

Welcome To Wisconsin

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Diversity of Culture







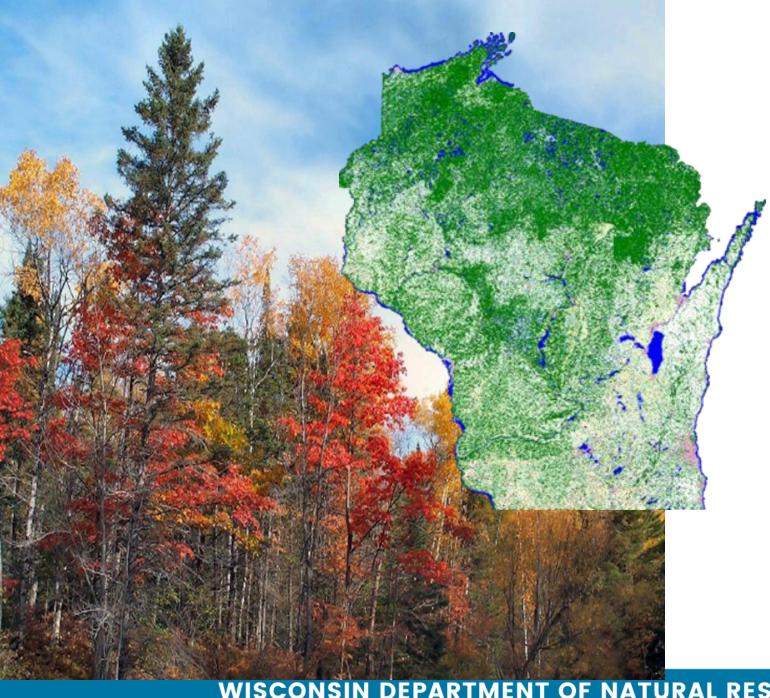












How many acres of Wisconsin are classified as forest land?

- 33 million
- 17 million ←
- 9 million
- 2 million



Ecosystem Conservation

~15,000 lakes (including 2 Great Lakes!)

~ 32,000 miles of perennial streams

~ 5.3 million acres of wetlands

~ 1.2 quadrillion gallons of groundwater

~300k acres under Conservation

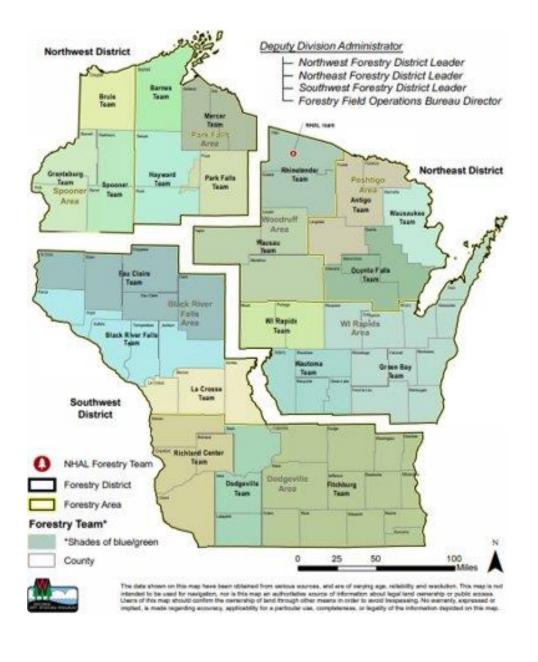
Easement

Division of Forestry - Purpose

To work in partnership to protect and sustainably manage Wisconsin's forest ecosystems to supply a wide range of ecological, economic and social benefits for present and future generations.









Diversity of Our Work





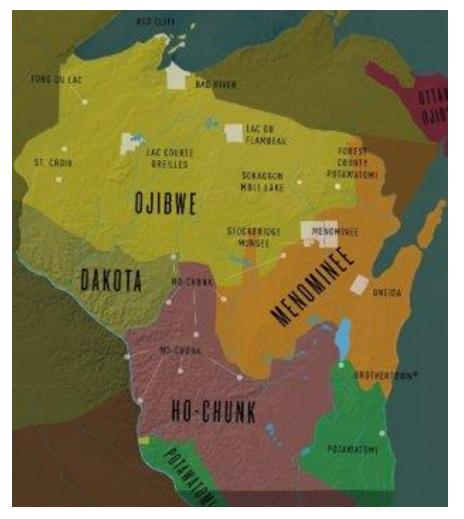








History of Forestry in Wisconsin











Sustainable Forest Management



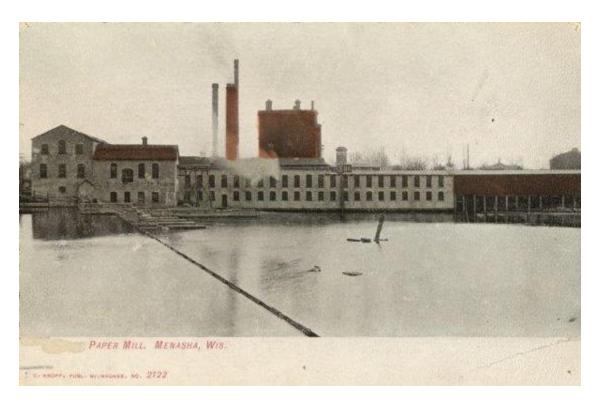








Industry







WISCONSIN'S FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS



\$42 BILLION TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

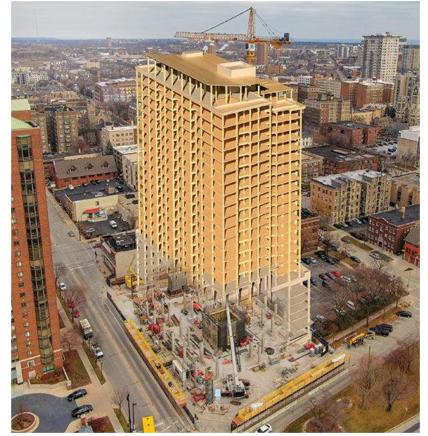


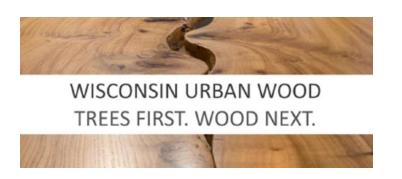
The forest products industry is one of Wisconsin's leading manufacturing sectors, representing over **11%** of the state's total manufacturing jobs. Nationally, Wisconsin's forest industry is ranked **sixth** in generating forestry employment and **fourth** in value of production.

Forest Product Innovation



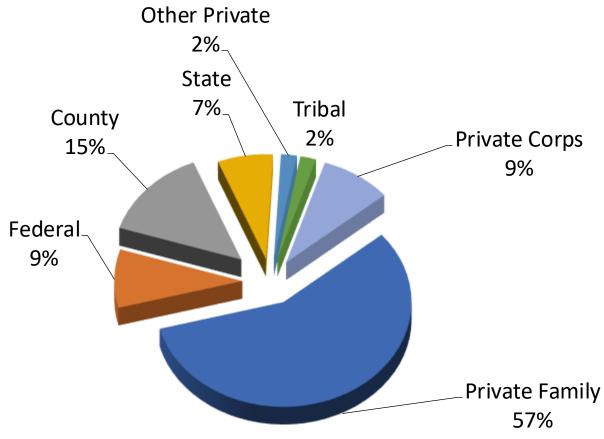






Who Owns the most of our WI Forests?

- 1) County Forests
- 2) Tribal Forests
- 3) National Forests
- 4) Private Landowners
- 5) State Lands



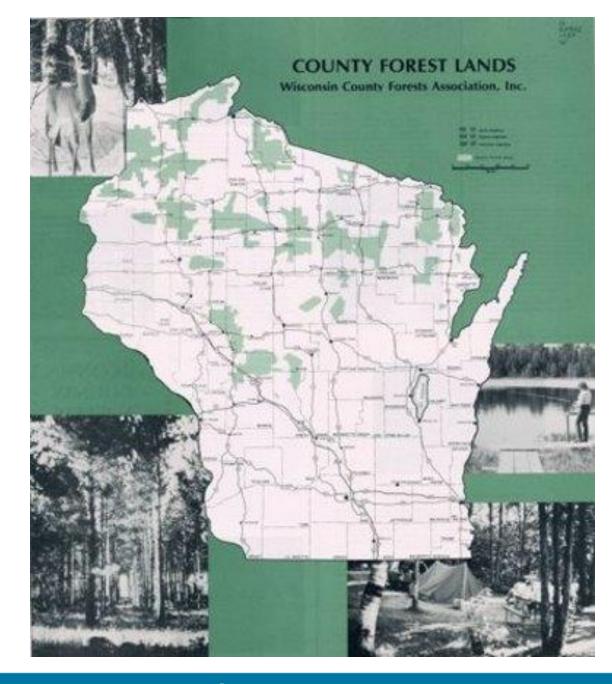
School Forests and Conservation Education



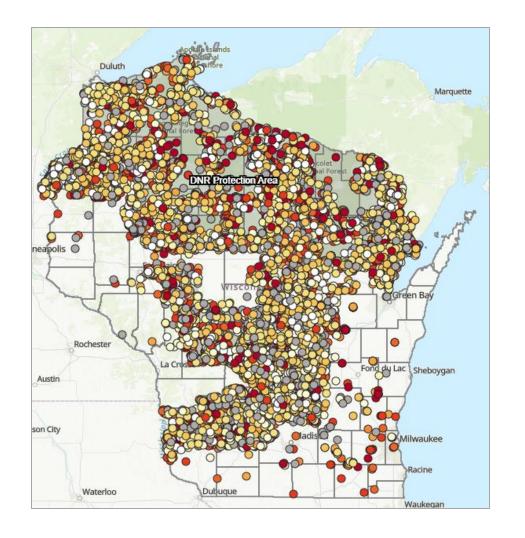


County Forests



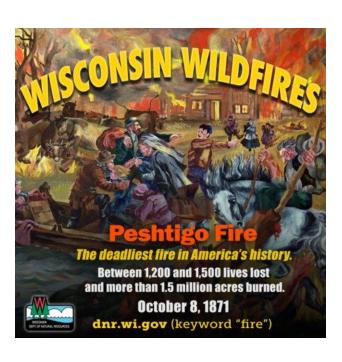


Wildfire in Wisconsin











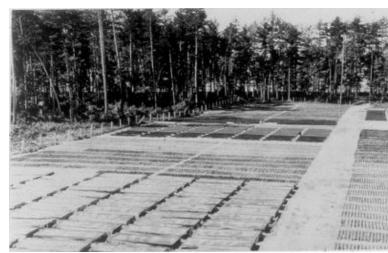
Prescribed Burn Program

- In 2025, DNR conducted 281 prescribed burns for nearly 30,000 acres
- DNR's primary burn goal is for native community restoration:
 - Wildlife management
 - Controlling invasives
 - Silviculture
- DNR does not do burns on private land
- Developed new WI Certified Burn Boss Program





Nursery Programs



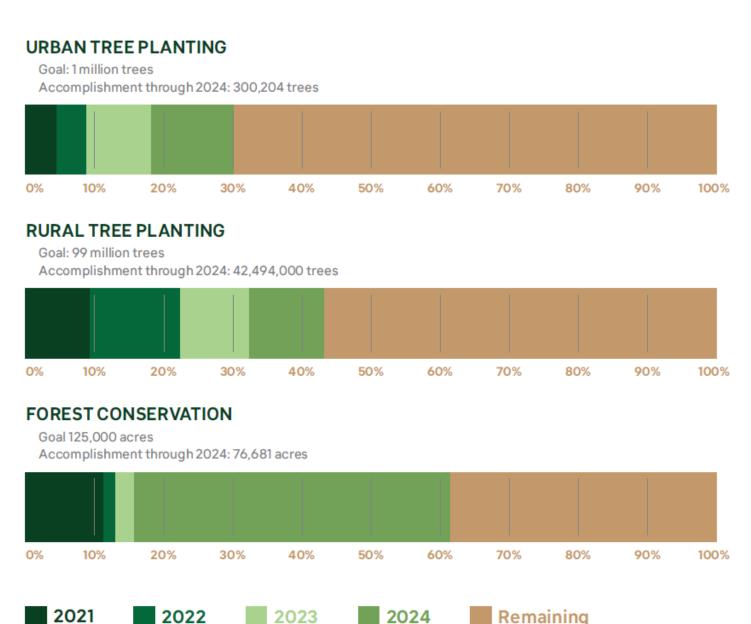






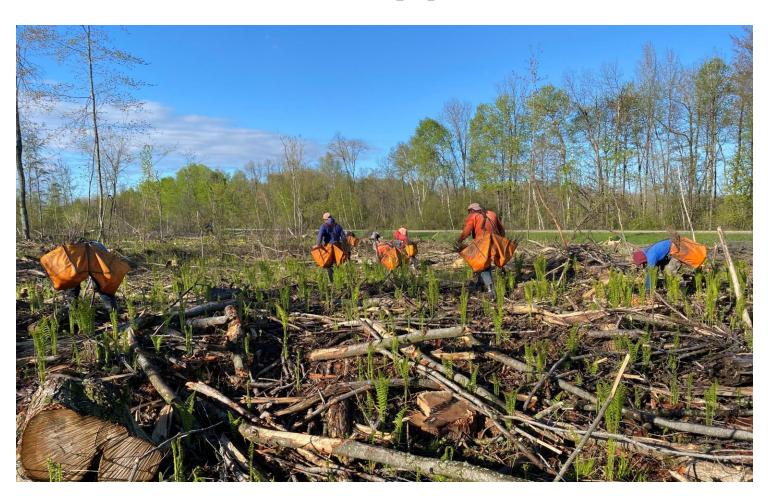
Wisconsin's **Trillion Trees Pledge**

- Plant 100 million trees
- Conserve 125,000 acres of forestland
- Support tree planting and forest management



2023

Wisconsin Supports Tree Planting









Forestry Research











Cheers From Wisconsin!

