



# State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

## New York 2019



### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$836,514
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$231,702
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$71,265
State Fire Assistance	\$1,861,878
Urban and Community Forestry	\$1,021,010
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$514,215
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,536,584</b>

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	19,378,102	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	2,288
Acres of Forest Land	18,886,468	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	45,341
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	13,710,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	13,989
Number of NIPF Landowners	686,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	250
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	22
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	23,132,960	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	766
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,741	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	617	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	270
Forest Based Employment	46,958	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	14,600,798
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	5	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	487,379
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	18,000,000		

### Program Highlights

#### Forest Health Protection

Southern pine beetle continues to cause widespread mortality of pitch pine on Long Island, mostly on the eastern and western fronts of the Central Long Island Pine Barrens, a rare ecosystem under threat from the beetle. As of October 2018, 1,946 pine trees have been felled in spot suppression efforts, for a total of 20,296 trees since 2014. A second year of hemlock woolly adelgid treatment occurred in 2018 for an infestation found in Adirondack Park. This year hemlock woolly adelgid was also confirmed for the first time in Saratoga County, in a Ballston Spa town park. Emerald ash borer is another significant invasive

insect species in New York, and its range has now expanded to nearly every corner of the State. Oak wilt was confirmed this year in two areas that had previous eradication efforts: one site in Ontario County and one site in Schenectady County. The state has four active quarantine districts in South Bristol (Ontario County), Glensville (Schenectady County), Brooklyn (Kings County) and the whole of Suffolk County.

### **Forest Stewardship**

The New York Forest Stewardship Program reported 277 new or revised stewardship plans covering 45,341 acres, of which 13,989 acres were in Important Forest Areas per New York's Strategic Forest Action Plan. In addition, 1,551 landowners were provided forestry technical assistance and 737 landowners participated in education programs. New York has initiated work on a 2017 LaSR grant project that will assist forest landowner neighbors of State owned forest management lands in undertaking forest management activities that expand or compliment activities already being undertaken by State forest managers.

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