



District of Columbia



State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

Program	FY 2011 Final
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	35,000
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management - National Fire Plan	0
Forest Legacy	0
Forest Stewardship	261,000
State Fire Assistance	0
State Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	796,364
Urban and Community Forestry	319,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance	0
Volunteer Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	0
Total	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		FY2011 Accomplishments	
Population	601,723	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance (Each)	0
Acres of Forest Land	0	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	0
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	0	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	0
Number of NIPF Landowners	0	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	0
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	0
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	0	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	0	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions (Acres)	0
Cities and Towns	1	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	1
Forest Based Employment	178	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	601,723
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	4	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance (Hours)	41,222
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	2,600,000		

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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