



# Wisconsin Forest Resource Fact Sheet

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## Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

- Cooperative Fire Protection
- Cooperative Forestry
- Forest Health Management
- Forest Legacy
- Total**

**FY 2009**  
**Final**  
 1,959,076  
 863,672  
 679,536  
 40,000  
**3,542,284**

*This funding is for all entities within the state, not just the State Forester's office.*

## Key Issues

- Impacts of non-native invasive species
- Importance of forests: economic value for traditional products, wood and recreation; environmental services including water quality, clean air, carbon storage which helps to mitigate climate change, renewable fuel and energy, and others. Need to maintain and develop markets
- Changing demographics among large and small private forest landowners, and the need for tools to enhance long-term forest sustainability
- Forest land fragmentation and parcelization including development in the Wildland/Urban Interface and in communities at risk
- Workforce planning: many retirements in next 5 years; difficulty recruiting due to drop in forestry school enrollment, loss of institutional memory, increased demand for training

## Forest Facts and Accomplishments

### Selected Facts

Population	5,363,675
Acres of Forest Land	16,275,000
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	10,438,000
Number of NIPF Landowners	362,000
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	31,299,000
Number of Rural Fire Departments	947
Number of Cities And Towns	630
Forest Based Employment	86,292
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	1
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	29,004,400

### Selected FY 2009 Accomplishments

Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance (Each)	12,386
Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	106,850
Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	20,805
Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	350
State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	1,615
Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	145,803
Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions (Acres)	198
Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	220
Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	3,221,416
Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance (Hours)	13,870

## Program Highlights:

### Cooperative Fire Protection

National Fire Plan funds were used to reduce hazardous fuels on 11,800 acres of non-federal lands, easing wildfire threats in 35 high risk communities. The state completed five Community Wildfire Protection Plans, 400 Hazard Risk Assessments, and 202 Community Protection Plans, known in Wisconsin as Structure Zone Map Books. The Division of Forestry provided 50/50 cost share grants to communities for firefighting equipment and granted funds to 150 volunteer fire departments for equipment and training. More than 625 firefighters received wildfire-related training. Fire departments were loaned \$10,520 in equipment under the Federal Excess Personal Property Program.

### Forest Health Protection

The tree-killing insect, emerald ash borer (EAB), drew considerable resources. The state focused on surveys, regulations, and EAB management workshops with an eye toward reducing economic and environmental impacts to communities, businesses, and individuals. EAB has been found in five WI locations - Newburg, Kenosha, Franklin, Green Bay, Oak Creek, and Victory. Eleven counties are currently quarantined.

### Forest Legacy

Magnificent woodlands around the prominent Holy Hill, visible from miles away, were protected through the purchase of 198 acres. Three conservation easements were acquired from three different landowners.

### Landowner Assistance

Wisconsin focused its outreach by using geospatial data to identify private landowners who are not managing their forest. Project activities included: 1) partner coordination on outreach and education; 2) distribution of educational materials and information about training opportunities; and 3) development of GIS data to help identify lands to target for future landowner outreach.

### Urban and Community Forestry

Program highlights included emerald ash borer (EAB) readiness planning sessions for 91 municipal managers, the development of Wisconsin's urban forestry invasive species best management practices, and start-up grants for 8 sustainable urban forestry programs across the state.



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