

# State and Private Forestry



State and Private Forestry (S&PF) programs are administered by the USDA Forest Service. Funding for the agency is found in the Interior appropriation.

The S&PF branch of the USDA Forest Service works with a broad range of programs in partnership with state and national forestry organizations, conservation districts and others to address the protection, management and wise use of forested lands. It provides technical and financial assistance to landowners and resource managers to help sustain the nation's forests and protect communities and the environment from forest pests, invasive species and wildland fires.

While 73 percent of our nation's forests are privately owned, annual funding for the Forest Service's S&PF programs has remained stagnant for the last several years. NACD encourages closer cooperation between the federal government and private forest landowners. NACD supports S&PF programs that are staffed and funded at a level that ensures strengthened partnership, better stewardship and increased flow of goods and services from private non-industrial forest lands.

## Critical Programs in State and Private Forestry include:

*Forest Health Management* - directs and implements measures to prevent, retard or suppress unwanted, native and nonnative invasive insects, pathogens and plants affecting trees and forests.

*Cooperative Fire Assistance* - provides state forestry agencies with assistance in delivering a coordinated wildfire response. It allows state and local crews to be deployed on federal fires and other emergency or disaster situations, in compliance with national safety and training standards. The program also assists states with hazard assessments, fuels treatment projects and public education efforts.

*Forest Stewardship* - provides technical assistance, through state forestry agency partners, to non-industrial private forest owners to encourage and enable active long-term forest management.

*Forest Legacy* - supports state efforts to protect environmentally sensitive forest lands through voluntary land acquisition.

*Urban and Community Forestry* - provides technical and financial assistance to help improve the livability of cities and communities through managing urban forest resources to promote a healthy ecosystem.

**NACD supports increased funding for State and Private Forestry programs in the Fiscal Year 2012 Interior Appropriations Bill.**

State and Private Forestry	FY2011 Final	FY2012 President's Budget	FY 2012 House Bill	FY2012 NACD Recommended
Enacted Budget Authority Annual Appropriations	\$278 million	\$341 million	\$208 Million	\$355 million