

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-22**  
**OFFERED BY MS. KAPTUR OF OHIO**

At the end of part III of subtitle D of title VIII, add the following:

**1 SEC. 8435. URBAN WOOD RECLAMATION PILOT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) PILOT PROJECTS.—Subject to the availability of  
3 appropriations authorized by subsection (e), the Secretary  
4 shall establish a pilot program under which the Sec-  
5 retary—

6 (1) shall seek to enter into cooperative agree-  
7 ments with eligible entities in not fewer than 2 and  
8 not more than 5 urban or suburban municipalities  
9 under which each such eligible entity will carrying  
10 out a pilot program demonstration project within the  
11 urban or suburban municipality, with assistance  
12 from the Secretary; and

13 (2) may provide, subject to a cooperative agree-  
14 ment in paragraph (1), Federal funding and such  
15 other assistance as the Secretary determines nec-  
16 essary for the eligible entity

17 (b) SELECTION.—

1           (1) APPLICATION.—The Secretary may estab-  
2           lish an application process through which eligible en-  
3           tity may submit to the Secretary a request—

4                   (A) to enter into a cooperative agreement  
5                   under the Program; and

6                   (B) at such time, in such form, and includ-  
7                   ing such information as the Secretary deter-  
8                   mines appropriate.

9           (2) SELECTION CRITERIA.—Not later than 180  
10           days after the date of enactment of this Act, subject  
11           to paragraph (3), the Secretary shall establish cri-  
12           teria for use selecting eligible entities to enter into  
13           a cooperative agreement with under the Program.

14           (3) REQUIRED CONSIDERATIONS.—In selecting  
15           eligible entities to enter into a cooperative agreement  
16           with under the Program, the Secretary shall con-  
17           sider—

18                   (A) the pilot program demonstration  
19                   project proposed to be carried out by each such  
20                   eligible entity; and

21                   (B) the geographic balance of all selected  
22                   eligible entities so to ensure, to the extent prac-  
23                   ticable, that pilot program demonstration  
24                   projects are carried out in different regions of  
25                   the United States.

1 (c) NON-FEDERAL SHARE REQUIREMENT.—The  
2 non-Federal share of a pilot program demonstration  
3 project carried out under a cooperative agreement under  
4 the Program—

5 (1) shall be not less than 25 percent of the esti-  
6 mated cost of the project; and

7 (2) may be paid for using funds, in-kind con-  
8 tributions, or both.

9 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the com-  
10 pletion of all pilot program demonstration projects carried  
11 out under a cooperative agreement under the Program,  
12 the Secretary shall submit to the shall submit to the ap-  
13 propriate committee of Congress a report that includes,  
14 with respect to each such pilot program demonstration  
15 project—

16 (1) an evaluation of the results of the project;  
17 and

18 (2) an assessment on the effectiveness of the  
19 project in demonstrating how, if at all—

20 (A) municipal tree waste generated from  
21 tree removals due to death, decline, disease,  
22 damage, construction, or safety concerns may  
23 be converted into a community asset while sup-  
24 porting workforce development and economic in-  
25 vestment;

1 (B) such tree waste can be reclaimed and  
2 repurposed into lumber products and other  
3 wood products for use by an eligible entity ful-  
4 filling community needs or economic purposes;  
5 and

6 (C) student learning and skills-based work-  
7 force development in urban tree management,  
8 carpentry, and woodworking trades may be in-  
9 tegrated into such structured approach.

10 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
11 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for use car-  
12 rying out this section \$6,300,000, to remain available  
13 until expended, for each of fiscal years 2027 through  
14 2031.

15 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-  
17 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-  
18 gress” means—

19 (A) the Committees on Natural Resources  
20 and Agriculture of the House of Representa-  
21 tives; and

22 (B) the Committees on Energy and Nat-  
23 ural Resources and Agriculture, Nutrition, and  
24 Forestry of the Senate.

1           (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
2           ty” means a local government, including a municipal  
3           government and a county government, or a city  
4           planning office.

5           (3) PILOT PROGRAM DEMONSTRATION  
6           PROJECT.—The term “pilot program demonstration  
7           project” means a project designed to demonstrate  
8           how, if at all—

9                   (A) a structured approach to diverting usa-  
10                  ble wood from routine tree removals may be put  
11                  to beneficial reuse;

12                   (B) municipal tree waste generated from  
13                  tree removals due to death, decline, disease,  
14                  damage, construction, or safety concerns may  
15                  be converted into a community asset while sup-  
16                  porting workforce development and economic in-  
17                  vestment;

18                   (C) such tree waste can be reclaimed and  
19                  repurposed into lumber products and other  
20                  wood products for use by an eligible entity ful-  
21                  filling community needs or economic purposes;  
22                  and

23                   (D) student learning and skills-based  
24                  workforce development in urban tree manage-

1           ment, carpentry, and woodworking trades may  
2           be integrated into such structured approach.

3           (4) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means  
4           the Pilot program established under subsection (a).

