Indiana Statewide Forest Assessment & Strategy

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Similar to the Fish & Wildlife - Indiana State Wildlife Action Plan
Why do the Assessment and Strategy

For all the obvious natural resource issues and statewide planning reasons but also .... there is a fiscal reason.

Forest Service Advice to States  2011-2018
• $14 million in total distributed to Indiana over the 8 yr. period
• 25% to third party partners
• 75% to state.
Goals of the Assessment

• Conditions and trends of the forest resource in the state
• Threats to forest lands and resources
• Areas that are a priority
Forest Land in Indiana

![Graph showing the area of forest land and timberland in Indiana from 1948 to 2018. The graph includes data points for each year, with error bars indicating variability. The area is measured in thousands of acres. The forest land line is red, and the timberland line is blue. There is a noticeable increase in forest land and timberland area starting around 1978, with fluctuations and growth trends evident throughout the years.)
2018 Distribution

• Forest Health $107,000
  - Monitoring
  - Beech leaf disease
  - EAB university (3rd party pass through) $ 81,000
  - Insecticide study (“”)

• Coop Fire
  - Volunteer fire assistance (grants to local departments) $317,000
  - Core program (training and equipment) $214,000
2018 Distribution

- Stewardship (private lands management) $195,000
- Urban and Community Forestry $324,000  
  (includes grant program to local communities)
- Farm Bill CRP administration $93,000
- Great Lakes Regional Initiative $140,000  
  (most are all pass through grants)

- Total Fiscal Year Allocation $1,700,000
Forest Action Plan -2010
https://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/5436.htm

Illustration: Indiana's strategic target forest patches

- Statewide Forest Assessment
- Statewide Forest Strategy
- Stakeholder Coordination
- Planning Approach
- Indiana Forest Action Plan National Priorities Section
Past Plan History

• 2005 - 2008
• 2008 – 2013
• 2013 – 2015 (Interim Report)
• 2015 - 2019
• 2020 – 2024 (For release fourth quarter 2019)

• No statutory requirement to prepare a plan.
Plan Development Process

• Forest Stewardship Committee notification
• News release of intention to update the current plan – Spring 2019
• Public meetings (2-3) - Summer 2019
• Draft plan to be posted on web site - Fall 2019
• Public comment period (30-60 days)
• Final plan submitted to DNR Executive Office
• Response to public comments posted - Winter 2019
• State wide news release announcing the plan - Spring 2020
Annual Reports & Forest Strategic Plans

- Annual Reports
- Forest Stewardship Committee
- Forest Action Plan
- Forest Strategic Plans
  - 2015-2019 Strategic Plan
    - Assessment & Tax of Woodlands
    - CFM Private Lands Fee Proposal - Public comments accepted until Nov. 30, 2016
    - Public Comment Summary
    - Division of Forestry Overview
    - State Forest Properties Overview
    - Private Forestland Overview
  - 2008-2013 Strategic Plan
  - 2005 Strategic Plan
    - Economic Report 2005
    - Executive Summary: Insect & Diseases 2005
    - Executive Summary II
    - Forest Wildlife Study Team
    - Indiana Forest Health Problems 2005
    - Silviculture and Water Quality