



# Indiana



## State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2006 Final</b>	<b>FY 2007 Estimate</b>
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	207,424	64,650
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management - National Fire Plan	0	0
Forest Land Enhancement	68,653	0
Forest Legacy	621,500	0
Forest Stewardship	401,300	232,700
State Fire Assistance	228,062	22,297
State Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	293,115	73,060
Urban and Community Forestry	209,210	210,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance	148,000	148,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	127,100	127,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,304,364</b>	<b>877,807</b>

The cooperative programs are administered and implemented through a partnership between the State of Indiana, the USDA Forest Service and many other private and government entities. These programs promote the health and productivity of Indiana 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 Indiana 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:

- Continued loss of forest land to non-forest uses
- Lack of public understanding about the importance of forests and forestry
- The continuing threat from exotic and invasive species
- Data and knowledge gaps regarding rural and urban forest resources
- The future of public forestland management is at risk

## Forest Facts and Accomplishments:

Selected Facts		FY2006 Accomplishments	
Population	6,080,485	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year) (Each)	671
Acres of Forest Land	4,501,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year) (Acres)	45,828
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	3,713,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years) (Acres)	725,391
Number of NIPF Landowners	151,300	Acres of Multi-resource Practices Implemented on NIPF (Acres)	1,307
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	80
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	7,328,000	State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	1,000
Number of Rural Fire Departments	972	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected (Acres)	37,338
Number of Cities And Towns	601	Forest Legacy Project Acquisition (Acres)	0
Forest Based Employment	59,642	Urban Forestry - Participating Communities (Each)	82
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	7	Urban Forestry - Volunteer Assistance (Days)	4,290
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	12,703,645		

## Program Highlights:

### *Forest Health Protection*

Exotic forest pests continue to be a major concern. USDA Forest Service dollars helped Indiana natural resource managers conduct surveys for Sirex, sudden oak death, and emerald ash borer. A cooperative slow-the-spread gypsy moth program treated about 37,356 acres. Successful surveys that identify and treat small, isolated populations of these pests save the state and taxpayers thousands of dollars in yearly suppression costs.

### *Cooperative Fire Protection*

With National Fire Plan funds, the Indiana Division of Forestry used prescribed fire to treat 1,200 acres of hazardous fuel on state lands, significantly reducing the threat of wildfire to 25 high risk wildland urban interface communities. Eighty volunteer fire departments from around the state received grants to assist with equipment and training needs.

### *Urban and Community Forestry*

The Indiana Arborist Association (IAA) volunteered a "day of service" at the State Capitol, pruning trees to assure pedestrian safety and to provide more open views to enhance Homeland Security. More than 41 State Capitol trees were pruned or otherwise maintained at

no cost because of the generous support from IAA members. The urban forest surrounding the State Capital, the People's Trees, is safe and more beautiful than before.

*Conservation Education*

Project Learning Tree (PLT) serves as Indiana's flagship program for forestry education. Nearly 20,000 Indiana educators have been trained in the program. Additional CE funds will be used to provide PLT facilitator stipends (pending evaluation of this procedure) and/or to fund advanced workshops for educators.

*Forest Stewardship*

The Division of Forestry launched a customer satisfaction survey to track landowner satisfaction. Findings: 96% very satisfied with on-site service; 88% very satisfied with written materials; 90% of management plans are very useful; 70% will implement 100% of their plan; 93% are very likely to use these services again.

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