



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet Connecticut 2019



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$108,800
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$65,518
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$0
State Fire Assistance	\$249,200
Urban and Community Forestry	\$248,220
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$91,353
Total	\$763,091

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

Successful implementation of the Cooperative Programs depends upon strong partnerships among state, the US Forest Service, and numerous private and government entities. Programs promote the health and productivity of forests, emphasizing timber and other forest products, wildlife, water resources, rural economies, and state-of-the-art conservation practices. The overall goal is to maintain and improve the environmental, economic, and social benefits provided by the state's urban and rural forests. These programs:

Program Goals

- Improve cost effectiveness by using partnerships to deliver programs
- Increase forest-related values by sustaining forest productivity
- Use voluntary, non-regulatory approaches

Key Issues

- The growing threat to forest health and to a sustainable forest based economy from exotic and invasive species.
- Maintaining forest health and biodiversity through weather events, fragmentation, parcelization, and urbanization.
- Insufficient resources for effective management of publicly-owned forests and other lands held for the public good.
- Limited personnel to educate landowners and managers in forest stewardship for multiple benefits.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2018 Accomplishments	Value
Population	3,574,097	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	1,885
Acres of Forest Land	1,807,741	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	2,010
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	1,383,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	0
Number of NIPF Landowners	108,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	40
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	202
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	2,390,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	276	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	109
Cities and Towns	29	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	165
Forest Based Employment	10,050	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	3,552,202
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	6	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	15,000
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	1,627,000		

Program Highlights

Forest Health Protection

Emerald ash borer-caused tree mortality continues in New Haven and Litchfield Counties, with over 10,000 acres affected by the beetle statewide. Gypsy moth defoliation was lower in 2018 with 160,000 acres affected. Approximately 28,000 acres were killed due to gypsy moth. Surveys were conducted for Asian longhorned beetle, light brown apple moth, and Sirex woodwasp and all were negative.

Forest Stewardship

The Connecticut Forest Stewardship Program reported 28 new/revise forest stewardship plans; covering 2,010 acres. 1,560 landowners attended education programs and 325 landowner technical assists. Over \$1 million in Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) dollars went to forestry related plans and projects this past year.

New projects:

1. Accelerating the Pace of Woodlands Conservation in the Southern New England Heritage Forest, a three state Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) brings \$6 million (1.5 million to forest management plans and conservation practices and 4.5 million to Health Forest Reserves into area surrounding the junction of Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.)
2. Parcel Level Climate Adaptation, a three state LaSR project

Urban and Community Forestry

Tree mortality caused by gypsy moth, emerald ash borer, drought and a series of storms has been a major challenge in 2018. The Connecticut Urban and Community Forestry program is working on addressing these challenges, developing several new resources to be introduced in 2019. Sixteen communities were awarded grants (\$51,423 in Forest Service funds matched by over \$243,000 State and local) to complete activities such as tree planting, tree inventories and training. Under new leadership, the Connecticut Urban Forestry Council is strengthening its role in promoting good urban forest management, and hosted an annual, Urban Forestry Conference.

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