



Washington



State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Investment in Washington's Cooperative Programs:

Programs	FY2006		FY2007	
	Final State & Private Forestry	Final National Fire Plan	Estimate State & Private Forestry	Estimate National Fire Plan
Coop Forest Health Management	552,500	373,665		
State Fire Assistance	621,225	614,042		
Volunteer Fire Assistance	96,525	305,415		
Forest Stewardship Program ¹	420,524	41,640		
Forest Land Enhancement Program	83,200	-----		
Forest Legacy Program	3,606,000	-----		
Urban and Community Forestry	354,200	-----		
Economic Action Programs	468,000	-----		
Western States Fire Manager's Grants	-----	1,732,500		
Spatial Analysis Project (Stewardship)	84,000	-----		
TOTAL	6,286,174	3,067,262		

Cooperative programs are implemented through a partnership between the State of Washington, the USDA Forest Service, and other private and government entities. These programs promote the health and productivity of private forest lands, city and community trees and forests, and rural economies. Emphasis is on sustainable forests for timber and other forest products, watersheds, healthy urban and community ecosystems, wildlife habitat, and local economies. The goal is to continue providing economic, environmental, and social values and products. These programs:

-  **Increase cost effectiveness** through the use of partnerships in delivery.
-  **Are voluntary**, and use non-regulatory approaches.
-  **Empower landowners** and land managers to be stewards of the land.

Key issues which the State will address in implementation of the 2007 budget include:

-  Improve forest health by reducing susceptibility to forest insects and pathogens through technical assistance and cost-share programs with landowners.
-  Continue cooperative efforts to monitor and eradicate introductions of exotic organisms such as gypsy moth and sudden oak death, and to manage and suppress invasive plants on state, municipal, and private lands.
-  Assisting communities to mitigate the wildland fire problem in the Wildland-Urban Interface.
-  Continuing integration of Forest Stewardship, National Fire Plan, Forest Health Program, and the Forest Land Enhancement Program to provide a coordinated multi-program, multi-resource education, technical assistance, and cost-share program for family forest landowners.
-  Provide technical, financial and educational assistance focused on helping cities and towns develop sustainable community forestry programs.
-  Completing program termination for the remaining Economic Action Program grants with Washington State communities.
-  Pursuing opportunities to develop and expand markets for biomass and small-diameter material removed during hazardous fuels reduction and forest health activities in the absence of funds available through the National Fire Plan's Community Assistance Program.

¹ Includes Regeneration, Nurseries, and Genetic Resources

Forest Facts and 2006 Accomplishments

FY 2006 SELECTED FACTS		FY 2006 ACCOMPLISHMENTS	
Population	6,375,600	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	103
Acres of Forest Land	21,852,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	12,797
Acres of NonIndustrial Private Forest Land	4,226,594	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	387,057
Number of NIPF Landowners	91,400	Multi-resource practices implemented on NIPF- Acres	31,771
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	248,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	SPF 14 NFP 55
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	12,708,557	State Fire – Communities Assisted	SPF 50 NFP 12
Number of Rural Fire Departments	564	Coop Forest Health – Acres Protected	SPF 4,700 NFP 9,019
Number of Cities and Towns	280	Coop Forest Health – Acres Surveyed	SPF 24,610,000 NFP 10,500
Forest Based Employment (# employees)	40,792	Forest Legacy Project Acquisition - Acres	89
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	5	Urban Forestry – Participating communities	158
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	163,919,504	Urban Forestry – Volunteer Assistance Generated-Days	1,139

Program Highlights: FY 2006

Urban and Community Forestry: Technical, financial and educational assistance included community forestry management planning, tree inventories and assessments, municipal code development, and training for municipal staff. Community Forestry grants were provided to nine communities for various management and demonstration projects. Limited grant funding prohibited helping additional communities requesting funds. Program staff shifted efforts to providing educational and technical assistance to communities. Technical assistance was provided to 144 communities. Winter storms in November and December had a catastrophic impact on Washington's urban forests. Damaged and fallen trees will need to be assessed, cleaned up and replaced. Communities will need assistance in all phases of recovery.

Cooperative Fire Protection: Thirty-eight communities have completed Community Wildfire Protection Plans, and fourteen more plans are in progress. Thirteen Washington communities have achieved national recognition for their fire prevention efforts through the Firewise Communities USA program, more than any other western state. Eleven wildland-urban interface communities completed 1,043 acres of hazardous fuel reduction.

Landowner Assistance: DNR used federal Forest Stewardship Program and Forest Land Enhancement Program funds to enable several family forest owners to participate in a multi-landowner project to restore and enhance riparian and in-stream habitat for salmon in the Dungeness River Watershed. The Coached Forest Stewardship Planning Short courses (8-week courses) continue to be a popular and effective means of helping forest landowners develop Forest Stewardship Plans – the Program has over 2,000 graduates to date, and is the largest program of this kind in the nation. Two Regional Family Forest Field Days were conducted in FY 2006 -- over 4,000 family forest owners have completed these day-long "out in the woods" educational sessions all across the state in the past ten years. Washington created it's own cost-share program using USDA Forest Service Forest Health and National Fire Plan grant funds, and delivered through Forest Stewardship Program staff, to help family forest owners in eastern Washington proactively thin, prune, and remove forest debris to make forests more resistant to potential damage from wildfire and bark beetles.

Forest Legacy: The State of Washington successfully closed the final phase of the FY-04 Yakima River Wildlife Corridor Project, acquiring the fee interest in 89 acres of private forest land in the I-90 corridor. The Raging River project, the remaining FY-04 project to close, is currently being re-appraised. The State is combining the FY-05 and FY06 projects as they are phase I and II of the Cedar Green Forest and Carbon River Forest projects. The ~ 5,000 acre Carbon River Forest project, located in Pierce County, was recently appraised and final negotiations are in progress. This project is anticipated to close by March, 2007. The Cedar Green Forest Project is approximately 3,200 acres of working forest lands abutting the City of Seattle Cedar Green Watershed; the appraisal is due to be completed in January 2007, and acquisition concluded in June, 2007.

Forest Health Protection: WDNR Forest Health Protection Staff conducted insect and disease evaluations and provided technical assistance to landowners and State land managers. Cooperative aerial detection surveys, and other insect and disease surveys were conducted on all forested lands in WA. Western spruce budworm defoliation increased and is expected to continue. Technical assistance and cost-share funding was provided to landowners to improve forest health conditions and reduce stand susceptibility to bark beetles, primarily in eastern WA. Wildland and nursery surveys, and stream baiting for the Sudden Oak Death continued. Washington Dept of Agriculture conducted exotic Scolytid monitoring and delimiting surveys in high risk areas. Invasive plant education and management was conducted through cooperation with WSU extension and various county weed management boards.

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