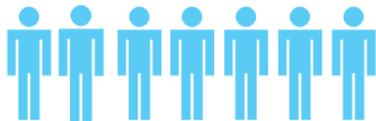
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## 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 Pierce County, **19,486** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

## Investments in Recreation

**1,169 extended growth walleye** were stocked in **Nugget Lake** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative** in the fall of 2014. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

In fiscal year 2014, **Kinnickinnic State Park** had close to **104,300 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$7,060,000**.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **495 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Pierce County.

Pierce County has over **4,760 acres of state owned lands** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

DNR maintained **30 Trout Fishing Access Parcels** within the South Fork of Kinnickinnic River, Trimbelle River, Rush River, Lost Creek, Pine Creek and Cady Creek Fishery.

## Community Partnerships

DNR granted a total of **\$30,595** to the **Pierce County Sheriff Department** for ATV, snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

Pierce County has **100 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.

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## Snapshot of grants in Pierce County

A total of **\$899,911** was awarded in Pierce County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: rehabilitation to the Trenton Island Landing, restoration of 1,808 feet of streambank on the Trimbelle River, Farmer-Led Council work and trail maintenance.

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

## Forestry Activities

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$26,000 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters.**

Pierce County has **3,534 acres of private land open for public access** as a result of the tax law programs (Forest Crop and MFL). The Tax Law Programs encourage proper management of timber, wildlife, water quality and the environment through written management plans for a landowner's property.

**DNR granted \$27,185 to local Fire Departments** in Pierce County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety in handling wild land fires.

**Five communities in Pierce County have received technical assistance from the DNR between 2011 and 2014**, which helped them to develop or improve their urban forest management programs.

Since 2011, **Pierce County has received \$2,500 in Urban Forestry Grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 181 contaminated properties** resulting in **five acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment.**

**DNR responded to 11 spills of hazardous materials** over the past three years.

DNR provided **\$21,268 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

Legislature authorized funding for the **Wisconsin Air Resource Program**, which created **improvements to the air permitting process.** This initiative resulted in more timely, consistent and transparent reviews of permits.

## Deer Management in Pierce County

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

In 2013, a total of 4,217 deer were registered in Pierce County with 1,128 harvested during archery deer season and 3,089 harvested during the gun deer season.