



Michigan 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
 1,304,751
 938,076
 1,493,975
 5,232,480
8,969,282

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

Key Issues

- Demonstrating, conducting, and linking sustainable forest management to forest certification, climate change response, and resilient communities.
- Managing, protecting and promoting water quality in the Great Lakes, rivers, streams and lakes.
- Increasing active management of non-industrial private forest lands for a broad range of natural resource values.
- Maintaining traditional markets and developing new markets such as renewable fuels and carbon credits to retain working forest lands.
- Improving capacity to respond to forest threats including wildfire, insects, diseases and invasive and/or exotic species.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts

Population	9,883,640
Acres of Forest Land	20,003,468
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	10,988,000
Number of NIPF Landowners	498,000
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	20,000,000
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,071
Cities and Towns	533
Forest Based Employment	36,202
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	5
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	32,000,000

Selected FY 2011 Accomplishments

Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance (Each)	3,974
Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	27,304
Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	21,570
Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	152
State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	473
Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions (Acres)	0
Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	243
Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	5,059,112
Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance (Hours)	4,745

Program Highlights:

Cooperative Fire Protection

National Fire Plan funds aided in 90 prescribed burns on 5,208 acres. 565 firefighters were fitness tested and trained. Grants to 103 volunteer fire departments totaled \$220,513. Departments were loaned \$476,222 in fire equipment under the Federal Excess Personal Property Program, and acquired more than \$2.4 million in equipment under the DoD Fire Fighter Property Program. Four Community Wildfire Protection Plans were completed with two more underway. 2,500 radio ads ran during peak fire season. A new automatic weather station was put in service.

Forest Health Protection

Michigan is responding to forest health issues caused by foreign pests. Assisted by Federal resources, the state is helping communities and landowners recover from the loss of millions of ash trees from emerald ash borer (EAB). Hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) was found in Michigan in 2006. Despite aggressive action to eradicate the pest, new infestations were found in three counties in 2010. All infested trees were destroyed, and no newly infested trees have been found.

Forest Legacy

The Michigan Forest Legacy Program review uncovered the best-run FLP in the Northeastern Area.

Landowner Assistance

To boost its impact, the Program is targeting resources to several potential stewardship opportunity areas across large acreages. It focuses on developing strategic partnerships in these areas and exploring additional funding sources for implementation. Greater emphasis on collaboration is improving program reach and outcomes, while the environment benefits from public and private enterprises working together.

Urban and Community Forestry

Nearly 5 million people benefited from assistance provided to communities by Michigan's Program. Several communities in the Upper Peninsula received assistance for street and park tree inventories and to develop management plans, all with a focus on preparing for Emerald ash borer and other insect/disease pests.

Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC)

Southeast MI Resource Conservation and Development Council continues to work with various partners in MI and surrounding states on the efficient uses of urban and street tree removals. For details, visit: <http://semircd.org/ash/>. Wood energy feasibility studies are underway at high schools in Calumet and Grand Rapids.



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