

OCONTO COUNTY FORESTRY AND PARKS DIVISION 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

FORESTRY

The Oconto County Forest is comprised of 43,696.15 acres divided into six management units in the central and east central portions of the County. Following is a breakdown by Township:

Abrams	5,658.66	Morgan	2,200.00
Bagley	10,380.19	Oconto	1,405.31
Brazeau	12,613.02	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 2012, major accomplishments include: 1) Continued Forest Certification with both the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI); 2) Implement Year 2012 of 15 Year Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2006-2020). 3) Purchase 40 acres using Stewardship Grant and County Forest Loan Project in the Township of Abrams.

2012 Timber Sales Sold

The Forest & Parks Division holds 2 timber sales per year, spring and fall sales totaled \$657,493.08, consisting of 10,445 cords, 379 mbf, and 1,864 tons. The following is a breakdown of species sold: 3,040 cds Aspen, 3,135 cds of Mixed Hardwood, 40 cords Jack Pine, 215 cds Balsam Fir, 25 cds Hemlock, 40 cds White Pine, 2,955 cds Red Pine, 475 cds Spruce, 100 cds Red Oak, 45 cds Tamarack, and 375 cds Pin/Scrub Oak. Sawlogs: 11 mbf Mixed Hardwoods, 219 mbf Red Maple, 20 mbf White Birch, 36 mbf Ash, 8 mbf Basswood, 66 mbf Red Oak, 4 mbf Beech, 8 mbf Pin Oak, and 2 mbf Sugar Maple logs. These 20 sales totaled 941 acres. County Forest Work Plan for 2012 identified 861 acres to be marked for harvest: 222 acres Aspen, 53 acres Northern Hardwoods, 50 acres Swamp Hardwoods, 373 acres Red Pine, 51 acres White Pine.

2012 Timber Sale Revenues

Timber revenues in 2012 were \$369,136.01, compared to \$631,755.11 in 2011 and \$255,318.18 in 2010. The following volumes were billed in 2012: 1,362.66 cds Aspen, 1,345.63 cds Mixed Hardwood, 2,950.47 cds Red Pine, 159.52 cds Spruce, 122.33 cds White Pine, 204.22 cds Jack Pine, 252.62 cds Oak; Saw logs: 75.42 mbf Red Maple logs, 2.98 mbf Mixed Hardwood logs, 2.57 mbf Red Pine logs, 11.87 mbf White Pine logs, 8.01 mbf Ash logs, 8.68 mbf Basswood logs, 2.74 mbf Beech logs, 2.65 Hard Maple logs, 4.15 mbf Red Oak logs, for a total volume of 6,397.45 cords and 119.07 mbf saw logs.

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 2012 the total collected was \$40,463.29 as compared to \$41,890.26 in 2011.

- Machickanee Boat Launch - \$10,122.66 (2,146 envelopes)
- Chute Pond Boat Launch - \$5,133.61 (1,074 envelopes)
- North Bay Shore Boat Launch - \$6,473.56 (1,382 envelopes)
- Annual Boat Launch Stickers purchased - \$13,178.03 (465 stickers)
- Riverside (BB) Boat Launch - \$107.93 (24 envelopes)
- Pensaukee Boat Launch - \$3,641.25 (777 envelopes)
- Patzer Park (Hintz) Boat Launch - \$268.39 (59 envelopes)
- Anderson Lake Boat Launch - \$758.86 (162 envelopes)
- Boat Launch late fees and other violations - \$779.00 (41 Violations)

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

ATV Trails

The Oconto County ATV program is funded by the State WI DNR. In 2012, Oconto County had 82.5 miles of state funded ATV Trails at \$600.00 per mile (\$150.00 per mile increase). Following are the ATV grants received in 2012:

- ATV-2267 – 2012-2013 ATV Trail Maintenance – Total cost \$50,400.00
- ATV-3000 – Bridge Repair – Total cost \$4,750.00

- ATV-3001 – Bridge Repair – Total cost \$6,750.00
- ATV-3002 – Bridge Repair – Total cost \$10,100.00
- ATV-3003 – Bridge Repair – Total cost \$16,875.00
- ATV-3004 – Trail Rehabilitation (Nicolet State Trail) \$42,400.00
- ATV-3005 – Trail Rehabilitation (Lost Lake) \$15,250.00
- ATV-3037 – New Trail Development \$5,820.00
- ATV-3043 – Trail Head Rehabilitation \$30,000.00

The following ATV Grant was completed in 2012:

- ATV-2153 – 2011-2012 ATV Trail Maintenance – Total cost \$37,934.00

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 2012, 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 2012:

- S-4119 – Trail Maintenance 2012-2013 – Total Cost \$105,250.00
- S-4184 – Bridge Repair – Total Cost \$4,750.00
- S-4185 – Bridge Repair – Total Cost \$6,750.00
- S-4186 – Bridge Repair – Total Cost \$10,100.00
- S-4187 – Bridge Repair – Total Cost \$16,875.00

The following snowmobile grants were completed in 2012:

- S-3905 – Trail Maintenance 2011-2012 – Total Cost \$105,250.00 – Supplemental funding of \$47,868.65

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. In 2012, this project was approximately 88% completed, with Spring 2013 anticipated 100% completion.

2012 FINANCIALS

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Timber Deposits-Cash Bonds \$ 21,173.81	
S/A National Forest Income \$ 167,610.57	S/A National Forest(Towns) \$ 167,610.57
S/A National Forest Title III \$ 9,859.45	S/A National Forest Title III \$ 20,960.77
S/A Snowmobile \$ 193,546.41	S/A Snowmobile \$ 144,644.92
S/A ATV \$ 136,902.75	S/A ATV \$ 54,692.21
S/A Conservation \$ 0	S/A Conservation \$ 0
S/A Recreational Aids \$ 126,262.50	S/A Recreational Aids \$ 0
S/A Wildlife \$ 2,183.07	S/A Wildlife \$ 10,000.00
S/A Forest Roads \$ 11,562.04	S/A Forest Roads \$ 2,371.66
S/A Forest (Admin Grant) \$ 50,182.00	Local Park Aid \$ 0
S/A Forest-WCFA Grant \$ 1,144.21	S/A Forest-Sustainable Grant \$ 9,476.00
S/A Forest-Sustainable \$ 0	
Transmission Line Impact Fee \$ 11,479.00	S/A Gypsy Moth \$ 0
Parks	Parks \$ 270,040.36
Chute Pond \$ 98,952.54	
NBS \$ 66,037.29	
Boat Landing \$ 40,463.29	Boat Landing \$ 37,593.70
Shooting Range \$ 27,068.22	Shooting Range \$ 8,573.66
County Forest	County Forest \$ 317,217.47
Forest Permits \$ 2,719.51	Program Reimbursement \$ (- 9,658.84)
Timber Sales \$ 369,136.01	Land Acquisition \$ 143,780.69
Penalty Assessment \$ 0	State Forestry Loan-
Payment to Towns \$ (-36,913.80)	Repayment \$ 13,048.23
Private Tree Planting \$ 860.90	County Dams \$ 1,184.86
Sale of Forest Lands \$ 13,800.00	Reservoir Dam \$ 388,807.83
Sale Tax Transfers \$ 242,774.00	Capital Equipment \$ 22,774.00
Total \$1,535,630.16	Total \$1,593,641.79