



SUFC Members who support this funding recommendation:

- Alliance for Community Trees
- American Forests
- American Nursery and Landscape Association
- American Planning Association
- American Public Works Association
- American Society of Landscape Architects
- Arbor Day Foundation
- International City/County Management Association
- International Society of Arboriculture
- Keep America Beautiful
- National Association of State Foresters
- Society of Municipal Arborists
- Tree Care Industry of America
- TreeLink
- US Conference of Mayors
- Utility Arborists Association

The Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition is a diverse group of national organizations working to advance a unified urban forest agenda.

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# Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition FY 2009 Forest Service Budget Recommendations

## Invest in Urban Forests for Healthier Cities

| US Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program Budget |                |                             |                           |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2007 Actual   | 2008 Enacted   | 2009 President's Budget     | 2009 SUFC Recommendations |
| \$30.1 million  | \$27.7 million | \$5 million (82% reduction) | \$50 million              |

### \$50 million for the Urban and Community Forestry Program.

- **\$36 million for State Cooperative Assistance.** U&CF leverages \$3 for every \$1 in federal assistance and serves 83% of the population. This program helps communities assess, manage and maximize the benefits of trees in urbanized landscapes.
- **\$2 million for integrated Technology Transfer and Education** to further practices and policies that improve urban forest management and care.
- **\$12 million for a Metropolitan Areas Canopy Restoration Initiative** to assess, restore, and maintain urban tree canopy in 10 to 15 pilot cities. The initiative will devise science-based tree canopy targets, set strategies to maximize ecological service benefits, and monitor results in cities.

### \$8 million for urban forest research projects.

The coalition supports the establishment of urban long-term research stations in selected cities to examine urban natural resource issues. In FY 2007, the Forest Service funded roughly \$6.2 million in research on urban forests as part of the overall Research & Development budget. In FY 2009, the coalition recommends \$8 million for urban resources research. Key units:

- Northern Station at Syracuse, NY – urban forest effects on air and water quality
- Northern Station at Evanston, IL – natural environments for human populations
- Northern Station at Burlington, VT – human values and urban forests
- Pacific Southwestern Station at Davis, CA – helping cities manage risks/benefits of trees
- Pacific Southwestern Station at Riverside, CA – wildland interface and urban cultures
- Southern Station at Gainesville, FL – southern fire and reducing wildland interface risks
- Southern Station at Athens, GA – technology transfer center
- RM Station at Flagstaff, AZ – southwest wildland /urban interface and restoration

### Key Benefits of Urban Forests

- **Climate:** Trees cool ambient temperatures in cities, reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Urban trees also sequester 22.8 million tons of carbon per year – a service worth \$3.8 billion annually.
- **Energy:** Tree windbreaks reduce residential heating costs 10-15%, while shading and evaporative cooling from trees can cut residential cooling costs 20-50%.
- **Water:** Urban forests promote water quality and reduce stormwater management costs.
- **Air:** Trees produce oxygen, intercept airborne particulates, and reduce smog.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Increasing tree cover by 10% in New York City would meet over 1/3 of the city's federal air quality compliance needs for ground level ozone.
- **Risk Management:** Professional urban forest management contains threats in the "urban interface"—such as invasive species, exotic pests, and fire—that pose a risk to forestlands.
- **Public Health:** Access to trees, green spaces, and parks promotes greater physical activity, reduces stress, and reduces asthma risks.

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## Additional organizations in support of the FY 2009 Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition Request

|   |  |  |                  |    |
|---|--|--|------------------|----|
| National  | National Association of Local Government Environmental Professionals | Washington                                 | DC               |    |
| Alaska  | Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership                                    | Juneau                                     | AK               |    |
| Alabama   | Montgomery Tree Committee, Inc.                                      | Montgomery                                 | AL               |    |
| Arkansas  | City of Conway, Conway Tree Board                                    | Conway                                     | AR               |    |
|   | City of Wilson   | Wilson                                     | AR               |    |
|   | City of Glenwood   | Glenwood                                   | AR               |    |
|   | Jonesboro Parks & Recreation   | Jonesboro                                  | AR               |    |
|   | City of Bentonville  | Bentonville                                | AR               |    |
|   | City of Mammoth Spring   | Mammoth Spring                             | AR               |    |
|   | City of Texarkana Dept of Public Works                               | Texarkana                                  | AR               |    |
|   | City of Bryant Parks & Recreation                                    | Bryant                                     | AR               |    |
|   | City of Hope Parks & Recreation                                      | Hope                                       | AR               |    |
|   | City of Monticello   | Monticello                                 | AR               |    |
|   | City of DeQueen  | DeQueen                                    | AR               |    |
|   | California   | California ReLeaf                          | Davis            | CA |
|   |  | Huntington Beach Tree Society, Inc.        | Huntington Beach | CA |
| Sacramento Tree Foundation                            |  | Sacramento                                 | CA               |    |
| TreePeople  |  | Beverly Hills                              | CA               |    |
| Tree Musketeers                                       |  | El Segundo                                 | CA               |    |
| Tree Fresno   |  | Fresno                                     | CA               |    |
| Huntington Beach Tree Society, Inc.                   |  | Huntington Beach                           | CA               |    |
| Central Coast Region Urban Forest Council             |  | Goleta                                     | CA               |    |
| Goleta Valley Beautiful                               |  | Goleta                                     | CA               |    |
| Santa Barbara County Releaf                           |  | Lompoc                                     | CA               |    |
| Ojai Trees  |  | Ojai                                       | CA               |    |
| Colorado  |  | Native Communities Development Corporation | Colorado Springs | CO |
|   |  | Colorado Tree Coalition                    | Fort Collins     | CO |
| District of Columbia                                  | Trees for Capitol Hill   | Washington                                 | DC               |    |
| Delaware  | Delaware Center for Horticulture                                     | Wilmington                                 | DE               |    |
| Florida   | Citizens for a Better South Florida                                  | Miami                                      | FL               |    |
|   | TREEmendous Miami, Inc.  | Florida City                               | FL               |    |
|   | Keep Highlands County Beautiful                                      | Sebring                                    | FL               |    |
|   | Greenscape of Jacksonville, Inc.                                     | Jacksonville                               | FL               |    |
|   | Georgia  | Keep Bartow Beautiful                      | Cartersville     | GA |
| Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center           |  | Columbus                                   | GA               |    |
| Trees Atlanta   |  | Atlanta                                    | GA               |    |
| The Georgia Chapter, The American Chestnut Foundation |  | Calhoun                                    | GA               |    |
| Coastal Bryan Tree Foundation                         |  | Richmond Hill                              | GA               |    |
| Georgia Urban Forest Council                          |  | Decatur                                    | GA               |    |
| Keep Hall Beautiful                                   |  | Gainesville                                | GA               |    |
| Trees Columbus, Inc                                   |  | Columbus                                   | GA               |    |
| Sustaining Urban Villages                             |  | Clarkston                                  | GA               |    |
| Hands On Atlanta                                      |  | Atlanta                                    | GA               |    |
| Athens-Clarke County                                  |  | Athens                                     | GA               |    |
| Hawaii  | Friends of Hawaii's Urban Forest                                     | Kapolei                                    | HI               |    |
| Iowa  | Trees Forever  | Marion                                     | IA               |    |
| Illinois  | Openlands  | Chicago                                    | IL               |    |
| Indiana   | City of Muncie Urban Forestry Program                                | Muncie                                     | IN               |    |
|   | Trees Indiana  | Fort Wayne                                 | IN               |    |
|   | Indiana Urban Forest Council, Inc.                                   | Carmel                                     | IN               |    |
|   | Town of Avon   | Avon                                       | IN               |    |

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| Kansas                           | Bridging The Gap/Heartland Tree Alliance               | Kansas City                        | KS          |    |
| Kentucky                         | City of Bowling Green Community Tree Advisory Board    | Bowling Green                      | KY          |    |
|                                  | EON-US   | Louisville                         | KY          |    |
|                                  | Northern Kentucky Urban Forestry Council               | Burlington                         | KY          |    |
|                                  | Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government              | Lexington                          | KY          |    |
|                                  | Kentucky Arborists' Association                        | Clay City                          | KY          |    |
|                                  | Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Council          | Frankfort                          | KY          |    |
|                                  | Louisville Olmsted Parks Conservancy                   | Louisville                         | Ky          |    |
|                                  | Northern Kentucky Urban & Community Forestry Council   | Burlington                         | KY          |    |
|                                  | Banklick Watershed Council                             | Covington                          | KY          |    |
|                                  | Yew Dell Gardens                                       | Crestwood                          | KY          |    |
|                                  | Kentucky Division of Forestry                          | Frankfort                          | KY          |    |
|                                  | Louisiana  | Baton Rouge Green Association Inc. | Baton Rouge | LA |
|                                  |  | Parkway Partners                   | New Orleans | LA |
| Parkway Partners Program         |  | New Orleans                        | LA          |    |
| Louisiana Urban Forestry Council |  | Baton Rouge                        | LA          |    |
| Shreveport Green                 |  | Shreveport                         | LA          |    |
| Massachusetts                    | EarthWorks Projects, Inc.                              | Roxbury                            | MA          |    |
|                                  | Urban Ecology Institute                                | Chestnut Hill                      | MA          |    |
|                                  | Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust.                     | Lowell                             | MA          |    |
| Maryland                         | Center for Chesapeake Communities                      | Annapolis                          | MD          |    |
|                                  | City of Baltimore City, Office of the Mayor            | Baltimore                          | MD          |    |
| Michigan                         | City of Petersburg                                     | Petersburg                         | MI          |    |
|                                  | Washtenaw County Conservation District                 | Ann Arbor                          | MI          |    |
|                                  | Village of Elberta                                     | Elberta                            | MI          |    |
|                                  | City of Adrian Parks & Forestry Division               | Adrian                             | MI          |    |
|                                  | Village of Caledonia                                   | Caledonia                          | MI          |    |
|                                  | City of River Rouge                                    | River Rouge                        | MI          |    |
|                                  | City Of Frankenmuth                                    | Frankenmuth                        | MI          |    |
|                                  | City of Mount Clemens                                  | Mount Clemens                      | MI          |    |
|                                  | The City of Eastpointe Parks Division                  | Eastpointe                         | MI          |    |
|                                  | Charlevoix Shade Tree Commission                       | Charlevoix,                        | MI          |    |
|                                  | Springfield Township Parks and Recreation              | Davisburg                          | MI          |    |
|                                  | Grand Valley State University                          | Allendale                          | MI          |    |
|                                  | The Greening of Detroit                                | Detroit                            | MI          |    |
| Minnesota                        | City of Rochester                                      | Rochester                          | MN          |    |
|                                  | Majestic Tree Care, Inc                                | Minneapolis                        | MN          |    |
|                                  | Tree Trust   | St. Paul                           | MN          |    |
| Missouri                         | Missouri Community Forestry Council                    | Helena                             | MO          |    |
| Mississippi                      | Mississippi Urban Forest Council                       | Madison                            | MS          |    |
| North Carolina                   | Quality Forward  | Asheville                          | NC          |    |
|                                  | North Carolina Urban Forest Council                    | Winston-Salem                      | NC          |    |
|                                  | North Carolina Cooperative Extension                   | Greensboro                         | NC          |    |
|                                  | Trees Asheboro   | Asheboro                           | NC          |    |
| Nebraska                         | SiouxLand Soccer Foundation                            | South Sioux City                   | NE          |    |
|                                  | City of Lincoln  | Lincoln                            | NE          |    |
|                                  | Office of the Nebraska Capitol Commission              | Lincoln                            | NE          |    |
| New Jersey                       | NJ Nursery and Landscape Association                   | Bordentown                         | NJ          |    |
| Nevada                           | Nevada Shade Tree Council Inc                          | Elko                               | NV          |    |
| New York                         | New York Restoration Project                           | New York                           | NY          |    |
|                                  | Magnolia Tree Earth Center of Bedford Stuyvesant, Inc. | Brooklyn                           | NY          |    |
|                                  | Trees New York / NYC Street Tree Consortium            | New York                           | NY          |    |
|                                  | Friends of Van Cortlandt Park                          | Bronx                              | NY          |    |
| Oklahoma                         | The Tree Bank Foundation                               | Edmond                             | OK          |    |

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| Pennsylvania | UC Green  | Philadelphia     | PA |
|              | Cross Baltimore Tree Tenders  | Philadelphia     | PA |
|              | Pennsylvania Horticultural Society  | Philadelphia     | PA |
| Tennessee    | Tennessee Urban Forestry Council  | Nashville        | TN |
| Texas        | Golden Triangle Group Sierra Club   | Beaumont         | TX |
|              | West Texas Urban Forestry Council   | El Paso          | TX |
|              | Tarrant Coalition for Environmental Awareness                                   | Arlington        | TX |
|              | Vidor Azalea Garden Club  | Vidor            | TX |
|              | Brownsville Beautification Committee  | Brownsville      | TX |
|              | Valley Proud Environmental Council  | Harlingen        | TX |
|              | Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Dept.                                       | Corpus Christi   | TX |
|              | City of Dallas Urban Forest Advisory Committee                                  | Dallas           | TX |
|              | Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council  | Ft. Worth        | TX |
|              | City of Mansfield   | Mansfield        | TX |
|              | Keep Denton Beautiful   | Denton           | TX |
|              | Bob Jones Nature Center   | Southlake        | TX |
|              | City of Pflugerville Parks and Recreation                                       | Pflugerville     | TX |
| Utah         | TreeUtah  | Salt Lake City   | UT |
| Virginia     | New River Land Trust  | Blacksburg       | VA |
|              | Front Royal/Warren County Tree Stewards   | Linden           | VA |
|              | Valley Conservation Council   | Staunton         | VA |
|              | BikeWalk VA   | Williamsburg     | VA |
|              | Hampton Road Tree Care Association  | Chesapeake       | VA |
|              | VA Green Industry Council Inc   | Christiansburg   | VA |
|              | Roanoke Valley Urban Forest Council   | Roanoke          | VA |
|              | Rockbridge Area Master Gardeners  | Lexington        | VA |
|              | Winchester Trout Unlimited  | Winchester       | VA |
|              | Winchester Tree Commission  | Winchester       | VA |
|              | Lord Fairfax SWCD   | Stephens City    | VA |
|              | Shenandoah RC&D   | Verona           | VA |
|              | The Opequon Watershed Inc   | Winchester       | VA |
|              | LDC   | Richmond         | VA |
|              | Community Design Assistance Center  | Blacksburg       | VA |
|              | Roanoke Valley Urban Forest Council   | Roanoke          | VA |
|              | RSG Landscaping and Lawn Care, Inc.   | Concord          | VA |
|              | Beaver Creek Tree & Forestry Services   | Christiansburg   | VA |
|              | Lake Tree Farm  | Bedford          | VA |
|              | Trees Virginia (VA Urban Forest Council)  | Charlottesville  | VA |
|              | Tree Stewards of Greater Lynchburg  | Lynchburg        | VA |
|              | Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the International Society of<br>Arboriculture (MAC-ISA) | Haymarket        | VA |
|              | The VA Horticultural Foundation   | VA Beach         | VA |
|              | Citizens for a Clean Environment  | Martinsville     | VA |
|              | Front Royal/Warren County Tree Stewards   | Front Royal      | VA |
|              | Gateway Streetscape Foundation  | Collinsville, VA | VA |
| Washington   | Gaia's Blessings  | Issaquah         | WA |
| Wisconsin    | Cassity Tree Service, Inc.  | Sturtevant       | WI |
| Wyoming      | Wyoming Urban Forestry Council  | Cheyenne         | WY |