



Pennsylvania 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	\$247,700	\$508,307	\$314,772	(\$193,535)
Cooperative Fire Protection	\$1,154,483	\$1,461,091	\$670,802	(\$790,289)
Cooperative Forestry	\$1,648,600	\$2,061,500	\$1,231,851	(\$829,649)
Forest Legacy Program	\$40,000	\$613,000	\$923,224	\$310,224
	\$3,090,783	\$4,643,898	\$3,140,649	(\$1,503,249)

Key Issues

- Improve management and stewardship of non-industrial private forest lands
- Accurate, timely forest inventory and health data
- Improve public awareness and understanding of forestry
- Forest parcelization and fragmentation
- Forestland taxation

Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

Selected Facts

Population (2000 Census)	12,335,091
Acres of Forest Land	16,905,000
Acres of Non-Industrial Private Forest Land	11,889,000
Number of NIPF Landowners (Birch 1996)	512,700
Total Acres of Land Under State Fire Protection	17,000,000
Number of Rural Fire Departments	2,170
Number of Cities and Towns (Population > 1000)	876
Forest Based Employment (1998)	88,669
Forest Based Earnings (1998)	\$3,488,200,000
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	3
State Forestry Budget	\$32,990,000

Selected Accomplishments

Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	82
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	12,203
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	355,040
Technical Assists to Private Landowners	1,557
Rural Fire Departments Assisted	219
Communities Assisted - State Fire Assistance	171
Acres Surveyed for Forest Health	17,508,759
Acres Protected from Insect and Disease Damage	0
Cities and Urban Areas Assisted	905
Economic Action Grants to Rural Areas	15
Acres Protected by Legacy (all years)	0

Program Highlights

Urban and Community Forestry

One hundred seventy inner-city 8th graders from the Philadelphia School District attended the fourth Growing Your Future Environmental Career Day, enjoying hands-on activities. PA Extension and the PA Municipalities Planning Education Institute delivered two workshops for new planning commissioners and county planners on using land use planning and regulations to conserve natural resources.

Cooperative Fire Protection

State Fire Assistance helped supply training for more than 2,500 wildland firefighters, personal protection and communication equipment, 360 dry hydrants, Firewise and fire prevention activities, and 20 mitigation plans to assess communities at risk. Volunteer Fire Departments received more than \$3.9 million in Federal Excess Property. Volunteer Fire Assistance funds assisted 219 communities.

Forest Stewardship

Penn State Forest Extension and service foresters helped landowners Visualize Their Forest.. With a computer model, users enter tree and forest data, then "grow" the forest under various management scenarios. The model shows forest views that help landowners choose management strategies that best meet their objectives.

Forest Health Management

Hemlock woolly adelgid-infested hemlocks were found in 42 Pennsylvania counties, with biological control initiated in selected areas. Scientists plan to test tree and soil insecticide injections in high-value areas during 2004. Special emerald ash borer detection surveys were conducted in 2003; fortunately, none were found.

Economic Action

To help Forest County's economy, which suffered after the Allegheny National Forest reduced timber harvests, the Penn Soil RC&D Council and partners are contributing \$4 million in funds and services to a new 22-acre, \$8 million Hunting and Fishing Museum on Jack's Island in the Allegheny River near Tionesta. Expected to draw 15,000 visitors a month, the site will feature collections, indoor archery and shooting ranges, trails, and a handicap-accessible boat launch and fishing pier.

Forest Legacy Program

The Program is founded on the support of public officials and the willingness of non-profit organizations to participate. Six Forest Legacy Areas have been located in 14 counties.



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