



West Virginia Forest Resource Fact Sheet 2017

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Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2016 Final
Cooperative Fire Protection	\$705,318
Cooperative Forestry	\$1,379,141
Forest Health Management	\$458,607
Forest Legacy and Community Forestry	\$96,063
Total	\$2,639,129

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

Key Issues

- Improve the State's economy by maintaining and attracting new primary and secondary forest product manufacturers.
- Reduce acreage of forestland burned by arson and mine break wild land fires.
- Educate the general public, especially NIPF landowners, about the value of forest management and conservation practices.
- Reduce the negative impacts of plant and animal invasive species.
- Maintain a strong state forestry agency during a time of declining state budgets.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2016 Accomplishments	Value
Population	1,852,994	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	3,792
Acres of Forest Land	12,118,901	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	12,673
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	10,418,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	8,795
Number of NIPF Landowners	251,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	80
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	144
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	12,000,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	12,156
Number of Rural Fire Departments	432	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	232	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	64
Forest Based Employment	10,198	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	523,210
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	1	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	7,237
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	8,007,548		

Program Highlights

Cooperative Fire Protection

State Fire Assistance funds aided in training, wildland fire suppression, equipment acquisition, improvements to the radio network, purchase of firefighter protective equipment (PPE), and wildfire prevention programs. Over 100 Fire Prevention programs reached 290 communities. VFDs got \$4,k in equipment under the Federal Excess Personal Property and \$92,650 in equipment under the Firefighter Property Program.

Forest Health Protection

Gypsy moth defoliated 92,686 acres in 2016. The WVDA conducted larval insecticide treatments on 12,156 acres of State and private land. WVDA is cooperating with the USFS in a beech host resistance effort. Thirty-seven putatively resistant trees located on the Monongahela National Forest were challenged with scale eggs; results will be reported in 2017.

Forest Stewardship

Friends of Firewood is a landscape-scale restoration project that developed an educational network among firewood dealers and the organizations and agencies involved in the production of domestic fuel wood. This project resulted in an increased awareness of and contact with the firewood industry.

Urban and Community Forestry

The WV Division of Forestry continued its support of the successful Project CommuniTree partnership, this year engaging more than 2,010 volunteers in planting over 730 urban trees at sites across the Potomac Highlands in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Teachers and students, adults and youth, seasoned volunteers and first -time tree planters came together to plant native trees along

their streets and in their communities.

WERC

The West Virginia University Division of Forestry has established a statewide wood energy team in 2015 focusing on thermal energy needs in the poultry industry. The WVU Division of Forestry and Natural Resources with WERC funding is conducting performance study on yellow-poplar cross laminated timber. CLT is a recently developed structural application product that can increase wood usage in multi-story structures.



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