



Minnesota



State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

Program	FY 2006 Final	FY 2007 Estimate
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	495,150	158,875
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management - National Fire Plan	0	0
Forest Land Enhancement	93,096	0
Forest Legacy	887,000	40,000
Forest Stewardship	376,550	332,000
State Fire Assistance	190,207	148,687
State Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	593,171	208,899
Urban and Community Forestry	370,529	236,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance	160,000	160,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	141,675	141,675
Total	3,307,378	1,426,136

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

- Retaining forest industry and operator capacity
- Third-party certification of public and private lands
- Motorized recreation demands in state forests
- Interagency cooperation in wildland fire management
- Forest parcelization and fragmentation

Forest Facts and Accomplishments:

Selected Facts		FY2006 Accomplishments	
Population	4,919,479	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year) (Each)	568
Acres of Forest Land	16,680,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year) (Acres)	68,378
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	6,528,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years) (Acres)	1,374,827
Number of NIPF Landowners	147,400	Acres of Multi-resource Practices Implemented on NIPF (Acres)	1,030
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	150
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	45,037,000	State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	770
Number of Rural Fire Departments	748	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected (Acres)	63,497
Number of Cities And Towns	867	Forest Legacy Project Acquisition (Acres)	4,770
Forest Based Employment	43,924	Urban Forestry - Participating Communities (Each)	168
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	2	Urban Forestry - Volunteer Assistance (Days)	8,107
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	39,000,000		

Program Highlights:

Forest Health Protection

Minnesota is on the leading edge of the gypsy moth westward expansion. To slow-the-spread of this pest, state personnel used USDA Forest Service funds and technical assistance to treat 135,662 acres. Actions that prevent gypsy moth from becoming established save the state and its citizens thousands of dollars in suppression costs. Federal and state specialists also cooperated on oak wilt suppression in wildland urban interface forests to reduce tree mortality, preserve property values, and maintain wildlife habitat in these important forests.

Cooperative Fire Protection

With National Fire Plan funds, the Minnesota DNR – Forestry Division assisted with the development of 40 Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) in 200 high risk wildland urban interface communities. Once implemented, the plans will greatly reduce the risk of wildfire. In addition, grant funds assisted 150 volunteer fire departments across the state with equipment and training needs.

Forest Legacy

Minnesota acquired two conservation easements totaling 4,771 acres in the Brainerd Lakes

area of the State. Both properties, which are adjacent to State forests, will continue to be managed for timber products and to allow snowmobiling on designated corridors.

Urban and Community Forestry

Elms will continue to grace city streets and parks for generations to come thanks to the University of Minnesota TRE Research Nursery's successful effort to develop Dutch elm disease-resistant trees, and partnerships with the communities who planted them. An Arbor Day Celebration at the State Fairgrounds featured a planting of the resistant trees; the event drew widespread media coverage, including an interview for Public Radio's All Things Considered.

Conservation Education

Minnesota used funds to support the 2006 Arbor Day Program, including the development and modification of existing lesson plans for use within the Minnesota school system.

Forest Stewardship

The Division of Forestry is partnering with a foundation, forestry extension, and forest landowner association, setting a goal to write a million acres of Forest Stewardship plans by 2015. The success of the project depends upon establishing dedicated annual revenues for the project, revising the woodland tax law, and revamping the ad-valorem property tax system.

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