

OCONTO COUNTY FORESTRY AND PARKS DIVISION 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

FORESTRY

The Oconto County Forest is comprised of 43,705.83 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	6,935.45	Pensaukee	544.32
How	400.00	Stiles	934.54
Little River	2,560.36	Underhill	35.39

In 2016, 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).

2016 Timber Sales Sold

The Forest & Parks Division holds 2 timber sales per year, spring \$420,197.98 and fall \$117,265.78 sales, which totaled \$537,463.76 (compared to \$602,536.41 in 2015) consisting of 577 mbf, and 16,259 tons. The following is a breakdown of species sold:

Species	Tons	Species	MBF
Red Pine	4835	Red Oak	219
Aspen	6411	Scrub Oak	163
Mixed Hardwood	2713	Red Maple	116
Oak	1587	White Oak	16
Balsam Fir	280	Ash	39
Jack Pine	120	Basswood	18
White Pine	288	Mixed Hardwood	1
Spruce	20	Sugar Maple	5
Fir	5		
Total Tons	16259	Total MBF	577

The 15 sales totaled 633 acres: 334 acres of Red Pine, 71 acres of Northern Hardwood, 119 acres of Aspen and 109 acres of Oak. The County Forest Work Plan for 2016 identified 959 acres to be marked for harvest: 63 acres of Aspen, 64 acres of Northern Hardwoods, 40 acres of White Spruce, 208 acres of Red Pine, 26 acres of Swamp Conifer, 233 acres of Red Maple, 131 acres of Oak, 84 acres of White Pine and 8 acres of Jack Pine.

2016 Timber Sale Revenues

Timber revenues in 2016 were \$1,162,871.32, compared to \$854,253.28 in 2015, and \$559,601.25 in 2014. The following volumes were cut and billed in 2015:

1002.36 Tons	Comingled Red Pine	9.63 MBF	Ash Sawlogs
2918.95 Tons	Aspen Pulp	7.70 MBF	Basswood Sawlogs
298.13 Tons	Fir Pulp	0.76 MBF	Beech Sawlogs
10.58 Tons	Hemlock Pulp	1.55 MBF	White Birch Sawlogs
3186.25 Tons	Mixed Hdwd Pulp	4.86 MBF	Hard Maple Sawlogs
963.29 Tons	Oak Pulp	116.75 MBF	Red Maple Sawlogs
14.25 Tons	Red Pine Pulp	15.44 MBF	Mixed Hardwood Sawlo
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8393.81 Total Tons Cut		1.86 MBF	White Oak Sawlogs
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		349.55 Total MBF Cut	

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 2016 the total collected was \$42,759.29 as compared to \$40,024.21 in 2015.

- Machickanee Boat Launch - \$8,034.95 (1710 envelopes)
- Chute Pond Boat Launch - \$4,395.64 (928 envelopes)
- North Bay Shore Boat Launch - \$9,927.14 (2099 envelopes)
- Annual Boat Launch Stickers purchased - \$11,867.82 (419 stickers)
- Riverside (BB) Boat Launch - \$116.25 (25 envelopes)
- Pensaukee Boat Launch - \$6,617.40 (1404 envelopes)
- Patzer Park (Hintz) Boat Launch - \$217.41 (48 envelopes)
- Anderson Lake Boat Launch - \$842.68 (183 envelopes)
- Boat Launch late fees and other violations - \$740.00 (37 Violations)

ATV/UTV Trails

The Oconto County ATV/UTV program is funded by the State WI DNR. In 2016, Oconto County had 83 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 2016:

- ATV-3421 – 2016-2017 ATV/UTV Trail Maintenance – Total cost \$58,300
- ATV-3488T – 2016-2017 TRoute Maintenance – Total cost \$8,519.24
- ATV-3505 – 2016 Hidden Bear Club Trail Rehab - Total Cost \$3,625

- ATV-3504 – 2016 Nicolet State Trail Rehab – Total Cost \$39,282.50
- ATV-3521 – 2016 McCaslin Brook Bridge Rehab – Total Cost \$8,407

The following ATV/UTV Grants were completed in 2016:

- ATV-3277 – 2015-2016 ATV Trail Maintenance – Total cost \$50,700
- UTV-16018 – 2015-2016 UTV Trail Maintenance – Total cost \$8,300
- ATV-3335T – 2015 – 2016 Trout Maintenance – Total cost \$8,525.26
- ATV-3004 – Nicolet State Trail Rehab - \$10,600
- Oconto River State Trail Washout – Total cost \$3,671.46

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 2016, 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 2016:

- S-4709 – Trail Maintenance 2016-2017 – Total Cost \$105,250
- S-4894 – McCaslin Brook Bridge Rehab - \$4,204

The following snowmobile grants were completed in 2016:

- S-4406 – Trail Maintenance 2015-2016 – Total Cost \$105,250
Supplemental funding of \$67,573.54

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 2016, the Emergency Action Plan and the Operation and Maintenance Plans were completed. This completed the grant from 2011 and final payment was received for this grant. Wheeler dam required bi-annual inspection, inspector noted 1 investigate item and 2 minor repair requirements. There was a structure identified in the inspection that impacts the emergency spillway. This structure was in place when the dam failure analysis was completed in 1991. Minor repairs were brush removal and gully repair. These two items will be addressed in 2017.

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. Grant is funding the redesign at 75%. Power and DSL lines were trenched

on site. Light pole and meter box were installed. Highway department has been contracted to complete the work. Range should reopen in 2017.

Other Grants Completed

FY16 Good Neighbor Authority Contract was completed in 2016. Oconto County had a contract for 500 hours to complete authorized activities. Oconto County completed two timber sale projects totaling 476.5 hours. Oconto County was reimbursed \$23,619.27, but only had expenses of \$20,568.90. This resulted in a profit for the County of \$3,050.17.

2016 FINANCIALS

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
S/A National Forest Income	\$ 23,619.27	S/A National Forest	\$ 20,568.90
S/A National Forest Title III	\$ 7,724.59	S/A National Forest Title III	\$ 0
S/A Snowmobile	\$ 172,823.55	S/A Snowmobile	\$ 199,333.12
S/A ATV/UTV	\$ 111,534.88	S/A ATV/UTV	\$ 70,890.96
S/A Conservation	\$ 0	S/A Conservation	\$ 0
S/A Recreational Aids	\$ 75,690.00	S/A Recreational Aids	\$ 141,523.68
S/A Wildlife	\$ 2,060.50	S/A Wildlife	\$ 0
S/A Forest Roads	\$ 11,595.70	S/A Forest Roads	\$ 3,992.88
S/A Forest (Admin Grant)	\$ 54,695.43	Local Park Aid	\$ 23,990.00
S/A Forest-WCFA Grant	\$ 1,835.73		
S/A Forest-Sustainable	\$ 0	S/A Forest-Sustainable Grant	\$ 0
		S/A Gypsy Moth	\$ 0
Parks		Parks	\$ 272,119.08
Chute Pond	\$ 140,333.56		
NBS	\$ 69,799.79		
Boat Landing	\$ 67,040.44	Boat Landing	\$ 14,320.95
Shooting Range	\$ 0	Shooting Range	\$ 25,130.88
County Forest		County Forest	\$ 297,646.86
Forest Permits	\$ 2,686.32	Land Acquisition	\$ 0
Timber Sales	\$1,162,871.32		
Unallocated	\$ 0		
Payment to Towns	\$ (116,287.14)		
Private Tree Planting	\$ 258.74	County Dams	\$ 7,624.35
		Reservoir Dam	\$ 0
Sale Tax Transfers	\$ 127,453.92		
Donations	<u>\$ 0</u>	Capital Buildings	<u>\$ 127,453.92</u>
Total	\$1,853,744.65	Total	\$1,033,100.20