



Connecticut



State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

Program	FY 2011 Final
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	152,400
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management - National Fire Plan	0
Forest Legacy	37,000
Forest Stewardship	89,100
State Fire Assistance	119,271
State Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	225,177
Urban and Community Forestry	231,100
Volunteer Fire Assistance	47,235
Volunteer Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	41,205
Total	942,488

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

Key Issues:

- The growing threat to forest health and to a sustainable forest based economy from exotic and invasive species
- Maintaining forest ecosystem health and biodiversity in the face of fragmentation, parcelization, and urbanization fueled by real estate prices and inter-generational transfers
- Insufficient resources for effective management of publicly-owned forests and other lands held for the public good
- Limited incentives and personnel to motivate and educate landowners and forest managers in forest stewardship for multiple benefits

Forest Facts and Accomplishments:

Selected Facts		FY2011 Accomplishments	
Population	3,574,097	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance (Each)	1,531
Acres of Forest Land	1,687,319	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	7,460
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	1,383,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	6,639
Number of NIPF Landowners	108,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	50
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	148
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	2,390,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	276	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions (Acres)	0
Cities and Towns	29	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	162
Forest Based Employment	10,050	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	3,537,390
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	6	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance (Hours)	13,475
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	1,627,000		

Program Highlights:

Cooperative Fire Protection

The state used State Fire Assistance funds to purchase wildland fire and personal protective equipment. They trained 2,500 state and local firefighters in basic wildfire skills. Smokey Bear visited more than 25,000 people at 120 events. Volunteer Fire Assistance grants helped 38 fire departments purchase equipment for water handling, foam, and communications. \$17,000 in equipment was acquired through the DOD Firefighter Property Program.

Forest Health Protection

Storms caused extensive damage to the state's forests in 2011. Hurricane Irene struck in August, damaging trees and forests along the coast and across the Connecticut River watershed. A Halloween Nor'easter caused significant damage, especially in the northeastern

part of the State. The most damaging forest pests included the orange-striped oakworm, hemlock woolly adelgid, and elongate hemlock scale. Specialists continued to monitor for several damaging pests, including the Asian longhorned beetle, emerald ash borer, light brown apple moth, Sirex wood wasp, and Phytophthora ramorum, with no detections.

Forest Legacy

The state's Forest Legacy Program was reviewed. The conclusion? Connecticut's Program is running smoothly.

Landowner Assistance

The Division of Forestry strengthened its partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and UCONN Cooperative Extension Forestry to boost forest stewardship planning and stewardship activities. In the lower Connecticut River valley, an "all-lands," large scale project is underway, supported by USFS grant funds with partners including Service Foresters, State Lands Management, Extension Forestry and the regional planning agency. The CT Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension held four workshops on controlling invasive shrubs. The Program supports and works with the CT Tree Farm Committee, the Connecticut Forest and Park Association, the CT Coverts Project, and other programs and organizations.

Urban and Community Forestry

The State has seen growing interest in urban tree inventories and other tree assessment methods. During the past year, Torrington and East Lyme completed street tree inventories for each of their town centers, while West Haven and Milford have begun to survey randomly selected parts of town; each has a goal to inventory 100% of their municipality. All of these efforts had substantial involvement by volunteers and town personnel and a commitment of town resources. The inventories and assessments are timely due to serious concerns about the non-native insects, Emerald ash borer and Asian longhorned beetle; both have been found near the state's borders.

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