

## Recent Major Accomplishments

### QUICK FACTS

#### Number of Employees

1

#### Number of Facilities

0

#### Total Budget

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#### Acres of Forest

3,033,000

### Partners

- Iowa State University
- Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Neal Smith NWR
- Iowa State Forester
- University of Minnesota
- University of Missouri
- State of Nebraska
- State of North Dakota
- State of South Dakota
- Chicago Wilderness
- Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie
- USDA Agroforestry Center

The Northern Research Station will continue to implement a program that addresses a comprehensive scientific foundation, including the following strategic program directions: Sustaining Forests, Forest Disturbance Processes, Urban Natural Resources Stewardship, Providing Clean Air and Water and Natural Resources Inventory and Monitoring. Within this program direction NRS scientists have already achieved the following:

- Completed the second full annual inventory of Iowa's forests, which reported more than 3 million acres of forest land, almost all of which is timberland (98 percent).
- Worked with Iowa State University, Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, and the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture to develop a "Landowners Guide

- to Conservation Strips," a brochure describing how to plan, implement, and maintain small patches and strips of native prairie within farmland to improve both the health of farm land and species biodiversity.
- Engaged state leaders in a participatory workshop and follow-up interviews to understand and guide the effects of bioenergy markets on agricultural landscapes, communities, and economies.

## Budget for Iowa

Research Work Unit	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13
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