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At the end of title II of division L, insert the following:

Subtitle E—Urban Wood Programs

SEC. 82501. URBAN WOOD PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 21. URBAN WOOD PROGRAMS.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) INNOVATIVE URBAN WOOD PRODUCT.—The term ‘innovative urban wood product’ means a wood product that uses wood residues and byproducts from urban forest management, building deconstruction, and other related sources of wood generated in urban areas.

“(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary, acting through the Research and Development Deputy Area and the State and Private Forestry Deputy Area of the Forest Service.
“(3) WOOD PRODUCT.—The term ‘wood product’ includes—

“(A) building material made of wood;

“(B) a durable home product made of wood; and

“(C) a woody residue used for bioenergy.

“(b) URBAN WOOD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.—

“(1) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this subsection, the term ‘eligible entity’ means—

“(A) a unit of State, Tribal, or local government;

“(B) a land-grant college or university (as defined in section 1404 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)) or other institution of higher education;

“(C) a nonprofit organization; and

“(D) any other entity, as determined by the Secretary.

“(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish a program to facilitate the use of innovative urban wood products in incorporated cities and towns in the United States by—
“(A) conducting performance-driven research and development relating to the potential sources and uses of urban wood products;

“(B) providing education and technical assistance to eligible entities relating to the potential sources and uses of urban wood products; and

“(C) awarding grants under paragraph (5).

“(3) COLLABORATION.—In carrying out the program established under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall obtain input and guidance from, and collaborate with—

“(A) the wood products industry;

“(B) conservation organizations;

“(C) community organizations; and

“(D) institutions of higher education.

“(4) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall carry out subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) at the Forest Products Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture or through the State and Private Forestry Deputy Area in a manner that meets the needs of municipalities, private companies,
trade and technical schools, and other entities that work with urban wood.

“(5) GRANTS.—After obtaining input and guidance from the entities described in paragraph (3), the Secretary shall award grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities to conduct research and development and provide education and technical assistance that—

“(A) increases the use of urban wood; and
“(B) provides increased employment opportunities in the urban wood industry and related fields.

“(6) PRIORITIES.—In carrying out the program established under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall give priority to projects and activities that—

“(A)(i) identify new products that can be created from urban wood; or
“(ii) improve on existing processes to produce innovative urban wood products with greater efficiency and quality;
“(B) facilitate improved commercialization of innovative urban wood products;
“(C) engage unemployed and underemployed persons in disadvantaged communities
in worker training, full-time employment, and
incubation of new commercial enterprises; and

“(D) increase the carbon mitigation benefit
of the management of urban wood, as measured
by the lifecycle environmental footprint of a
wood product or production process, beginning
with the collection of raw urban wood materials
and ending with the manufacturing process.

“(7) Timeframe.—To the maximum extent
practicable, the measurable performance goals for
the research and development, education, and tech-
nical assistance conducted under the program estab-
lished under paragraph (2) shall be achievable with-
in a 10-year timeframe beginning on the date of es-
tablishment of the program.

“(e) Urban Wood Building Competition.—Be-
ginning in fiscal year 2021, the Secretary shall carry out
an annual competition, in accordance with section 24 of
the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980
(15 U.S.C. 3719), for—

“(1) innovative urban wood products and manu-
facturing processes; or

“(2) other innovative wood product demonstra-
tions.
“(d) FUNDING.—Of the funds of the Reforestation Trust Fund established under section 303 of Public Law 96–451 (16 U.S.C. 1606a), the Secretary shall use $35,000,000 each fiscal year to carry out this section.”.

(b) URBAN WOOD INNOVATION GRANTS.—Section 8643 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 7655d) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) INNOVATIVE URBAN WOOD PRODUCT.—The term ‘innovative urban wood product’ means a wood product that uses wood residues and byproducts from urban forest management, building deconstruction, and other related sources of wood generated in urban areas.”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “(October 20, 2015)), may” and inserting the following: “(October 20, 2015))—

“(A) may”;
(B) in subparagraph (A) (as so designated), by striking the period at the end and inserting ‘‘; and’’; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

‘‘(B) shall, to the maximum extent practicable, award 1 or more wood innovation grants each year to eligible entities for the purpose of advancing the use of innovative urban wood products.’’; and

(3) in subsection (c), by striking ‘‘under subsection (b)(2)’’ and inserting ‘‘for grants under subsection (b)(1)(A)’’.