



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Louisiana 2018



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2017 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$170,206
Forest Legacy	\$0
Forest Stewardship	\$170,861
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$0
State Fire Assistance	\$1,223,817
Urban and Community Forestry	\$234,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$318,622
Total	\$2,117,506

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

Program Goals

- The cooperative programs are administered and implemented through a partnership between the State of Louisiana, the USDA Forest Service, and other private and government entities. These programs promote the health and productivity of forestlands and rural economies. The overarching goal is to maintain and improve the health of rural and urban forests as well as to protect the forests and citizens of the state.

Key Issues

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2017 Accomplishments	Value
Population	4,533,372	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	1,547
Acres of Forest Land	14,965,091	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	6,271
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	8,250,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	3,445
Number of NIPF Landowners	131,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	300
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	68
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	18,931,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	0
Number of Rural Fire Departments	507	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	304	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	10
Forest Based Employment	13,714	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	1,244,547
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	3	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	6,574
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	15,684,272		

Program Highlights

Cooperative Fire Protection

State Fire Assistance provides funding to support firefighting resources throughout Louisiana, including the development of Community Wildfire Protection Plans. The Federal Excess Personal Property Program assists Louisiana in acquiring and placing fire equipment in rural communities throughout the state. In addition, the Louisiana Office of Forestry administers Volunteer Fire Assistance Program funds to support the fire prevention and protection efforts of rural community fire departments.

Economic Action

Louisiana continues to focus on diversifying local economies to include consideration of forest resource-based development opportunities.

Forest Health Protection

Southern pine beetle (SPB) has made a showing in Louisiana. Approximately 25 SPB infestations were observed aurally in East and West Feliciana Parishes and Catahoula Parish. Trapping to monitor gypsy moth and emerald ash borer (EAB) introductions continues with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) and APHIS deploying traps and identifying suspect catches. Webster, Claiborne, Bossier, Union, Lincoln, Bienville, Jackson and Morehouse Parishes are currently under quarantine due to EAB confirmation. Annual defoliation by the bald cypress leaf roller and forest tent caterpillar in the forested wetlands of southeast Louisiana continues to be monitored by aerial survey. Coupled with subsidence and saltwater intrusion, these pests contribute to the overall decline and health of coastal wetland forests. Laurel wilt disease was confirmed as the causal agent of mortality of several sassafras trees in Union, Claiborne, Lincoln, Beauregard and Vernon Parishes. This is the first reported incidence of the disease in LA. Delimiting and public awareness efforts will continue in 2017.

Forest Legacy

An Assessment of Need (AON) was completed in November 2010. Louisiana added two additional project areas to the Legacy program. With the 2012 finalization of a land purchase, 182 acres are now enrolled under Louisiana's Legacy program. LDAF will be requesting 2018 grant funds for a contract writer. LDAF is assisting with a current Legacy proposal that will include 10, 000 +/- acres in Vernon Parish.

Forest Stewardship

The Forest Stewardship Program assists private landowners with managing their forests and related resources. This assistance helps keep these lands in a productive and healthy condition for present and future owners and increases the social, economic, and environmental benefits of these lands.

Landowner Assistance

Louisiana's landowner assistance efforts continue to focus on conservation of multiple forest resources, especially wildlife habitat enhancement, water quality improvement, and other environmental services.

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