



State and Private Forestry Fact Sheet Louisiana 2022



Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2021 Final
Community Forestry and Open Space	\$0
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	\$180,601
Forest Legacy	\$2,130,000
Forest Stewardship	\$134,479
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$14,500
State Fire Assistance	\$1,260,906
Urban and Community Forestry	\$585,197
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$344,570
Total	\$4,650,253

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 2021 Accomplishments	Value
Population	4,533,372	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	1,864
Acres of Forest Land	15,002,304	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	11,820
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	8,250,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	7,312
Number of NIPF Landowners	131,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	180
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	150
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	18,931,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	180
Number of Rural Fire Departments	554	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	304	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	25
Forest Based Employment	19,969	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	1,328,700
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	3	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	6,080
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	14,945,406		

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) trapping continued this year. SPB infestations were observed aurally, and confirmed on the ground, in East and West Feliciana Parishes during the regular trapping season. Due to five hurricanes in Louisiana last year, as well as Hurricane Ida in 2021, additional trapping will be performed this Spring. Trapping to monitor gypsy moth and emerald ash borer (EAB) introductions continues with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF). Several parishes are still 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.

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 utilized a contract writer for one Legacy proposal. LDAF is currently in the process of an acquisition for one project in the Florida Parishes. LDAF is assisting with a Legacy proposal that will include 10,000 +/- acres in Vernon Parish. Two projects have been submitted, at this time. Both projects are currently under review in order to move forward with the acquisition of the easement.

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.

Landscape Scale Restoration

Louisiana is working in partnership with our neighboring states on two LSR projects.

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