



# State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

## New Hampshire 2021



### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2020 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$1,085,000
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$198,852
Forest Legacy	\$32,444
Forest Stewardship	\$123,860
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$0
State Fire Assistance	\$634,577
Urban and Community Forestry	\$196,653
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$90,675
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,362,061</b>

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

- Forest ecology.
- Wildfire management.
- Forest health.
- Forest management.
- Climate change.
- Urban and community forests.
- Land conservation.
- Forest based economy.
- Forest policy and institutional framework.
- Education and outreach.

## Forest Facts and Accomplishments

<b>Selected Facts</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>FY 2020 Accomplishments</b>	<b>Value</b>
Population	1,316,470	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	5,809
Acres of Forest Land	4,691,525	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	13,311
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	3,451,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	3,302
Number of NIPF Landowners	128,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	150
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	306
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	4,660,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	215	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	13	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	140
Forest Based Employment	6,434	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	1,123,314
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	5	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	4,003
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	2,573,818		

## Program Highlights

### **Cooperative Fire Protection**

Work with Northeast Forest Fire Compact partners and the National Weather Service helped define new Fire Danger Rating Areas, which took a regional view of risk. The State purchased a new remote automated weather station to monitor fire weather for New Hampshire and the White Mountain National Forest. The agency's command trailer, acquired through the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) program, has been deployed to a vaccination distribution site for use by the National Guard during the COVID pandemic. The State acquired \$327,000 in new property from FEPP.

### **Forest Health Protection**

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### **Urban and Community Forestry**

Volunteers in Exeter formed the Exeter Tree Committee and achieved Tree City USA status, with the assistance of University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension staff. University of New Hampshire staff also helped plan and tape a variety of segments for WMUR's "Grow It Green" television program. Topics included How to Plant and Prune Trees, Emerald Ash Borer, and Trees/Shrub Habitat for Birds. The Natural Resources Stewards training program welcomed 22 attendees, who learned about resource conservation. Graduates will donate 40 hours of service to local communities in their first year to complete

natural resource projects.

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