



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Missouri 2019



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$176,874
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$185,877
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$80,952
State Fire Assistance	\$762,340
Urban and Community Forestry	\$208,960
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$314,368
Total	\$1,729,371

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

- Lack of public understanding about forests and the benefits they provide, and the need for active forest management to enhance quality of life.
- Enhanced technical assistance, incentives, communication and networking to increase private landowner participation in sustainable forest management.
- Sustainable forest management led by improved industry operations, a positive public image, and enhanced markets for forest products.
- The increasing threat to Missouri's forest health from issues such as exotic and invasive species, forest fragmentation from urban sprawl, and conversion of forest land to agricultural uses.
- User conflicts on public forestland and less support for active management of public forestland.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2018 Accomplishments	Value
Population	5,988,927	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	1,834
Acres of Forest Land	15,408,736	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	44,001
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	12,234,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	9,511
Number of NIPF Landowners	359,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	170
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	70
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	42,350,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	860	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	959	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	123
Forest Based Employment	27,117	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	2,830,234
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	5	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	46,223
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	16,300,000		

Program Highlights

Forest Health Protection

Emerald ash borer was detected in 12 new counties (for a total of 54 infested counties), and the entire state is under a quarantine. Surveys for thousand cankers disease continued with no infested trees found. The state-wide survey for gypsy moth did not find any reproducing populations, and Missouri remains uninfested.

Forest Stewardship

Representatives of Missouri Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), and the Missouri State Tree Farm Committee worked to revise the state's Common Stewardship Plan Template so that all required plan elements are addressed in plans written using the template. Private forest landowners only need one such plan to satisfy requirements for Tree Farm membership and to access NRCS and MDC forestry programs and cost share. The template is used by both private consulting foresters and agency foresters.

Urban and Community Forestry

In 2018 the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) Forestry Division continued its Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance grant program by funding 34 projects with communities throughout Missouri. Over \$334,000 dollars were awarded for a variety of projects including inventory, removals, pruning, education, and tree planting. MDC foresters also provided technical assistance to 136 communities and increased the state's Tree City USA count from 95 to 104.

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