



Vermont 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	\$504,612	\$776,321	\$312,531	(\$463,790)
Cooperative Fire Protection	\$198,366	\$183,530	\$87,324	(\$96,206)
Cooperative Forestry	\$661,100	\$715,900	\$421,875	(\$294,025)
Forest Legacy Program	\$2,623,000	\$3,645,000	\$4,881,235	\$1,236,235
	\$3,987,078	\$5,320,751	\$5,702,965	\$382,214

Key Issues

- Recreational use of private land
- Private forest land stewardship assistance
- Adequate monitoring and analysis of forest health and exotic pests
- Timber resource availability
- Positive forest stewardship and long term retention of forestland

Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

Selected Facts

Population (2000 Census)	616,592
Acres of Forest Land	4,618,000
Acres of Non-Industrial Private Forest Land	3,612,000
Number of NIPF Landowners (Birch 1996)	80,500
Total Acres of Land Under State Fire Protection	4,700,000
Number of Rural Fire Departments	226
Number of Cities and Towns (Population > 1000)	179
Forest Based Employment (1998)	7,828
Forest Based Earnings (1998)	\$283,051,000
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	2
State Forestry Budget	\$3,768,904

Selected Accomplishments

Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	13
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	1,245
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	290,521
Technical Assists to Private Landowners	2,827
Rural Fire Departments Assisted	75
Communities Assisted - State Fire Assistance	6
Acres Surveyed for Forest Health	9,029,873
Acres Protected from Insect and Disease Damage	
Cities and Urban Areas Assisted	154
Economic Action Grants to Rural Areas	9
Acres Protected by Legacy (all years)	51,619

Program Highlights

Urban and Community Forestry

Branch Out Burlington! (BOB!) works in the city's Old North End to train a network of tree stewards. BOB!, along with local Boys and Girls Clubs and schools, plans after school programs on urban forestry, including tree inventories, plantings, and educational events.

Cooperative Fire Protection

State Fire Assistance funds helped supply training for 1,310 wildland firefighters, personal protection and suppression equipment, dry hydrants, hazardous fuels reduction on 26 acres, a community mitigation plan, and upgrades for 3 fire weather stations. Volunteer fire departments have \$39,000 worth of Federal Excess Property on loan.

Forest Stewardship

Vermont completed its State Priority Plan.

Forest Health Management

Targeted forest health issues include impacts from various native and exotic defoliators. Support for the Vermont Monitoring Cooperative and information packages for exotic pests, such as the Asian longhorned beetle, show the State's commitment to regional issues.

Economic Action

Vermont put the finishing touches on a whey-based wood finish, with field testing at a major furniture manufacturer. The Vermont Wood Products Brand has been launched. The State has formed a wood energy program for schools in partnership with the Biomass Energy Resource Center. Ten percent of Vermont's school children attend schools heated by wood, thus providing an in-state market for low-grade wood.

Forest Legacy Program

Vermont added 664 acres of conserved wildlife corridor as part of an effort to connect the two units of the Green Mountain National Forest. Of the total acres acquired, 273 were used as the cost share for the project and used no Federal funds.



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