



Maine 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	\$245,000	\$326,169	\$195,162	(\$131,007)
Cooperative Fire Protection	\$813,651	\$1,050,746	\$331,797	(\$718,949)
Cooperative Forestry	\$668,068	\$787,112	\$475,367	(\$311,745)
Forest Legacy Program	\$3,120,000	\$3,497,300	\$5,420,822	\$1,923,522
	\$4,846,719	\$5,661,327	\$6,423,148	\$761,821

Key Issues

- Forest sustainability on private lands
- Stewardship - Non-industrial private forestland (NIPF) woodlot programs
- Forest Legacy - conservation easements
- Water quality protection
- Information on forest health monitoring and forest inventory

Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

Selected Facts

Population (2000 Census)	1,294,464
Acres of Forest Land	17,699,000
Acres of Non-Industrial Private Forest Land	9,281,000
Number of NIPF Landowners (Birch 1996)	255,300
Total Acres of Land Under State Fire Protection	1,760,000
Number of Rural Fire Departments	410
Number of Cities and Towns (Population > 1000)	273
Forest Based Employment (1998)	21,752
Forest Based Earnings (1998)	\$1,027,241,000
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	1
State Forestry Budget	\$10,450,000

Selected Accomplishments

Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	163
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	26,452
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	597,864
Technical Assists to Private Landowners	14,223
Rural Fire Departments Assisted	250
Communities Assisted - State Fire Assistance	2,992
Acres Surveyed for Forest Health	53,205,768
Acres Protected from Insect and Disease Damage	
Cities and Urban Areas Assisted	207
Economic Action Grants to Rural Areas	6
Acres Protected by Legacy (all years)	62,413

Program Highlights

Urban and Community Forestry

Project Canopy purchased five personal data assistants for loan to communities doing tree inventories, helping to alleviate financial and technical challenges in these cities and towns. The computers and inventory software greatly reduce the volunteer time needed to complete tree inventories, one of the pillars of any strong community forestry program.

Cooperative Fire Protection

State Fire Assistance helped provide training for 1,700 firefighters, personal protection and communications equipment, 80 dry hydrants, and 14 weather stations to complete a statewide network. Prevention programs reached 25% of K-3rd graders. Federal Excess Property worth \$25 million is on loan to VFDs. The Maine Forest Service reviewed its Fire Aviation Program and acquired an excess floatplane. Volunteer Fire Assistance grants assisted 250 communities.

Forest Stewardship

High demand from private landowners for the Be Woods Wise kits on stewardship underscores the importance of private forestry in the State.

Forest Health Management

An extensive network of foresters and forest health specialists is working on a balsam woolly adelgid population surge. Experts continue to assess introductions of hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) in the southern part of the State, taking proactive steps to prevent HWA from taking hold, including introduction of HWA predators and a strong public information campaign.

Economic Action

Theresa Hoffman, director of the Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance and a member of the Penobscot Nation, received a prestigious international prize in Geneva, Switzerland for her work. Responding to economic pressure on its natural resource based industries, Maine has initiated steps both business and government can take to help rebuild this vital, heritage-rich sector of its economy.

Forest Legacy Program

More than 24,412 acres were protected in four projects in and around Mt Blue State Park/ Tumbledown Mountain, the largest contiguous ownership of sustainably managed forest in southern Maine.



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