



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

District of Columbia 2021



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2020 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$424,810
Forest Legacy	\$316,000
Forest Stewardship	\$1,158,679
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$514,430
State Fire Assistance	\$2,361,272
Urban and Community Forestry	\$707,749
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$0
Total	\$5,482,940

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

- Expand, preserve, and improve the urban forest.
- Cultivate an urban forest that is equitable, inclusive, and accessible.
- Multi-State priority areas: Mid-Atlantic Shared Stewardship and Interjurisdictional cooperation in urban forestry.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2020 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	6,120
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	2,600,000		

Program Highlights

Chesapeake Bay Initiative

The District's stormwater permit requires a net increase of 111 acres of urban tree canopy over 5 years (about 6,700 trees/year), which will also contribute to their Watershed Implementation Plan for the Chesapeake. In the past 10 years, more than 60,000 trees have been planted and maintained, increasing the citywide stocking level from 90 percent in 2010 to greater than 97 percent in 2020. The District is a leader with its local policies to conserve trees during development and its active urban wood utilization program. The District continues to address forestry goals that are part of the Chesapeake Bay Program and State Watershed Implementation Plans and worked on a Chesapeake Bay Shared Stewardship Agreement signed by State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service Chief in October 2020.

Forest Health Protection

The Urban Forestry Division planted approximately 8,640 trees in the public-right-of-way, parks, and schools in the 2019-2020 planting season. A variety of pests and pathogens were observed in District trees, including emerald ash borer, anthracnose, bacterial leaf scorch, and Dutch elm disease (DED), as well as an increase in white oak decline symptoms. DED is managed through bi-annual fungicide injections, expedited removal of infected trees, sanitation pruning, and planting of DED-resistant elm cultivars. The District continued trapping for spotted lanternfly at high-risk sites throughout the city. To date, no spotted lanternfly specimens have been observed.

Urban and Community Forestry

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Urban and Community Forestry program continued its progress toward the District's 40 percent canopy goal, planting over 8,000 street trees annually and expanding plantings on parks, schools, and other public properties throughout the city. District-funded planting programs on private property were also expanded. The District targets planting in areas of heat vulnerability and strives to distribute planting equitably across all communities. The food forest program also continued to grow. Impervious surfaces are removed and tree planting spaces are enlarged and improved to increase planting opportunities and ensure trees thrive. District Urban Foresters are working with Forest Health staff to improve planting selections with the goal of climate resilience. DDOT has expanded urban wood utilization efforts with schools and other community partners, with a fully operational portable sawmill that gives new life to removed hazard trees. The District is in the midst of its fourth Urban Tree Canopy Analysis to monitor change in communities and progress toward the 40 percent goal. With its updated Forest Action Plan and the recently signed Chesapeake Shared Stewardship Agreement, the District is well positioned for a more sustainable urban forest in the future.

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