



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

New Jersey 2019



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$307,484
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$79,040
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$522,745
State Fire Assistance	\$568,894
Urban and Community Forestry	\$464,910
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$226,482
Total	\$2,169,555

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

- Wildfire protection in the wildland/urban interface and maintaining defensible space.
- Conveying the message that trees are critical to air and water quality.
- Forest fragmentation and forestland conversion to non-forest uses.
- Environmental regulation and restricted use designations that limit sound forestry practices.
- Public awareness about forestry and forestry practices that improve forest health.
- Inadequate funding to address emerging and recurring forest health issues.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2018 Accomplishments	Value
Population	8,791,894	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	16,230
Acres of Forest Land	1,990,424	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	9,280
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	1,322,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	2,568
Number of NIPF Landowners	122,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	100
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	288
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	3,250,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	3,927
Number of Rural Fire Departments	353	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	324	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	408
Forest Based Employment	24,283	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	7,685,049
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	7	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	14,123
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	6,363,938		

Program Highlights

Forest Health Protection

The New Jersey Department of Forestry conducted monitoring activities and found no introductions of oak wilt nor thousand cankers disease. The New Jersey Department of Agriculture found the spotted lantern fly for the first time in NJ in Mercer, Hunterdon, and Warren Counties. Aerial surveys found gypsy moth defoliation on 3,760 acres and southern pine beetle-caused mortality on 5,358 acres. Emerald ash borer was found in one additional county (Camden) and pesticide treatments to high value trees and releases of emerald ash borer biocontrol agents are ongoing.

Urban and Community Forestry

In 2018, New Jersey's Urban and Community Forestry program (NJUCF) leveraged several funding sources to award almost \$500,000 in grants to 56 municipalities and counties across the state to support the development and implementation of Community Forest Management Plans. The grants ranged from \$3,000 to \$300,000 for work on projects from community tree inventory and ash surveys to risk reduction and tree planting. Almost 90 percent of the state's population, or nearly 8 million people, live in a community that is either developing or maintaining a local urban and community forestry program.

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