



# State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet New Hampshire 2019



## Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$1,225,000
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$145,944
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$94,265
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$144,842
State Fire Assistance	\$235,324
Urban and Community Forestry	\$195,284
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$80,368
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,121,027</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

- The fragmentation or loss of forestland.
- Threats to forest health and productivity including insects, diseases, invasive plants and animals, and weather events.
- Maintaining a sustainable state and regional forest products industry that remains an important part of the social and economic matrix.
- Stewardship of public and private forestlands, including impacts of growing pressure from public use.
- The public's lack of understanding about how forestry and forestland contribute to their quality of life.

### Forest Facts and Accomplishments

<b>Selected Facts</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>FY 2018 Accomplishments</b>	<b>Value</b>
Population	1,316,470	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	8,116
Acres of Forest Land	4,758,420	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	8,195
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	3,451,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	2,902
Number of NIPF Landowners	128,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	150
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	256
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	4,660,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	3,900
Number of Rural Fire Departments	215	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	23,728
Cities and Towns	13	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	168
Forest Based Employment	6,434	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	1,176,958
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	5	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	13,769
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	2,573,818		

## Program Highlights

### **Forest Health Protection**

Survey and monitoring continued for hemlock woolly adelgid, elongate hemlock scale, southern pine beetle, emerald ash borer, spruce budworm, and others. Forest tent caterpillar defoliation dropped by 50 percent to 7,559 acres in 2018. New emerald ash borer outbreaks have been found in Carroll and Grafton Counties. The entire state is under the federal quarantine as of 2018. Gypsy moth defoliation is on the rise in 2018 with 4,911 acres reported in Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties.

### **Forest Stewardship**

The New Hampshire Forest Stewardship Program reported 43 new or revised forest stewardship plans covering 8,195 acres, of which 2,902 acres were in Important Forest Areas per New Hampshire's Forest Action Plan; 7,538 landowners attended educational programs; and participated in six landscape scale restoration projects including "Town and Community Forests" to increase the amount of managed and protected municipally owned land; "Dirt to Trees to Wildlife" to facilitate exploration of the relationships between soils, forests, and wildlife; "Emergency Best Management Practices" to minimize water quality degradation; and Northeast Silviculture Institute" to provide graduate-level professional development for foresters.

### **Urban and Community Forestry**

The New Hampshire Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) program conducted their annual Natural Resources Stewards (NRS) Volunteer Program. Students learn about natural resource conservation and then donate 40 hours of service to conduct useful projects in NH communities. The UCF program uses a portable band sawmill, as an educational tool, and demonstrated the benefits of using local wood at schools and town events. The Currier Museum of Art commissioned artist Konstantin Dimopoulos to install The Blue Trees project, which involves coloring trees a vibrant blue, to focus attention and engage the community in conversations about the importance of trees.

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