

AGRICULTURE
65-00-00

Project Summary Chart

Project Name	STATE CAPITAL FUNDS					
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008 Request	FY 2008 Recommended	FY 2009 Request	FY 2010 Request
1. Forestland Preservation Program			\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,000,000		
2. Forest Service Fire Equipment Buildings			400,000			
TOTALS	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0

1. Forestland Preservation Program

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Funding is requested for the implementation of the Forestland Preservation Program. This funding would allow the purchase of development rights on privately owned forestland. To date, over 25 landowners have expressed an interest in participating in this program. Furthermore, the Nature Conservancy and Delaware Nature Society have also voiced support for this program that will protect forestlands in perpetuity through the purchase of development rights. This program will help to meet the Department's goal of protecting one-half of the remaining unprotected forestland in Delaware by 2024.

IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET

<input type="checkbox"/>	None	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low	< \$50,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	\$50,000-\$200,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	High	> \$200,000

NEW POSITIONS REQUESTED

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, approximately how many.	

CAPITAL REQUEST

FUNDING

	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER
FY 2008	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0

2. Forest Service Fire Equipment Buildings

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Funding is requested for construction of two buildings, one each at Blackbird and Redden state forests, to house firefighting equipment. The Delaware Forest Service (DFS) has expanded firefighting capabilities, with available state and federal funding. The firefighting inventory includes three rollback trucks, four bulldozers, two brush trucks, two all terrain vehicles, and a water tanker. These buildings will allow DFS to house this equipment in a heated environment, thus permitting water and foam to be stored in the brush trucks, ATVs and water tanker year-round. These buildings would also provide an area for the storage of firefighting gear. The demand for firefighting equipment continues to grow, not only for wildfire suppression, but also to assist with prescribed fires.

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FACILITY DATA

PROPOSED

Location	Blackbird and Redden state forests
Gross # square feet	9000 (2 buildings)
Estimated time needed to complete project	15 months
Estimated date of occupancy	Fiscal Year 2009

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CAPITAL REQUEST

FUNDING

	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER
FY 2008	\$400,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$400,000	\$0	\$0

COST COMPONENT

Cost by Item

\$400,000	Total Construction Cost (TCC)
\$400,000	Total