



# State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

## Maryland 2019



### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$209,600
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$441,872
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$194,488
State Fire Assistance	\$413,219
Urban and Community Forestry	\$468,846
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$116,429
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,844,454</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

- Forest fragmentation/parcelization: local land use decisions, forest sustainability, forest industry & biodiversity in rapidly changing environments.
- Protection/restoration/management of municipal water supply watersheds.
- Forest certification of state/private forestlands, and managing data and monitoring requirements.
- Adequate staffing for State Forests, Fire, Stewardship, and Urban Forestry programs.
- Invasive exotic plant impacts on forestland.

### Forest Facts and Accomplishments

<b>Selected Facts</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>FY 2018 Accomplishments</b>	<b>Value</b>
Population	5,773,552	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	3,251
Acres of Forest Land	2,462,814	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	26,901
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	1,869,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	11,810
Number of NIPF Landowners	157,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	50
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	405
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	3,200,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	400
Number of Rural Fire Departments	371	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	157	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	518
Forest Based Employment	13,135	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	4,750,167
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	4	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	60,125
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	9,500,000		

## Program Highlights

### **Forest Health Protection**

The Maryland Department of Agriculture, Forest Pest Management, released over 57,000 emerald ash borer (EAB) parasitoids (*Oobius agrili*, *Tetrastichus planipennis* and *Spathius agrili*) on State Lands, Cylburn Arboretum, and Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge; and in conjunction with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Corp treated over 1,100 ash trees. Over 10,000 hemlock trees were treated across State Lands for protection against hemlock woolly adelgid. The first adult spotted lanternfly was detected on a trap tree in Cecil County.

### **Urban and Community Forestry**

Maryland Forest Service continues to increase tree canopy in urban areas by creating green jobs to maintain the existing canopy cover through the new governor initiative, Work2Live WELL. In addition, the Urban and Community Forestry program expanded its outreach to enhance public awareness of urban forest programs offered in Maryland through a weekly post on the Department of Natural Resources Facebook page, #FromtheTreeTops.

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