



Connecticut Forest Resource Fact Sheet

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Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005 President's Budget	Difference between FY 2005 - 2004 + or (-)
Forest Health Management	\$349,446	\$238,577	\$64,272	(\$174,305)
Cooperative Fire Protection	\$172,590	\$155,387	\$78,691	(\$76,696)
Cooperative Forestry	\$1,455,800	\$542,525	\$301,436	(\$241,089)
Forest Legacy Program	\$1,093,000	\$584,000	\$877,999	\$293,999
	\$3,070,836	\$1,520,489	\$1,322,398	(\$198,091)

Key Issues

- Forest fragmentation and parcelization
- Regulation of Forest Practices
- Forest stewardship on private lands
- Retention of forested open space
- Management of hemlock woolly adelgid impacts

Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

Selected Facts

Population (2000 Census)	3,460,503
Acres of Forest Land	1,859,000
Acres of Non-Industrial Private Forest Land	1,545,000
Number of NIPF Landowners (Birch 1996)	102,000
Total Acres of Land Under State Fire Protection	2,390,000
Number of Rural Fire Departments	246
Number of Cities and Towns (Population > 1000)	208
Forest Based Employment (1998)	14,660
Forest Based Earnings (1998)	\$648,169,000
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	7
State Forestry Budget	\$1,627,000

Selected Accomplishments

Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	34
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	2,479
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	52,932
Technical Assists to Private Landowners	163
Rural Fire Departments Assisted	51
Communities Assisted - State Fire Assistance	97
Acres Surveyed for Forest Health	1,801,200
Acres Protected from Insect and Disease Damage	0
Cities and Urban Areas Assisted	138
Economic Action Grants to Rural Areas	
Acres Protected by Legacy (all years)	0

Program Highlights

Urban and Community Forestry

Connecticut ReLeaf recognizes municipalities, institutions, and neighborhoods with exemplary urban forestry programs. The four most recent honorees are Milford, Groton, Glastonbury, and Farmington.

Cooperative Fire Protection

State Fire Assistance helped provide: training for 1,400 firefighters, personal protection equipment, 30 dry hydrants, and Firewise, Prevention, and Risk planning. The Federal Excess Property Program helped acquire 210 lightweight nomex jeans for Volunteer Fire Departments, train 100 firefighters, and assist 51 communities with \$69,000 in Volunteer Fire Assistance funds.

Forest Stewardship

Forest stewardship training for Envirothon students, COVERTS volunteers, and landowners raised the awareness of the value of active land stewardship. Connecticut completed its Priority Plan.

Forest Health Management

The State Agricultural Experiment Station continues to assist with research and delineation of forest pests, especially the hemlock woolly adelgid and other introduced insects and pathogens. Their focus is using natural predators to reduce pest populations and their impacts.

Economic Action

Connecticut is a partner in the Southern New England Forest Consortium to promote the importance of the region's forests.

Workshops on Costs of Community Services, Fostering Forest Conservation in Southern New England Communities, and See the Forest demonstrated the positive net financial contribution of open space and forests.

Forest Legacy Program

Landowners in the Stonehouse Brook Watershed Forest Legacy Project received Forest Stewardship training to integrate the Forest Legacy and Stewardship Cooperative Forestry Programs.



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