



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

West Virginia 2019



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2018 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$456,020
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$312,029
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$110,000
State Fire Assistance	\$629,765
Urban and Community Forestry	\$379,538
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$153,815
Total	\$2,041,167

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

- Improve the State's economy by maintaining and attracting new primary and secondary forest product manufacturers.
- Reduce acreage of forestland burned by arson and mine break wild land fires.
- Educate the general public, especially non-industrial private forest (NIPF) landowners, about the value of forest management and conservation practices.
- Reduce the negative impacts of plant and animal invasive species.
- Maintain a strong state forestry agency during a time of declining state budgets.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2018 Accomplishments	Value
Population	1,852,994	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	4,965
Acres of Forest Land	12,077,499	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	9,782
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	10,418,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	5,908
Number of NIPF Landowners	251,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	100
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	144
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	12,000,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	7,857
Number of Rural Fire Departments	432	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	232	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	63
Forest Based Employment	10,198	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	519,837
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	1	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	10,330
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	8,007,548		

Program Highlights

Forest Health Protection

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) conducted gypsy moth insecticide treatments on 5,300 acres. Anthracnose on oak species accounted for 51,525 acres of damage statewide. WVDA developed and implemented a comprehensive management plan for Japanese barberry control at Cacapon State Park. Hemlock woolly adelgid treatments were conducted on 1,213 hemlocks on State Lands.

Urban and Community Forestry

In 2018, West Virginia's Urban Forestry program provided assistance to 69 communities where nearly 600,000 residents live. Our grant program funded six community projects that included tree planting, maintenance and an urban tree canopy assessment conducted by West Virginia University which quantified the ecosystem services provided by urban trees within WV's Tree City USA communities. Additionally, 15 communities were certified as a Tree City USA along with West Virginia State University for the Tree Campus USA program.

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