



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Iowa 2019



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$80,223
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$109,569
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$537,597
State Fire Assistance	\$241,050
Urban and Community Forestry	\$491,123
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$250,410
Total	\$1,709,972

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

- Lack of forest stewardship on much of the state's forest land.
- Lack of public understanding about the importance of forests and forestry.
- Exotic and invasive species, both existing and potential, threaten the health and diversity of urban trees and woodlands.
- The financial viability and the future of the State Forest Nursery.
- Lack of local investment in urban forests is limiting needed maintenance.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2018 Accomplishments	Value
Population	3,046,355	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	8,135
Acres of Forest Land	2,891,049	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	12,591
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	2,552,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	9,005
Number of NIPF Landowners	150,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	145
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	100
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	7,612,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	920
Number of Rural Fire Departments	871	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	947	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	330
Forest Based Employment	22,454	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	2,106,201
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	3	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	2,473
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	3,018,917		

Program Highlights

Forest Health Protection

Emerald ash borer has been confirmed in 65 counties and is causing significant ash mortality in portions of the state. Oaks in the state are under assault by several native and non-native damage agents, weather events, and chemicals; however defoliation from gypsy moth has been prevented so far through "Slow the Spread" activities that reduce the advance of this pest. Multiple surveys of black walnut have not found Thousand Cankers Disease.

Forest Stewardship

Iowa leverages Forest Stewardship Program funding to address critical state and federal conservation issues at multiple scales. In 2018, one-on-one technical assistance and educational efforts to over 7,000 private forest landowners helped address issues such as the decline of pollinators and migratory songbirds, watershed protection and Gulf Hypoxia, threatened and endangered wildlife, and rural economic viability. Increasing program emphasis in priority areas and strategic investment in Landscape Scale Restoration projects help achieve resource goals identified in the State's Forest Action Plan and Wildlife Action Plans.

Urban and Community Forestry

In 2018, more than 6,000 residential landscape trees valued at roughly \$410,000 were planted thanks to partnerships with Alliant Energy and Mid-American Energy. In addition to delivering urban forestry technical assistance and programs, the Department of Natural Resources has been assisting communities in preparing for emerald ash borer. Statewide urban forest canopy cover statewide goal and estimates were added as an assessment and goal setting tool for communities to improve their urban forests.

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