



# State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet

## Tennessee 2018



### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2017 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$514,450
Forest Legacy	\$1,350,000
Forest Stewardship	\$291,172
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$1,147,275
State Fire Assistance	\$1,399,208
Urban and Community Forestry	\$284,960
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$264,368
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,251,433</b>

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 Tennessee, the USDA Forest Service, and many other private and government entities. These programs promote the health and productivity of forestlands and rural economies. Emphasis focuses on timber and other forest products, wildlife, water resources, rural economies and conservation practices.
- The overarching goal is to maintain and improve the health of urban and rural forests and related economies as well as to protect the forests and citizens of the state. These programs maximize cost effectiveness through the use of partnerships in program delivery, increase forestland value and sustainability, and they do so in a voluntary and non-regulatory manner.

### Key Issues

- Dealing with increasing forest health risks from native and non-native forest pests, from an aging forest, and from an urbanizing human population.
- Dealing with increasing demand for prescribed fire services to ensure management objectives are met while minimizing the potential for escaped fires.
- Maintaining a motivated, well trained, experienced work force.
- Determining appropriate services and incentives to facilitate increased forest management on private lands when the average tract size is shrinking and long-term landowners are increasingly passing management of land to inexperienced heirs.
- Providing landowners guidance before timber is harvested to ensure the harvest method is meeting objectives and that a plan is in place for regeneration.
- Determining appropriate services and incentives to create value added forest industry based jobs.
- Taking advantage of the current and future income and marketing opportunities forest certification offers non-industrial private forest (NIPF) landowners for managing their lands.
- Determining the most effective ways for the Tennessee Division of Forestry to use existing and emerging technology to improve forest health.
- Utilizing social media to educate and engage Tennessee citizens and landowners with forestry issues.

## Forest Facts and Accomplishments

<b>Selected Facts</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>FY 2017 Accomplishments</b>	<b>Value</b>
Population	6,346,105	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	22,716
Acres of Forest Land	13,967,140	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	13,484
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	11,206,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	5,257
Number of NIPF Landowners	534,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	0
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	70,000	State Fire Communities Assisted	100
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	25,668,400	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	2,101
Number of Rural Fire Departments	821	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	4,062
Cities and Towns	345	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	58
Forest Based Employment	35,901	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	2,814,695
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	4	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	7,449
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	29,684,700		

## Program Highlights

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