



Illinois 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	\$70,900	\$124,836	\$67,449	(\$57,387)
Cooperative Fire Protection	\$551,865	\$756,665	\$275,951	(\$480,714)
Cooperative Forestry	\$1,919,000	\$1,777,437	\$886,224	(\$891,213)
Forest Legacy Program	\$134,000	\$1,225,000	\$1,877,638	\$652,638
	\$2,675,765	\$3,883,938	\$3,107,262	(\$776,676)

Key Issues

- Forest fragmentation and parcelization
- Non-industrial private forestlands: lack of management, development pressure, escalating taxes
- Lack of understanding of benefits from urban and rural forestry
- Lack of public understanding about the role of forests in soil, water, air, and wildlife enhancement
- Exotic and invasive plants that threaten forest dynamics and forest ecosystems

Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

Selected Facts

Population (2000 Census)	12,600,620
Acres of Forest Land	4,331,000
Acres of Non-Industrial Private Forest Land	3,639,000
Number of NIPF Landowners (Birch 1996)	114,500
Total Acres of Land Under State Fire Protection	10,670,000
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,111
Number of Cities and Towns (Population > 1000)	676
Forest Based Employment (1998)	67,945
Forest Based Earnings (1998)	\$2,581,410,000
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	6
State Forestry Budget	\$6,100,000

Selected Accomplishments

Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	803
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	23,523
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	646,544
Technical Assists to Private Landowners	22,135
Rural Fire Departments Assisted	298
Communities Assisted - State Fire Assistance	599
Acres Surveyed for Forest Health	8,846,196
Acres Protected from Insect and Disease Damage	29,670
Cities and Urban Areas Assisted	500
Economic Action Grants to Rural Areas	7
Acres Protected by Legacy (all years)	236

Program Highlights

Urban and Community Forestry

Hispanic citizens are the fastest growing population sector in many states. The Department of Natural Resources funded a training session presented in Spanish at the 2002 Illinois Arborist Association meeting. Approximately 50 Spanish-speaking members received two days of tree care training, helping them become certified arborists.

Cooperative Fire Protection

State Fire Assistance supported GIS-based Fire Protection Assessments in high-risk Wildland Urban Interface communities, a rural Dry Hydrant program in 63 counties involving nine RC&D Councils, and better protection in 240 high-risk communities. Volunteer fire departments have \$6 million in Federal Excess Property. Volunteer Fire Assistance funds totaling \$557,000 went to Volunteer Fire Departments serving 300 communities.

Forest Stewardship

Forest landowners often have problems finding forestry assistance. NA and the DNR created an innovative partnership with Southern Illinois University, starting a Forestry Mentoring Program that used 7 graduate foresters to provide assistance to landowners in understaffed districts.

Forest Health Management

Illinois is on the western edge of the gypsy moth infestation. To slow-the-spread, the state used Forest Service funds to help treat almost 30,000 acres. We are close to eradicating Asian long horned beetle, a tree-killing insect that infested part of Chicago. No beetles were discovered this year in the 5 previously infested sites.

Economic Action

Funds supported the Illinois Wood Products Association's efforts to recruit and retain members. The Association also published a bi-monthly newsletter and maintained the Illinois wood products manufacturer's database.

Forest Legacy Program

Helped link 4,500 acres of forestland along the Rock River, a northern Illinois Forest Legacy Area, by purchasing a conservation easement on 93 acres.



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