



# State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet Pennsylvania 2019



## Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$791,847
Forest Legacy	\$2,400,000
Forest Stewardship	\$158,918
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$0
State Fire Assistance	\$1,190,234
Urban and Community Forestry	\$449,720
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$738,790
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,729,509</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

- Marcellus impact (fragmentation, environmental or ecological degradation)
- Exotic insects and disease management, especially hemlock woolly adelgid, emerald ash borer, gypsy moth, and beech bark disease.
- Land use changes; rotation of lands into and out of the forest land base.
- Forestland ownership issues, especially parcelization and changing management.
- Economic challenges and changes in perceived forest values (how forest and land is valued and taxed).

### Forest Facts and Accomplishments

<b>Selected Facts</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>FY 2018 Accomplishments</b>	<b>Value</b>
Population	12,702,379	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	25,549
Acres of Forest Land	16,898,554	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	12,944
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	11,505,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	884
Number of NIPF Landowners	497,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	145
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	2,300
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	17,000,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	20,842
Number of Rural Fire Departments	2,650	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	1,015	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	424
Forest Based Employment	72,173	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	7,052,209
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	2	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	40,406
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	32,990,000		

## Program Highlights

### Forest Health Protection

Forests in Pennsylvania exhibited damage from gypsy moth (9,835 acres), cherry scallop shell moth (6,976 acres), in 2018. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resource treated 20,287 acres for gypsy moth. The spotted lanternfly continues to spread and the quarantine zone increased from six counties to 13 counties in southeastern Pennsylvania.

### Urban and Community Forestry

Over the last year, Pennsylvania served 369 communities through its TreeVitalize Program, representing 6,199,285 people, which is almost half the population of the state. Statewide, about \$320,000 in grants was given out to communities and non-government organizations to plant trees, improve existing tree canopy, work on planning and inventories, and other community forestry projects. Pennsylvania piloted a highly successful prison inmate arboricultural training program that trains soon-to-be-released inmates in arboriculture and then helps connect them with potential employers upon release – and is also continuing to work on its urban wood utilization program.

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