



Ohio 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
 1,133,610
 1,692,507
 459,500
 37,023
3,322,640

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

Key Issues

- Lack of public understanding of forestry and the importance of active forest management to quality of life.
- The impact of invasive pests such as Emerald Ash Borer and Asian Long Horned Beetle on Ohio's local economies and ecosystems.
- Lack of public "working" forestland for high quality forest products, unique ecological habitats, pristine water, and back-country recreation.
- Forest parcelization and open space protection.
- Continued loss of forest industries and the ultimate impact on forest health.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts

Population	11,536,504
Acres of Forest Land	8,058,640
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	6,780,000
Number of NIPF Landowners	345,000
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	5,822,000
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,366
Cities and Towns	938
Forest Based Employment	57,969
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	5
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	11,472,000

Selected FY 2011 Accomplishments

Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance (Each)	5,672
Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	22,392
Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	7,051
Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	250
State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	714
Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	38,421
Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions (Acres)	0
Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	328
Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	5,919,479
Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance (Hours)	39,971

Program Highlights:

Cooperative Fire Protection

National Fire Plan funds aided in prescribed fire and mechanical treatments on 45,671 acres of hazardous fuels on state and private lands, reducing wildfire threats to 50 high risk communities. 468 firefighters received wildland fire-related training. 79 volunteer fire departments received equipment and training grants. Fire departments took title to \$1 million in equipment under the DoD Fire Fighter Property Program and were loaned \$207,525 in the FEPP Program. Twenty five fire prevention programs were conducted, delivering Smokey's message to over 15,000 people.

Forest Health Protection

Asian Longhorned Beetle, a serious imported pest, was found in Tate Township, Clermont County. The USDA APHIS and Ohio Department of Agriculture quarantined Tate Township and neighboring East Fork State Park and Wildlife Area. An Environmental Assessment will address the possible removal of susceptible trees within a ¼ mile of infested trees. The Ohio Division of Forestry is offering assistance to residents in the quarantine zone to plant trees after removals. As of 2011, Emerald ash borer has infested 56 counties, with more suspected. The Division of Forestry is helping landowners manage their forests and use their ash, assisting communities with current and future EAB issues, and working to increase public awareness.

Forest Legacy

Ohio is comparing their Forest Legacy Areas to the important forest landscapes uncovered in the Statewide Assessment and Strategy process. This could lead to adjustments in existing Forest Legacy Areas.

Landowner Assistance

Nine Ohio teachers were recently recognized by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry for their contributions to environmental education. Recipients were lauded for their involvement with the award-winning Project Learning Tree (PLT) program. Over the past thirty-one years, more than 20,000 Ohio educators and natural resource professionals have attended PLT one day or multi-day workshops.

Urban and Community Forestry

Urban forestry elements of the congressionally directed Emerald ash borer project in the Western Lake Erie Basin remain a high priority. In addition to community pass-through grants for ash tree removal and canopy restoration, a partnership with a community action agency is assisting low-income homeowners with ash removal. The project was expanded to include all homeowners in a four county area. This is the first large scale private sector financial assistance program to assist urban residents with the costly removal of their ash trees by professional arborists.

Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC)

WERC partnered with state and local partners on developing markets for tree removals infested with invasive insect species. Wood energy feasibility studies were completed for two facilities. The Veterans Hospital in Chillicothe is installing a wood fired system that will begin operations in 2012.



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