



# State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

## Illinois 2019



### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

| Program                                      | FY 2018 Final      |
|--|--------------------|
| Community Forestry and Open Space            | \$0                |
| Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management | \$80,000           |
| Forest Legacy                                | \$0                |
| Forest Stewardship                           | \$444,344          |
| Landscape Scale Restoration                  | \$0                |
| State Fire Assistance                        | \$265,659          |
| Urban and Community Forestry                 | \$225,875          |
| Volunteer Fire Assistance                    | \$424,136          |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>\$1,440,014</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

- Non-industrial private forests: lack of management, development pressure, and taxes.
- Lack of time, funds, and staff to reach more forest landowners and communities and to manage state forest lands.
- Forest fragmentation, parcelization, and open space retention.
- Lack of public understanding about the importance of forests and forestry.
- Impacts of exotic and invasive plants on the forest ecosystem.

### Forest Facts and Accomplishments

| <b>Selected Facts</b>                             | <b>Value</b> | <b>FY 2018 Accomplishments</b>   | <b>Value</b> |
|---|--------------|--|--------------|
| Population  | 12,830,632   | Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance                             | 35,890       |
| Acres of Forest Land                              | 4,981,409    | Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans                             | 20,692       |
| Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land        | 3,725,000    | Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans | 17,894       |
| Number of NIPF Landowners                         | 184,000      | Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted  | 35           |
| Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection | 0            | State Fire Communities Assisted  | 0            |
| Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection | 10,670,000   | Coop Forest Health Acres Protected   | 54,752       |
| Number of Rural Fire Departments                  | 1,280        | Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions   | 0            |
| Cities and Towns                                  | 1,299        | Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance                               | 193          |
| Forest Based Employment                           | 44,145       | Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance          | 7,191,443    |
| Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)             | 8            | Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance  | 19,718       |
| State Forestry Budget (All Sources)               | 6,100,000    |  |              |

## Program Highlights

### **Forest Health Protection**

Emerald ash borer was detected in 3 new counties (for a total of 66 infested counties), and the entire state is under a quarantine. Surveys for Thousand Cankers Disease continued with no infested trees found. The Slow-The-Spread Program for gypsy moth continued to survey the northern quarter of the state and treated small blocks to minimize expansion into the un-infested area.

### **Forest Stewardship**

Over the past year the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry has filled two long vacant District Forester positions and re-established and filled a third position to better serve private forest landowners. The states 16 District Foresters provide forestry guidance and oversight to approximately 10,000 stewardship participants having 540,000 acres.

### **Urban and Community Forestry**

The Urban and Community Forestry Program served 7.1 million Illinois residents through funding and technical assistance to communities and professionals. Illinois ranks third in the nation for most Tree City USAs and fourth in the nation for the number of municipalities achieving Growth Awards.

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