



# State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

## New York 2019



### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$836,514
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$231,702
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$71,265
State Fire Assistance	\$1,861,878
Urban and Community Forestry	\$1,021,010
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$514,215
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,536,584</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

- Invasives response, especially emerald ash borer and Southern pine beetle (newly found on Long Island).
- Inadequate staff due to retirements and hiring restrictions, even with grant money or earned revenues, is limiting work capacity and ability to make grant match.
- "Keeping forests as forests" in face of high property taxes, the value of land for non-forest uses, low returns from traditional forest products, and delays or opposition to new forest product markets such as renewable fuel and ecosystem services.
- Climate change impacts on forest sustainability.
- Regeneration challenges due to deer, high-grading, invasives, and competing vegetation.

## Forest Facts and Accomplishments

<b>Selected Facts</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>FY 2018 Accomplishments</b>	<b>Value</b>
Population	19,378,102	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	2,288
Acres of Forest Land	18,886,468	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	45,341
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	13,710,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	13,989
Number of NIPF Landowners	686,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	250
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	22
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	23,132,960	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	766
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,741	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	617	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	270
Forest Based Employment	46,958	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	14,600,798
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	5	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	487,379
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	18,000,000		

## Program Highlights

### **Forest Health Protection**

Southern pine beetle continues to cause widespread mortality of pitch pine on Long Island, mostly on the eastern and western fronts of the Central Long Island Pine Barrens, a rare ecosystem under threat from the beetle. As of October 2018, 1,946 pine trees have been felled in spot suppression efforts, for a total of 20,296 trees since 2014. A second year of hemlock woolly adelgid treatment occurred in 2018 for an infestation found in Adirondack Park. This year hemlock woolly adelgid was also confirmed for the first time in Saratoga County, in a Ballston Spa town park. Emerald ash borer is another significant invasive insect species in New York, and its range has now expanded to nearly every corner of the State. Oak wilt was confirmed this year in two areas that had previous eradication efforts: one site in Ontario County and one site in Schenectady County. The state has four active quarantine districts in South Bristol (Ontario County), Glenville (Schenectady County), Brooklyn (Kings County) and the whole of Suffolk County.

### **Forest Stewardship**

The New York Forest Stewardship Program reported 277 new or revised stewardship plans covering 45,341 acres, of which 13,989 acres were in Important Forest Areas per New York's Strategic Forest Action Plan. In addition, 1,551 landowners were provided forestry technical assistance and 737 landowners participated in education programs. New York has initiated work on a 2017 LaSR grant project that will assist forest landowner neighbors of State owned forest management lands in undertaking forest management activities that expand or compliment activities already being undertaken by State forest managers.

### **Urban and Community Forestry**

New York Urban and Community Forestry (NY UCF) staff have been very successful in promoting the Tree City USA Program which recognizes communities and partners that practice good urban forest management. For 2018 they have 123 Tree Cities, 14 Community Growth Awards, six Tree Line Utilities and 29 Tree Campuses. The Energy Saving Trees Program promotes planting trees to conserve energy in buildings. NY UCF staff worked with Nassau County Cornell Cooperative Extension, ReLeaf volunteers and Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG) of Long Island to plant 1,000 trees on Long Island and also with NY State Gas & Electric to plant 250 trees in Pound Ridge.

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