



# Wisconsin



## State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2006 Final</b>	<b>FY 2007 Estimate</b>
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	329,635	149,875
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management - National Fire Plan	0	0
Forest Land Enhancement	151,019	0
Forest Legacy	1,084,000	0
Forest Stewardship	522,600	478,400
State Fire Assistance	343,335	305,415
State Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	709,115	355,555
Urban and Community Forestry	595,328	225,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance	142,000	142,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	122,161	122,161
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,999,193</b>	<b>1,778,406</b>

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

- Impact of non-native invasive species
- Importance of forests and their economic value for traditional and environmental services including water quality, clean air, the storage of carbon, and reducing reliance on fossil fuels
- The changing demographic of both large and small private forest landowners and the need for tools to enhance long-term sustainability of these forests
- Forestland fragmentation and parcelization
- Increasing rate of development in the wildland/urban interface and communities at risk



## Forest Facts and Accomplishments:

Selected Facts		FY2006 Accomplishments	
Population	5,363,675	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year) (Each)	1,597
Acres of Forest Land	15,963,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year) (Acres)	105,312
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	10,091,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years) (Acres)	2,563,498
Number of NIPF Landowners	245,800	Acres of Multi-resource Practices Implemented on NIPF (Acres)	2,863
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	150
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	31,299,000	State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	220
Number of Rural Fire Departments	947	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected (Acres)	142,572
Number of Cities And Towns	630	Forest Legacy Project Acquisition (Acres)	0
Forest Based Employment	86,292	Urban Forestry - Participating Communities (Each)	177
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	1	Urban Forestry - Volunteer Assistance (Days)	1,417
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	29,004,400		

## Program Highlights:

### *Forest Health Protection*

The State, with help from USDA Forest Service funds and technical assistance, treated 154,892 acres of forest to slow-the-spread of gypsy moth. Interagency surveys for sudden oak death and a survey and rapid response plan for emerald ash borer were also completed. Early detection and rapid response is the key to successfully treating non-native pests, which saves federal, state, and local governments, and citizens from expensive treatments and tree removals.

### *Cooperative Fire Protection*

With National Fire Plan funds, the Division of Forestry used prescribed fire and mechanical means to treat more than 2,100 acres of hazardous fuels on state and private lands, significantly reducing the threat of wildfire to 20 adjacent high risk communities. 150 volunteer fire departments received grants to help with equipment and training needs.

### *Urban and Community Forestry*

Greening Milwaukee, a non-profit organization, used a grant from the Department of Natural Resources to develop the "Tree Keeper Kids" program. Almost 900 students, using their own

“backyards,” learned about urban trees, how humans and trees influence the environment, and urban forest stewardship. Student evaluations showed a positive learning curve in all of the concepts that were presented.

### *Conservation Education*

The state is dedicating a portion of their funding from the forest stewardship program to conservation education. The initiative will help to focus the State’s conservation education strategy, better meeting staff and customer needs. The project includes developing, creating, and revising forestry publications and products and making them more accessible to the public.

### *Forest Stewardship*

Partners in Wisconsin began addressing landscape scale management by developing multi-landowner Forest Stewardship plans. Group management is used to attract higher bids for products, and lower costs for management

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