



# State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

## Ohio 2021



### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2020 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$366,704
Forest Legacy	\$57,720
Forest Stewardship	\$183,100
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$60,000
State Fire Assistance	\$584,131
Urban and Community Forestry	\$701,880
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$444,442
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,397,977</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

- Sustainable forest management on all forest lands.
- Public benefits from Ohio's forests.
- Conservation of soil and water resources.
- Conservation of biological diversity.
- Threats to forest health.
- Forest fragmentation, parcelization, and loss.

### Forest Facts and Accomplishments

<b>Selected Facts</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>FY 2020 Accomplishments</b>	<b>Value</b>
Population	11,536,504	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	2,907
Acres of Forest Land	7,809,811	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	18,007
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	6,780,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	4,252
Number of NIPF Landowners	345,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	220
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	826
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	5,822,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	66,699
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,366	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	938	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	308
Forest Based Employment	57,969	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	5,722,066
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	5	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	67,207
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	11,472,000		

## Program Highlights

### **Cooperative Fire Protection**

Ohio was awarded one competitive State Fire Assistance (SFA) grant for wildfire risk reduction. The grant supported prescribed fire treatment of 1,500 acres of fire-dependent ecosystems; allowed the review and update of four community wildfire protection plans and development of four additional plans; sent local community wildfire protection grants to fire departments; and supported local fire departments through fire prevention and wildfire mitigation materials for outreach activities. SFA core funds help support Ohio's prescribed fire regulatory programs and leadership in the Ohio Prescribed Fire Council.

### **Forest Health Protection**

The Asian longhorned beetle was discovered in Clermont County in 2011. As of November 7, 2020, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) had identified 21,176 infested trees. The Ohio Department of Agriculture continued treatment efforts for gypsy moth in the Slow the Spread transition zone, treating 3,303 acres with *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki* (Btk) bacterium and 66,299 acres with mating disruption pheromone. The Ohio Division of Forestry continues to manage hemlock woolly adelgid and chemically treated approximately 2,000 eastern hemlock trees on 300 acres in 2020. An infestation of spotted lanternfly was discovered in late 2020 in Jefferson County in eastern Ohio. Survey work is ongoing by several agencies to delineate its extent.

### **Forest Stewardship**

Ohio's Forest Stewardship program reported 212 new or revised stewardship plans covering 17,330 acres, of which 4,931 acres were in Important Forest Areas per Ohio's Strategic Forest Action Plan. In addition, 1,453 landowners were provided forestry technical assistance and 8,104 landowners participated in education programs. The Ohio Interagency Forestry Team signed a cooperative business plan that covers a 17-county area in southeast Ohio that will direct work over the next 5 years to manage and sustain healthy, oak-dominated forests. The Interagency Forestry team includes USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Forest Service, Ohio Division of Forestry, Ohio Division of Wildlife, Ohio State University Extension, and Central State Extension.

### **Urban and Community Forestry**

Ohio partnered with the USDA Forest Service to conduct its first virtual conference series in light of COVID-related restrictions on in-person gatherings. The Ohio Urban Forestry Program's 2020 Conference Series hosted speakers from across the country who presented research and information to assist communities in managing their urban forest resources. The 5-day conference was attended by almost 1,400 people from nearly 600 communities and organizations, including 180 out-of-state attendees from 13 states and British Columbia.

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