



# State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

## Minnesota 2019



### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$277,563
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$163,525
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$124,300
State Fire Assistance	\$913,477
Urban and Community Forestry	\$324,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$302,145
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,105,010</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

- Improving forest health, productivity, and resiliency to help meet future forest resources demand: adapting to and mitigating the effects of climate change, invasive species, and maintaining water quality and quantity.
- Adapting forest management practices and systems to emerging markets for woody biomass and carbon credits.
- Minimizing the breakup of former industrial forests into small parcels that are sold to nonindustrial owners and converted to non-timber uses.
- Multi-agency and landowner cooperation to address forest management and wildfire suppression in light of higher costs and smaller budgets.

**Forest Facts and Accomplishments**

<b>Selected Facts</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>FY 2018 Accomplishments</b>	<b>Value</b>
Population	5,303,925	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	6,643
Acres of Forest Land	17,412,528	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	100,163
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	6,467,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	70,883
Number of NIPF Landowners	202,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	160
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	715
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	45,037,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	62,019
Number of Rural Fire Departments	748	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	854	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	359
Forest Based Employment	39,867	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	4,055,047
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	4	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	34,198
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	39,000,000		

**Program Highlights*****Forest Health Protection***

Eastern larch beetle continues to be the largest Forest Health problem, as it was mapped killing tamarack on 181,000 acres in 2018. Spruce budworm defoliated balsam firs and white spruce on about 196,500 acres in Minnesota's Arrowhead Region. While emerald ash borer (EAB) is killing ash trees in the southeast part of the state and in the greater Twin Cities, EAB has not been reported in the majority of the state.

***Forest Stewardship***

Recent changes to the state's Sustainable Forest Incentive Act (SFIA) now requires all enrollees to have a forest management plan approved by the Department of Natural Resources. This helps assure sustainable management of enrolled forest lands while providing landowners increased access to technical assistance. Stable funding from the State has supported full staffing levels of private land field foresters and funded the state forestry cost-share program.

***Urban and Community Forestry***

In 2018, Minnesota's Urban and Community Forestry program provided assistance to 430 communities where more than four million residents live. Over 255 volunteers representing over 40 communities attended training workshops put on by University of Minnesota staff, focused on tree inventory and Tree Care Advocate and Tree Steward programs. Additionally, 106 communities were certified as a Tree City USA along with three universities and four utilities for the Tree Campus and Tree Line USA programs, respectively.

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