



Iowa 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
 1,047,067
 463,780
 277,040
 37,600
1,825,487

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

Key Issues

- Lack of forest stewardship on much of the state's forest land.
- Lack of public understanding about the importance of forests and forestry.
- Exotic and invasive species, both existing and potential, threaten the health and diversity of urban trees and woodlands.
- Growing financial pressure on local governments is threatening the state forest reserve property tax exemption program.
- Lack of local investment in urban forests is limiting needed maintenance.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts

Population	3,046,355
Acres of Forest Land	3,026,076
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	2,552,000
Number of NIPF Landowners	150,000
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	7,612,000
Number of Rural Fire Departments	871
Cities and Towns	947
Forest Based Employment	22,454
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	3
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	3,018,917

Selected FY 2011 Accomplishments

Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance (Each)	7,966
Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	15,932
Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	9,669
Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	150
State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	63
Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	82,934
Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions (Acres)	0
Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	272
Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	1,907,220
Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance (Hours)	19,357

Program Highlights:

Cooperative Fire Protection

National Fire Plan funds were used to treat 12,000 acres of hazardous fuels in 273 projects near high risk communities. Volunteer Fire Assistance funds bought new equipment for 104 departments and trained 300 firefighters. The DoD Fire Fighter Property Program and the Federal Excess Property Program (FEPP) provided vital equipment to fire departments: \$441,581 in Firefighter Equipment Program (FFP) property was transferred and \$345,100 in FEP equipment was loaned to departments.

Forest Health Protection

Iowa is focusing on exotic invasive pests that threaten forest resources. 2011 surveys and activities targeted several pests that could cost millions of dollars in losses to the wood industry plus the cost to communities for removing dead urban trees. Emerald ash borer was found in 2010 in Allamakee County. Iowa also participates in the National Gypsy Moth Slow the spread program, treating about 73,000 acres in 2011. Gypsy moth typically spreads about 15 miles per year, but the program has reduced that rate by at least 60%.

Forest Legacy

Iowa partnered with the Forest Service to plan and produce a conservation easement monitoring training session for state service foresters and potential conservation easement monitors in adjoining States.

Landowner Assistance

The Iowa Forest Stewardship program reached 6,693 landowners via field days, meetings, and other educational programs, providing opportunities to learn about forest practices. New Forest Stewardship Plans cover nearly 16,000 acres of forestland, over half located in priority forest areas. Iowa formalized a cooperative agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) that should increase landowner participation in sustainable forestry.

Urban and Community Forestry

Iowa's program combined federal, state, utility, and other funds to assist over 500 communities. Thanks to partnerships with two major utility companies, over 5,200 landscape trees were distributed to 2,600 homeowners. And after three years of technical support and storm recovery grants, the community of Parkersburg Tree Board provided expert advice at storm-recovery workshops and donated funds to three communities that were hit by storms this year.



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