



# New Hampshire 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	\$108,530	\$114,760	\$72,697	(\$42,063)
Cooperative Fire Protection	\$435,440	\$459,682	\$118,798	(\$340,884)
Cooperative Forestry	\$481,370	\$596,400	\$394,968	(\$201,432)
Forest Legacy Program	\$7,988,000	\$3,527,000	\$5,467,607	\$1,940,607
	<b>\$9,013,340</b>	<b>\$4,697,842</b>	<b>\$6,054,070</b>	<b>\$1,356,228</b>

## Key Issues

- Permanent loss of forestland
- Lack of public understanding of forestry
- The need for adequate information about forests
- Quality of management of private and federal lands
- Role of the forest products industry in the social and economic mainstream

## Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

### Selected Facts

Population (2000 Census)	<b>1,275,056</b>
Acres of Forest Land	<b>4,818,000</b>
Acres of Non-Industrial Private Forest Land	<b>3,267,000</b>
Number of NIPF Landowners (Birch 1996)	<b>83,600</b>
Total Acres of Land Under State Fire Protection	<b>4,660,000</b>
Number of Rural Fire Departments	<b>220</b>
Number of Cities and Towns (Population > 1000)	<b>208</b>
Forest Based Employment (1998)	<b>8,413</b>
Forest Based Earnings (1998)	<b>\$356,829,000</b>
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	<b>5</b>
State Forestry Budget	<b>\$2,573,818</b>

### Selected Accomplishments

Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	<b>15</b>
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	<b>20,772</b>
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	<b>485,957</b>
Technical Assists to Private Landowners	<b>1,853</b>
Rural Fire Departments Assisted	<b>123</b>
Communities Assisted - State Fire Assistance	<b>119</b>
Acres Surveyed for Forest Health	<b>1,672,349</b>
Acres Protected from Insect and Disease Damage	
Cities and Urban Areas Assisted	<b>164</b>
Economic Action Grants to Rural Areas	
Acres Protected by Legacy (all years)	<b>47,769</b>

## Program Highlights

### Urban and Community Forestry

Participants in the Community Tree Stewards educational and volunteer program produced 4,270 hours of work for 69 New Hampshire communities. Tree stewards serve on local tree committees, perform tree health evaluations and inventories, and help with fundraising and planting.

### Cooperative Fire Protection

State Fire Assistance funds helped with 15 Fire Towers and 2 mobile patrols, training for 100 wildland firefighters, personal protective equipment, 20 dry hydrants, 46 mitigation plans to assess communities at risk, hazardous fuels reduction on 37 acres. Fire departments were loaned \$286,000 of Federal Excess Property. Volunteer Fire Assistance grants went to 123 communities for safety equipment, water handling, communications, and firefighter training.

### Forest Stewardship

Women and the Woods workshops will begin in 2004, targeting a growing population—women landowners who are new to woodlot management.

### Forest Health Management

New Hampshire continues to be a leader in the fight against the hemlock woolly adelgid. Efforts involve on-the-ground work and research, as well as a successful public information campaign. This work is vital to preventing the exotic pest from taking a firm hold in the State.

### Economic Action

In the wake of several large mill closings, New Hampshire formed a task force to determine specific actions business and government can take to respond to the challenges facing the forest products industry.

### Forest Legacy Program

State-of-the-art conservation easements were used on more than 146,000 acres of land around the Connecticut Lakes. The easements address management of public recreation on private lands.



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