



Iowa 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	\$59,000	\$100,000	\$56,032	(\$43,968)
Cooperative Fire Protection	\$514,657	\$733,360	\$274,708	(\$458,652)
Cooperative Forestry	\$436,100	\$885,300	\$360,078	(\$525,222)
Forest Legacy Program	\$735,000	\$326,000	\$475,648	\$149,648
	\$1,744,757	\$2,044,660	\$1,166,466	(\$878,194)

Key Issues

- Lack of public awareness of the values of trees and forests
- Lack of time and funds and staff to provide outreach to a greater proportion of our forest land owners
- Recognizing forest stewardship and urban forestry as important ways to improve water quality
- Lack of land use planning and its implications on retention of forest and fire protection
- Changing landowner demographics and management objectives

Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

Selected Facts

Population (2000 Census)	2,936,760
Acres of Forest Land	2,050,000
Acres of Non-Industrial Private Forest Land	1,807,000
Number of NIPF Landowners (Birch 1996)	55,400
Total Acres of Land Under State Fire Protection	7,612,000
Number of Rural Fire Departments	836
Number of Cities and Towns (Population > 1000)	273
Forest Based Employment (1998)	26,998
Forest Based Earnings (1998)	\$1,036,670
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	3
State Forestry Budget	\$3,018,917

Selected Accomplishments

Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	322
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	21,636
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	323,268
Technical Assists to Private Landowners	7,473
Rural Fire Departments Assisted	408
Communities Assisted - State Fire Assistance	1,131
Acres Surveyed for Forest Health	726,500
Acres Protected from Insect and Disease Damage	
Cities and Urban Areas Assisted	597
Economic Action Grants to Rural Areas	41
Acres Protected by Legacy (all years)	0

Program Highlights

Urban and Community Forestry

Planting trees reduces energy costs and sequesters carbon. The DNR, Alliant Energy, and local partners established a tree program for Alliant Energy residential customers. Nearly 4,000 customers participated, investing \$210,925, matched by \$201,000 from Alliant Energy. More than 9,000 trees were purchased from 42 local nurseries with a retail value of more than \$717,000.

Cooperative Fire Protection

State Fire Assistance funds supported 10 fire management/burn plans, training for 150 wildland firefighters, 60 Firewise/Prevention/Risk planning activities, 60 dry hydrants, and personal protection equipment. The Forestry Bureau and IA Public Television produced a 30-minute documentary on Firewise and the changing role of fire in Iowa. Federal Excess Property worth more than \$1.1 million was acquired for 408 communities.

Forest Stewardship

Agricultural runoff into the Mississippi River has regional, national, and international implications. Iowa's private nurseries and the DNR's State Forest Nursery began an aggressive campaign to inform landowners about the problem and the need to stop farming to the water's edge. More than 100,000 landowners were reached via Forested Riparian Buffers advertisements in statewide magazines.

Forest Health Management

NA helped address the threat from invasive pests by: 1) surveys and training sessions on how to control the organisms, 2) helping to prepare for the gypsy moth's arrival, which is now on Iowa's doorstep; and 3) identifying oak wilt and oak decline, providing management guidelines to minimize these important causes of tree decline and mortality.

Economic Action

The DNR worked with the 17 Rural Conservation and Development areas, government agencies, and local forest products businesses to provide planning assistance to a native wood cabin supplier, marketing assistance on value-added forestry for small businesses, and natural resource-based tourism related to the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial.

Forest Legacy Program

Iowa's first offer for a Forest Legacy conservation easement was rejected, reinforcing the voluntary nature of the Forest Legacy Program.



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