

**State and Private Forestry**

Appropriation	State and Private Forestry				
	(dollars in thousands)				
	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2017 Annualized CR	FY 2018 President's Budget	Program Changes	Percent of Program Changes
<b>State and Private Forestry</b>					
Annual Appropriations	\$237,023	\$236,573	\$118,010	-\$118,563	-50%
<b>State and Private Forestry Total</b>	<b>237,023</b>	<b>236,573</b>	<b>118,010</b>	<b>-118,563</b>	<b>-50%</b>
Annual Appropriation FTEs	554	554	435	-118	-21%
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>-118</b>	<b>-21%</b>
<b>State and Private Forestry</b>					
Landscape Scale Restoration	14,000	13,973	0	-13,973	-100%
Forest Health Management - Federal Lands	58,922	58,810	54,205	-4,605	-8%
Forest Health Management - Cooperative Lands	40,678	40,601	36,185	-4,416	-11%
Forest Stewardship	23,036	22,992	20,500	-2,492	-11%
Forest Legacy Program	62,347	62,229	0	-62,229	-100%
Community Forest and Open Space Conservation	2,000	1,996	0	-1,996	-100%
Urban and Community Forestry	28,040	27,987	0	-27,987	-100%
International Forestry	8,000	7,985	7,120	-865	-11%

**State and Private Forestry Overview**

The FY 2018 President’s Budget proposes \$118,010,000 for State and Private Forestry, a decrease of \$118,563,000 from the FY 2017 Annualized CR (including \$274,000 for annualization of the 2017 pay increase and \$375,000 for the 2018 pay increase), and a decrease of 118 staff years (\$236,573,000 and 554 staff years available in 2017).

The State and Private Forestry (SPF) programs help sustain the Nation’s rural forests, assist private landowners, and protect the environment from insects, disease, and invasive plants. More than 50 percent of our Nation’s forests; approximately 445 million acres, are privately owned. These forests supply almost 30 percent of the surface drinking water to cities and rural communities, and over 90 percent of our domestically-produced forest products.

The SPF programs help protect these forests and provide support to keep working forests intact. This Federal investment leverages the capacity of State Foresters and their partners to manage State and private lands and produce ecological, social, and economic benefits for the American people. For example, as a result of SPF program investments, more than 25.8 million acres are now being managed more sustainably because of landowner planning, have been treated to protect against wildfires and insects and diseases, or have been protected from development.

Partnerships are critical in implementing and delivering SPF programs. Through a coordinated effort in management, protection, conservation education, and resource use, SPF programs help facilitate sound stewardship of lands across all ownerships on a landscape scale, while maintaining the flexibility for individual forest landowners to pursue their objectives. This requests adjusts the role of the Federal government within this coordinated effort.

Urban and Community Forestry

Budget Line Item	Urban and Community Forestry (dollars in thousands)				
	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2017 Annualized CR	FY 2018 President's Budget	Program Changes	Percent of Program Changes
Urban and Community Forestry					
Annual Appropriations	\$28,040	\$27,987	0	-\$27,987	-100%
<b>Urban and Community Forestry Total</b>	<b>28,040</b>	<b>27,987</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-27,987</b>	<b>-100%</b>
Annual Appropriations FTEs	49	49	0	-49	-100%
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-49</b>	<b>-100%</b>

Performance Measure

Performance Measure	Accomplishment and Targets (1)		
	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
	Actual	Target	Target
<b>Urban and Community Forestry</b>			
Percentage of people living in communities managing programs to plant, protect, and maintain their urban and community trees and forests.	49.0%	48.0%	0.0%
Percentage of people living in communities developing programs and/or activities to plant, protect, and maintain their urban and community trees and forests.	30.0%	30.0%	0.0%

(1) The Past Performance narrative below provides detailed information on aspects of program management, strategies, and/or improvements in relation to the accomplishments associated with the performance measures.

Justification of Increases and Decreases

The FY 2018 President’s Budget does not propose funding for the Urban and Community Forestry program, a decrease of \$27,987,000 from the FY 2017 Annualized CR. In FY 2018, the Forest Service’s focus will be on the maintenance of the existing National Forest System lands.

Program Overview

The Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) program is delivered in cooperation with State forestry agencies and other national and local partners to provide funding and technical assistance to help communities conserve, protect, and enhance urban forests. Strategic collaboration with Federal agency partners magnifies the impact of the UCF program, leveraging resources and expertise across program boundaries to promote healthy, vibrant communities.

Past Performance

The UCF program supports critical regional planning and strategic collaboration to sustain urban tree canopy benefits across jurisdictional boundaries as major metropolitan regions continue to grow. In FY 2016, the UCF program served more than 200 million people in nearly 8,000 communities through the development and maintenance of urban forestry programs. The agency worked with State forestry agencies and other partners to promote science-based management of urban forest resources in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, U.S. Territories, and affiliated Pacific Island Nations. Each year, State and local UCF partners develop programs and partnerships to expand the reach of Federal dollars.

Through financial and technical support, this program partnered with the Arbor Day Foundation to launch the Energy-Saving Trees program in 2011 to promote urban tree planting and care. As of 2016, this volunteer program delivered over 715,000 young shade trees to utility customers, resulting in reduced energy consumption and costs. Research has found that three strategically placed trees can decrease homeowner utility costs by 50 percent, and that properly placed trees can reduce cooling costs by 30 percent. In FY 2016, the Florida Forest Service expanded this

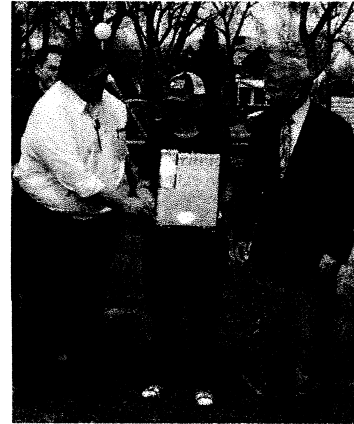
partnership statewide, partnering with The Arbor Day Foundation to provide homeowners with 10,000 free trees.

The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council released its 10-year Action Plan (2016-2026) in 2015, incorporating input from 1000 stakeholders across the country. A collective framework in the Plan guides work with partners. The agency awarded \$900,000 in National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share grants during FY 2016. These grants aligned with the Plan’s priorities, and included innovative projects that support community health priorities, including:

- calculating urban forestry’s return on investment in terms of health care savings;
- assessing the impact of urban nature on Autism symptoms; and
- providing tools and resources for communities to integrate food-producing trees and plants into the urban landscape, through the community Food Forestry Initiative.

In FY 2016, the agency led a collaboration among six States and the District of Columbia to develop a two-year workplan to implement the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Tree Canopy Strategy. To ensure local governments get credit for tree planting and conservation efforts that contribute towards Chesapeake water quality targets, the UCF partnership developed a new science-based crediting approach that the Environmental Protection Agency and Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions endorse. UCF funding also supported Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments in completing an urban tree canopy assessment and plan for the seven-county region where neighborhood groups are piloting new tools to target tree plantings in areas of greatest need.

**Arbor Day Foundation 40<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary**



In conjunction with the 40th Anniversary of the Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA program, the Forest Service provided funding to Montana’s Department of Natural Resources to build new bridges with Tribal partners in urban forest management. Through this new State partnership initiative, the Blackfeet Community College and United Tribes Technical College became the Nation’s first Tribal college participants in the Tree Campus USA program. The project engages Tribal youth in tree plantings, maintenance and inventories, and related education and training. Photo credit: United Tribes Technical College.