



Vermont



State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

Program	FY 2006 Final	FY 2007 Estimate
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	767,527	68,550
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management - National Fire Plan	0	0
Forest Land Enhancement	39,784	0
Forest Legacy	758,800	28,500
Forest Stewardship	197,200	169,400
State Fire Assistance	139,213	5,440
State Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	79,690	51,936
Urban and Community Forestry	270,000	191,500
Volunteer Fire Assistance	38,000	38,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	53,611	32,068
Total	2,343,825	585,394

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

- Positive forest stewardship and long term retention of forestland
- Adequate monitoring and analysis of forest health and exotic pests
- Improved resource management and adequate funding
- Maintaining a sustainable forest products industry
- Lack of public understanding and appreciation for forest management

Forest Facts and Accomplishments:

Selected Facts		FY2006 Accomplishments	
Population	608,827	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year) (Each)	220
Acres of Forest Land	4,618,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year) (Acres)	23,370
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	3,612,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years) (Acres)	341,263
Number of NIPF Landowners	80,500	Acres of Multi-resource Practices Implemented on NIPF (Acres)	2,671
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	256
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	4,700,000	State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	256
Number of Rural Fire Departments	222	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected (Acres)	5,488
Number of Cities And Towns	67	Forest Legacy Project Acquisition (Acres)	3,746
Forest Based Employment	6,270	Urban Forestry - Participating Communities (Each)	70
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	1	Urban Forestry - Volunteer Assistance (Days)	1,342
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	3,768,904		

Program Highlights:

Forest Health Protection

The State continued its response to the forest tent caterpillar, completing a biological spray project for maple syrup producers on 168 tracts totalling 5,488 acres. Integrated pest management uses natural controls whenever possible and treats only when necessary. Specialists also detected the first outbreak of saddled prominent since 1981. A notice that nursery stock from the west coast might be infected with the sudden oak death pathogen prompted quick action; luckily, all tests were negative.

Cooperative Fire Protection

With National Fire Plan funds, the Vermont Division of Forests, Parks and Recreation established its first full time State Fire Operations Coordinator to deliver firefighter training, the rural water supply program, mobilize resources, and assist high-risk communities. Grants to 256 volunteer fire departments across the state helped them acquire needed equipment and training.

Forest Legacy

Vermont protected its first tract, part of a multi-tract project called Chittenden County

Uplands. This 1,730-acre first step is part of a larger initiative to protect productive forestland between Camel's Hump State Park and Mount Mansfield State Forest.

Urban and Community Forestry

St. Albans conducted a citywide tree inventory after deciding it needed to address the declining condition of its urban forest to stimulate downtown revitalization. With help from two grants, volunteer tree wardens worked with Vermont program staff and master gardeners to assess the city's trees and green spaces. These progressive tree enthusiasts, with state assistance, are converting their data to the new i-Tree software.

Conservation Education

State forestry officials want students to have at least one educational contact with a forester or volunteer during their school years. About 10 percent of Vermont students participate in learning activities each year; 7,712 students and 604 teachers were reached in 2006.

Forest Stewardship

Vermont is integrating the program with its Current Use Program. The Spatial Analysis Project has strengthened the connection by allowing specialists to map parcels. The Town Forest Initiative and other efforts to attract more landowners to forest stewardship link outreach and community involvement.

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