

OCONTO COUNTY FORESTRY AND PARKS DIVISION 2015 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 2015, major accomplishments include: 1) Continued Forest Certification with both the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI); 2) Implement Year 2015 of 15 Year Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2006-2020).

2015 Timber Sales Sold

The Forest & Parks Division holds 2 timber sales per year, spring (\$357,363.81) and fall (\$245,172.60) sales, which totaled \$602,536.41 (compared to \$560,797.25 in 2015) consisting of 250 cords, 402 mbf, and 23,073 tons. The following is a breakdown of species sold:

Comingled Red Pine	690 Tons	Ash Sawlogs	7 MBF	Aspen Pulp	15 Cords
Aspen Pulp	10012 Tons	Basswood Sawlogs	16 MBF	Mixed Hardwood Pulp	8 Cords
Bass Wood Pulp	37 Tons	White Birch Sawlogs	10 MBF	Jack Pine Pulp	100 Cords
Mixed Conifer Pulp	30 Tons	Cedar Sawlogs	1 MBF	Red Pine Pulp	13 Cords
Fir Pulp	374 Tons	Hard Maple Sawlogs	4 MBF	Cords Estimated:	136 Cords
Mixed Hdwd Pulp	4815 Tons	Red Maple Sawlogs	156 MBF		
Oak Pulp	275 Tons	Mixed Hardwood Sawlo	1 MBF		
Jack Pine Pulp	10 Tons	Oak Sawlogs	19 MBF		
Red Pine Pulp	2806 Tons	Red Oak Sawlogs	73 MBF		
White Pine Pulp	126 Tons	White Pine Sawlogs	5 MBF		
Spruce Pulp	589 Tons	MBF Estimated:	292 MBF		
Tons Estimated:	19764 Tons				

The 21 sales totaled 659 acres: 325 acres of Red Pine, 69 acres of Northern Hardwood, 10 acres of White Pine and 215 acres of Aspen. The County Forest Work Plan for 2015 identified 768 acres to be marked for harvest: 25 acres of Aspen, 12 acres of Northern Hardwoods, 57 acres of Swamp Hardwoods, 503 acres of Red Pine, 9 acres of Hemlock, 56 acres of Red Maple, 15 acres of Oak, 40 acres of White Pine and 51 acres of Black Spruce.

2015 Timber Sale Revenues

Timber revenues in 2015 were \$854,253.28, compared to \$559,601.25 in 2014, and \$565,886.00 in 2013. The following volumes were cut and billed in 2015:

1671.79 Tons	Aspen Pulp			8.63 Cords	Aspen Pulp
63.52 Tons	Fir Pulp	1.28 MBF	Ash Sawlogs	9.98 Cords	Mixed Hardwood Pulp
568.04 Tons	Mixed Hdwd Pulp	1.09 MBF	White Birch Sawlogs	82.92 Cords	Jack Pine Pulp
547.09 Tons	Red Pine Pulp	29.72 MBF	Red Maple Sawlogs	13.00 Cords	Red Pine Pulp
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2850.44	Total Tons Cut	32.09	Total MBF Cut	114.53	Total Cords Cut

A volume of 114.53 cords, 32.09, mbf saw logs, and 2850.44 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 2015 the total collected was \$40,024.21 as compared to \$39,748.20 in 2014.

- Machickanee Boat Launch - \$9,391.67 (1883 envelopes)
- Chute Pond Boat Launch - \$4,975.70 (1053 envelopes)
- North Bay Shore Boat Launch - \$8,034.28 (1688 envelopes)
- Annual Boat Launch Stickers purchased - \$10,574.55 (410 stickers)
- Riverside (BB) Boat Launch - \$180.00 (36 envelopes)
- Pensaukee Boat Launch - \$5,306.73 (1116 envelopes)
- Patzer Park (Hintz) Boat Launch - \$215.47 (47 envelopes)
- Anderson Lake Boat Launch - \$925.81 (203 envelopes)
- Boat Launch late fees and other violations - \$420.00 (21 Violations)

Boat Landing Grants completed in 2015:

- RBF-1501 Chute Pond Parking Expansion
Total Cost - \$116,402.71, Funding - \$42,500.00
- F-95-P-47 Pensaukee Landing Parking/Improvements
Total Cost - \$25,120.97, Funding - \$12,500.00
- CC-5056 Machickanee Flowage Fishing Pier
Total Cost - \$29,018.30, Funding - \$9,796.65

ATV/UTV Trails

The Oconto County ATV/UTV program is funded by the State WI DNR. In 2015, 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 2015:

- ATV-3277 – 2015-2016 ATV Trail Maintenance – Total cost \$50,700.00
- UTV-16018 – 2015-2016 UTV Trail Maintenance – Total cost \$8,300.00
- ATV-3335T – 2015-2016 TRoute Maintenance – Total cost \$1,697.22

The following ATV/UTV Grants were completed in 2015:

- ATV-3142 – 2014-2015 ATV Trail Maintenance – Total cost \$50,400.00
- UTV-15016 – 2014-2015 UTV Trail Maintenance – Total cost \$8,250.00
- ATV-3231 – 2014 – 2015 TRoute Maintenance – Total cost \$1,698.13
- ATV-3002 – Oconto River Bridge Rehab - \$6,742.17
- ATV-3219 – New Summer Trail Miles – Total cost \$5,400.00

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 2015, 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 2015:

- S-4406 – Trail Maintenance 2014-2015 – Total Cost \$105,250.00

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- S-4212 – Trail Maintenance 2014-2015 – Total Cost \$105,250.00 – Supplemental funding of \$109,066.75
- S-4186 - #1 North Branch Oconto River Bridge Rehab - \$6,766.12
- S-3827 – Paul Bunyan Bridge – Total cost - \$0.00, returned grant)

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 were not 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

- RTA-575-13 Total Cost - \$23,900.00, Funding - \$11,995.00 plus
Donation - \$11,995.00

2015 FINANCIALS

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
S/A National Forest Income	\$ 0	S/A National Forest(Towns)	\$ 0
S/A National Forest Title III	\$ 7,535.89	S/A National Forest Title III	\$ 0
S/A Snowmobile	\$ 215,100.17	S/A Snowmobile	\$ 234,573.54
S/A ATV/UTV	\$ 40,143.05	S/A ATV/UTV	\$ 86,470.98
S/A Conservation	\$ 2,728.00	S/A Conservation	\$ 29,018.30
S/A Recreational Aids	\$ 75,690.00	S/A Recreational Aids	\$ 141,523.68
S/A Wildlife	\$ 2,061.82	S/A Wildlife	\$ 0
S/A Forest Roads	\$ 11,572.56	S/A Forest Roads	\$ 6,476.54
S/A Forest (Admin Grant)	\$ 50,191.40	Local Park Aid	\$ 23,990.00
S/A Forest-WCFA Grant	\$ 1,158.65		
S/A Forest-Sustainable	\$ 11,000.00	S/A Forest-Sustainable Grant	\$ 11,000.00
		S/A Gypsy Moth	\$ 0
Parks		Parks	\$ 290,338.82
Chute Pond	\$ 129,754.06		
NBS	\$ 68,740.91		
Boat Landing	\$ 40,024.21	Boat Landing	\$ 20,125.69
Shooting Range	\$ 873.37	Shooting Range	\$ 2,605.79
County Forest		County Forest	\$ 322,722.60
Forest Permits	\$ 2,550.55	Land Acquisition	\$ 0
Timber Sales	\$ 850,253.28		
Unallocated	\$ 300.00		
Payment to Towns	\$ (-85,025.32)	County Dams	\$ 1,366.76
Private Tree Planting	\$ 374.22	Reservoir Dam	\$ 4,867.00
Sale Tax Transfers	\$ 226,694.00		
Donations	\$ 0	Capital Buildings	\$ 226,694.52
Total	\$1,639,720.82	Total	\$1,390,774.32