



# Michigan



## State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2011 Final</b>
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	1,493,975
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management - National Fire Plan	0
Forest Legacy	5,232,480
Forest Stewardship	396,788
State Fire Assistance	45,692
State Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	927,600
Urban and Community Forestry	541,288
Volunteer Fire Assistance	176,809
Volunteer Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	154,650
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,969,282</b>

*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		FY2011 Accomplishments	
Population	9,883,640	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance (Each)	3,974
Acres of Forest Land	20,003,468	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	27,304
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	10,988,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	21,570
Number of NIPF Landowners	498,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	152
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	473
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	20,000,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,071	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions (Acres)	0
Cities and Towns	533	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	243
Forest Based Employment	36,202	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	5,059,112
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	5	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance (Hours)	4,745
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	32,000,000		

## 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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