

COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

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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 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.

* Roads – County Forest Road into compartment 34.

* Land acquisition – Continued efforts will be made to acquire lands within County Forest blocks.

- * TSI (timber stand improvement) – Continue efforts to perform needed activities as outlined in the Recon printout.
- * Wildlife management – Continue with annual projects to enhance wildlife habitat and user access.
- * Boundary maintenance – Continue efforts to identify and survey PCF boundaries with the aid of the County Surveyor.

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 the Polk County Forestry Department to fulfill identified needs. Refer to Chapter 2000 – Annual Work Planning, for reference on progress towards the identified needs in this chapter.

Note: The statutory planning period requirements were changed from ten, to fifteen years, just prior to adoption of this plan. Computer projections of harvests are currently only able to schedule ten years into the future. Consequently, harvest projections for the last five years of the plan will be added to the plan after five years or when upgrades to existing technology provide for it. Harvest activity during the last five years of this plan is not expected to change significantly from the levels depicted for the first ten years of the plan.

Harvest Projections – Polk County Forest

Acres scheduled for harvest as determined by Recon program 8A - 2006-2015

YEAR	A		NH			O		OX		PJ		PR	
	Even Age	All age + thinning	Even Age	All aged + Thinning	Thinning	Even Age	All aged + Thinning	Even Age	All aged + Thinning	Even Age	All aged + Thinning	Even Age	All aged + Thinning
2006	239	85		232		33	968	104	358	76	0	0	
2007	150			90		32	125	61	0	109	0	230	
2008	83			59		116	34	62	49	196	0	80	
2009	53			67		0	108	80	0	69	0	23	
2010	23			0		82	177	42	58	66	0	5	
2011	11			0		0	131	42	10	63	0	33	
2012	0			0		0	47	82	0	69	0	25	
2013	24			0		20	163	40	94	116	0	35	
2014	9			66		0	148	63	0	69	0	0	
2015	14			80		0	96	61	55	235	0	50	
Total	606	85		594		283	1,997	637	624	1,068	0	481	0
10 Yr Average (resource need)	61	8		59		28	200	64	62	107	0	48	0
	A		NH			O		OX		PJ		PR	
10 Yr Average (resource need consolidated acres by type)	69		136			228		126		107		48	

TOTAL ANNUAL RESOURCE NEED: 714

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