



Maine 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
 1,180,795
 552,477
 757,352
 6,745,000
9,235,624

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

Key Issues

- Maintaining and expanding a resilient, diverse forest industry.
- Stewardship – maintaining family forest owner assistance programs and encouraging more active management of family forest lands.
- Continuing a strong water quality protection program.
- Improving capability to monitor and forecast forest health and forest inventory conditions and trends.
- Improving capacity to respond to forest threats including wildfire, insects and diseases.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts

Population	1,328,361
Acres of Forest Land	17,664,642
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	12,082,000
Number of NIPF Landowners	252,000
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	1,760,000
Number of Rural Fire Departments	419
Cities and Towns	22
Forest Based Employment	14,207
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	1
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	10,450,000

Selected FY 2011 Accomplishments

Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance (Each)	3,373
Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	13,448
Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	6,727
Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	93
State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	559
Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions (Acres)	7,910
Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	143
Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	934,130
Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance (Hours)	6,448

Program Highlights:

Cooperative Fire Protection

The state assisted with three Community Wildfire Protection Plans. Hazardous fuels were treated on 450 acres using prescribed fire or equipment. The state trained 640 firefighters, delivered 75 prevention programs, and provided 93 volunteer fire departments with grants for equipment and training. Fire departments received \$19,300 in fire equipment under the Federal Excess Personal Property Program and \$2.4 million from the DoD Fire Fighter Property Program.

Forest Health Protection

A foreign insect, hemlock woolly adelgid, found earlier in Cumberland County, is still a major concern. The Maine Forest Service is monitoring populations of spruce budworm, which were found in traps in higher numbers in 2011. Disease surveys for hemlock tip blight detected more widespread and severe damage, while a higher incidence and severity of needle casts was also observed, especially in white pine. Surveys revealed Cedar leaf blight on northern white cedar in Cumberland and York Counties. Monitoring continued for the invasive Asian longhorned beetle, emerald ash borer, Sirex wood wasp, and brown spruce longhorned beetle with no positive detections.

Forest Legacy

Maine protected 7,910 acres, adding to working forests already protected across large expanses of land. The project protects key snowmobile trails, guarantees hunting opportunities, and protects views from Maine's iconic Mount Katahdin, the northern terminus of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

Landowner Assistance

The state has several "landscape-based" projects using funds from "redesign" grants. The Kennebec Woodland Partnership, launched in 2009 to promote stewardship and conservation, now has a dozen member organizations. The Presumpscot Watershed Project, which includes the drinking water source for Portland, the state's largest city, is a priority. To encourage forest land retention, the state is providing Stewardship Plans for private woodland owners, land trusts, and municipalities. The Project also provides incentives to construct and use portable bridges during logging to protect water quality.

Urban and Community Forestry

Project Canopy worked with state and regional partners to deliver training to 654 adult program participants. The Maine Forest Service staff has strong partnerships with state agencies such as the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Maine Department of Agriculture. Project Canopy staff worked with MDOT to design and implement a new workshop series for local road officials dealing with tree issues. Six workshops were held throughout Maine, attended by road commissioners, tree wardens, city arborists, and public works crews.

Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC)

The Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance received a grant to expand the market for wooden baskets and to improve the marketing and economic competitiveness of Native American basketmakers. A wood energy feasibility study was completed for Nestle Waters in Poland Springs, ME. The Maine Forest Service and the Northeastern Area are cooperating on an ARRA project that has funded 22 projects now underway.



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