

INDIANA STATE *Forest* Management



About Indiana's Division of Forestry

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry has managed state forest lands for more than 100 years, during which time once abused and abandoned land has been restored.

NEARLY 160,000 ACRES OF LUSH AND HEALTHY FORESTS.

Indiana law dictates that DNR's Division of Forestry "protect and conserve timber, water resources, wildlife and topsoil in forests owned and operated by the division of forestry" and use "good husbandry" to remove timber that has substantial commercial value "in a manner that benefits the growth of saplings."

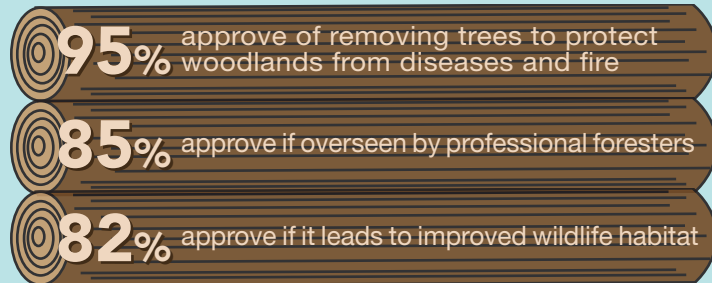
NO VIRGIN, OLD GROWTH FORESTS EXIST IN DNR'S STATE FOREST ACREAGE




MORE THAN 50% OF DNR LANDS ARE SET ASIDE FROM COMMERCIAL TIMBER PRODUCTION


Public Survey

A Purdue University public opinion survey of Indiana Hoosiers found...



Diverse Ecosystem & Wildlife Habitat

 Researchers with the Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment have found significant benefits to many species from forest management, including species of conservation concern that are using openings created by timber harvesting.

 Purdue researchers studying Indiana bat habitat suitability on State Forests under several alternate management scenarios found DNR's forest management program provided the highest amount of suitable habitat for the federally endangered species; the "No Timber Harvesting" alternative resulted in the lowest amount of suitable habitat.

DNR's Land Portfolio

State Forests are DNR's only properties where long term forest and timber management practices occur. State Parks, Reservoirs and Nature Preserves are already set aside from commercial timber production.

(Amount in Acres)	Forest	Water	Nature Preserve	Total
DNR State Forests	153,732	1,696	3,459	158,874
DNR Nature Preserves*	17,086	815	15,872	21,101
DNR Fish & Wildlife Areas	93,916	9,285	3,414	149,679
DNR State Parks	62,641	3,416	14,776	74,306
U.S. Army Corps Reservoirs	64,664	43,653	0	115,978
	392,039	58,865	37,521	519,938

*Includes DNR Museums and Historic Sites

Sustainability Certification



DNR's Division of Forestry's science-based forest management practice has received 10 consecutive years of certification.



Local Government Benefit



15% of all timber harvest revenues from state forests go to local governments. Over the past 10 years, counties with state forest lands have received more than **\$3.6 million**.

DNR Experienced Foresters

DNR's Division of Forestry employs best management practices recognized and developed by many of the nation's top universities offering forestry management degrees. DNR Forestry staff includes 30 degreed foresters, a wildlife biologist, an archaeologist, and two others with natural resources degrees, all from universities with accredited forestry programs such as Purdue, Illinois, SUNY, Missouri, Paul Smith College, Virginia Tech, and Wisconsin. They have a combined 500-plus years of professional experience in forestry and forestry-related work using proven methods that support healthy forests.



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