



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Wisconsin 2019



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$292,733
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$248,224
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$309,200
State Fire Assistance	\$965,220
Urban and Community Forestry	\$256,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$302,410
Total	\$2,373,787

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	5,686,986	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	16,973
Acres of Forest Land	17,055,077	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	109,558
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	10,438,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	37,972
Number of NIPF Landowners	362,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	400
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	1,125
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	31,299,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	66,392
Number of Rural Fire Departments	947	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	594	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	254
Forest Based Employment	74,548	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	3,580,547
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	1	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	1,580
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	29,004,400		

Program Highlights

Forest Health Protection

Tree mortality, especially of balsam fir, was associated with a dry winter, late spring cold snaps, and wet conditions in the summer. Emerald ash borer has been confirmed in 51 of 72 counties, a statewide quarantine was issued followed by discontinuation of statewide trapping, and mortality is common in the southeastern and western portions of the state. Oak wilt disease continues to be a concern, particularly with expansion of the known distribution in parts of northern Wisconsin.

Forest Stewardship

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has adopted a five year goal to connect 20,000 new non-industrial private forest landowners with a resource professional to move one million acres toward sustainable forestry. Engaging partners in Wisconsin's forestry community continues to be an important factor for achieving this ambitious goal. Wisconsin DNR will also conduct education and outreach campaigns around the theme "Growing Wisconsin ForesTREE Together". This campaign encourages landowners to sign up for a walk in their woods with a forester, thus advancing the goal of connecting landowners with a resource professional.

Urban and Community Forestry

Partnering with University of Wisconsin Extension and Wisconsin Arborist Association, the DNR developed and implemented a paid Facebook ad campaign to connect homeowners with certified arborists. Results from this campaign provide insights on how to effectively engage homeowners in responsible management of trees in their yards. Also, using data from the statewide Urban Forest Assessment program, DNR staff developed factsheets that provide canopy data and i-Tree derived ecosystem benefits for every incorporated city and village in Wisconsin (nearly 600 communities).

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