



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet Delaware 2019



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$73,000
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$62,782
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$158,720
State Fire Assistance	\$113,277
Urban and Community Forestry	\$200,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$27,928
Total	\$635,707

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 a sufficient forest base to sustain the forest products industry, wildlife habitat, water protection, etc.
- Public awareness/understanding of forests and forest management.
- Improving the management of rural and urban forests.
- The increasing threat to forest health from exotic and invasive species.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2018 Accomplishments	Value
Population	897,934	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	2,359
Acres of Forest Land	360,591	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	2,293
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	325,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	2,047
Number of NIPF Landowners	55,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	50
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	62
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	557,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	54	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	57	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	64
Forest Based Employment	1,852	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	615,316
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	7	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	3,031
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	1,629,300		

Program Highlights

Forest Health Protection

Anthrachnose and other foliar diseases were high as a result of higher than average precipitation levels. Emerald ash borer (EAB) was found on five purple panel traps in New Castle County and EAB larvae were found on dying trees in one western Sussex County location. Spotted Lanternfly adults were found this fall in many locations in northern New Castle County, in contrast to the previous year, where only one adult had been found in the state.

Urban and Community Forestry

The Delaware Forest Service (DFS) provided \$65,000 in grants to community organizations to promote tree canopy planting projects statewide in 2018. The Urban and Community Forestry Program provided continuing educational training to 160 arborist and tree care professionals from Delaware and Maryland at the 8th Delaware Arborist and Tree Care Seminar.

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