

OCONTO COUNTY FORESTRY AND PARKS DIVISION 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

FORESTRY

The Oconto County Forest is comprised of 43,661.33 acres divided into six management units in the central and east central portions of the County. Following is a breakdown by Township:

Abrams	5,618.66	Morgan	2,200.00
Bagley	10,380.19	Oconto	1,405.31
Brazeau	12,618.20	Pensaukee	544.32
Breed	6,936.42	Stiles	934.54
How	400.00	Underhill	35.39
Little River	2,560.36	Maple Valley	27.94

In 2011, major accomplishments include: 1) Continued Forest Certification with both the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI); 2) Implement Year 2011 of 15 Year Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2006-2020).

2011 Timber Sales Sold

The Forest & Parks Division holds 2 timber sales per year, spring and fall sales totaled \$442,486.35, consisting of 8,902 cords and 222.25 mbf. The following is a break down of species sold: 2,490 cds Aspen, 2,634 cds of Mixed Hardwood, 355 cords Jack Pine, 478 cds Balsam Fir, 6 cds Hemlock, 74 cds White Pine, 1,850 cds Red Pine, 115 cds Spruce, and 900 cds Scrub Oak. Sawlogs: 1.5 mbf Mixed Hardwoods, 105.25 mbf Red Maple, 6.8 mbf White Birch, 44.2 mbf Ash, 14 mbf White Pine, 4.1 mbf Basswood, 34.2 mbf Red Oak, 6.7 mbf Pin Oak, 4.5 mbf Red Pine, and 1 mbf Sugar Maple logs. These 20 sales totaled 706 acres. County Forest Work Plan for 2011 identified 660 acres to be marked for harvest: 166 acres Aspen, 53 acres Northern Hardwoods, 65 acres Swamp Hardwoods, 283 acres Red Pine, 9 acres White Pine.

2011 Timber Sale Revenues

The 2011 timber sales increased from 2010. Timber revenues in 2011 were \$631,755.11, compared to \$255,318.18 in 2010 and \$287,927.47 in 2009.

Boat Landings

Oconto County charges a user fee at the County owned boat landings. These fees are placed in a non-lapsing account for maintenance of these properties.

In 2011 the total collected was \$41,890.26 as compared to \$28,930.41 in 2010

- Machickanee Boat Launch - \$8,815.90 (1,859 envelopes)
- Chute Pond Boat Launch - \$4,816.90 (1,036 envelopes)
- North Bay Shore Boat Launch - \$9,265.65 (1,981 envelopes)
- Annual Boat Launch Stickers purchased - \$12,072.38 (407 stickers)
- Riverside (BB) Boat Launch - \$64.27 (16 envelopes)
- Pensaukee Boat Launch - \$5,007.84 (1,073 envelopes)
- Patzer Park (Hintz) Boat Launch - \$211.45 (52 envelopes)
- Anderson Lake Boat Launch - \$873.87 (188 envelopes)
- Boat Launch late fees and other violations - \$760.00

North Bay Shore was dredged by the Oconto County Highway Department in 2011, some areas may need to be dredged again in 2012.

ATV Trails

The Oconto County ATV program is funded by the State WI DNR. In 2011, Oconto County had 82.32 miles of state funded ATV Trails at \$450.00 per mile. Following are the ATV grants received in 2011:

- ATV-2153 – 2011-2012 ATV Trail Maintenance – Total Cost \$37,944.00

Following are the ATV Grants that were completed in 2011:

- ATV-2025 – 2010-2011 ATV Trail Maintenance – Total cost \$37,934.00
- ATV-1957 – Trail Resurface – Total Cost \$29,500.00
- ATV-1820 – Bridge Rehabilitation – Total Cost \$41,300.00

Snowmobile Trails

The Oconto County snowmobile program is funded by the WI DNR. Oconto County in turn has maintenance agreements with local clubs to maintain these trails. In 2011, Oconto County had 421.00 miles of funded trails at \$250.00 per mile, and 31.20 miles of non-funded club trails. The following snowmobile grants were received in 2011:

- S-3905 – Trail Maintenance 2011-2012 – Total Cost \$105,250.00

The following snowmobile grants were completed in 2011:

- S-3862 – Trail Maintenance 2010-2011 – Total Cost \$105,250.00 – Supplemental funding of \$67,280.00
- S-3314 – Trail Rehabilitation – Total Cost \$22,100.00

County Owned Dams

In 2011, seepage was discovered at Reservoir Dam. Oconto County applied for and received a municipal dam grant with a total allocation of \$269,903.20 to address the seepage and modification of dam.

2011 FINANCIALS

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Timber Deposits-Cash Bonds	\$ 31,913.71		
S/A National Forest Income	\$ 188,331.48	S/A National Forest(Towns)	\$ 188,331.48
S/A National Forest Title III	\$ 11,078.32	S/A National Forest Title III	\$ 0
S/A Snowmobile	\$ 201,265.08	S/A Snowmobile	\$ 215,877.52
S/A ATV	\$ 58,793.63	S/A ATV	\$ 66,013.24
S/A Conservation	\$ 9,356.00	S/A Conservation	\$ 0
S/A Recreational Aids	\$ 72,257.27	S/A Recreational Aids	\$ 0
S/A Wildlife	\$ 2,179.07	S/A Wildlife	\$ 3,262.70
S/A Forest Roads	\$ 11,579.79	S/A Forest Roads	\$ 4,387.60
S/A Forest (Admin Grant)	\$ 50,248.00	Local Park Aid	\$ 0
S/A Forest-WCFA Grant	\$ 1,149.92	S/A Forest-Sustainable Grant	\$ 9,476.00
S/A Forest-Sustainable	\$ 9,500.00	S/A Gypsy Moth	\$ 0
Parks		Parks	\$ 279,588.19
Chute Pond	\$ 97,913.19		
NBS	\$ 62,195.18		
Boat Landing	\$ 41,890.26	Boat Landing	\$ 61,217.85
Shooting Range	\$ 19,595.63	Shooting Range	\$ 5,209.78
County Forest		County Forest	\$ 318,762.20
Forest Permits	\$ 3,847.35	Program Reimbursement	\$ (-17,487.22)
Timber Sales	\$ 634,290.74		
Penalty Assessment	\$ 0	Land Acquisition	\$ 0
Payment to Towns	\$ (-63,675.51)		
Private Tree Planting	\$ 996.98		
Sale Tax Transfers	\$ 4,995.00	County Dams	\$ 1,688.40
Total	<u>\$1,449,701.09</u>	Capital Equipment	\$ 4,995.00
		Total	<u>\$1,141,322.74</u>