



# Indiana 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**  
 718,778  
 722,300  
 140,100  
 15,000  
**1,596,178**

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

## Key Issues

- Continued loss of forestland base to non-forest uses.
- Lack of public understanding about the importance of forests and forestry.
- The continuing threat from exotic and invasive species.
- Data and knowledge gaps regarding rural and urban forest resources.
- The future of public forestland management is at risk.

## Forest Facts and Accomplishments

### Selected Facts

Population	6,483,802
Acres of Forest Land	4,775,174
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	3,870,000
Number of NIPF Landowners	225,000
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	7,328,000
Number of Rural Fire Departments	972
Cities and Towns	567
Forest Based Employment	51,830
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	3
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	12,703,645

### Selected FY 2011 Accomplishments

Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance (Each)	5,619
Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	104,924
Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	80,791
Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	75
State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	81
Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	26,721
Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions (Acres)	155
Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	121
Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	3,157,981
Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance (Hours)	80,643

## Program Highlights:

### Cooperative Fire Protection

The State granted \$310,225 in Volunteer Fire Assistance funds to 73 rural fire departments for small wildland fire equipment. More than 70 prevention and educational programs benefitted 250 communities. Fire departments acquired \$669,200 in property under the Federal Excess Personal Property and the DoD Fire Fighter Property Programs. Fire staff conducted 41 training courses for 765 students. 267 prescribed fire projects were completed on 8,970 acres of land.

### Forest Health Protection

Gypsy moth and emerald ash borer (EAB) dominate forest health concerns. In addition, 28,000 acres were treated under the National Gypsy Moth Slow-the-Spread Program, reducing the rate of spread by about 60%. EAB was detected in 11 new counties in 2011. Tree deaths were highest in Carmel, Fishers, Indianapolis and Winchester. A multi-state invasive plant partnership surveyed areas of the Ohio River, finding over 500 previously unknown sites of significant terrestrial and aquatic invasives. In 2011, the project leaders received both a national and a regional award from the US Forest Service.

### Forest Legacy

The Hills of Gold 2 tract, adjacent to the previously-protected 460-acre Hills of Gold 1 tract, was protected. The property is actively managed for timber production and has forest certification through the American Tree Farm System and Forest Stewardship Council.

### Landowner Assistance

Indiana has 680,857 acres enrolled in the Classified Forest and Wildlands Program, owned by about 11,000 landowners. The state has a new online database to assist district foresters, consulting foresters, industry foresters and private landowners in managing acres enrolled in the Program. Program funds are used to recruit new landowners, to prepare Stewardship Plans for new recruits, and to update Stewardship Plans for existing landowners. 20,602 acres were enrolled in fiscal year 2011.

### Urban and Community Forestry

In addition to the traditional outreach and assistance, Indiana's program partnered with Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO), Arbor Metrics, and LaPorte County Nursery. Through these partnerships, 600 trees were planted with NIPSCO electric customers in northern Indiana strictly for energy conservation.

### Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC)

WERC funded Purdue University to work with industry to develop and commercialize an X-ray scanner for hardwood logs. A prototype has been built and is being tested.



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