



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

District of Columbia 2020



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2019 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$563,313
Forest Legacy	\$271,000
Forest Stewardship	\$653,932
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$410,000
State Fire Assistance	\$3,179,926
Urban and Community Forestry	\$780,814
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$0
Total	\$5,858,985

NOTE: This funding is for all entities within the state, not just the State Forester's office.

State, private, and other non-Federal forests make up 92 percent of the 176 million acres of forests across the 20 states of the Northeast and Midwest. The U.S. Forest Service and state forestry agencies collaborate with other partners on shared stewardship goals, which also support each State Forest Action Plan. The State and Private Forestry programs promote the health, resilience, and productivity of trees and forests across all ownerships for the benefit of people and wildlife; establish and manage urban and community forests; empower private landowners with information and technical assistance to sustainably manage their forests; and protect critically important rural forests and watersheds.

Program Goals

- Conserve and manage working forest landscapes for multiple values and uses.
- Protect forests from threats.
- Enhance public benefits from trees and forests.

Key Issues

- Increase urban tree canopy in all ownerships.
- Protect and improve water quality.
- Protect and improve air quality.
- Build Urban and Community Forestry Program capacity.
- Multi-State Priority Areas: Chesapeake Bay watershed, Interstate-95 corridor Northeast, and Mid-Atlantic megaregion.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2019 Accomplishments	Value
Population	601,723	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	0
Acres of Forest Land	0	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	0
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	0	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	0
Number of NIPF Landowners	0	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	0
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	0
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	0	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	0	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	1	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	1
Forest Based Employment	178	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	601,723
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	4	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	11,125
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	2,600,000		

Program Highlights

Forest Health Protection

A variety of pests and pathogens were observed in District street trees, including emerald ash borer, anthracnose, bacterial leaf scorch, Dutch elm disease, and an unresolved dieback affecting leaves and buds of young sweetgums. Management of Dutch elm disease in street tree elms included over 95 elm removals and the fungicide injection of over 565 elms.

Urban and Community Forestry

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Urban Forestry Division continues to make progress toward its 40 percent canopy goal, planting over 8,000 street trees annually and expanding plantings on parks, schools, and other public properties. This year the District installed their first Schoolyard Food Forest. In partnership with the nonprofit Casey Trees, DDOT supported a growing program of citizen volunteers who inventory trees across the District's parks and help care for recently planted trees with a Pruning Corps. Urban wood utilization efforts continued to expand with schools and other community partners, with a portable sawmill that gives new life to hazard trees. The District continues to collaborate with the U.S. Forest Service Morgantown Field Office to monitor existing pests and pathogens as well as investigate emerging threats to urban trees. Urban Forest outreach efforts have expanded with the District's first annual Arbor Day Festival.

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