



District of Columbia Forest Resource Fact Sheet

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Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Cooperative Fire Protection
 Cooperative Forestry
 Forest Health Management
 Forest Legacy
Total

FY 2011
Final
 796,364
 580,000
 35,000
 0
1,411,364

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

Key Issues

- Maintaining and enhancing urban tree cover by encouraging public and private tree planting and maintenance.
- Assessing urban forest health and managing the tree canopy.
- Enhancing partnerships between District government, adjacent state partners and appropriate Federal agency partners to support and enhance urban forestry in the District of Columbia.
- Increasing public awareness of the importance of urban forestry by continuing outreach efforts with new and current community partners.
- Awareness of the effects of increased threats to urban forest health from exotic and invasive species.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts

Population	601,723
Acres of Forest Land	0
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	0
Number of NIPF Landowners	0
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	0
Cities and Towns	1
Forest Based Employment	178
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	4
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	2,600,000

Selected FY 2011 Accomplishments

Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance (Each)	0
Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	0
Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	0
Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	0
State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	0
Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions (Acres)	0
Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	1
Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	601,723
Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance (Hours)	41,222

Program Highlights:

Forest Health Protection

Bacterial Leaf Scorch is a serious threat to forest health in both urban and rural forests throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. In 2011, the DC Urban Forestry Administration, cooperating with the University of Maryland, conducted a District-wide survey of street trees to detect the disease. The Urban Forestry Administration also began a survey of American elm trees in 2011 in cooperation with the US Forest Service. The main objective was to evaluate elms planted because of their purported resistance to Dutch elm disease. When completed, the survey will provide information about the survival of planted elms and their actual resistance to Dutch elm disease.

Urban and Community Forestry

Local artists have designed a series of 100 street banners—visual statements about the importance of urban forestry and conservation. The banners have been installed on highly-visible light poles throughout high traffic areas of downtown Washington, DC. The banners are part of the Urban Forest Project, a unique environmental, public art, and educational initiative that has been presented in the cities of Albuquerque, Baltimore, Denver, New York, Portland, San Francisco, Tacoma, Toledo, and Washington, DC. After the initial installation, the banners will be distributed among neighborhoods for District citizens to enjoy. Once the banners come down, they will be recycled into unique products designed exclusively for the project. Sales of the products will benefit local tree planting projects. The District project has been presented by the District Department of Transportation in collaboration with the Corcoran College of Art and Design, AIGA DC (the professional association for design), and the Downtown DC Business Improvement District. For more information and to view all the banners please visit <http://ufp-dc.com>.

Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC)

The Biomass Thermal Energy Council completed a series of informative webinars on the sustainable use of woody biomass for thermal energy. Webinars can be viewed at: <http://www.biomassthermal.org/resource/webinars.asp>. A wood energy technical assistance project is being developed in cooperation with DC city government. Locations for evaluations are being identified at this time.



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