



Michigan



State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

Program	FY 2006 Final	FY 2007 Estimate
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	1,862,388	167,025
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management - National Fire Plan	29,000	0
Forest Land Enhancement	0	0
Forest Legacy	1,975,000	5,000
Forest Stewardship	400,400	325,500
State Fire Assistance	631,797	280,877
State Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	436,537	356,198
Urban and Community Forestry	259,956	271,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance	159,000	159,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	135,761	135,761
Total	5,889,839	1,700,361

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

- Sustainable forest management including forest certification
- Improving capacity to respond to insects, diseases and invasive species
- Improve management of Non-industrial private lands
- Emerging markets needed to retain working forest lands
- Motorized recreation demands in state forests

Forest Facts and Accomplishments:

Selected Facts		FY2006 Accomplishments	
Population	9,938,444	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year) (Each)	160
Acres of Forest Land	19,281,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year) (Acres)	25,136
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	10,618,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years) (Acres)	588,043
Number of NIPF Landowners	322,400	Acres of Multi-resource Practices Implemented on NIPF (Acres)	2,464
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	600
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	20,000,000	State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	56
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,071	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected (Acres)	15,981
Number of Cities And Towns	630	Forest Legacy Project Acquisition (Acres)	360
Forest Based Employment	56,694	Urban Forestry - Participating Communities (Each)	208
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	3	Urban Forestry - Volunteer Assistance (Days)	1,024
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	32,000,000		

Program Highlights:

Forest Health Protection

USDA Forest Service funding assisted with the effort to eradicate oak wilt, a lethal tree disease, in Menominee and Dickinson Counties. 20 ash utilization training sessions, meetings, and focus groups were held with arborists, loggers, sawmill operators, and community leaders to show how ash killed by Emerald ash borer can be converted into products, saving taxpayers thousands of dollars in disposal costs. A non-profit group, Recycle Ann Arbor, is distributing ash products from urban trees killed by EAB.

Cooperative Fire Protection

With National Fire Plan funds, the Division of Forestry and the MI State University Extension Service worked with high risk communities to develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs), showing them how to incorporate firewise concepts to enhance community protection. 600 volunteer fire departments received grants to help with equipment and training needs.

Forest Legacy

Michigan completed its first acquisitions, protecting four tracts totaling 360 acres. The

properties, all in-holdings to existing State forests, open new recreational opportunities and provide public access to parts of State Forests that were previously difficult to reach.

Urban and Community Forestry

The Lac Vieux Desert Indian Reservation and adjacent township developed a joint policy to establish, manage, and maintain their green resources. Using a community forestry grant, the tribe created an ad hoc community tree management board that helped to develop a tree management plan. The board also drafted a multi-jurisdiction tree ordinance and informed the tribal community about the need for healthy trees. They are using a GIS-based land map to assist in tree planting and landscaping.

Conservation Education

CE funds supplemented the MACD Envirothon program, a conservation and forestry knowledge competition for high school students. State and Canadian teams competed in four categories—soils/land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, and wildlife—plus a current environmental issue. The program prepares students to make informed natural resources decisions.

Forest Stewardship

The Forest Park High School outreach project developed a multi-resource Forest Stewardship plan for a 2,040 acre school forest. The plan will provide income to the school, an example of good forest management, an “outdoor classroom”, and a public example of why forestland should be sustainably managed.

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