



New York 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	\$448,384	\$537,755	\$167,977	(\$369,778)
Cooperative Fire Protection	\$922,196	\$1,423,868	\$590,806	(\$833,062)
Cooperative Forestry	\$2,169,600	\$2,569,650	\$1,624,704	(\$944,946)
Forest Legacy Program	\$1,530,000	\$1,284,000	\$29,631	(\$1,254,369)
	\$5,070,180	\$5,815,273	\$2,413,118	(\$3,402,155)

Key Issues

- Lack of public understanding and appreciation for forest management
- Invasive and exotic plants and animals that impact native communities
- Maintaining a diverse, trained workforce to respond to the state's forestry needs
- Timber theft from private and public lands
- Forest fragmentation/open space protection/forest taxation impacts

Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

Selected Facts

Population (2000 Census)	19,157,532
Acres of Forest Land	18,432,000
Acres of Non-Industrial Private Forest Land	13,230,000
Number of NIPF Landowners (Birch 1996)	475,000
Total Acres of Land Under State Fire Protection	18,336,406
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,472
Number of Cities and Towns (Population > 1000)	792
Forest Based Employment (1998)	58,006
Forest Based Earnings (1998)	\$2,396,075,000
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	5
State Forestry Budget	\$18,000,000

Selected Accomplishments

Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	553
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	73,277
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	1,543,006
Technical Assists to Private Landowners	3,692
Rural Fire Departments Assisted	893
Communities Assisted - State Fire Assistance	166
Acres Surveyed for Forest Health	13,325,844
Acres Protected from Insect and Disease Damage	0
Cities and Urban Areas Assisted	424
Economic Action Grants to Rural Areas	26
Acres Protected by Legacy (all years)	1,555

Program Highlights

Urban and Community Forestry

The State's Urban and Community Forestry Council and John Brown High School provided tree seedlings to NYC's urban neighborhoods, and published NY's Arbor Day curriculum, used at more than 36 NYC schools. Trees NY, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the DEC, and the Urban and Community Forestry Council are helping to replant trees lost to Asian longhorned beetles.

Cooperative Fire Protection

State Fire Assistance funds helped provide training for 400 wildland firefighters, 16 fire prevention and education programs, Personal Protective (PPE) and communications equipment, and 24 burns for hazardous fuels reduction. The Long Island Wildfire Academy trained 600 firefighters. Fire departments received \$34,000 of Federal Excess Property. Volunteer Fire Assistance grants went to 893 communities, training fire personnel in 90 townships.

Forest Stewardship

The State is strongly supporting its private forest landowners by creating tougher penalties for timber theft.

Forest Health Management

The DEC augmented its Forest Health team to strengthen its capacity to respond to threatening native and invasive pests such as the hemlock woolly adelgid, Asian longhorned beetle, and forest tent caterpillar. This increases New York's ability to gather and act upon information from ground and aerial surveys.

Economic Action

In the NYC watershed, economic action funding has attracted more than \$2 million in private investments, helping to create an agroforestry training center, and supporting projects that have developed and strengthened 47 local forest products businesses. Forest stewardship, forestland retention, and watershed protection help make forestry profitable for landowners.

Forest Legacy Program

Developed a conservation easement specific to Forest Legacy projects that will speed up overall Forest Legacy land protection.



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