



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Vermont 2019



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$526,392
Forest Legacy	\$2,600,000
Forest Stewardship	\$86,316
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$0
State Fire Assistance	\$155,241
Urban and Community Forestry	\$191,840
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$82,862
Total	\$3,642,651

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

- Conserving Biological Diversity: Conversion of forests to other uses.
- Forest Health and Productivity: Introduction and spread of invasive species.
- Forest Products and Ecosystem Services: Identifying all potential marketing opportunities.
- Land Ethic: Educating all residents on the value and benefits of trees and forests.
- Legal, Institutional and Economic Framework: Stable and equitable tax structure that encourages retention and management of forests.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2018 Accomplishments	Value
Population	625,741	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	2,131
Acres of Forest Land	4,511,368	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	40,551
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	3,612,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	30,149
Number of NIPF Landowners	88,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	141
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	21
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	4,700,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	222	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	1,412
Cities and Towns	46	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	73
Forest Based Employment	5,332	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	395,510
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	2	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	17,500
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	3,768,904		

Program Highlights

Forest Health Protection

In 2018, Vermont became the 32nd state infested by emerald ash borer with infested trees found in several areas of the state. Forest tent caterpillar defoliation expanded again, with 71,315 acres mapped during aerial surveys. White pine needle damage more than doubled in area in 2018 compared to 2017, with 40,745 acres mapped.

Forest Stewardship

The Vermont Forest Stewardship Program reported 134 new or revised stewardship plans for 40,551 acres of which 30,149 acres were in Important Forest Areas per Vermont's Strategic Forest Action Plan; 1,429 landowners participated in education programs; and several landscape scale restoration projects including one with the Vermont Natural Resources Council, titled "Training Real Estate and Resource Professionals to Keep Forests as Forests" - a LaSR project targeting professionals who work with private landowners making decisions about their woodlands.

Urban and Community Forestry

Through the Urban Resilient Right-of-Ways Initiative, the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry (VT UCF) program collaborated with the towns of Milton, Shelburne, and Williston and the cities of Rutland and Burlington to promote Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) practices. The UCF program worked with a planning firm to assist 10 communities in developing town forest recreation plans. Partners attended over 50 public meetings, and engaged over 1,200 Vermonters in visioning and planning for the future of their town forests.

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