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## State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

Programs	FY 2003 Final SPF	FY 2003 Final NFP	FY 2004 Estimate SPF	FY 2004 Estimate NFP
Coop Forest Health Management	374,446		78,000	
State Fire Assistance	22,508	80,391	29,785	64,325
Volunteer Fire Assistance	32,100	37,591	33,904	37,373
Forest Stewardship Program	229,100		155,800	
Stewardship Incentives				
Forest Legacy Program	1,093,000		563,000	
Urban and Community Forestry	1,380,100		221,750	
Economic Action Programs				
PNW Assistance Program				
Forest Resource Information and Analysis				
Forest Land Enhancement Program	142,300			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,273,554</b>	<b>\$117,982</b>	<b>\$1,082,239</b>	<b>\$101,698</b>

The cooperative programs are administered and implemented through a partnership between the State of Connecticut, the USDA Forest Service and many other private and government entities. These programs promote the health and productivity of Connecticut forest lands and rural economies. Emphasis focuses on timber and other forest products, wildlife, water resources, rural economies and conservation practices. The goal is to maintain and improve the health of Connecticut urban and rural forests and related economies. These programs:

- **Increase cost effectiveness** through the use of partnerships in delivery,
- **Increase values** through sustained productivity of forests, and
- **Are voluntary**, and use non-regulatory approaches.

### KEY ISSUES:

Key issues which State and federal programs will address together in the next few years include:

- Forest fragmentation and parcelization
- Regulation of Forest Practices
- Forest stewardship on private lands
- Retention of forested open space
- Management of hemlock woolly adelgid impacts

## Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

SELECTED FACTS		FY 2003 ACCOMPLISHMENTS	
Population	3,460,503	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	34
Acres of Forest Land	1,859,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	2,479
Acres of NonIndustrial Private Forest Land	1,545,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	52,932
Number of NIPF Landowners	102,000	Multi-resource practices implemented on NIPF - Acres	6,871
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection		Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted SPF NFP	51
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	2,390,000	State Fire – Communities Assisted SPF NFP	97
Number of Rural Fire Departments	246	Coop Forest Health – Acres Protected SPF NFP	0
Number of Cities and Towns	208	Coop Forest Health – Acres Surveyed SPF NFP	1,801,200
Forest Based Employment	14,660	Forest Legacy Project Acquisition - Acres	
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	7	Urban Forestry-Participating communities	138
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	\$1,627,000	Urban Forestry –Volunteer Assistance Generated-Days	1,187
		EAP-Communitites working under broad-based local strategic plans	0
		PNW-Communities working under broad-based local strategic	0

### **Program Highlights:**

#### Urban and Community Forestry:

Connecticut ReLeaf recognizes municipalities, institutions, and neighborhoods with exemplary urban forestry programs. The four most recent honorees are Milford, Groton, Glastonbury, and Farmington.

#### Cooperative Fire Protection:

State Fire Assistance helped provide: training for 1,400 firefighters, personal protection equipment, 30 dry hydrants, and Firewise, Prevention, and Risk planning. The Federal Excess Property Program helped acquire 210 lightweight Nomex jeans for Volunteer Fire Departments, train 100 firefighters, and assist 51 communities with \$69,000 in Volunteer Fire Assistance funds.

#### Landowner Assistance:

Forest stewardship training for Envirothon students, COVERTS volunteers, and landowners raised the awareness of the value of active land stewardship. Connecticut completed its Priority Plan for implementation of the Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP). FLEP funding tips the balance for many landowners who would not otherwise consider stewardship of their private woodlands.

#### Forest Health Protection:

The State Agricultural Experiment Station continues to assist with research and delineation of forest pests, especially the hemlock woolly adelgid and other introduced insects and pathogens. Their focus is using natural predators to reduce pest populations and their impacts.

#### Economic Action Programs:

Connecticut is a partner in the Southern New England Forest Consortium to promote the importance of the region's

forests. Workshops on Costs of Community Services, Fostering Forest Conservation in Southern New England Communities, and See the Forest demonstrated the positive net financial contribution of open space and forests.

Forest Legacy Program:

Landowners in the Stonehouse Brook Watershed Forest Legacy Project received Forest Stewardship training to integrate the Forest Legacy and Stewardship Cooperative Forestry Programs.

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