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Where as,

- Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, as amended and codified in **USC Title 16, Chapter 41, § 2104**, gives the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to: “establish a monitoring system throughout the forests of the United States to determine detrimental changes or improvements that occur over time, and report annually concerning such surveys and monitoring” and
- “assist urban areas and communities in conducting inventories of their forest resources, including inventories of the species, number, location, and health of trees in urban areas”

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- And where as,
- The **Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978** (PL 95-307), which replaced the earlier Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (RPA) instructed the Secretary to:
“...obtain, analyze, develop, demonstrate, and disseminate scientific information about protecting, managing, and utilizing forest and rangeland renewable resources in **rural, suburban, and urban** areas.”

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Be it resolved, by the 2006 FHM Urban Focus Group, that:

- 1. Urban FIA data will be consistent with FIADB format, similar to regional FIA variants. This will facilitate summarization and detection of change. Urban measurements will be used to estimate characteristics specific to urban forests such as: energy conservation, carbon sequestration, air pollution removal, urban wood utilization, etc.**

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2. That existence of FIA data in urban forests will facilitate the efficient design of other FHM activities such as risk mapping, detection of insects and diseases, wildland - urban interface management/planning, and others.

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3. Analysis and reporting of currently collected data will be completed by December 2006.

And finally,

4. That the FHM management team give the Urban Focus Group an indication of the conditions under which an urban forest health monitoring program would be implemented.