

COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

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CHAPTER 1000

NEEDS

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1000 OBJECTIVE AND FORMAT

Objectives:

To provide guidelines which define the optimum level of activities that should be undertaken to achieve full potential benefits from the forest.

Format and Policy:

Needs for the county forest shall be listed without regard to budgetary constraints or other limitations. This list shall identify the forest potential in terms of public benefits, investments or opportunities, and financial returns. Silvicultural needs of the county forest are identified in the Forest Compartment Reconnaissance printout. The DNR Public Lands Handbook describes procedures for use of this information. Other needs shall be determined by the Committee and the forest administrator, with technical assistance from the DNR and other interested agencies or individuals qualified to provide such assistance.

1100 DETAILED ANNUAL NEEDS FOR FIFTEEN YEARS

Annual silvicultural needs are identified in the Forest Compartment Reconnaissance printout. The printout, referenced in the plan, is available in the County Forest administrator's office. Printout listings include timber harvests, tree planting, and other silvicultural activities. Other unanticipated needs will be addressed in accordance with procedures outlined in this plan. These items will be identified and plans made for implementation, as part of the annual budget work plan prepared by the administrator and Committee. Annual work plans are approved by the County Board/Forest Parks, & Recreation Committee and forwarded to the DNR as required by statute (s. 28.11(5)(b) and s.28.11(5m)(b), Wis. Stats.

1200 SUMMARY OF FIFTEEN YEAR NEEDS

A schedule giving a summary of silvicultural needs and other needs for the period covered by this plan, appear as an inclusion in this chapter.

Note: The "Needs" schedule is put together for planning purposes. The best available information has been used in developing the schedule. It is not intended to be followed

without modification. Forests are dynamic and managers must be adaptive to change. Funding and staffing shortfalls may also impact the ability of Oconto Forestry Department to fulfill identified needs. Refer to Chapter 2000 – Annual Work Planning, for reference on progress towards the identified needs in this chapter.

FIFTEEN YEAR NEEDS

Plantations

ACRES	HARVEST YEAR	SITE CLEARING YEAR	PLANTING YEAR
46	2004	2005	2006
40	2005	2006	2007
20	2006	2007	2008
20	2007	2008	2009
30	2008	2009	2010
30	2009	2010	2011

Herbicide

-320 Gallons

Nursery Stock

*152,000 Seedlings

Roads

-Oconto County will maintain 35 miles of approved county forest roads, funded by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Develop/accept new roads as necessary.

Physical Plant Needs

- NBS Caretaker Trailer
- 10 Forestry Gates/Year
- Forestry Office-2006 Capital Improvement Plan recommends moving Forestry Office to Forestry Shop due to limited space in courthouse and improve functionality of Forestry Department. Options:
 - 1) Addition to existing shop \$100,000
 - 2) Build new building outside fence area \$130,000
 - 3) Utilize existing shop plan for office \$44,000

Equipment

Brush Mowing Tractor

Recreation Development

- Develop Campsites at Pioneer Park.
- Develop ATV Primitive Camp Sites.
- Develop Parking & Access info South Bay Shore and How units.
- Develop 200 feet new trail for Cross Country Ski Club to avoid steep wet area and new bridge cost.

Consult local SCORP plan for information

Detailed Annual Needs Personnel and Equipment

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Personnel					1										
Equipment															
GPS Receiver	2										2				
Chainsaws		1		1		1		1		1		1		1	
Bull Dozer							1								
Trailer (large)		1											1		
Culverts	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Backhoe						1									
Brush Tractor			1										1		
Snowmobile		1										1			
ATV		1					1					1			
Road Grader					1										
Small Dump Truck		1										1			
Large Dump Truck					1										1
Trucks (pickups)		1		1		1					1		1		1
Camper						1									1
Gates	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Roads															

Land Acquisition

Oconto County Forest, Parks, & Recreation/Land Information Systems Sub Committee will continue to consider land acquisition within the County Forest for blocking boundaries and new land units when they arise. If deemed necessary, the Forest, Parks, & Recreation/Land Information Systems Sub Committee will recommend any new acquisition proposals to the Oconto County Board of Supervisors.

Timber Harvest

- Include Harvest Projection chart for next planning period-Table Following 1000-6
 - See yearly Annual Work Plan for details:
http://www.co.oconto.wi.us/forms_and_documents/#sthash.gmVsRO4F.dpbs

County Forest Boundaries

The Oconto County Forest Department with assistance from the Oconto County Survey Department will continue to survey and maintain county forest boundaries with emphasis on timber sales adjacent to private property.

Wildlife Management

- Operate and Maintain the Weso Flowage and Wolf Marsh areas.
- Continue to work on hunter/walking access and trail maintenance.
- Breed Unit (5,096.43 acres) has been designated as a Ruffed Grouse Management Unit. Continue to work with Ruffed Grouse Society & Breed Sportsman Club on this project.
- Maintain Forest Grass Openings.