



## State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet District of Columbia 2019



### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$408,350
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$888,642
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$781,760
State Fire Assistance	\$2,735,564
Urban and Community Forestry	\$978,850
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,793,166</b>

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

- Maintaining and enhancing urban tree cover by encouraging public and private tree planting and maintenance.
- Assessing urban forest health and managing the tree canopy.
- Enhancing partnerships between District government, adjacent state partners and appropriate Federal agency partners to support and enhance urban forestry in the District of Columbia.
- Increasing public awareness of the importance of urban forestry by continuing outreach efforts with new and current community partners.
- Awareness of the effects of increased threats to urban forest health from exotic and invasive species.

### Forest Facts and Accomplishments

<b>Selected Facts</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>FY 2018 Accomplishments</b>	<b>Value</b>
Population	601,723	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	0
Acres of Forest Land	0	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	0
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	0	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	0
Number of NIPF Landowners	0	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	0
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	0
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	0	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	0	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	1	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	1
Forest Based Employment	178	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	601,723
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	4	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	8,255
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	2,600,000		

**Program Highlights**

**Forest Health Protection**

A variety of pests and pathogens were observed in District street trees, including emerald ash borer, anthracnose, bacterial leaf scorch, Dutch elm disease (DED), and an unresolved disease affecting leaves and buds of young sweetgums. Management of DED in street tree elms included 68 elm removals and fungicide injection of 482 elms.

**Urban and Community Forestry**

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Urban Forestry Division continued making progress towards the District's 40 percent canopy goal, planting over 8,000 street trees annually and expanding plantings on parks, schools, and other public properties throughout the city. Through a strong partnership with the nonprofit Casey Trees, DDOT supports a growing program of citizen volunteers who inventory trees across the District's parks and a new Pruning Corps that helps care for the vast number of recently planted trees. In 2018, DDOT expanded urban wood utilization efforts with schools and other community partners, with a fully operational portable sawmill that gives new life to hazard trees that are removed in the District. DC contributed to the national Urban Forest Inventory and Analysis program by funding an accelerated data collection for all the District's plots in a single year.

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