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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	70,900		98,455	
State Fire Assistance	152,413	883,018	122,584	112,364
Volunteer Fire Assistance	321,727	349,566	164,679	180,346
Forest Stewardship Program	472,972		278,900	
Stewardship Incentives				
Forest Legacy Program	377,000		1,204,000	
Urban and Community Forestry	3,163,165		846,100	
Economic Action Programs	186,500	5,000		
PNW Assistance Program				
Forest Resource Information and Analysis				
Forest Land Enhancement Program	242,700			
TOTAL	\$4,987,377	\$1,237,584	\$2,714,718	\$292,710

The cooperative programs are administered and implemented through a partnership between the State of Illinois, the USDA Forest Service and many other private and government entities. These programs promote the health and productivity of Illinois 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 Illinois 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
- Non-industrial private forestlands: lack of management, development pressure, escalating taxes
- Lack of understanding of benefits from urban and rural forestry
- Lack of public understanding about the role of forests in soil, water, air, and wildlife enhancement
- Exotic and invasive plants that threaten forest dynamics and forest ecosystems

Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

SELECTED FACTS		FY 2003 ACCOMPLISHMENTS	
Population	12,600,620	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	803
Acres of Forest Land	4,331,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	23,523
Acres of NonIndustrial Private Forest Land	3,639,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	646,544
Number of NIPF Landowners	114,500	Multi-resource practices implemented on NIPF - Acres	30,575
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection		Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted SPF NFP	298
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	1,0670,000	State Fire – Communities Assisted SPF NFP	599
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,111	Coop Forest Health – Acres Protected SPF NFP	29,670
Number of Cities and Towns	676	Coop Forest Health – Acres Surveyed SPF NFP	8,846,196
Forest Based Employment	67,945	Forest Legacy Project Acquisition - Acres	93
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	6	Urban Forestry-Participating communities	500
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	\$6,100,000	Urban Forestry –Volunteer Assistance Generated-Days	4,168
		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:

Hispanic citizens are the fastest growing population sector in many states. The Department of Natural Resources funded a training session presented in Spanish at the 2002 Illinois Arborist Association meeting. Approximately 50 Spanish-speaking members received two days of tree care training, helping them become certified arborists.

Cooperative Fire Protection:

State Fire Assistance supported GIS-based Fire Protection Assessments in high-risk Wildland Urban Interface communities, a rural Dry Hydrant program in 63 counties involving nine RC&D Councils, and better protection in 240 high-risk communities. Volunteer fire departments have \$6 million in Federal Excess Property. Volunteer Fire Assistance funds totaling \$557,000 went to Volunteer Fire Departments serving 300 communities.

Landowner Assistance:

Forest landowners often have problems finding forestry assistance. NA and the DNR created an innovative partnership with Southern Illinois University, starting a Forestry Mentoring Program that used 7 graduate foresters to provide assistance to landowners in understaffed districts.

Forest Health Protection:

Illinois is on the western edge of the gypsy moth infestation. To slow-the-spread, the state used Forest Service funds to help treat almost 30,000 acres. We are close to eradicating Asian long horned beetle, a tree-killing insect that infested part of Chicago. No beetles were discovered this year in the 5 previously infested sites.

Economic Action Program:

Funds supported the Illinois Wood Products Association's efforts to recruit and retain members. The Association also published a bi-monthly newsletter and maintained the Illinois wood products manufacturer's database.

Forest Legacy Program:

Helped link 4,500 acres of forestland along the Rock River, a northern Illinois Forest Legacy Area, by purchasing a conservation easement on 93 acres.

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