



Forestry Division

Positions 26 FTEs

Christopher Martin Director + Sheila Hoefle -Clerical

Solar, State & National Policy

Private/Municipal Lands & Forest Taxation

> Positions 5.0 FTEs Andrea Urbano

> > Supervisor

Private Woodland Owners (108.000)

Landowner Assistance

1.5 Million Acres of Private Forestland (85% total CT Forest)

Current-use Forest Taxation

Farm Bill

Natural Resource Conservation Service Program Assistance \$1 million/yr

Farm Service Agency EFRP

Forest Stewardship Planning

Forest Carbon, Old Growth, Climate Change

Division Outreach Coordination/Support

Urban & Community Forestry

Positions 2.0 FTEs

Danica Doroski

Municipalities (169)

Urban & Community Forestry

Climate Equity Urban Forestry Grants

Tree City USA

PURA Veg Mngt Municipal Tree Warden

Program

Connecticut Urban

Forestry Council

Forest Practices Act/Utilization

Positions 1.0 FTEs
Nicholas Zito

Certification of Forest Practitioners

Forest Practice Advisory Board

Timber thefts on private

and state lands
BMPs for Protecting

Water Quality
Examination,

Certification Denials, Enforcement, Directory

Municipal IWA Training IIIJA Skidder Bridge Program

Utilization

Wood Processor Directory

CT Grown

Economic Analysis

USDA Forest Inventory and Analysis

USDA Forest Service Wood Innovation Grants

Forest Protection

Positions 5.0 FTEs Thomas Trask

Supervisor

Wildfire

State Fire Assistance

Grants
Volunteer Fire
Assistance Grants

Community Wildfire Defense Pilot Program (CWDG)

Prescribed Burns

Municipal FD training

Northeastern Forest Fire Compact

In-state/ Interstate Fire Crew, ICS, National Response to FEMA & USDA Forest Service Requests

State Lands Management

Positions 10.0 FTEs William Hochholzer

Supervisor

32 State Forests

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~175,000 Acres

Forest
Management Planning

Timber Harvest Planning, Public Outreach, Execution, &

Contractor
Agreement
Compliance

DEEP sawmill management asst.

Boundary Line Maintenance

Encroachments

\$400,000 average annual revenue

Letterboxing

Forest Planning/Federal Grant Administration

Positions 1.0 FTEs

Daniel Peracchio

Forest Action Plan

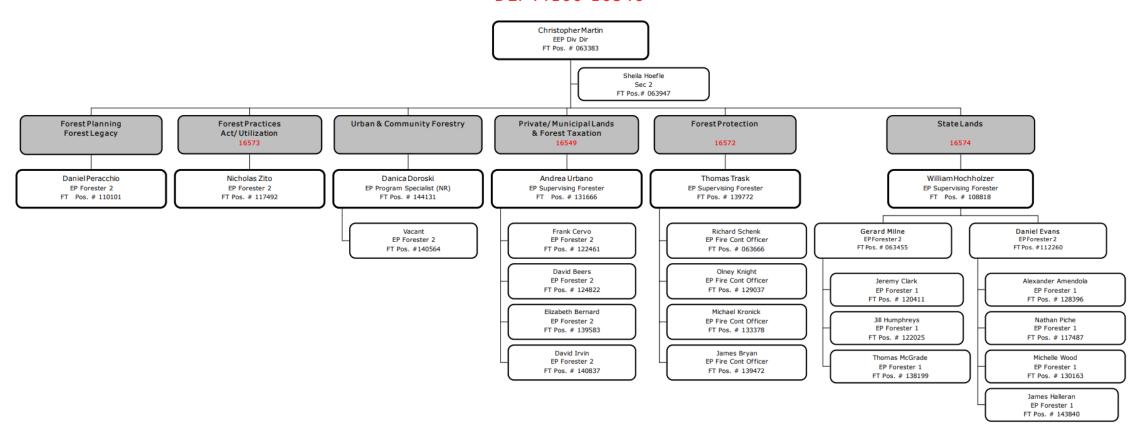
USDA Forest Service Forest Legacy Program Administration & Consolidated Payment, (IIJA/IRA) Grants Management, Partner Research, Competitive Grants

2020 Forest Action Plan

February 2025

Bureau of Natural Resources Division of Forestry

DEP44100-16540



2025 Forest Action

- 5-year refresh between 10 year major update. 2020, 2025, 2030
- Due to USDA Forest Service January 2026
- Covers updates to all DOF Federally Supported Programs including Stewardship, Urban Forestry,
 Wildfire Protection and Suppression, State Lands, Forest Health (CAES!)

Forest Practices Act

- Role out of a new Water Quality BMP App
- E- Licensing for Forest Practitioner Occupational Licensing

Forest Product Utilization

USDA FS Grants (pending). Skidder Bridges & CT Wood Council



Private and Municipal Lands

- Significant IRA State Allocation & Competitive NOFO IRA Award
- Updating PA490 Forest Land Classification OPM Recommended Values

Urban and Community Forestry

Several BIL and IIJA Grant Opportunities with a focus on increasing urban tree canopy cover 5% by 2040

Urban and Community Forestry Planning Grant Program

Urban Forest Equity Grant Program

Urban Forest Resilience Grant Program

Urban Forested Natural Areas and Riparian Corridor Restoration Grant Program



State Lands

- Significant Spongy moth induced oak mortality NW CT with CAES input/advisory
- Partnering with CAES on BLD research with 2025 LSR competitive application
- Continued focus on education and outreach both at Forest Management Plan and Operational Level

Forest Legacy

- Last Green Valley 821 acres in Union, Ashford, Mansfield, and Sprague
- Pending Administrative Grant to add capacity to Land Acquisition and Management



Forest Protection

2024 Statewide Wildfire Event – Oct/Nov

Several After Action Reviews

Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG)

S.B. No. 1378 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING WILDFIRE RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT.

Statewide Wildfire Risk Assessment

Several measure to improve flexibility operational efficiency

Community Wildfire Defense Grants 2025 Prescribed Burns



Society of American Foresters
2025 National Meeting
Hartford, CT
October 22 - 25

