

COLORADO URBAN FORESTRY CLIMATE COALITION[®]

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PROJECT
PROSPECTUS

Mitigate climate change.
Support urban forestry.

The goal of The Colorado Urban Forestry Climate Coalition[®] (CUFCC[®]) is to harness the greenhouse gas offset potential of urban forests in small and medium-sized communities to generate new funds for forestry and improve human health and the urban environment.

The Institute for Environmental Solutions (IES) is an independent Denver, Colorado-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that engages stakeholders to deliver proactive, technically sound solutions to complex environmental and natural resource problems that avoid unwanted side effects.

In the CUFCC[®] project, IES will help Colorado communities establish a unique climate change mitigation program that turns urban trees into valuable carbon credits.

What's in it for you?

By participating in the Colorado Urban Forestry Climate Coalition you can:

- Become a leader in mitigating greenhouse gases
- Earn money for urban environmental improvement
- Create awareness of climate change and its impacts throughout your community
- Encourage the growth of healthy, environmentally beneficial urban forests in Colorado
- Participate in a one-of-a kind initiative to improve the environment locally and globally

GET INVOLVED

1. Join the CUFCC Stakeholder Advisory Committee
 - Meet quarterly with a diverse group to make the CUFCC as effective as it can be
 - Provide feedback on project goals, design, and approach
2. Generate support in your community
 - Tell your foresters and city officials that you support the CUFCC
 - Support IES, the project organizer
3. Contact IES to find out more
 - Email: solutions@i4es.org
 - Phone: 303 388 5211



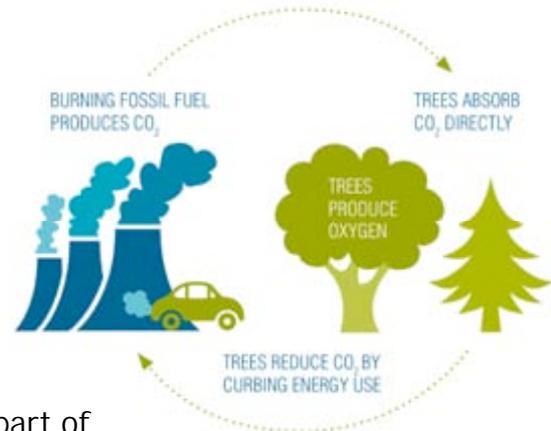
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CUFCC PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Assemble a broad range of stakeholders to participate in project planning and oversight
2. Characterize the critical environmental impacts of urban forestry
3. Aggregate participating communities' urban forestry projects and sell them as offsets
4. Evaluate and share the project's successes and setbacks with a national audience

BENEFITS OF STRATEGIC URBAN FORESTRY

- Reduce ozone air pollution
- Improve stormwater management
- Conserve building energy use
- *And sequester carbon dioxide!*



TREES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change is an issue of global concern. Urban forests can be part of the solution.

Carbon dioxide is a major greenhouse gas and a big part of the climate change problem. Trees sequester carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Some is released as trees grow but, in places like Colorado's Front Range, urban forests planted and maintained strategically can sequester and store more carbon dioxide than they release.

IES and our partners in CUFCC[®] are committed to healthy urban forests to protect and improve the environment locally and globally.



STAKEHOLDER CATEGORIES

- Community foresters
- Community planners
- Utility managers
- Local and federal government
- Businesses and industry groups
- Educators
- Environmental activists

PROJECT PARTNERS

- XCEL Energy Foundation
- Colorado Tree Coalition
- National Carbon Offset Coalition (NCO)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the CUFCC[®] website at www.i4es.org/climatecoalition.html

TIMELINE

Preliminary plan
 Stakeholder identification and outreach
 Scoping workshop / Final plan
 Impact investigation
 Baseline data collection / application
 Evaluation and reporting

Fall / Winter 2008-09
 Winter 2008-09
 Spring 2009
 Summer / Fall 2009
 Spring / Summer 2010
 Winter 2010-11