



# State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet Massachusetts 2019



## Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$204,161
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$75,309
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$219,399
State Fire Assistance	\$493,021
Urban and Community Forestry	\$398,869
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$79,136
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,469,895</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

- Controlling Asian longhorned beetle infestation.
- Connecting people to forest sustainability.
- Changing land use, including fragmentation.
- Education and interdisciplinary approach to forest health and invasive species.
- Providing private landowner and urban community forestry services.

### Forest Facts and Accomplishments

<b>Selected Facts</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>FY 2018 Accomplishments</b>	<b>Value</b>
Population	6,547,629	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	4,350
Acres of Forest Land	3,024,911	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	24,740
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	2,179,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	12,141
Number of NIPF Landowners	293,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	40
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	50
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	3,200,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	46
Number of Rural Fire Departments	220	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	401
Cities and Towns	53	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	268
Forest Based Employment	20,647	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	5,964,351
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	6	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	29,115
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	3,750,000		

## Program Highlights

### **Forest Health Protection**

Continued focus on eradication of Asian longhorned beetle in Worcester County. Gypsy moth defoliation was down statewide, with 159,705 acres mapped in 2018. Oak mortality, likely driven by gypsy moth, occurred on 23,602 acres. Surveys for southern pine beetle found only four beetles in 2018. Biological control efforts for emerald ash borer, hemlock woolly adelgid, and winter moth continue across the state.

### **Forest Stewardship**

The Massachusetts Forest Stewardship Program reported 224 new/revised stewardship plans for 24,740 acres of which 12,141 acres were in Important Forest Areas per Massachusetts's Strategic Forest Action Plan; and 2,986 landowners took part in educational programs. Massachusetts has an on-going landscape scale restoration projects project "Small Forest Landowner Outreach Initiative for Communities Located in the Urban-Rural Interface of the Quabbin to Cardigan Priority Landscape" designed to empower landowners of small woodlots (10 to 25 acres) to engage in coordinated forest management, combat invasive species, and provide heat to neighbors in need.

### **Urban and Community Forestry**

Every community in the State is required to have a Tree Warden, but not all have adequate training. The MTWFA and Massachusetts Urban and Community Forestry (MA UCF) program offered the first annual Massachusetts Qualified Tree Warden training program to 50 attendees. MA UCF awarded over \$265,000 in federal funds to 17 communities. Twelve thousand dollars was awarded to the Worcester Tree Initiative to offer its Urban Tree Stewards Program to youth in the community. Fifteen Thousand dollars went to Arlington to conduct a town wide street tree inventory using Open Tree Map.

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