



NEW YORK



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	542,987		203,855	47,500
State Fire Assistance	203,602	379,873	265,142	599,907
Volunteer Fire Assistance	159,661	192,514	170,452	191,210
Forest Stewardship Program		1,300,558	825,700	
Stewardship Incentives				
Forest Legacy Program	1,550,000		19,000	
Urban and Community Forestry	1,030,100		553,250	
Economic Action Programs	702,800	5,000	656,000	
PNW Assistance Program				
Forest Resource Information and Analysis				
Forest Land Enhancement Program	649,000			
TOTAL	\$4,838,150	\$1,877,945	\$2,693,399	\$838,617

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

- Lack of public understanding and appreciation for forest management
- Invasive and exotic plants and animals that impact native communities
- Maintaining a diverse, trained workforce to respond to the state's forestry needs
- Timber theft from private and public lands
- Forest fragmentation/open space protection/forest taxation impacts

Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

SELECTED FACTS		FY 2003 ACCOMPLISHMENTS	
Population	19,157,532	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	553
Acres of Forest Land	18,432,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	73,277
Acres of NonIndustrial Private Forest Land	13,230,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	1,543,006
Number of NIPF Landowners	475,000	Multi-resource practices implemented on NIPF - Acres	19,079
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection		Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted SPF NFP	893
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	18,336,406	State Fire – Communities Assisted SPF NFP	166
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,472	Coop Forest Health – Acres Protected SPF NFP	0
Number of Cities and Towns	792	Coop Forest Health – Acres Surveyed SPF NFP	13,325,844
Forest Based Employment	58,006	Forest Legacy Project Acquisition - Acres	
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	5	Urban Forestry-Participating communities	424
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	\$18,000,000	Urban Forestry –Volunteer Assistance Generated-Days	11,154
		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:

The State’s Urban and Community Forestry Council and John Brown High School provided tree seedlings to NYC’s urban neighborhoods, and published NY’s Arbor Day curriculum, used at more than 36 NYC schools. Trees NY, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the DEC, and the Urban and Community Forestry Council are helping to replant trees lost to Asian longhorned beetles.

Cooperative Fire Protection:

State Fire Assistance funds helped provide training for 400 wildland firefighters, 16 fire prevention and education programs, personal protective and communications equipment, and 24 burns for hazardous fuels reduction. The Long Island Wildfire Academy trained 600 firefighters. Fire departments received \$34,000 of Federal Excess Property. Volunteer Fire Assistance grants went to 893 communities, training fire personnel in 90 townships.

Landowner Assistance:

The State is strongly supporting its private forest landowners by creating tougher penalties for timber theft. A completed State Priority Plan for the Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP) gives woodland owners effective economic incentives for sustainable forest management activities.

Forest Health Protection:

The DEC augmented its Forest Health team to strengthen its capacity to respond to threatening native and invasive pests such as the hemlock woolly adelgid, Asian longhorned beetle, and forest tent caterpillar. This increases New York’s ability to gather and act upon information from ground and aerial surveys.

Economic Action Programs:

In the NYC watershed, economic action funding has attracted more than \$2 million in private investments, helping to create an agroforestry training center, and supporting projects that have developed and strengthened 47 local forest products businesses. Forest stewardship, forestland retention, and watershed protection help make forestry profitable for landowners.

Forest Legacy Program:

Developed a conservation easement specific to Forest Legacy projects that will speed up overall Forest Legacy land protection.

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