



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Ohio 2019



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$327,827
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$136,472
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$0
State Fire Assistance	\$491,728
Urban and Community Forestry	\$899,525
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$394,312
Total	\$2,249,864

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 of forestry and the importance of active forest management to forest sustainability and the quality of our lives.
- The impact of invasive pests such as emerald ash borer and Asian longhorned beetle on Ohio's local economies and ecosystems.
- Lack of public "working" forestland for high quality forest products, unique ecological habitats, pristine water, and back-country recreation.
- Forest parcelization and open space protection.
- Continued loss of forest industries and the ultimate impact on forest health.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2018 Accomplishments	Value
Population	11,536,504	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	5,106
Acres of Forest Land	8,077,085	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	27,603
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	6,780,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	3,113
Number of NIPF Landowners	345,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	190
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	170
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	5,822,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	31,176
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,366	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	938	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	315
Forest Based Employment	57,969	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	5,954,184
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	5	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	48,204
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	11,472,000		

Program Highlights

Forest Health Protection

Asian longhorned beetle was found in Tate township, Clermont County in 2011; it is a major threat to hardwood forests and to the State's \$5 billion nursery industry. The Department of Agriculture continued treatment efforts in the Slow the Spread transition zone with four treatments occurring in 2018. Hemlock woolly adelgid treatments continued in Jackson and Lawrence Counties.

Urban and Community Forestry

The Urban Forestry Assistance Program provided 38 Tree Commission Academy classes for 130 to students from 65 communities. In addition, 24 training programs and 6 Urban Forestry conferences were held throughout the state. The program also partnered with Miami Valley communities and organizations to develop the Twigs to Trees program and plant over 500 trees on vacant lots while actively engaging local youth in tree planting and maintenance in their neighborhoods.

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