



# Iowa



## State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2011 Final</b>
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	227,040
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management - National Fire Plan	50,000
Forest Legacy	37,600
Forest Stewardship	118,700
State Fire Assistance	103,012
State Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	603,586
Urban and Community Forestry	345,080
Volunteer Fire Assistance	180,481
Volunteer Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	159,988
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,825,487</b>

*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		FY2011 Accomplishments	
Population	3,046,355	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance (Each)	7,966
Acres of Forest Land	3,026,076	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	15,932
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	2,552,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	9,669
Number of NIPF Landowners	150,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	150
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	63
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	7,612,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	82,934
Number of Rural Fire Departments	871	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions (Acres)	0
Cities and Towns	947	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	272
Forest Based Employment	22,454	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	1,907,220
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	3	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance (Hours)	19,357
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	3,018,917		

## 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 Allamake 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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