



Ohio 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	\$242,700	\$574,640	\$166,098	(\$408,542)
Cooperative Fire Protection	\$767,716	\$726,565	\$314,773	(\$411,792)
Cooperative Forestry	\$1,188,019	\$1,088,050	\$591,415	(\$496,635)
Forest Legacy Program	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$2,248,435	\$2,389,255	\$1,072,286	(\$1,316,969)

Key Issues

- Lack of public understanding of forestry and lack of understanding of public perceptions of forestry
- Defining public, private, and non-governmental roles in delivering private landowner assistance
- Community capacity to manage urban natural resources
- Rural volunteer fire and emergency service ability to respond sufficiently during daytime hours
- Management continuity: long-term versus tenure of ownership

Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

Selected Facts

Population (2000 Census)	11,421,267
Acres of Forest Land	7,855,000
Acres of Non-Industrial Private Forest Land	6,990,000
Number of NIPF Landowners (Birch 1996)	328,800
Total Acres of Land Under State Fire Protection	5,822,000
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,070
Number of Cities and Towns (Population > 1000)	637
Forest Based Employment (1998)	78,172
Forest Based Earnings (1998)	\$2,966,356,000
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	7
State Forestry Budget	\$11,472,000

Selected Accomplishments

Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	695
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	34,526
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	762,353
Technical Assists to Private Landowners	3,954
Rural Fire Departments Assisted	85
Communities Assisted - State Fire Assistance	388
Acres Surveyed for Forest Health	5,265,984
Acres Protected from Insect and Disease Damage	2,055
Cities and Urban Areas Assisted	417
Economic Action Grants to Rural Areas	7
Acres Protected by Legacy (all years)	0

Program Highlights

Urban and Community Forestry

After the emerald ash borer was discovered in northwestern Ohio, the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the USDA Forest Service initiated an Emerald Ash Borer Restoration project, helping property owners address the loss of trees caused by the pest.

Cooperative Fire Protection

State Fire Assistance funds helped support training for 200 wildland firefighters, fire management plans, prevention and education programs, 20 dry hydrants, personal protection and suppression equipment, hazardous fuels reduction on 3,500 acres, and 20 community mitigation/fire planning projects to assess communities at risk. Volunteer Fire Departments received more than \$437,000 in Federal Excess Property. Eighty-five communities received VFA grants.

Forest Stewardship

The Northwest Ohio Windbreak Program recorded its most successful season ever, planting of 598,075 row feet (113.3 miles) of windbreaks. The program is an interagency effort to help landowners establish field windbreaks.

Forest Health Management

A 2003 ice storm damaged more than 95,000 acres of forests and trees, mostly in southern Ohio. Gypsy moth populations continue their downward trend; fewer than 5,000 acres were defoliated.

Economic Action

Ohio's forest industry contributes roughly \$9 billion to the State's economy. The Ohio Forestry Association (OFA) and Ohio State University completed Economic Impacts of the Forest Products Industry in Ohio. This reference document will be available on the OFA and Ohio DNR Web sites. Data interpretation is based on the IMPLAN model.

Forest Legacy Program

The State is assessing the need for a Forest Legacy Program and has initiated the formal process to become eligible for Forest Legacy land protection funds.



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