



Illinois Forest Resource Fact Sheet

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Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

	FY 2005 Final	FY 2006 Estimate	Difference between FY 2006 - 2005 + or (-)
Cooperative Fire Protection	575,647	587,775	12,128
Cooperative Forestry	1,391,622	1,139,994	(251,628)
Forest Health Management	173,991	142,100	(31,891)
Forest Legacy	40,000	30,000	(10,000)
Total	2,181,260	1,899,869	(281,391)

Key Issues

- Non-industrial private forests: lack of management, development pressure, taxes
- Lack of time, funds and staff to reach more forest landowners, communities and to manage state forest lands
- Forest fragmentation, parcelization and open space retention
- Lack of public understanding about the importance of forests and forestry
- Impacts of exotic and invasive plants to the forest ecosystem

Forest Facts and FY 2005 Accomplishments

Selected Facts

Population	12,419,293
Acres of Forest Land	4,331,000
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	3,639,000
Number of NIPF Landowners	114,500
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	10,670,000
Number of Rural Fire Departments	1,280
Number of Cities And Towns	1,313
Forest Based Employment	55,613
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	7
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	0

Selected Accomplishments

Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year) (Each)	714
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year) (Acres)	31,829
Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years) (Acres)	706,435
Acres of Multi-resource Practices Implemented on NIPF (Acres)	1,315
Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted - SPF (Each)	0
Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted - NFP (Each)	0
State Fire Communities Assisted - SPF (Each)	25
State Fire Communities Assisted - NFP (Each)	5
Coop Forest Health Acres Protected - SPF (Acres)	0
Coop Forest Health Acres Protected - NFP (Acres)	0
Forest Legacy Project Acquisition (Acres)	25
Urban Forestry - Participating Communities (Each)	209
Urban Forestry - Volunteer Assistance (Days)	1,232

Program Highlights:

Forest Health Protection

Illinois is on the leading edge of the gypsy moth expansion to the west. To slow-the spread of this pest, state personnel used USDA Forest Service dollars to assist in treating 30,088 acres. Successful treatments of small, isolated populations save the state and private citizens thousands of dollars in yearly suppression costs.

Cooperative Fire Protection

The Division of Forest Resources, with aid from National Fire Plan funds, facilitated advanced firefighter training statewide, improving the ability of more than 400 firefighters to protect property and human lives from the threat of wildfires.

Forest Legacy

A 25-acre tract was added to lands already protected via Forest Legacy projects, further enhancing natural communities along the Mississippi River bluffs.

Urban and Community Forestry

Partnerships with not-for-profit groups in Peoria resulted in the inventory and removal of hazard trees, re-greening vacant lots, and reclaiming deteriorated play areas.

Forest Stewardship

Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin cosponsor two extremely effective Forest Stewardship conferences that inspired private landowners to develop and implement stewardship plans. The day long conferences attracted over 700 landowners who own 14,000 acres of forestland.



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