Investment in State’s Cooperative Programs

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NOTE: This funding is for all entities within the state, not just the State Forester’s office.

State, private, and other non-Federal forests make up 92 percent of the 176 million acres of forests across the 20 states of the Northeast and Midwest. The U.S. Forest Service and state forestry agencies collaborate with other partners on shared stewardship goals, which also support each State Forest Action Plan. The State and Private Forestry programs promote the health, resilience, and productivity of trees and forests across all ownerships for the benefit of people and wildlife; establish and manage urban and community forests; empower private landowners with information and technical assistance to sustainably manage their forests; and protect critically important rural forests and watersheds.

Program Goals

- Conserve and manage working forest landscapes for multiple values and uses.
- Protect forests from threats.
- Enhance public benefits from trees and forests.

Key Issues

- Conserve, manage, and protect existing forests, especially large forest patches.
- Restore and connect forests, especially in riparian areas.
- Expand Best Management Practices, with special attention to invasive species.
- Coordinate education, training, and technical assistance, especially to develop strategic partnerships.
- Maintain and expand markets for Indiana hardwoods, especially those that are sustainably certified and for local use.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments
Program Highlights

Cooperative Fire Protection
Indiana acquired $1,474,210 in property from the Department of Defense Fire Fighter Program and $235,442 in property from the Federal Excess Personal Property program. The property is used to support the state's and volunteer fire departments' wildland fire programs.

Forest Health Protection
Emerald ash borer is established in every county in the state, 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, providing treatment to small blocks to minimize expansion into the un-infested area.

Forest Stewardship
In 2019, the Indiana Division of Forestry entered a 4-year cooperative agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The arrangement will allow the Division of Forestry to hire additional foresters to work with private landowners. By combining funds from the U.S. Forest Service and NRCS, the Division of Forestry can assist landowners from their initial stewardship plan through the implementation of recommended management activities funded through NRCS programs.

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
Save Maumee Grassroots Organization continued riparian buffer planting in the Maumee River watershed, under U.S. Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grants. GLRI funding also supported tree planting, community training, and youth conservation crew maintenance through the CommuniTree program in communities and on industrial lands along the Lake Michigan coast in northwest Indiana.

Urban and Community Forestry
The Urban and Community Forestry program provided financial and/or technical assistance to communities in Indiana, serving more than three million Hoosiers. Communities and non-profit organizations received over $120,000 in grant dollars for community-based projects. Indiana affirmed 63 Tree City USA communities, 10 Tree Campus USA universities and colleges, and five Tree Line USA utility companies.
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