



SUSTAINABLE URBAN FORESTS COALITION

The following coalition members support this request:

Alliance for Community Trees
American Forests
American Planning Association
American Society of Landscape Architects
International Society of Arboriculture
National Arbor Day Foundation
National Association of Conservation Districts
Society of Municipal Arborists
Tree Care Industry Association
TreeLink
Utility Arborists Association

The Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition (SUFC) is a national coalition to advance a unified urban forest agenda for our nation's communities. The Coalition views urban forests as the aggregate of all community vegetation and green spaces that provide benefits vital to enriching the quality of life.

Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition FY 2007 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

FY 2007 Recommended Federal Investment in Urban Forests

\$50 million for the Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) Program within the USDA Forest Service State and Private Forestry budget. This successful cooperative program leverages \$3 for every \$1 in federal assistance and provides critical capacity for state and local programs serving 82.6% of the population. Funded at \$28 million in FY'06, a fully funded FY'07 investment in U&CF should include:

- \$36 million for State U&CF technical and financial assistance programs
- \$2 million for dedicated Technology Transfer and Education to further practices and policies that support better urban forest management, care, and protection
- \$12 million for a Metropolitan Areas Canopy Restoration Initiative to assess, restore, and maintain urban tree canopy in 10 to 15 pilot cities based upon criteria developed by the Forest Service. The initiative will devise science-based tree canopy targets, develop restoration goals and strategies to maximize ecological service benefits, and monitor effectiveness of implementation in a geographically varied range of pilot cities. Pilot cities will match funds and implement restoration through diverse and collaborative public-private partnerships.

\$6 million for Urban Forest Research within the USDA Forest Service Research Budget (R&D). Funded at \$3.5 million in FY'06, a fully funded FY'07 program of research should include strategic growth for:

- Northeastern Research Station, Syracuse, NY – urban forest effects on air and water
- North Central Research Station, Evanston, IL – natural environments for urban people
- Pacific Southwestern Research Station, Davis, CA – management costs and benefits
- Southern Research Station, Gainesville, FL – Southern wildland-urban interface risks
- Southern Research Station at Athens, GA – information and technology transfer center
- Northeastern Research Station at Burlington, VT – human values and urban forests

\$2 million for Urban Forest Inventory and Analysis should be dedicated within the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program to assess the extent, condition, and function of the nation's urban forests.

Policy Goals of the Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition

- Ensure every citizen has ready access to quality forests, green spaces, and parks and that urban forests are managed to encourage greater physical activity to reduce chronic illness and disease risks.
- Increase support for research on the economic and social value of ecological services provided by urban forests.
- Increase technical and financial resources available to help communities assess ecosystem conditions and to plan and implement actions.
- Heighten recognition of the public benefits of the privately owned portion of urban forests, estimated to be 90% of the resource, and promote positive action by homeowners.
- Increase public and private investment in urban ecosystem restoration and in building the capacity of communities to maintain well-managed urban ecosystems.

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The following additional organizations support the Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition Recommendations:

American Public Health Association – Washington DC
American Public Works Association – Washington DC
US Conference of Mayors – Washington DC

Alabama Urban Forestry Association – Montevallo AL
Albuquerque Tree Initiative – Albuquerque NM
Allegheny County Department of Parks – Allegheny County PA
Audubon Society of Portland – Portland OR
California ReLeaf – Davis CA
California Urban Forests Council – Encinitas CA
Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy – Hendersonville NC
Casey Trees Endowment Fund – Washington DC
Caswell County Community Arboretum – Yanceyville NC
Center for Chesapeake Communities – Annapolis MD
City of Goldsboro – Goldsboro NC
City of St. Charles – St. Charles IL
Conservation Consultants, Inc. – Pittsburgh PA
Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council – Fort Worth TX
Delaware Center for Horticulture – Wilmington DE
Eagle Eye Institute – Somerville MA
Friends of Hawaii’s Urban Forest – Honolulu HI
Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Inc. – Salem VA
Friends of the Urban Forest – San Francisco CA
Friends of Trees – Portland OR
Gateway Streetscape Foundation – Martinsville VA
Georgia Urban Forest Council – Atlanta GA
Goleta Valley Beautiful – Goleta CA
Grassroots Conservancy – Marion VA
Greater Modesto Tree Foundation, Inc. – Modesto CA
Greening for Breathing – Bronx NY
Greenscape of Jacksonville – Jacksonville FL
Greenspace – The Cambria Land Trust – Cambria CA
Grow Pittsburgh – Pittsburgh PA
Heartland Tree Alliance – Kansas City MO
Hoffler Creek Wildlife Foundation – Portsmouth VA
Huntington Beach Tree Society – Huntington Beach CA
Huntsville Department of Urban Forestry, Parks & Recreation – Huntsville TX
Kaulunani Urban Forestry Program – Honolulu HI
Keep Eureka Beautiful – Eureka CA
Lompoc Beautification and Appearance Commission – Lompoc CA
Marin ReLeaf – San Rafael CA
Mississippi Urban Forest Council – Madison MS
Missouri Community Forestry Council – Helena MO
Montgomery Tree Committee, Inc. – Montgomery AL
Mountains Restoration Trust - Calabasas CA
New Mexico Urban Forest Council – Albuquerque NM
New River Land Trust – Blacksburg VA
New York State Urban & Community Forestry Council – Albany NY

Nine Mile Run Watershed Association – Pittsburgh PA
North Carolina Urban Forest Council – Winston-Salem NC
North Hills Landscape Committee – Oakland CA
Openlands – Chicago, IL
Oregon Community Trees – Salem OR
Our City Forest – San Jose CA
PA Cleanways of Allegheny County, Inc. – Pittsburgh PA
Parks & People Foundation – Baltimore MD
Pennsylvania Resources Council – Pittsburgh PA
Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy – Pittsburgh PA
Pittsburgh Shade Tree Commission – Pittsburgh PA
Quality Forward – Asheville County & Buncombe County NC
Roanoke Valley Urban Forest Council – Roanoke, Salem Vinton and Roanoke County VA
Sacramento Tree Foundation – Sacramento CA
Santa Barbara County Releaf – Lompoc CA
Savannah Tree Foundation – Savannah GA
Shreveport Green – Shreveport LA
Southern Environmental Law Center – Charlottesville VA
Southern Illinois Urban Forestry Council – Mascoutah, IL
SPARK School Park Program – Houston TX
Student Conservation Association, Three Rivers Regional Office – Pittsburgh PA
Texas Urban Forestry Council – Austin TX
Town of Abingdon – Abingdon VA
Town of Clayton – Clayton NC
Town of Luray – Luray VA
Town of Oak Island – Oak Island NC
Town of Shenandoah – Shenandoah VA
Town of Wake Forest – Wake Forest NC
Treefull Communities, LLC – Wilson NC
TreePeople – Los Angeles CA
TreeUtah – Salt Lake City UT
Tree Fresno – Fresno CA
Tree Foundation of Kern – Bakersfield CA
Tree Guild of Arroyo Grande - Arroyo Grande CA
Tree New Mexico – Albuquerque NM
Tree Trust – St. Paul MN
Trees Atlanta – Atlanta GA
Trees Columbus – Columbus GA
Trees Forever – Marion IA
Trees Indiana, Inc. – Fort Wayne IN
Trees New York – New York NY
Trinity Blackland Urban Forestry Council – Grand Prairie TX
Tucson Clean and Beautiful (Trees for Tucson) – Tucson AZ
UC Green – Philadelphia PA
Urban Ecology Institute of Boston College – Boston MA
Urban Forest Initiative – Baltimore MD
Urban Resources Initiative of Yale University – New Haven CT
Vallemar Conservators – Pacifica CA
Valley Beautiful – Roanoke VA
Valley Conservation Council – Staunton VA
Virginia Capital Trail Foundation – Williamsburg VA

Virginia Urban Forest Council – Charlottesville VA
West Texas Urban Forestry Council – El Paso TX
Woodberry Land Trust, Inc. – Baltimore MD

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