

## Forest Carbon Report: Iowa



## Quick Facts on Forest Carbon

- Iowa has 2.9 million acres of forests and is 8% forested.
- lowa forest carbon stocks have increased by 12% from 1990 to 2019.
- Average carbon density in aboveground trees across lowa forests is 22.5 US tons per acre.
- In lowa, forests, urban trees, and harvested wood products:
  - Remove 4% of all CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the state. (Across the US, this value is 14%.)
  - Store the equivalent of 10 years of all  $CO_2$  emissions produced in the state.

Sources: Forest ecosystem carbon stocks obtained from USDA Forest Service Resource Update FS-227: "Greenhouse gas emissions and removals from forest land, woodlands, and urban trees in the United States, 1990-2018". State-level CO<sub>2</sub> emissions obtained from USDA Forest Service Gen. Tech. Rep. WO-97: "Forest Resources of the United States, 2017: a total forest area and land area for each state obtained from USDA Forest Service Gen. Tech. Rep. WO-97: "Forest Resources of the United States, 2017: a total forest area and land area for each state obtained from USDA Forest Service Gen. Tech. Rep. WO-97: "Forest Resources of the United States, 2017: a total forest area and land area for each state obtained from USDA Forest Service Gen. Tech. Rep. WO-97: "Forest Resources of the United States, 2017: a total forest area and land area for each state obtained from USDA Forest Service Gen. Tech. Rep. WO-97: "Forest Resources of the United States, 2017: a total forest lowendry and Analysis Program using the EVALIDator web-application, version 1.8.0.0; years 2007-2019 (Accessed 31 Aug 2020).