



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet Indiana 2019



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$189,040
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$195,436
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$0
State Fire Assistance	\$440,388
Urban and Community Forestry	\$244,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$397,012
Total	\$1,465,876

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 loss of long term management and vision of the forest resource.
- Lack of public understanding about the importance of forests and forestry.
- The continuing threat from exotic and invasive species.
- Data and knowledge gaps regarding rural and urban forest resources.
- The future of public forestland management is at risk.
- Consequences of federal endangered species listings on forest resource management.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2018 Accomplishments	Value
Population	6,483,802	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	6,384
Acres of Forest Land	4,875,991	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	109,756
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	3,870,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	82,302
Number of NIPF Landowners	225,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	360
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	885
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	7,328,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	3,956
Number of Rural Fire Departments	972	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	567	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	110
Forest Based Employment	51,830	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	3,266,320
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	3	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	9,989
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	12,703,645		

Program Highlights

Forest Health Protection

Emerald ash borer is established in every county, and most of the state has had extensive ash mortality. Surveys for Thousand Cankers Disease continued with no infested trees found. The Slow-The-Spread Program for gypsy moth continued to survey the northern third of the state and treat small blocks to minimize expansion into the un-infested area.

Forest Stewardship

Indiana uses Forest Stewardship Program funding to leverage on the ground forest management activities. A forest management plan is required to qualify landowners for funding through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for forestry practices such as brush management, invasive control, or forest stand improvement. While NRCS funding could be used to write the plans, instead District Foresters write Stewardship Plans for landowners which allows more NRCS funding to be spent on conservation practices to benefit Indiana's forests.

Urban and Community Forestry

The Community and Urban Forestry program provided financial and/or technical assistance to communities in Indiana, serving more than three million residents. Ten communities and non-profit organizations received \$115,000 in grant dollars that leveraged over \$190,000 in matching contributions for community-based projects. Indiana affirmed 67 Tree City USA communities, 10 Tree Campus USA universities and colleges, and five Tree Line USA utility companies.

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