**State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet**

**Louisiana 2021**

**Investment in State's Cooperative Programs**

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<th>Program</th>
<th>FY 2020 Final</th>
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<td>Community Forestry and Open Space</td>
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<td>Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management</td>
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<td>Landscape Scale Restoration</td>
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<td>Urban and Community Forestry</td>
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<td>Volunteer Fire Assistance</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td><strong>$3,969,792</strong></td>
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*NOTE: This funding is for all entities within the state, not just the State Forester’s office.*

**Program Goals**

- The cooperative programs are administered and implemented through a partnership between the State of Louisiana, the USDA Forest Service, and other private and government entities. These programs promote the health and productivity of forestlands and rural economies. The overarching goal is to maintain and improve the health of rural and urban forests as well as to protect the forests and citizens of the state.

**Key Issues**

**Forest Facts and Accomplishments**

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<th>Selected Facts</th>
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<th>FY 2020 Accomplishments</th>
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<tr>
<td>Population</td>
<td>4,533,372</td>
<td>Landowners Receiving Educational or</td>
<td>2,344</td>
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<td>Technical Assistance</td>
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<td>Acres of Forest Land</td>
<td>15,002,304</td>
<td>Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest</td>
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<td>Stewardship Plans</td>
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<td>Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land</td>
<td>8,250,000</td>
<td>Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas</td>
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<td>Number of NIPF Landowners</td>
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<td>Covered by New or Revised Stewardship</td>
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<td>Plans</td>
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<td>Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire</td>
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<td>Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted</td>
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<td>Protection</td>
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<td>State Fire Communities Assisted</td>
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<td>Acres of Private Land Under State Fire</td>
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<td>Coop Forest Health Acres Protected</td>
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<td>Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions</td>
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<td>Number of Rural Fire Departments</td>
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<td>Communities Provided Urban Forestry</td>
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<td>Cities and Towns</td>
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<td>Program Assistance</td>
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<td>Forest Based Employment</td>
<td>19,969</td>
<td>Population Living in Communities Provided</td>
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<td>Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)</td>
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<td>Urban Forestry Program Assistance</td>
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<td>State Forestry Budget (All Sources)</td>
<td>14,945,406</td>
<td>Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance</td>
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Program Highlights

Cooperative Fire Protection
State Fire Assistance provides funding to support firefighting resources throughout Louisiana, including the development of Community Wildfire Protection Plans. The Federal Excess Personal Property Program assists Louisiana in acquiring and placing fire equipment in rural communities throughout the state. In addition, the Louisiana Office of Forestry administers Volunteer Fire Assistance Program funds to support the fire prevention and protection efforts of rural community fire departments.

Economic Action
Louisiana continues to focus on diversifying local economies to include consideration of forest resource-based development opportunities.

Forest Health Protection
Southern pine beetle (SPB) trapping continued this year. SPB infestations were observed aerially, and confirmed on the ground, in East and West Feliciana Parishes during the regular trapping season. Due to five hurricanes in Louisiana, additional trapping was performed this fall. Trapping to monitor gypsy moth and emerald ash borer (EAB) introductions continues with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF). Several parishes are still under quarantine due to EAB confirmation. Annual defoliation by the bald cypress leaf roller and forest tent caterpillar in the forested wetlands of southeast Louisiana continues to be monitored by aerial survey. Coupled with subsidence and saltwater intrusion, these pests contribute to the overall decline and health of coastal wetland forests.

Forest Legacy
An Assessment of Need (AON) was completed in November 2010. Louisiana added two additional project areas to the Legacy program. With the 2012 finalization of a land purchase, 182 acres are now enrolled under Louisiana’s Legacy program. LDAF utilized a contract writer for one Legacy proposal. LDAF is assisting with a Legacy proposal that will include 10,000 +/- acres in Vernon Parish. Two projects have been submitted, at this time. Both projects are currently under review for funding.

Forest Stewardship
The Forest Stewardship Program assists private landowners with managing their forests and related resources. This assistance helps keep these lands in a productive and healthy condition for present and future owners and increases the social, economic, and environmental benefits of these lands.

Landowner Assistance
Louisiana’s landowner assistance efforts continue to focus on conservation of multiple forest resources, especially wildlife habitat enhancement, water quality improvement, and other environmental services.

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