











# 2023 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT PRESENTATION REPORT



Al Murray- **Forest, Parks and Recreation Administrator** Karalee Brock- Office Manager 70% (30% Maintenance) Kim Scharmer- Administrative Assistant 30% (70% Maintenance)

2 Full Time Equivalent Employees dedicated entirely to financial management, operational management, public relations, and program controls of all Forestry, Parks and Recreation Programs.

#### **\*ACCOUNTING OF REVENUE**

- **Timber Sales Campground Fees** Park Sales Permits Grants **\*ACCOUNTING OF EXPENSES 76 Forestry Accounts 56 Campground Accounts** 34 Park and Recreation Accounts **3** Boat Landing Accounts, **2** Wayside Accounts 2 Kettlebowl Ski Hill Accounts, 4 Bow and Gun Range Accounts, 24 Recreational Trails AccountS
  - 23 Fairgrounds Accounts

TRACKING OF 264 REVENUE AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS, THOUSANDS OF TRANSACTIONS

# **2023 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**





\*DEPARTMENT TIME TRACKING \*PROGRAM REPORTING **\*CAMPGROUND RESERVATION SYSTEM (1476** reservations, 346 phone calls) \*PUBLIC/PERSONAL CONTACTS RELATED TO FORESTRY, **\*NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATIONAL CONCERNS** 5200 phone calls **3120** in person office visits 8320 email responses **\*WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT (520** hours per year) www.langladeforestryandparks.com \*MONITORING AND RESPONSE ON SOCIAL MEDIA (260 hours per year) www.facebook.com/JackLakeCampground

\*PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS (11 public service announcements) \*DEVELOPMENT OF DEPARTMENT BROCHURES AND MAPS FOR DISTRIBUTION (11 brochures, 6 maps) \*FAIRGROUNDS MARQUIS (changes made every week of the year) \*DEPARTMENT POLICY ESTABLISHMENT AND REVISION (5 new policies)

\*COUNTY ORDINANCE MODIFICATION AND CREATION (2 ordinances)

\*COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDAS AND PACKETS (13 meetings)

COUNTY AND PROGRAM

**16,986 PUBLIC CONTACTS** 

PROMOTIONS

# **2023 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**





**\*ISSUANCE OF PERMITS 27 Firewood Permits 10 Bough Collection Permits 13** Christmas Tree Collection Permits **79 Annual Shooting Range Permits 19 Jack Lake Ski Trail Permits** \*MEMORIAL FUND (6 benches) \*LAND SALES (6 parcels sold, 8 additional parcels prepared for sale) \*LAND ACQUISITIONS (1 parcel acquired) \*LAND LEASES AND PERMITS (1 tower lease completed) \*NOTABLE ASSISTANCE TO OTHER COUNTY PROGRAMS **County Strategic Planning Commission County Broadband Commission** 

PLUS ASSISTANCE AND OVERSIGHT OF EVERYTHING ELSE IN THE DEPARTMENT!

# **2023 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**







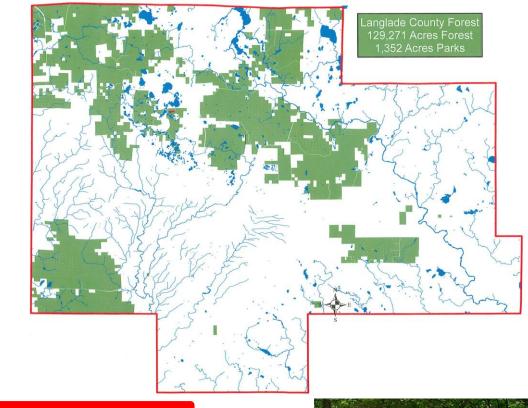
#### 5 Employees dedicated to forest, wildlife and resource management programs

Rick Dedeyne- Assistant Forest Administrator- Forestry and Timber

Cody Brauner- Assistant Forest Administrator- Forest (80%) Protection, GIS-Mapping, Forest Transportation (80%) Cory Ruhland- Forester (Forest Development) Luke Williams- Forester (Wildlife-Fisheries) 2 Summer Intern LTEs Split with Parks, Recreation & Campgrounds



# **2023 FOREST, WILDLIFE AND RESOURCE**



MANAGEMENT OF 129,271 ACRES OF FOREST



# **TIMBER SALE ESTABLISHMENT**

Between 30 and 40 timber sales are established and sold each year encompassing 3200 to 2800 acres.

There are at least 15 steps in timber sale preparation

Most of timber sale acreage is covered on the ground three times before a contract is in place and harvesting commences IN 2023- 30 TIMBER SALES ENCOMPASSING 3525 ACRES WERE PREPARED FOR SALE









# **TIMBER SALE ADMINISTRATION**

Between 80 and 110 timber sale contracts are on the books and listed as active each year.

There are at least 13 steps in timber sale administration

At a minimum each sale is visited and inspected by a forester once weekly or more frequently as needed. Scaling and tracking of timber products removed is a major effort of staff.



IN 2023- 122 TIMBER SALES ENCOMPASSING 9578 ACRES WERE UNDER ACTIVE CONTRACT REQUIRING ADMINISTRATION







# **TIMBER SALES CLOSED**

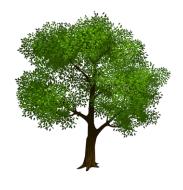
When all cutting and hauling activity is completed, staff ensures that all scale and mill tickets have been entered, establishes a final invoice and processes to contractor.

When final payment is made, receipts of payments are made, release of bond is processed and close out timber sale contract is completed



IN 2023- 51 TIMBER SALES ENCOMPASSING 4380 ACRES WERE OFFICIALLY CLOSED OUT







# FOREST REGENERATION-NATURAL REGENERATION

Forest regeneration is planned with each proposed forest management activity. Timber harvest prescriptions are written to ensure proper conditions for regeneration of the forest by natural seeding, natural coppice sprouting, or by artificial means of direct seeding or planting of seedlings.





REGENERATION BY NATURAL SEEDING

REGENERATION BY COPPICE SPROUTING

IN 2023- 4206 ACRES OF 4380 ACRES OF COMPLETED TIMBER HARVESTING WERE DESIGNED FOR NATURAL SEEDING OR COPPICE REGENERATION BY SPROUTING







# FOREST REGENERATION-ARTIFICIAL REGENERATION

Some forest areas and specific forest types do not naturally regenerate and require direct seeding or planting of seedlings to re-establish the forest. In Langlade County the common forest types that require artificial regeneration are Red Pine and Jack Pine. These types historically regenerated following wildfires, however lack of fire reduces the land's ability for them to start from seed.

FORWARDER WITH TRENCHER

CONTRACT PLANTING CREW

IN 2023- 174 ACRES OF THE 4380 ACRES OF TIMBER HARVESTING WAS DESIGNED FOR ARTIFICIAL REGNERATION BY HERBICIDE, SITE PREPARATION AND PLANTING OF SEEDLINGS. 210 ACRES OF CUT AREA WERE PREPARED FOR 2024 PLANTING.





# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Although not staffed with official wildlife staff most Department staffing has official training in integrated resource management including fish and wildlife. The department actively manages areas for various wildlife through independent projects and through established partnerships including fish and wildlife staff within the Wisconsin DNR, the National Wild Turkey Federation, the Ruffed Grouse Society and Trout Unlimited.













# **2023 FOREST, WILDLIFE AND RESOURCE**



#### \*LANGLADE COUNTY WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL- ESTABLISHED IN 2023





### **2023 DEPARTMENT DIRECT WILDLIFE**

### **MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Luke Williams- Forester (Wildlife-Fisheries)

**\*TIMBER SALE MODIFICATIONS-** 4380 acres modified to benefit wildlife. **\*Roads/trails seeding post-harvest-** 13.5 miles of roads/trails were seeded to clover for wildlife.

#### \*Wildlife openings and hunter walking trail maintenance-

432 wildlife openings encompassing 1142 acres managed 84.6 miles of roads/trails managed

57.5 mile of roads/trails mowed

293 wildlife openings encompassing 774 acres mowed

#### \*Young Forest Initiative- Grouse, Woodcock and Songbird Habitat

65 acres of tag alder and aspen precommercial mowing completed 5 acres of special product harvest were completed to change aspen structure



IN 2023- 5154 ACRES OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ACTVITY AND 71 MILES OF TRAILS MOWED OR SEEDED FOR WILDLIFE











9 SEPARATE WILDLIFE PROGRAMS UNDER COOPERATION OF DNR.

#### 2023 DEPARTMENT COOPERATION WITH DNR WILDLIFE PROGRAMS

\*DNR NORTHERN ZONE WILDLIFE MEETING & CROSS TRAINING- HOST 2023

\*Wisconsin Bat Habitat Conservation Plan- Established

\*Water control structure/flowage maintenance and repair- 30-40structures maintained

- \*Deer Management Assistance Program- Department entered and created a plan for 900 acres of deer management
- **\*Bear Populations Studies-** Staff cooperated with DNR in location of bear dens for bear studies
- **\*Wolf Population Study-** Staff cooperated with the DNR on wolf populations studies.
- \*Wisconsin Snapshot Program- Staff Operated 6 cameras and transferred photos to the snapshot website.

www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/research/projects/snapshot

\*Fish Sticks Project on Jack Lake- Staff cooperated with the DNR to establish a fish habitat improvement project to place trees (fish sticks) in Jack Lake.

\*Fish Population Studies at Anninan and Perch Lake- Staff cooperated with the DNR in fish shocking in Anninan Lake and Perch Lake



#### **ROAD/ TRAIL PLANNING**

\*1,300 MILES MAPPED AND CLASSIFIED \*FOREST ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2024





# **2023 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

# **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Cody Brauner- Assistant Forest Administrator(20% MOTORIZED RECREATION)

### FOREST ROAD MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

\*Maintained County Forest Roads to Town Road Standards - 7.67 miles \*Rehabilitation of Forest Road Infrastructure- 3.6 miles of road improved \*Road Reconstruction to Increase County Forest Road mileage- 9.59 miles

Camp Susan Fire Lane North Neva Fire Lane Stevens Springs Fire Lane Anninan Lake Fire Lane Perch Lake Campground Loop East Sherry Fire Lane Camp 23 Fire Lane Section 31 Fire Lane

- 7.67 MILES OF ROAD MAINTAINED
- 10 PROJECTS- IMPROVE 14.89 MILES OF ROAD
- 12 GATES AND BERMS REPAIRED
- 9.6 MILES OF PROPERTY LINES MARKED

\*Heineman Grade Road Improvements- 1.7 miles

\*Gate and Structure Replacement and Repair- 12 gates, 20 locks

#### **PROPERTY BOUNDARY MAINTENANCE**

\*9.6 miles of property boundaries remarked







- 9 NATURAL THREATS MONITORED AND ADDRESSED ON 64 SITES ACROSS 1302 ACRES
- 5 HUMAN THREATS ADDRESSED ACROSS THE FOREST AS ENCOUNTERED

# **FOREST PROTECTION**

Cody Brauner- Assistant Forest Administrator(20% MOTORIZED RECREATION)

### NATURALLY PRODUCED THREATS



\*Wildfire- One reported fire- Lost Lake Road

\*Emerald Ash Borer- Widespread across Langlade County \*Spongy Moth-Noted in a few aspen areas in east central part of County

- **\*Oak Wilt-** 14 locations being treated, more expected in 2024
- \*Significant Weather Events- no significant events in 2023
- \*Invasive Species Surveys- 870 acres of surveys, 2 flight observation
- \*Invasive Species Control in 2023- 368 acres in 17 sites
- \*Continuation of TIP Partnership
- \*Beaver Damage- 24 sites required beaver control

\*Porcupine Damage- 9 porcupines euthanized

### **HUMAN PRODUCED THREATS**

\*Property Encroachment- 2 encroachments \*Dumping of Trash-234 pounds, cost of \$468.95 \*Illegal Tree Stands- 22 deer stands confiscated \*Illegal Clearing- 4 areas, approximately 3 acres \*Illegal Food Plots- 24 illegal food plots







#### <u>4 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES DEDICATED TO CAMPGROUNDS,</u> PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS.

Jason Polley- Park and Recreation Manager Tom Lazers- Campground and Campsite Manager Emily Lazers- Part- Time Assistant Park and Campground Manager Cody Brauner- Assistant Forest Administrator- Forest Protection, GIS-Mapping, Forest Transportation (20% MOTORIZED RECREATION)

5 Summer Intern LTE Positions 1 Campground Host- Volunteer

MANAGEMENT OF 1,352 ACRES OF PARKS, 16 FACILITIES AND 3 CAMPGROUNDS







JACK LAKE RECREATION AREA NORTH TRAILHEAD

GARTZKE FLOWAGE RECREATION AREA TRAILHEAD

**KETTLEBOWL RECREATION AREA TRACK 52 TRAILHEAD** 

MOCCASIN RECREATION AREA TRAILHEAD

PARRISH HIGHLANDS SHELTER

**MOOSE LAKE BOAT LANDING** 

**COUNTY T TRAILHEAD** 

**COUNTY A TRAILHEAD** 

SHFRRY ROAD TRAILHFAD

PARRISH HIGHLANDS TRAILHEAD

### **REGULAR MAINTENANCE**



Staff inspection and cleaning of grounds, removal of trash and debris, maintenance and cleaning of facilities at various schedules depending upon use pattern. Parks and facilities were patrolled to ensure policy and regulation compliance, 7 day per week. Lawns were mowed weekly or as needed.

> VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK- 25 acres SUMMIT LAKE PARK- 4.5 acres POST LAKE DAM PARK 2.4 acres CHARLES DE LANGLADE MEMORIAL PARK- 18.4 acres TOWNLINE LAKE PARK- 7.4 acres LANGLADE COUNTY BOW AND GUN RANGE- 16.4 acres

DAILY AND WEEKLY MAINTENANCE OF 74.1 ACRES OF DEVELOPED PARKS ON 16 FACILITES COMPLETED BY 4 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES



**2023 PARKS AND RECREATION** 

ACCOMPLISHMENTS







### PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



### **VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK**

- Picnic Tables, playground, disk golf and buildings repaired as needed
- Trees and brush trimmed, 2 tree removals completed, stump removal planned 2024
- Administrative staff promoted park use

#### **2023 ADA ACCESSIBILITY AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS-**

Stewardship Grant

Construction Deferred to 2024 due to scheduling

### **CHARLES DE LANGLADE MEMORIAL PARK**

#### **2023 PROJECT- PARK CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT**

- Planning for restroom improvements created
- Construction Deferred to 2024 due to scheduling

16 INDEPENDENT PARKS PROJECTS COMPLETED BY STAFF







### PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



### **SUMMIT LAKE PARK**

- Picnic Tables repaired, new swim area ropes ordered, trees and brush trimmed
- Administrative staff promoted park use

### POST LAKE DAM PARK

- Natural planting cut back to stimulate regrowth, Trails, fishing pier and benches repaired, trees trimmed and 2 tree removals
- Administrative staff promoted park use

### **CAMP SUSAN**

- Completed annual review of rental agreements, rental rates and reservation system
- Administrative staff promoted camp use











### **PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



### **KETTLEBOWL SKI AREA**

- Cooperated with Langlade County Ski Club as needed
- Improved ski trails as part of timber sale
- Expanded opening at ski hill as part of timber sale operations
- improved for ski trail access with expanded parking
- Administrative staff promoted park use

### DAY USE AREAS (WAYSIDES)

- Lawns mowed as required, signs and tables inspected and repaired.
- Outhouse removed from Pence Lake Wayside due to safety concerns
- Outhouse removed from Moose Lake due to safety concerns

### **PUBLIC BOAT ACCESS SITES**

- Improved Roger's lake Access
- Constructed canoe slip on Eau Claire Flowage
- Improvement to a river access trail to Hunting River near County T
- Initial mapping of all lake and river accesses completed



13 SIGNS, DESIGNED, BUILT AND INSTALLED BY STAFF

# **2023 PARKS AND RECREATION SIGNAGE PROJECT**

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

To promote Langlade County facilities the Department constructed and installed signage funded through a LCEDC Go-to spot grant. DOT directional highway signs are scheduled in 2024.

















MAJOR CHANGES IN OPERATIONS OF RANGE INSTITUTED BY STAFF



### **PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



### LANGLADE COUNTY BOW AND GUN RANGE

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

- Instituted seasonal closure by Committee action- range open April 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30 of each year
- Instituted operational hours by Committee action 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. when open
- Instituted range fees by committee action- annual pass \$30 per year, daily pass \$5 for everyone 16 years of age or older.
- Free passes provided to youth trap club in exchange in recognition of youth involvement.
- Completed repairs and replacements to meet safety concerns
- Monitored 2022 Grant application, grant approved
- Provided education on the fee requirements and enforced range operations
- Established annual agreements with the Antigo Men's Trap League Established annual agreements Antigo Youth Trap Club
- Administrative staff promoted range use and club events
- Established event agreements for Antigo Men's Trap Club Shoots







### LANGLADE COUNTY BOW AND GUN RANGE

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

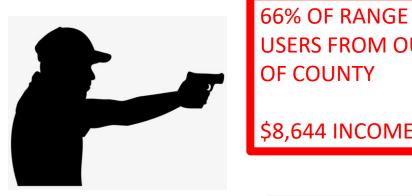
2023 SHOOTING RANGE DAILY PASS SUMMARY				
PERCENTAGE	INCOME			
34%	LANGLADE COUNTY RESIDENTS SUBTOTAL	\$	2,165.28	
66%	NON RESIDENT SUBTOTAL	\$	4,129.55	
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	CUSTOMER COUNT			
	LANGLADE COUNTY RESIDENT CALCULATED COUNT		433	
	NON RESIDENT CALCULATED COUNT		826	
	TOTAL PEOPLE PAID	A CARLES AND	1259	

In addition to daily passes, 79 annual shooting range passes were sold for an income of \$2,370.

Total income of \$8,664 was generated from the Bow and Gun **Range reducing County operating** costs.

# **2023 PARKS AND RECREATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### FORESTRY, PARKS AND RECREATION





USERS FROM OUT

\$8,644 INCOME

**OF COUNTY** 







- 539.1 MILE OF TRAIL OPERATED AND MAINTAINED BY 10 CLUBS
- \$212,074 GRANT DOLLARS BROUGHT IN TO COUNTY

### 2023 ANNUAL SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Cody Brauner- Assistant Forest Administrator(20% MOTORIZED RECREATION)

\*Department finalized 2023 club contracts with the 10 existing snowmobile clubs.

\*Clubs maintain 539.1 miles of state funded trails in the 2022-2023 Winter. \*Department applied for, sponsored and administered snowmobile grants in the amount of \$161,730

\*Department applied for, sponsored and administered Winter ATV trail maintenance grants in the amount of \$50,270.

\*Department performed trail inspections and processed grant reimbursement request.

\*Department coordinated trail work in cooperation with 10 snowmobile clubs and 4 contractors in 2023.

\*Department worked with 1 trail club on 2 temporary trail reroutes required \*Forestry staff update trail clubs of upcoming timber sales along established trails

\*Administrative staff promoted snowmobile trail use and trail clubs







5 GRANTS APPLIED
 FOR, 3 SUCCESSFUL

### **2023 SNOWMOBILE TRAIL PROJECTS**

Cody Brauner- Assistant Forest Administrator(20% MOTORIZED RECREATION)

### **REPLACE 3 SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE**

- DNR funding approved in the fall of 2023
- Wetland Permitting Completed through Land Records and DNR
- Bridge plans completed and reviewed by DNR
- Bridge Construction expected 2023
- Hwy H recreation wing expected concurrent with Highway schedule







### 2023 ANNUAL ATV/UTV TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Cody Brauner- Assistant Forest Administrator(20% MOTORIZED RECREATION)

- Department finalized 2023 club contracts with the 4 existing ATV/UTV clubs.
- Clubs maintain and operated 105.6 miles of state funded spring, summer and fall ATV/UTV trails
- Clubs maintain and operated and 3.8 miles of eligible Troutes in 2023.
- Department applied for, sponsored and administered ATV/UTV maintenance grants in the amount of \$85,620
- Department performed trail inspections and processed grant reimbursement request.
- Department coordinated trail work in cooperation with 4 snowmobile clubs and contractors in 2023.
- Forestry staff update trail clubs of upcoming timber sales along established trails
- Administrative staff promoted ATV/UTV trail use and trail clubs



# **2023 MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL TRAILS ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### FORESTRY, PARKS AND RECREATION



#### 2023

- 105.6 MILES OF TRAIL OPERATED AND MAINTAINED BY 4 CLUBS
- \$85,620 GRANT DOLLARS BROUGHT INTO THE COUNTY



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### **2023 ATV/UTV TRAIL PROJECTS**

Cody Brauner- Assistant Forest Administrator(20% MOTORIZED RECREATION)

Projects require many steps depending upon trail location and site conditions. Typical projects require the following:

- Seek and obtain funding through budget and grant processes
- Complete planning of project design including engineering in some locations
- DNR and DOT permitting which can take months
- Complete competitive bidding process, establish RFB's, create contracts open and award bids for work
- Finalize planning, layout and contracts
- Scheduled work with contractors, monitor and administer contracts
- Process vouchers and complete payments and documentation
- Close out work to ensure compliance with permits and grants
- Seek reimbursement from grants for work completed

9 GRANT APPLICATIONS WITH 6 PROJECTS FUNDED AND COMPLETED



### **2023 ATV/UTV TRAIL PROJECTS**

Cody Brauner- Assistant Forest Administrator(20% MOTORIZED RECREATION)

#### \*2021 GRANT FUNDED PROJECT – WALRICH ROAD TO FRAYLEY ROAD- 6.0 miles of trail rehabilitation, completed 2023





\*2021 GRANT FUNDED PROJECT – BROWN BRIDGE- 3.4 miles of trail rehabilitation, completed 2023

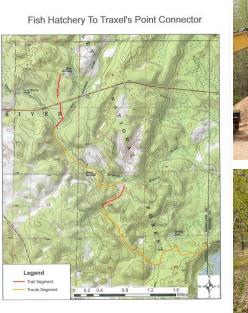
\*2023 GRANT FUNDED PROJECT - CTH WW TO CTH M CONNECTOR- 0.3 miles of new trail construction, scheduled completion 2024

\*2023 GRANT FUNDED PROJECT - HIGHWAY 64 TO FISH HATCHERY ROAD CONNECTOR- 1.3 miles of new trail, project expected 2025 work season













### **2023 ATV/UTV TRAIL PROJECTS**

Cody Brauner- Assistant Forest Administrator(20% MOTORIZED RECREATION) Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

\*2023 PROJECT- FISH HATCHERY ROAD TO BOULDER LAKE- 5.6 miles of new trail/troute, project expected 2025 work season

\* 2023 GRANT FUNDED PROJECT- HIGHWAY T TRAILHEAD IMPROVEMENTS -remodeling and upgrades of the pumphouse building, removal of existing vault toilet and replacement with precast concrete vault toilet, improvement to parking lot. Completed 2023



### 2023 OFF ROAD VEHICLE (ORV) TRAIL PROJECT

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

#### **2023 PROJECT- ELTON AREA ORV TRAILS**

- Project waivered in 2023, still in discussion phases with club.
- Department developed policies and draft agreements
- The Department developed initial maps for the trails
- Still awaiting club response and signature of agreements









### 2023 ANNUAL NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

#### HORSE TRAILS- CLUB MANAGED

- Moccasin Recreation Area- 9 miles
- Crocker Hills Recreation Area 20.6 miles
- Department cooperated with clubs to maintain
- Clubs maintained trails
- No grant funding was available for maintenance activities
- Administrative staff promoted trail use and trail events



# 2023 NON- MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL TRAILS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

29.6 MILES CLUB OPERATED, CLUB FUNDED

#### FORESTRY, PARKS AND RECREATION







### 2023 ANNUAL NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

### YEAR ROUND HIKING TRAILS

#### HUNTER WALKING TRAILS

- Department maintained 84.6 miles
- These trails limit motorized use and are open to all non-motorized recreation

#### ICE AGE TRAIL (HIKING)

- Approximately 53.5 miles of trail forest wide
- Department cooperated with Ice Age Trail Alliance
- Ice Age Trail Alliance maintained trails
- Administrative staff promoted trail use and trail events
- Department improved accesses and parking the Kettlebowl and Camp Susan Recreation areas
   84.6 MILES OF DEPARTMENT

TRAILS

**FUNDED TRAILS** 

# 2023 NON- MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL TRAILS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**OPERATED AND COUNTY FUNDED** 

53.5 MILES CLUB OPERATED, CLUB



### 2023 ANNUAL NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

#### HIKING/ CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

#### **CLUB MANAGED**

- Gartzke Recreation Area- 6.5 Miles
- Moccasin Lake Recreation Area- 9.0 Miles
- Kettlebowl Recreation Area- 2.79 Miles
- Department cooperated with clubs
- Clubs groomed and maintained trails
- No grant funding was available for maintenance activities
- Administrative staff promoted trail use and trail events
- Department completed trail widening as part of timber sales

# 2023 NON- MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL TRAILS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

18.29 MILES CLUB OPERATED, CLUB FUNDED TRAILS

#### FORESTRY, PARKS AND RECREATION







### 2023 ANNUAL NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

#### HIKING/ CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

#### DEPARTMENT MANAGED

- JACK LAKE RECREATION AREA-Approximately 18 miles of trail
- Department removed brush, groomed and packed trails
- Snow plowing of lots and access to buildings maintained
- No grant funding was available for maintenance activities
- Instituted fees at Jack Lake- December 2023 to recapture some costs
- Administrative staff promoted trail use and trail events

18.0 MILES OF DEPARTMENT OPERATED AND COUNTY FUNDED TRAILS





### 2023 ANNUAL NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

#### FORESTRY, PARKS AND RECREATION







#### SLED DOG TRAILS CLUB MANAGED TRAILS

- Track 52- 14 miles
- Crocker Hills- 18 miles

32 MILES OF TRAIL CLUB OPERATED, CLUB FUNDED TRAILS

- Department continued to cooperate with clubs to maintain and groom
- Clubs groomed and maintained trails
- No grant funding was available for maintenance activities
- Department assisted with development of improved parking and signage at Track 52 sled dog area utilizing County funding in combination with club provided equipment work.
- Administrative staff promoted trail use and trail events



### 2023 ANNUAL NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

SNOWSHOE TRAILS	2 MILES OF CLUB
	OPERATED, CLUB
<b>CLUB MANAGED TRAILS</b> Gartzke Recreation Area-1 mile	FUNDED TRAILS
Moccasin Lake Recreation Area- 1 mile	
Department continued to cooperate with clubs	1 MILE OF
Clubs groomed and maintained trails	DEPARTMENT
No grant funding was available for maintenance activities	OPERATED,
Administrative staff promoted trail use and trail events	COUNTY FUNDED
	TRAIL

#### FORESTRY, PARKS AND RECREATION





#### **DEPARTMENT MANAGED TRAILS**

Jack Lake Recreation Area-1 mile Department removed brush, groomed and packed No grant funding was available for maintenance activities Administrative staff promoted trail use and trail events

# **2023 NON- MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL**

# **TRAILS ACCOMPLISHMENTS**







### **2023 ANNUAL CAMPGROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

#### **DEPARTMENT OPERATED AND COUNTY FUNDED** JACK LAKE CAMPGROUND - 48 Campsites, 2 Group Sites

- Total Nights of Site Occupancy- 4,189
- 2095 campsite cleanings required
- Shower building and 4 restrooms were cleaned and stocked a minimum of twice daily
- 3 rental lodges which were occupied a total of 166 nights, each lodge was cleaned, stocked and prepared for occupancy 28 times.
- 4 acres of lawn were mowed and trimmed weekly as needed.

#### **PERCH LAKE CAMPGROUND- 52 Campsites**

- Total Nights of Site Occupancy- 192
- 96 campsite cleanings required
- Shower building with flush toilets and 8 pit toilet buildings. were cleaned and stocked a minimum of once daily, 7 days per week.
- 4.2 acres of lawn were mowed and trimmed weekly as needed.

## **2023 CAMPGROUND, CAMPSITES and CABINS ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



3 CAMPGROUNDS WITH A TOTAL OF 105 CAMPSITES AND 3 RENTAL CABINS MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND FUNDED BY THE COUNTY



#### **2023 ANNUAL CAMPGROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

#### DEPARTMENT OPERATED AND COUNTY FUNDED

#### **HIGH LAKE CAMPGROUND- 5 Campsites**

Total Nights of Site Occupancy- 96 48 campsite cleanings Restroom was cleaned and stocked a minimum of once daily



### **2023 CAMPGROUND, CAMPSITES and CABINS ACCOMPLISHMENTS**







### **2023 CAMPGROUND PROJECTS**

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

#### PERCH LAKE CAMPGROUND

- Finalized road improvements under contract spring
- Finalized water system operations under contract spring
- Installed 8 prefabricated restroom buildings under contract spring
- Installed prefabricated 52 fire pits and picnic tables- completed spring
- Receive and installed signage- completed spring
- Implemented online software registration program
- Soft opening completed June 30
- Grand Opening July 20 for camping
- Complete tree trimming, tree removal and stump removal as necessary-Additional tree trimming completed September
- Access trail opened and trimmed to north end of Annian Lake September
- Access trail opened and trimmed to Wolf River September
- Administrative staff promoted campground use

PROJECT DESIGNED, ENGINEERED AND COMPLETED BY STAFF WITH ASSISTANCE OF LOCAL CONTRACTORS- SUCCESSFULLY OPENED AND OPERATED 1 YEAR FROM START!

# **2023 CAMPGROUND, CAMPSITES and CABINS ACCOMPLISHMENTS**





27 EVENTS NEGOTIATED, CONTRACTED AND SUPPORTED BY DEPARTMENT STAFF IN 2023, MORE TO COME IN 2024!

### **2023 FAIRGROUNDS EVENTS**

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

- Blood Center of Northcentral WI- (once a month) January -December
- Tree Toppers 4-H Club- January 9<sup>th</sup>
- Girl Scouts Nut & Candy Delivery- March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Bob and Rocco Gun Show- March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- WI DNR Warden Training- April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Antigo School District Career Fair- May 5<sup>th</sup>
- **Carden International Circus-** May 10<sup>th</sup>
- Zurko Flee Market- May 26<sup>th</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>.
- All American Circus- June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Antigo Lions Roaring Raceway- June 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - Track Preparation Days May 1<sup>st</sup>-June 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Grounds preparation days June 1<sup>st</sup> June 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Grounds clean up days June 9<sup>th</sup> June 18<sup>th</sup>
- Langlade County Fair- July 27-30<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - Preparation days July 14<sup>th</sup> July 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Clean up days July 30<sup>th</sup> August 4<sup>th</sup>









LARGE NUMBER OF 4-H EVENTS REMAIN AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

### **2023 FAIRGROUNDS EVENTS**

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

- Antigo/Langlade County Chamber Customer Appreciation Day- August 16<sup>th</sup>
- Ducks Unlimited Gun Raffle- August 19<sup>th</sup>
- Northern Nationals Motorsports Show- August 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>
- Wisconsin Trappers Association- September 8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>
- Antigo Jr Women's Craft Show- October 21st
- Badger Chapter RV- 5-day private event August 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>
- **4-H Horse and Pony Project-** Open Fun Speed June 17<sup>th</sup>
- 4-H Horse and Pony Project- Pleasure Show June 18th
- 4-H Horse and Pony Project- Open Fun Speed September 23rd
- 4-H Horse and Pony Project- (9 events) May- September
- 4-H Tree Topper Club- (12 events) Second Monday of each month
- 4-H Dog Project- (18 events) March- June
- Life Line Screening- December 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Rural Fire Control- October 2 and October 16
- Bob and Rocco Gun Show- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>





### **2023 FAIRGROUNDS PROJECTS**

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

- TOILET AND WATER INSTALLATION FOR FAIRGROUNDS/CAMPGROUND-This project was deferred until 2024 due to permitting and engineering requirements and to avoid scheduled events at the fairgrounds.
- INSTALLATION OF SCREENS, PROJECTORS AND DIVIDERS IN CLOVER <u>ROOM-</u>Initial review of the proposed project showed a cost estimate of over \$100,000 with only \$19,000 budgeted. Project funds were deferred until 2024.
- <u>ESTABLISHMENT OF OUTDOOR MARKET- SOUTHWEST CORNER OF</u>
  <u>FAIRGROUNDS-</u>This project was never identified in budget and workload in 2023 precluded moving of this project forward.

TOILET AND WATER INSTALLATION MOVING FORWARD BETWEEN EVENTS IN 2024





### **2023 FAIRGROUNDS PROJECTS**

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

- IMPLEMENT ON-LINE RESERVATION SYSTEM FOR THE FAIRGROUNDS FACILITIES-Due to complexity of fairground reservations the reservation system limits the ability for actual reservations on-line. The Fairgrounds reservations are now part of the Department website and provide for the proper contacts and steps for reservations for the fairgrounds.
- FAIR BOARD LONG TERM AGREEMENT- A 10-year agreement was negotiated for the County Fair. Under the agreement, financial reporting is required with requirements of matching to DATCP fair reports. The Fair Board is allowed to maintain operational funds for future fairs and when the operational fund cap is reached, the balance is required to be place into a County Controlled capital improvement fund for future fairground improvements. The Fair Board will participate in formation of a capital improvement plan as part of the agreement.





14 EVENTS EXTERNAL TO FAIRGROUNDS NEGOTIATED, CONTRACTED AND SUPPORTED BY DEPARTMENT STAFF IN 2023, MORE TO COME IN 2024!

### **2023 RECREATION AREA EVENTS**

Jason Polley- Parks and Recreation Manager

- Northology Co. Guided ORV Ride- Sherry Road Trailhead May 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>
- **Langlade Adult Trap League-** Bow and Gun Range -ATA Spring Shoot- May 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>
- Crazy Eights Race- Jack Lake South Trailhead June 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.
- NRA Range Safety Training Course- Bow and Gun Range June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Pack Shakedown & Backpacking Summit- Jack Lake Lodge June 3rd
- Spring Horse Ride- Crocker Hills Trailhead June 4-5
- For the Love of Bikes Day Clinic- Jack Lake Trailhead June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Hike on the Ice Age Trail- Lumber Camp and Kettlebowl Trailheads June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Splash & Dash- Veteran's Memorial Park August 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Iron Bull- Veteran's Memorial Park September 7-8<sup>th</sup>
- Iron Bull- Perch Lake Campground August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- WI Christian Horseman- Crocker Hills Trailhead August 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.
- Langlade Adult Trap League- Bow and Gun Range -ATA Summer Shoot-Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>
- Ice Age Trail Alliance 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration- Veterans Memorial Park Oct. 7<sup>th.</sup>