



# Michigan Forest Resource Fact Sheet 2025

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## Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2024 Final
Cooperative Fire Protection	\$1,883,975
Cooperative Forestry	\$908,011
Forest Health Management	\$794,768
Forest Legacy and Community Forestry	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,586,754</b>

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

## Key Issues

- Enhance coordination among cooperative programs, stakeholders, and partners.
- Advocate for sound forestry policies.
- Increase economic productivity and benefits.
- Communicate the value and importance of forestry.
- Involve partners and the public in managing Michigan's forests.
- Monitor the condition of the forest and impacts of our work.
- Improve understanding of forests through research.
- Implement actions to improve Michigan's forests.

## Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2024 Accomplishments	Value
Population	10,077,331	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	8,527
Acres of Forest Land	20,167,228	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	26,350
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	10,607,555	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	8,505
Number of NIPF Landowners	185,698	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	208
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	52
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	20,000,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,071	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	533	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	240
Forest Based Employment	36,202	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	5,460,710
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	5	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	12,755
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	32,000,000		

## Program Highlights

### Cooperative Fire Protection

State Fire Capacity funds allowed Michigan to train over 1,250 firefighters and conduct 50 wildfire prevention programs. The state also received a Wildfire Risk Reduction grant for \$200,000 to expand hazardous fuels reduction in high-risk areas and expand fire prevention efforts. The Michigan Volunteer Fire Capacity program awarded \$361,548 in grants to 128 rural fire departments throughout Michigan. Michigan acquired \$842,286 of firefighting equipment through the Federal Excess Property Program and \$1,524,956 in equipment from the Department of Defense Firefighter Property program.

### Economic Action

In 2024, four Michigan projects received over \$2.2 million in Forest Markets grant funding, including Wood Innovations, Community Wood, and Temporary Bridge Crossings Funding. Project work includes investigating combining hardwoods and softwoods for cross-laminated timber applications, installing a plywood pressing line as well as optimizing equipment for a hardwood lumber sawmill, and temporary bridge crossings.

### Forest Health Protection

The State of Michigan in cooperation with partners continue to address forest health needs across the state including native and invasive pests and diseases, and invasive plants. Survey and treatment of hemlock woolly adelgid across nine positive counties in the Lower Peninsula aim to slow the spread into Michigan's vast hemlock resource to the north. Surveys for balsam woolly adelgid

continue in two mid-Michigan counties, while suppression activities take place in one western Lower Peninsula county. In southeast Michigan, established pockets of spotted lanternfly are being monitored and treated to slow the spread in five counties. Beech leaf disease has been confirmed in seven counties in southeast Michigan. Oak wilt was confirmed in Marquette County, the 61st positive county in Michigan, where detection and treatment continues across the state. Montmorency County became the 19th county with Heterobasidion root disease detections with implications for conifer management. While a spruce budworm outbreak may be subsiding, defoliation continued in many locations. In the northern Lower Peninsula and areas of the east Upper Peninsula, a third year of a Jack pine budworm outbreak occurred. Spongey moth also continued to subside in largely oak- and aspen-dominated stands across the Lower Peninsula following two to three years of consecutive severe defoliation.

### **Forest Stewardship**

Michigan Forest Stewardship Program provided four hours of training to 852 loggers at 20 meetings on the Sustainable Forestry Initiative's Fiber Sourcing Standard and best management practices. Michigan Master Loggers purchased their first three of many portable bridges to protect water quality on family forests. Michigan FSP made other investments in clean water with 20 conservation partners implementing Forest to Michigan Faucet with municipal water utilities. Michigan Forest Association used funding to hire a full-time executive director to lead Michigan's efforts to better serve underserved landowners. Jenilee Dean of Northeast Michigan Forestry in Tawas City won the 2024 Stewardship Forester award at the Michigan Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF) meeting in February for her great work developing forest stewardship plans for family forest landowners.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources ceased their conifer production at Wyman State Forest Nursery in Manistique around 2018. They now purchase all conifers from a private nursery but grow a limited number of hardwoods at Wyman and process and handle seed at the site. Through the Forest Stewardship program and National Reforestation, Nurseries, and Genetics Resource program, the State receives financial assistance to support nursery, genetics, and seed programs. Funding helped to enhance seed production.

### **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative**

In 2024, 15 Michigan projects were selected for over \$2.5 million in Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant funding through the USDA Forest Service's competitive Cooperative Weed Management and Forest Restoration grant programs. Project work includes managing invasive plant species that threaten native habitat and species, replacing trees lost due to emerald ash borer, planting trees as green stormwater infrastructure, and restoring and protecting forested coastal and riparian habitat. At least four projects are incorporating changing weather considerations into their projects, and four plan to engage Tribal partners. Eight projects will include sites located in areas and/or communities with increased needs.

### **Landscape Scale Restoration**

Grantee: Ottawa Conservation District

Federal Investment: \$400,000

Project: Managing Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Through Treatments and Improving Landscape Resiliency in West Michigan

Summary: This project will take place on private and public land in nine counties along Lake Michigan's shoreline where hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) is a threat. It will treat ecologically important properties, educate the public on hemlock management options, and provide materials to landowners to encourage landscape-level stand regeneration. HWA is an invasive insect that is currently found in six counties in Michigan and poses an immediate threat to the landscape.



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