



New Hampshire Forest Resource Fact Sheet 2025

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Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2024 Final
Cooperative Fire Protection	\$636,847
Cooperative Forestry	\$493,718
Forest Health Management	\$146,470
Forest Legacy and Community Forestry	\$400,000
Total	\$1,677,035

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

Key Issues

- Forest ecology.
- Wildfire management.
- Forest health.
- Forest management.
- Climate change.
- Urban and community forests.
- Land conservation.
- Forest based economy.
- Forest policy and institutional framework.
- Education and outreach.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2024 Accomplishments	Value
Population	1,377,529	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	3,167
Acres of Forest Land	4,708,302	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	18,210
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	2,380,832	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	9,109
Number of NIPF Landowners	33,523	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	150
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	264
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	4,660,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	215	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	235	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	111
Forest Based Employment	6,434	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	1,026,133
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	5	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	3,710
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	2,573,818		

Program Highlights

Community Forests and Open Space

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests is now the owner of the largest Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program project in the country. The society used \$509,000 in program funds to acquire the 2,668-acre Shelburne Valley Forest, in the Town of Shelburne, and is part of a larger conservation effort called the Mahosuc Highlands Initiative. The protection of this large forest maintains opportunities for future sustainable timber harvests while also safeguarding wildlife habitat, watershed protection, and many recreational opportunities for the public.

Cooperative Fire Protection

The state acquired \$468,440 of Federal Excess Personal Property and \$793,481 of Department of Defense Firefighter Property program funding to assist in wildfire suppression operations. Firefighter training was provided to 1,800 personnel and 40 volunteer fire departments received Volunteer Fire Capacity grants. A total of 25 Acres of hazardous fuels were treated.

Economic Action

In 2024, two New Hampshire projects received \$2 million in Forest Markets grants, including Wood Innovations and Community Wood Funding. Project work focus on installing and upgrading thermally-led, combined-heat-and-power biomass systems.

Forest Stewardship

The New Hampshire Forest Stewardship Program reported 79 new or revised stewardship plans for 18,210 acres of which 9,109 acres were in New Hampshire's Important Forest Areas. In 2024, 949 landowners were provided forestry technical assistance and 2,218 landowners participated in education programs. The Landscape Scale Restoration program supports programming focusing on forest owners to provide education, funding, and assistance to develop forest stewardship plans. New Hampshire has allocated funding for forest stewardship plans on 40 properties within New Hampshire's Important Forest Areas.

The New Hampshire Department of Natural Resources operates one State nursery, located in Boscaawen. 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.

Landscape Scale Restoration

Grantee: National Association of Conservation Districts

Federal Investment: \$585,824 (Multi-State Project)

Project: Northeast Mid-Atlantic Partnership for Forests and Water

Summary: The Northeast-Mid-Atlantic Partnership for Forests and Water is an interagency, multi-partner collaboration that advances restoration of priority forest landscapes and protects water from West Virginia to Maine. This project will facilitate continued collaboration among the diverse array of partners in states across the northeast and mid-Atlantic, will foster shared learning, and support forested watershed restoration activities.

Urban and Community Forestry

The New Hampshire Urban and Community Forestry Program is a long-standing partnership between the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands and the University of New Hampshire (UNH) Cooperative Extension. In 2024, UNH Cooperative Extension taught 20 new natural resources steward (NRS) volunteers, that completed the full semester course, joining 500+ experienced stewards. For fiscal year 2024, NRS volunteers reported 3,710 hours in urban and community forestry. Over 37 communities received urban and community forestry assistance from these volunteers. In 2024, work continued on the Schoolyard Enhancement Program. Goals of the project were twofold: (1) enhance tree canopy on school campuses by planting additional trees; and (2) engage students and school communities in both the planting and long-term care of the trees. There was significant interest and growth to the program this year and 18 schools were selected. Also in 2024, a revised curriculum of the Municipal Tree Workers Workshop was piloted at three workshops.



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