

**AMENDMENT TO DIVISION A OF  
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At the end of division A, add the following:

1       **TITLE IV—URBAN FORESTS**

2       **SEC. 401. URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY ASSISTANCE.**

3       (a) TREE CITY USA GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 9  
4 of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16  
5 U.S.C. 2105) is amended—

6               (1) by redesignating subsections (h) and (i) as  
7 subsections (j) and (k), respectively; and

8               (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-  
9 lowing;

10       “(h) TREE CITY USA GRANT PROGRAM.—

11               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-  
12 lish a grant program to be known as the ‘Tree City  
13 USA Grant Program’ to provide competitive grants  
14 to eligible entities to enhance and maintain urban  
15 forests.

16               “(2) APPLICATION.—

17               “(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to be  
18 awarded a grant under paragraph (1), an eligi-  
19 ble entity shall submit an application to the

1 Secretary at such time, in such manner, and  
2 containing such information as the Secretary  
3 may require, including a proposal to enhance  
4 and maintain urban forests.

5 “(B) APPLICATION ASSISTANCE.—A non-  
6 profit organization that partners with an eligi-  
7 ble entity may submit an application under sub-  
8 paragraph (A) on behalf of such eligible entity.

9 “(3) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under  
10 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall give priority to el-  
11 igible entities that submit proposals under para-  
12 graph (2)(A) that—

13 “(A) enhance, maintain, or improve access  
14 to urban forests in—

15 “(i) typically underserved areas; or

16 “(ii) areas with low tree or environ-  
17 mental equity;

18 “(B) further a statewide assessment or  
19 local government initiative to enhance and  
20 maintain urban forests;

21 “(C) include a plan to mitigate risks from  
22 insects, disease, and non-native invasive species;  
23 and

24 “(D) include a plan to monitor and main-  
25 tain new and existing trees.

1           “(4) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary  
2           may provide technical assistance to local govern-  
3           ments to assist such local governments with—

4                   “(A) becoming eligible entities; and

5                   “(B) proposals under paragraph (2)(A).

6           “(5) MATCHING FUNDS.—An eligible entity  
7           that receives a grant under this subsection shall con-  
8           tribute an amount of non-Federal funds (in cash or  
9           in kind) that is at least equal to the amount of the  
10          Federal funds received.

11          “(6) PREMIER TREE CITY.—Not later than 1  
12          year after the date of the enactment of Wildfire Re-  
13          sponse and Drought Resiliency Act, and annually  
14          through 2030 thereafter, the Secretary shall des-  
15          ignate as a ‘Premier Tree City’ one eligible entity  
16          awarded a grant under this subsection to recognize  
17          the superior efforts of such eligible entity in enhanc-  
18          ing and maintaining urban forests.

19          “(7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In  
20          addition to the amounts authorized under subsection  
21          (k), there are authorized to be appropriated  
22          \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through  
23          2030 to carry out this subsection.

1           “(8) ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.—In this sub-  
2           section, the term ‘eligible entity’ means a local gov-  
3           ernment that—

4                   “(A) serves an urban and community area;

5                   and

6                   “(B) a tree planting non-profit organiza-  
7                   tion recognizes as having—

8                           “(i) a tree board or department;

9                           “(ii) a tree care ordinance;

10                           “(iii) a community forestry program  
11                           with an annual budget of at least \$2 per  
12                           capita; and

13                           “(iv) an Arbor Day observance and  
14                           proclamation.”.

15           (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR URBAN WOOD  
16           UTILIZATION.—Section 9 of the Cooperative Forestry As-  
17           sistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2105), as amended by  
18           subsection (a), is further amended by inserting after sub-  
19           section (h) the following:

20                   “(i) PILOT PROJECT FOR COOPERATIVE AGREE-  
21                   MENTS FOR URBAN WOOD UTILIZATION.—

22                           “(1) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Sec-  
23                           retary may enter into cooperative agreements with  
24                           State and local governments, institutions of higher  
25                           education, private or non-profit organizations, and

1 other entities that support projects that create wood  
2 products from dead and fallen trees in urban and  
3 community areas.

4 “(2) PRIORITIZATION.—The Secretary shall  
5 prioritize entering into cooperative agreements  
6 that—

7 “(A) support local job creation;

8 “(B) are located in typically underserved  
9 areas or areas with low tree or environmental  
10 equity;

11 “(C) develop new uses for dead and fallen  
12 trees; and

13 “(D) improve urban forest health and re-  
14 siliency.

15 “(3) TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSIST-  
16 ANCE.—The Secretary may provide technical or fi-  
17 nancial assistance to entities that enter into a coop-  
18 erative agreement under paragraph (1) to facili-  
19 tate—

20 “(A) research on new uses for dead and  
21 fallen trees in urban and community areas; and

22 “(B) market expansion opportunities for  
23 products made from dead and fallen trees in  
24 urban and community areas.

1           “(4) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
2           date of the enactment of the Wildfire Response and  
3           Drought Resiliency Act, the Secretary shall provide  
4           a report to the relevant committees on—

5                   “(A) the implementation of this subsection;  
6           and

7                   “(B) recommendations to encourage eco-  
8           nomic development and job creation by creating  
9           new markets for wood products made from  
10          urban timber sources.

11          “(5) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

12                   “(A) DEAD AND FALLEN TREES.—The  
13          term ‘dead and fallen trees’ means trees that—

14                           “(i) are dying or have died;

15                           “(ii) have partially or completely fall-  
16          en over; or

17                           “(iii) have been negatively impacted  
18          by insects, disease, or weather-related dis-  
19          turbances.

20                   “(B) RELEVANT COMMITTEES.—The term  
21          ‘relevant committees’ means—

22                           “(i) the Committees on Natural Re-  
23          sources and Agriculture of the House of  
24          Representatives; and

1                   “(ii) the Committees on Energy and  
2                   Natural Resources and Agriculture, Nutri-  
3                   tion, and Forestry of the Senate.”.

4           (c) PROGRAM OF EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL AS-  
5           SISTANCE CLARIFICATION FOR CARBON STORAGE.—Sec-  
6           tion 9(d)(3) of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act  
7           of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2105(d)(3)) is amended—

8                   (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and”  
9                   after the semicolon;

10                   (2) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “and”  
11                   after the semicolon; and

12                   (3) by inserting at the end the following new  
13                   subparagraph:

14                           “(E) identifying opportunities to increase  
15                           carbon storage through afforestation and sci-  
16                           entific urban and community forestry manage-  
17                           ment;”.

18           (d) NATIONAL URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY  
19           ADVISORY COUNCIL.—Section 9(g) of the Cooperative  
20           Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2105(g)) is  
21           amended—

22                   (1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the  
23                   following new subparagraph:

1           “(F) MEETINGS.—The Council established  
2           under this subsection shall meet not less than  
3           twice annually.”; and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following new  
5           paragraph:

6           “(7) RENEWAL OF COUNCIL.—

7           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30  
8           days after the date of the enactment of the  
9           Wildfire Response and Drought Resiliency Act,  
10          the Secretary shall renew the Council.

11          “(B) TERMINATION.—The Council shall  
12          not terminate except as provided by an Act of  
13          Congress.”.

14          (e) URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY ACTION  
15          PLAN CLARIFICATION FOR CARBON STORAGE.—Section  
16          9(g)(3) of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of  
17          1978 (16 U.S.C. 2105(g)(3)) is amended by adding at the  
18          end the following:

19          “(G) Recommendations for identifying op-  
20          portunities to increase carbon storage through  
21          afforestation and scientific urban and commu-  
22          nity forestry management.”.

23          (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Sub-  
24          section (k) of section 9 of the Cooperative Forestry Assist-



1 ance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2105), as redesignated by  
2 subsection (a), is amended—

3 (1) by striking “\$30,000,000” and inserting  
4 “\$50,000,000”; and

5 (2) by striking “fiscal years 1991 through  
6 1995” and inserting “fiscal years 2021 through  
7 2025”.

8 **SEC. 402. CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CENTER URBAN FOR-**  
9 **ESTRY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

10 Section 147(d) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-  
11 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3197(d)) is amended by adding  
12 at the end the following:

13 “(4) URBAN FORESTRY.—

14 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1  
15 year after the date of the enactment of this  
16 paragraph, the Secretary of Agriculture and the  
17 Secretary of Labor shall jointly establish Civil-  
18 ian Conservation Centers in urban and commu-  
19 nity areas (as defined in subsection (j) of sec-  
20 tion 9 of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance  
21 Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2105)).

22 “(B) FOCUS.—In addition to the training  
23 and skills required under paragraph (1), the Ci-  
24 vilian Conservation Centers established pursu-  
25 ant to subparagraph (A) shall provide training

1 on urban forestry issues, including urban forest  
2 conservation, management, maintenance, and  
3 monitoring.”.

4 **SEC. 403. FOREST INVENTORY 5-YEAR REPORTS.**

5 Section 3(e)(3) of the Forest and Rangeland Renew-  
6 able Resources Research Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.  
7 1642(e)(3)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at  
9 the end;

10 (2) in subparagraph (C)—

11 (A) by inserting “, including forest car-  
12 bon” before “over the previous”; and

13 (B) by striking the period at the end and  
14 inserting “; and”; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(D) demonstrates the efforts taken by the  
17 Forest Service to—

18 “(i) conduct a strategic national forest  
19 inventory by measuring a statistically de-  
20 signed consistent historical series of field  
21 plots in combination with advanced tech-  
22 nology to improve data, information, and  
23 estimates of precision; and

24 “(ii) use advanced geospatial tech-  
25 nologies to improve the area and volume

1 estimates described in clause (i), especially  
2 for sub-State regions and smaller areas.”.

3 **SEC. 404. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO COORDI-**  
4 **NATE URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAMS.**

5 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-  
6 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall enter  
7 into a memorandum of understanding with the Secretaries  
8 of Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban De-  
9 velopment, Interior, Labor, and Transportation and the  
10 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency  
11 to—

12 (1) identify strategies to increase equitable ac-  
13 cess to urban forests through existing programs and  
14 authorities;

15 (2) coordinate existing urban forestry pro-  
16 grams;

17 (3) conduct research on the benefits of urban  
18 forests for air quality, heat island mitigation, energy  
19 burden reduction, and enhanced shading for heat-re-  
20 sistant housing and active transit; and

21 (4) conduct research on improving coordination  
22 between the agencies to address insects, disease, and  
23 non-native invasive species in urban and community  
24 areas.

