

# OCONTO COUNTY FORESTRY AND PARKS DIVISION 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

## FORESTRY

The Oconto County Forest is comprised of 43,706.80 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	12,623.67	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 2014, major accomplishments include: 1) Continued Forest Certification with both the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI); 2) Implement Year 2014 of 15 Year Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2006-2020).

## 2014 Timber Sales Sold

The Forest & Parks Division holds 2 timber sales per year, spring (\$253,706.15) and fall (\$307,091.00) sales totaled \$560,797.25 (compared to \$548,100.25 in 2013), consisting of 7,144 cords, 255 mbf, and 1,649 tons. The following is a breakdown of species sold: 2,740 cds & 272 tons Aspen; 1,326 cds & 322 tons of Mixed Hardwood; 122 cords Jack Pine; 47 cds Balsam Fir; 141 cds White Pine; 2,259 cds & 1,055 tons Red Pine; 50 cds Spruce; 1 cd Tamarack; 645 cds Pin/Scrub Oak; 90 cds Dead Oak. Sawlogs: 2 mbf Mixed Hardwoods; 53 mbf Red Maple; 2 mbf White Birch; 8 mbf Ash; 164 mbf Red Oak; 1 mbf Pin Oak; 6 mbf White Oak logs; and 19 mbf Oak logs. These 19 sales totaled 583 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 2014 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.

### **2014 Timber Sale Revenues**

Timber revenues in 2014 were \$559,601.25, compared to \$565,886 in 2013, and \$369,130.01 in 2012. The following volumes were billed in 2014: 1,069.39 cds Aspen, 116.66 cds Balsam Fir, 4,546.72 cds Mixed Hardwood, 88.83 cds Hemlock, 2,137.24 cds Red Pine, 82.49 cds Spruce, 2.01 cds Basswood, 296.72 cds White Pine, 250.74 cds Jack Pine, 19.29 cds Cedar, 1,680.72 cds Oak; Saw logs: 84.34 mbf Red Maple logs, 9.69 mbf Mixed Hardwood logs, 5.38 mbf Ash logs, 3.40 mbf Basswood logs, 1.74 mbf White Pine logs, 65.03 mbf Red Oak logs, 14.05 White Birch logs, 8,676 Other Oak logs, 46.18 tons Aspen, 85.68 tons Mixed Hardwood, and 2,340.65 tons Red Pine, for a total volume of 10,290.81 cords, 192.30 mbf saw logs, and 2,472.51 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 2014 the total collected was \$39,748.20 as compared to \$41,049.79 in 2013.

- Machickanee Boat Launch - \$9,034.35 (1,928 envelopes)
- Chute Pond Boat Launch - \$4,296.30 (912 envelopes)
- North Bay Shore Boat Launch - \$7,083.04 (1,497 envelopes)
- Annual Boat Launch Stickers purchased - \$13,012.66 (460 stickers)
- Riverside (BB) Boat Launch - \$85.06 (18 envelopes)
- Pensaukee Boat Launch - \$4,500.15 (955 envelopes)
- Patzer Park (Hintz) Boat Launch - \$210.75 (46 envelopes)
- Anderson Lake Boat Launch - \$685.89 (139 envelopes)
- Boat Launch late fees and other violations - 840.00 (42 Violations)

### **ATV/UTV Trails**

The Oconto County ATV/UTV program is funded by the State WI DNR. In 2014, Oconto County had 82.5 miles of state funded ATV Trails at \$600.00 per mile and UTV Trails at \$100.00 per mile. Following are the ATV/UTV grants received in 2014:

- ATV-3142 – 2014-2015 ATV Trail Maintenance – Total cost \$50,700.00
- UTV-15016 – 2014-2015 UTV Trail Maintenance – Total cost \$8,250.00

- ATV-3231 – 2014-2015 TRoute Maintenance – Total cost \$1,698.13
- ATV-3211 – Nicolet Trail Culvert Replacement – Total cost \$7,500.00

The following ATV/UTV Grants were completed in 2014:

- ATV-3071 – 2013-2014 ATV Trail Maintenance – Total cost \$50,400.00
- UTV-14001 – 2013-2014 UTV Trail Maintenance – Total cost \$8,050.37
- ATV-3000 – Peshtigo Brook Bridge Rehab – \$4,369.92
- ATV-3001 - #1 North Branch Oconto River River Bridge Rehab - \$4,722.91
- ATV-3003 – Oconto River Bridge Rehab - \$8,398.66
- ATV-3005 – Lost Lake Trail Rehab - \$15,250.00
- ATV-3037 – New Summer Trail - \$5,820.00
- ATV-3043 – Trailhead Rehab - \$25,799.52
- ATV-3211 – Nicolet Trail Culvert Replacement - \$6,576.45

### **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 2014, 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 grant was received in 2014:

- S-4312 – Trail Maintenance 2014-2015 – Total Cost \$105,250.00

The following snowmobile grants were completed in 2014:

- S-4239 – Trail Maintenance 2013-2014 – Total Cost \$105,250.00 – Supplemental funding of \$108,687.90
- S-4184 – Peshtigo Brook Bridge Rehab - \$4,345.92
- S-4185 - #1 North Branch Oconto River Bridge Rehab - \$4,722.92
- S-4187 – Oconto River Bridge Rehab - \$8,344.66

### **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 2015, the Emergency Action Plan and the Operation and Maintenance Plans remain to be completed.

### Machickanee Shooting Range

In the spring of 2014, the Machickanee Shooting Range was closed due to safety concerns. In the fall of 2014, Oconto Count applied for a shooting range redesign grant with the WDNR to address these safety concerns, for a total grant amount of \$175,000.00.

### Other Grants Completed

- County Forest Sustainable Grant – County Forest Discover Wisconsin - \$11,000.00
- S-ADLP3-13-1172 – Wisconsin Waterfowl Association - \$18,400.00

### 2014 FINANCIALS

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
S/A National Forest Income	\$ 231,004.07	S/A National Forest(Towns)	\$ 231,004.07
S/A National Forest Title III	\$ 8,007.28	S/A National Forest Title III	\$ 0
S/A Snowmobile	\$ 254,773.71	S/A Snowmobile	\$ 221,501.48
S/A ATV/UTV	\$ 89,958.50	S/A ATV/UTV	\$ 80,288.67
S/A Conservation	\$ 78,282.40	S/A Conservation	\$ 30.00
S/A Recreational Aids	\$ 0	S/A Recreational Aids	\$ 9,200.00
S/A Wildlife	\$ 2,066.36	S/A Wildlife	\$ 2,211.25
S/A Forest Roads	\$ 11,559.37	S/A Forest Roads	\$ 8,559.12
S/A Forest (Admin Grant)	\$ 50,347.50	Local Park Aid	\$ 0
S/A Forest-WCFA Grant	\$ 1,142.95	S/A Forest-Sustainable Grant	\$ 11,000.00
S/A Forest-Sustainable	\$ 11,000.00	S/A Gypsy Moth	\$ 0
Parks		Parks	\$ 279,802.83
Chute Pond	\$ 110,456.59		
NBS	\$ 65,862.34		
Boat Landing	\$ 39,748.20	Boat Landing	\$ 15,641.20
Shooting Range	\$ 6,681.41	Shooting Range	\$ 6,531.02
County Forest		County Forest	\$ 333,057.11
Forest Permits	\$ 2,694.84	Land Acquisition	\$ 750.00
Timber Sales	\$ 559,601.25		
Penalty Assessment	\$ 0		
Payment to Towns	\$ (-55,960.12)		
Private Tree Planting	\$ 441.83	County Dams	\$ 2,563.45
		Reservoir Dam	\$ 4,044.45
Sale Tax Transfers	\$ 136,683.93		
Donations	<u>\$ 0</u>	Capital Buildings	<u>\$ 132,639.48</u>
Total	\$1,604,352.41	Total	\$1,342,901.20