



PENNSYLVANIA



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	303,716	5,000	385,405	
State Fire Assistance	266,302	604,042	292,270	622,932
Volunteer Fire Assistance	6,452	719,621	232,019	262,620
Forest Stewardship Program	830,414		443,900	
Stewardship Incentives				
Forest Legacy Program	560,000		592,000	
Urban and Community Forestry	1,925,500		1,099,000	
Economic Action Programs	508,900	17,000		
PNW Assistance Program				
Forest Resource Information and Analysis				
Forest Land Enhancement Program	654,600			
TOTAL	\$5,055,884	\$1,345,663	\$3,044,594	\$885,552

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

- Improve management and stewardship of non-industrial private forest lands
- Accurate, timely forest inventory and health data
- Improve public awareness and understanding of forestry
- Forest parcelization and fragmentation
- Forestland taxation

Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

SELECTED FACTS		FY 2003 ACCOMPLISHMENTS	
Population	12,335,091	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	82
Acres of Forest Land	16,905,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	12,203
Acres of NonIndustrial Private Forest Land	11,889,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	355,040
Number of NIPF Landowners	512,700	Multi-resource practices implemented on NIPF - Acres	937
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection		Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted SPF NFP	219
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	17,000,000	State Fire – Communities Assisted SPF NFP	171
Number of Rural Fire Departments	2,170	Coop Forest Health – Acres Protected SPF NFP	0
Number of Cities and Towns	876	Coop Forest Health – Acres Surveyed SPF NFP	17,508,759
Forest Based Employment	88,669	Forest Legacy Project Acquisition - Acres	
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	3	Urban Forestry-Participating communities	905
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	\$32,990,000	Urban Forestry –Volunteer Assistance Generated-Days	8,392
		EAP-Communités working under broad-based local strategic plans	0
		PNW-Communities working under broad-based local strategic	0

Program Highlights:

Urban and Community Forestry:

One hundred seventy inner-city 8th graders from the Philadelphia School District attended the fourth Growing Your Future Environmental Career Day, enjoying hands-on activities. PA Extension and the PA Municipalities Planning Education Institute delivered two workshops for new planning commissioners and county planners on using land use planning and regulations to conserve natural resources.

Cooperative Fire Protection:

State Fire Assistance helped supply training for more than 2,500 wildland firefighters, personal protective and communication equipment, 360 dry hydrants, Firewise and fire prevention activities, and 20 mitigation plans to assess communities at risk. Volunteer Fire Departments received more than \$3.9 million in Federal Excess Property. Volunteer Fire Assistance funds assisted 219 communities.

Landowner Assistance:

Penn State Forest Extension and service foresters helped landowners Visualize Their Forest. With a computer model, users enter tree and forest data, then “grow” the forest under various management scenarios. The model shows forest views that help landowners choose management strategies that best meet their objectives.

Forest Health Protection:

Hemlock woolly adelgid-infested hemlocks were found in 42 Pennsylvania counties, with biological control initiated in selected areas. Scientists plan to test tree and soil insecticide injections in high-value areas during 2004. Special emerald ash borer detection surveys were conducted in 2003; fortunately, none were found.

Economic Action Programs:

To help Forest County's economy, which suffered after the Allegheny National Forest reduced timber harvests, the Penn Soil RC&D Council and partners are contributing \$4 million in funds and services to a new 22-acre, \$8 million Hunting and Fishing Museum on Jack's Island in the Allegheny River near Tionesta. Expected to draw 15,000 visitors a month, the site will feature collections, indoor archery and shooting ranges, trails, and a handicap-accessible boat launch and fishing pier.

Forest Legacy Program:

The Program is founded on the support of public officials and the willingness of non-profit organizations to participate. Six Forest Legacy Areas have been located in 14 counties.

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