



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Illinois 2019



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$80,000
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$444,344
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$0
State Fire Assistance	\$265,659
Urban and Community Forestry	\$225,875
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$424,136
Total	\$1,440,014

NOTE: This funding is for all entities within the state, not just the State Forester's office.

Program Goals

Key Issues

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2018 Accomplishments	Value
Population	12,830,632	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	35,890
Acres of Forest Land	4,981,409	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	20,692
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	3,725,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	17,894
Number of NIPF Landowners	184,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	35
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	0
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	10,670,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	54,752
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,280	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	1,299	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	193
Forest Based Employment	44,145	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	7,191,443
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	8	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	19,718
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	6,100,000		

Program Highlights

Forest Health Protection

Emerald ash borer was detected in 3 new counties (for a total of 66 infested counties), and the entire state is under a quarantine. Surveys for Thousand Cankers Disease continued with no infested trees found. The Slow-The-Spread Program for gypsy moth continued to survey the northern quarter of the state and treated small blocks to minimize expansion into the un-infested area.

Forest Stewardship

Over the past year the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry has filled two long vacant District Forester positions and re-established and filled a third position to better serve private forest landowners. The states 16 District Foresters provide forestry guidance and oversight to approximately 10,000 stewardship participants having 540,000 acres.

Urban and Community Forestry

The Urban and Community Forestry Program served 7.1 million Illinois residents through funding and technical assistance to communities and professionals. Illinois ranks third in the nation for most Tree City USAs and fourth in the nation for the number of municipalities achieving Growth Awards.

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