



# State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

## Maine 2020



### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2019 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$357,500
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$213,000
Forest Legacy	\$90,000
Forest Stewardship	\$183,484
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$0
State Fire Assistance	\$751,483
Urban and Community Forestry	\$240,960
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$151,585
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,988,012</b>

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

- Keep forests as forests.
- Improve and diversify markets.
- Protect forests from harm.
- Maintain healthy trees and woodlands in urban and community areas.
- Maintain the capacity of the Maine forest.
- Increase the environmental literacy of Maine citizens.
- Maintain and enhance forest biodiversity.

## Forest Facts and Accomplishments

<b>Selected Facts</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>FY 2019 Accomplishments</b>	<b>Value</b>
Population	1,328,361	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	9,321
Acres of Forest Land	17,502,904	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	15,504
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	12,082,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	9,993
Number of NIPF Landowners	252,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	95
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	450
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	1,766,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	419	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	22	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	186
Forest Based Employment	14,207	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	1,017,947
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	1	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	8,045
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	10,450,000		

## Program Highlights

### **Cooperative Fire Protection**

The Nature Conservancy was awarded one competitive State Fire Assistance grant to implement 60 acres of fuels breaks, 385 acres of prescribed burning, firefighter training, and development of fire management plans for high wildfire risk pine barrens areas in Maine and New Hampshire. Maine acquired \$554,789 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**

Severe defoliation from the noxious browntail moth was documented in the Midcoast and Downeast regions, however there were localized collapses of browntail moth in several areas due to fungal outbreaks. Emerald ash borer was detected in York and Cumberland counties. Infestations of the beetle are now in extreme northern and southern Maine. Biocontrol releases to control winter moth continued in Boothbay Harbor. White pine needle damage and red pine decline continued as also reported in neighboring states.

### **Forest Stewardship**

Maine's Be Woods Wise/WoodsWISE Incentives Program developed 137 new or continuing forest stewardship plans (including plans under Conservation Activity Plan Code 106, funded through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program) covering 15,504 acres, of which 9,993 acres were in spatially defined Important Forest Areas. About 5,940 woodland owners took part in educational programs offered by the Maine Forest Service to encourage the sound, long-term management of Maine's forest resources. Maine Forest Stewardship personnel assisted 3,381 individuals with forest stewardship.

### **Urban and Community Forestry**

Project Canopy funded 14 Urban and Community Forestry grants in 2019. Grants to Augusta, Bridgton, Greenville, Norway, and Bath are enhancing downtown revitalization projects by planting trees suited to Maine's climate. Pittsfield, Rockport, Belfast, and Kennebunk are replacing trees along their entry gateways, focusing on drawing visitors to these tourist destinations. These projects also incorporate techniques to increase tree survival, such as using tree trenches, structural soils, and smart stormwater design. Project Canopy helped collect data that resulted in a management plan to prioritize removal of oak trees most damaged by browntail moth in Freeport.

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