

OCONTO COUNTY FORESTRY AND PARKS DIVISION 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

FORESTRY

The Oconto County Forest is comprised of 43,673.80 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	Maple Valley	27.94
Bagley	10,380.19	Morgan	2,200.00
Brazeau	12,590.67	Oconto	1,405.31
Breed	6,936.42	Pensaukee	544.32
How	400.00	Stiles	934.54
Little River	2,560.36	Underhill	35.39

In 2013, major accomplishments include: 1) Continued Forest Certification with both the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI); 2) Implement Year 2013 of 15 Year Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2006-2020). 3) Land exchange in Town of Brazeau; 4) Hosted 2013 Wisconsin County Forest Summer Tour.

2013 Timber Sales Sold

The Forest & Parks Division holds 2 timber sales per year, spring (\$337,555.25) and fall (\$210,545.00) sales totaled \$548,100.25 (compared to \$657,493.08 in 2012), consisting of 8,436 cords, 626 mbf, and 1,020 tons. The following is a breakdown of species sold: 1,909 cds & 55 tons Aspen; 3,000 cds & 45 tons of Mixed Hardwood; 5 cords & 10 tons Jack Pine; 220 cds Balsam Fir; 205 cds Hemlock; 488 cds & 10 tons White Pine; 1,874 cds & 900 tons Red Pine; 20 cds Spruce; 60 cds White Birch; 55 cds Tamarack; 105 cds Pin/Scrub Oak; 485 cds of Black Spruce; and 10 cds cedar. Sawlogs: 12 mbf Mixed Hardwoods; 227 mbf Red Maple; 13 mbf White Birch; 51 mbf Ash; 8 mbf Basswood; 25 mbf Red Oak; 25 mbf Pin Oak; 25 mbf Sugar Maple logs; 51 mbf Red Pine; 188 mbf White Pine; 8 mbf Hemlock; and 1 mbf Black Cherry logs. These 18 sales totaled 809 acres: 368 acres of Red Pine,

139 acres of Northern Hardwood, 74 acres of White Pine, 148 acres of Aspen, 30 acres of Swamp hardwoods, and 50 acres Swamp Conifer. County Forest Work Plan for 2013 identified 826 acres to be marked for harvest: 281 acres Aspen, 43 acres Northern Hardwoods, 63 acres Swamp Hardwoods, 369 acres Red Pine, 21 acres White Pine, 33 acres Hemlock, and 16 acres of Swamp Conifer.

2013 Timber Sale Revenues

Timber revenues in 2013 were \$565,886.26, compared to \$369,130.01 in 2012 and \$631,755.11 in 2011. The following volumes were billed in 2013: 3,534.00 cds Aspen, 122.65 Balsam Fir, 2,811.15 cds Mixed Hardwood, 44.95 cds Hemlock, 1,909.96 cds Red Pine, 84.98 cds Spruce, 7.24 cds Basswood, 13.31 cds White Pine, 116.09 cds Jack Pine, 244.48 cds Oak; Saw logs: 154.71 mbf Red Maple logs, 8.48 mbf Mixed Hardwood logs, 11.26 mbf Ash logs, .06 mbf Basswood logs, .27 mbf Beech logs, 22.12 Hard Maple logs, 24.79 mbf Red Oak logs, .75 White Birch logs, 3.21 Other Oak logs, 56.33 tons Aspen, 60 tons Mixed Hardwood, 791.87 tons Red Pine, and 805.22 tons chipped tops, for a total volume of 8,888.81 cords, 225.65 mbf saw logs, and 1,713.42 tons.

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 2013 the total collected was \$41,049.79 as compared to \$40,463.29 in 2012.

- Machickanee Boat Launch - \$9,396.82 (2,022 envelopes)
- Chute Pond Boat Launch - \$5,537.11 (1,185 envelopes)
- North Bay Shore Boat Launch - \$8,912.37 (1,898 envelopes)
- Annual Boat Launch Stickers purchased - \$11,117.93 (371 stickers)
- Riverside (BB) Boat Launch - \$127.22 (28 envelopes)
- Pensaukee Boat Launch - \$4,903.43 (1,048 envelopes)
- Patzer Park (Hintz) Boat Launch - \$276.04 (60 envelopes)
- Anderson Lake Boat Launch - \$780.85 (168 envelopes)
- Boat Launch late fees and other violations - \$720.00 (36 Violations)

ATV/UTV Trails

The Oconto County ATV/UTV program is funded by the State WI DNR. In 2013, Oconto County had 82.5 miles of state funded ATV Trails at \$600.00 per mile and UTV (new for 2013) at \$100.00 per mile. Following are the ATV/UTV grants received in 2013:

- ATV-3071 – 2013-2014 ATV Trail Maintenance – Total cost \$50,400.00
- UTV-14001 – 2013-2014 UTV Trail Maintenance – Total Cost \$8,250.00

The following ATV Grants were completed in 2013:

- ATV-2266 – 2012-2013 ATV Trail Maintenance – Total cost \$50,400.00
- ATV-1979 – New Trails – Total Cost \$82,260.00

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 2013, 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 2013:

- S-4239 – Trail Maintenance 2013-2014 – Total Cost \$105,250.00

The following snowmobile grant was completed in 2013:

- S-4119 – Trail Maintenance 2012-2013 – Total Cost \$105,250.00 – Supplemental funding of \$114,768.65

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 2013, this project was completed.

Machickanee Shooting Range

In 2013, Oconto County received County Conservation Aids Grant (CC-W6063) to expand the Machickanee Shooting Range to include a 25 yard range. This project should get completed in 2014.

2013 FINANCIALS

REVENUE

S/A National Forest Income	\$ 146,774.27
S/A National Forest Title III	\$ 8,633.78
S/A Snowmobile	\$ 179,182.84
S/A ATV	\$ 60,653.19
S/A Conservation	\$ 122,749.50
S/A Recreational Aids	\$ 9,200.00
S/A Wildlife	\$ 2,168.29
S/A Forest Roads	\$ 11,539.01
S/A Forest (Admin Grant)	\$ 48,729.16
S/A Forest-WCFA Grant	\$ 1,142.00
S/A Forest-Sustainable	\$ 0
Parks	
Chute Pond	\$ 101,439.49
NBS	\$ 67,735.18
Boat Landing	\$ 41,769.79
Shooting Range	\$ 23,706.28
County Forest	
Forest Permits	\$ 3,450.12
Timber Sales	\$ 565,886.26
Penalty Assessment	\$ 0
Payment to Towns	\$ (-56,578.18)
Private Tree Planting	\$ 217.35
County Forest Loan Repayment	\$ (-31,755.98)
WCFA Summer Tour	\$ 11,499.99
Sale Tax Transfers	\$ 174,007.00
Donations	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$1,493,149.34

EXPENSES

S/A National Forest(Towns)	\$ 146,774.27
S/A National Forest Title III	\$ 0
S/A Snowmobile	\$ 240,193.19
S/A ATV	\$ 83,396.77
S/A Conservation	\$ 0
S/A Recreational Aids	\$ 9,200.00
S/A Wildlife	\$ 260.00
S/A Forest Roads	\$ 12,229.92
Local Park Aid	\$ 0
S/A Forest-Sustainable Grant	\$ 0
S/A Gypsy Moth	\$ 0
Parks	\$ 285,351.47
Boat Landing	\$ 13,724.11
Shooting Range	\$ 6,036.27
County Forest	\$ 333,057.11
Program Reimbursement	\$ 0
Land Acquisition	\$ 180.00
County Dams	\$ 1,775.10
Reservoir Dam	\$ 49,838.99
Capital Equipment	\$ 174,007.00
Total	\$1,356,024.20