

## Land Resources

### Land Use

More than forty percent of the land area within the boundaries of Price County is public land as shown in the land ownership map. There are a significant number of nonresident landowners. Table 1 summarizes land data for Price County. The land cover map illustrates the predominance of forested and wetland area. Land ownership and cover will influence land use and water resource management decisions within the county.

Price County completed a draft lakes classification as part of the state "Smart Growth" requirements. A land use plan provides a comprehensive approach to foster and guide growth within the county. The County Board of Supervisors rejected further planning efforts. There are no current plans to complete a land use plan for Price County.

**Table 1. Price County Land Data Summary<sup>4</sup>**

	Square Miles	Acres	Percent
Urban Area	8.4	5,363	0.66%
Roads	15.8	10,102	1.2%
Land / Soils / Agriculture Resources			
Farmland Acres: Total Cropland	88.3	56,500	6.92%
Pastureland	64.1	41,000	5.03%
Water Resources			
Lakes and Impoundments	22.8	14,622	1.8%
Rivers and Streams	5.2	3,377	0.41%
Wetlands, Swamps, and Marshes (approximate)	102.587	65,656	8.04%
Forestry Resources			
Total Public and Forest Industry Land	553.6	354,302	43.4%
Privately Held Timberland (estimate)	414.687	265,400	32.5%
Total Area	1275.5	816,322	100%

<sup>4</sup> Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service. 2008.  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. 2005.

**Managed Forest Law (MFL) By Year in Price County:**

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Orders</u>	<u>Open Acres</u>	<u>Closed Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2000	23	625	866	1,491
2001	59	2,829	2,140	4,969
2002	90	3,023	4,004	7,026
2003	134	1,222	6,714	7,396
2004	165	2,471	9,298	11,769
2005	130	1,252	7,313	8,565
2006	31	245	1,661	1,906
2007	78	2,148	3,753	5,901
2008	55	5,132	4,119	9,251
2009	35	944	1,426	2,370
2010	32	621	1,431	2,052

**Managed Forest Law (MFL) Acreage Summary Report By Year For Price County:**  
**Cummulative**

<u>Year(s)</u>	<u>No. of Entries</u>	<u>Open Acres</u>	<u>Closed Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
1985-2003	571	60,007	22,558	82,565
2004	730	61,772	32,071	93,843
2005	861	62,567	39,745	102,312
2006	898	61,880	41,872	103,752
2007	980	62,330	46,361	108,691
2008	1,042	66,181	50,934	117,114
2009	1,089	66,135	53,045	119,180

**Public Conservation and Recreation Land by County**  
Acres by Ownership as of 2006

County	BCPL	DNR	94-06 Chg.	County	94-06 Chg.	Federal	Total Public	% Public
Adams	120	15,554	3,486	813	679	0	16,487	4.0%
Ashland	2,089	13,597	974	43,041	10,762	182,025	240,752	<u>36.0</u>
Barron	1	7,745	1,589	16,468	1,621	0	24,214	4.4
Bayfield	286	22,264	4,677	169,353	2,271	272,770	464,673	49.2
Brown	0	3,153	893	5,807	2,079	0	8,960	2.6
Buffalo	2	13,877	830	535	533	0	14,414	3.3
Burnett	282	70,386	690	108,918	2,948	0	179,586	<u>34.2</u>
Carleton	0	11,865	1,495	1,131	931	0	12,996	<u>6.3</u>
Chippewa	120	11,105	2,192	33,416	1,206	0	44,641	6.9
Clark	0	882	616	133,660	789	0	134,542	17.3
Columbia	0	21,802	2,761	815	711	0	22,617	4.6
Crawford	0	18,461	10,267	579	129	0	19,040	5.2
Dane	0	22,733	4,385	3,205	597	39	25,977	3.4
Dodge	160	25,051	2,433	1,131	934	0	26,342	4.7
Door	79	15,714	3,031	1,281	733	0	17,074	5.5
Douglas	360	53,001	8,063	270,813	2,813	0	324,174	<u>38.7</u>
Dunn	325	15,382	2,965	1,183	1,122	0	16,890	3.1
Eau Claire	40	2,719	150	54,714	2,673	0	57,473	14.1
Florence	2,438	13,160	7,873	39,973	3,487	85,178	140,749	45.1
Fond du Lac	0	28,142	7,497	1,691	753	0	29,833	6.4
Forest	17,894	4,520	1,565	30,877	20,029	345,822	399,113	<u>61.5</u>
Grant	0	19,504	3,251	1,070	1,011	0	20,574	2.8
Green	0	5,397	499	487	483	0	5,884	1.6
Green Lake	0	18,536	1,045	747	483	0	19,283	8.5
Iowa	0	21,447	3,616	381	261	0	21,828	4.5
Iron	4,294	84,376	23,236	182,015	9,226	0	270,685	55.9
Jackson	79	76,090	2,585	122,868	18,687	0	199,037	31.5
Jefferson	0	18,607	4,572	661	532	0	19,268	5.4
Juneau	90	11,255	4,914	16,240	1,936	0	27,585	5.6
Kenosha	0	6,960	311	2,700	1,380	0	9,660	5.5
Kewaunee	0	2,839	508	273	17	0	3,112	1.4
LaCrosse	42	7,649	605	3,096	1,227	0	10,787	3.7
Lafayette	0	6,139	735	278	112	0	6,417	1.6
Langlade	1,106	35,997	20,206	131,654	5,401	32,727	201,484	<u>36.1</u>
Lincoln	444	33,004	28,369	102,664	3,873	0	136,112	24.1
Manitowoc	0	10,109	1,098	1,052	852	0	11,161	2.9

† Lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

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County	BCPL	DNR	94-06 Chg.	County	94-06 Chg.	Federal	Total Public	% Public
Marathon	0	27,444	3,167	34,149	7,137	0	61,593	6.2%
Marinette	3,400	31,897	16,839	238,730	7,075	0	274,027	30.5
Marquette	0	12,283	1,965	359	173	0	12,642	4.3
Menominee	—	—	0	—	0	—	—	—
Milwaukee	0	356	135	16,359	5,106	0	16,715	10.8
Monroe	40	5,905	1,645	7,317	770	0	13,262	2.3
Oconto	80	6,792	1,694	44,974	3,016	141,705	193,551	30.3
<u>Oneida</u>	23,936	105,692	45,152	105,227	23,052	11,219	246,074	34.2
<u>Outagamie</u>	0	9,625	1,813	2,631	2,122	0	12,256	3.0
Ozaukee	0	2,763	325	1,243	562	0	4,006	2.7
Pepin	37	5,485	1,036	243	162	0	5,765	3.9
Pierce	0	3,330	-166	1,223	1,179	0	4,553	1.2
Polk	26	23,599	4,717	21,799	5,625	0	45,424	7.7
Portage	40	30,239	3,649	3,349	2,022	0	33,628	6.5
<u>Price</u>	9,208	19,262	84	103,403	11,593	151,585	283,458	35.4
<u>Racine</u>	0	3,395	336	5,484	3,967	0	8,879	4.2
Richland	0	11,980	5,367	98	62	0	12,078	3.2
Rock	0	7,700	1,486	3,188	2,570	0	10,888	2.4
Rusk	160	18,724	226	91,382	2,686	0	110,266	18.9
Saint Croix	0	10,511	2,298	1,498	717	0	12,009	2.6
Sauk	0	28,638	6,338	2,534	1,136	0	31,172	5.8
<u>Sawyer</u>	2,404	89,134	8,193	117,927	4,225	126,770	336,235	41.8
Shawano	1	15,170	426	1,159	948	0	16,330	2.9
Sheboygan	0	21,421	1,907	8,688	1,694	0	30,109	9.2
Taylor	180	8,394	648	18,534	944	124,796	151,904	24.3
Trempealeau	0	7,160	1,191	362	278	0	7,522	1.6
Vernon	0	6,342	804	1,538	1,469	0	7,880	1.5
Vilas	6,021	151,147	3,938	49,054	8,893	54,568	260,790	46.6
<u>Walworth</u>	0	14,992	3,720	766	616	0	15,758	4.4
<u>Washburn</u>	436	6,884	1,290	149,585	1,553	0	156,905	30.3
<u>Washington</u>	0	12,699	1,868	1,524	887	0	14,223	5.2
Waukesha	0	17,473	1,645	9,905	7,581	0	27,378	7.7
Waupaca	0	10,540	2,807	1,080	810	0	11,620	2.4
Waushara	0	18,914	2,739	1,990	1,548	0	20,904	5.2
Winnebago	0	12,644	5,078	1,784	1,354	0	14,428	5.1
Wood	0	15,649	1,110	59,949	22,395	0	75,598	14.9
State	76,220	1,523,205	299,452	2,594,625	238,972	1,529,204	5,723,254	16.5%