



Urban Forest Project Protocol v1.1

Protocol Summary

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Project Definition

A planned set of tree planting and maintenance activities to permanently increase carbon storage.

Includes urban forest greenhouse gas (GHG) projects:

- ✦ By municipalities
- ✦ On educational campuses
- ✦ By utilities

Project Eligibility Requirements

Location: Project must be:

- 1 Within the U.S. or its territories or on U.S. tribal lands
- 2 Within the boundary of an entity
 - a Municipality – along streets, in parks, city golf courses, cemeteries, near city buildings, greenbelts, city parking lots and other public open space or on private property
 - b Educational campus – along streets, near classrooms, dorms, office buildings, near recreational fields and other facilities, parking lots, arboretums and other open space
 - c Utility – in parks, streets, parking lots, private property and open spaces

Start Date: Any project submitted within six months of becoming operational.

Performance Standard: Better than “business as usual”

- ✦ Municipalities and educational campuses – net tree gain greater than zero (0)
- ✦ Utilities – all trees planted under a residential tree planting program

Legal Requirement Test: Project developer attests that there are no federal, state or local regulations or other legally binding mandates for planting street, park or parking lot trees and must sign the Attestation of Voluntary Implementation. The project is subject to a review of the Legal Requirement Test for each reporting period.

Regulatory Compliance: Project must be in compliance with all applicable laws related to project activity. Project developer must sign the Attestation of Regulatory Compliance for each reporting period.

Other Eligibility Requirements

- ✦ Project monitoring: tree maintenance plan, tree monitoring plan, GHG emissions sequestration and activity data
- ✦ Project lifetime of 100 years
- ✦ Inclusion of CO₂ emissions from vehicles and equipment related to tree planting and care
- ✦ Register reductions with only one registry
- ✦ Project trees must have an average spacing of no less than five meters
- ✦ Urban Forest GHG Projects must exceed any applicable regulations or statutes

Crediting Period: Projects are eligible to receive credits for 100 years.

Required and Optional Categories for Reporting

- ✦ Required:
 - ✦ Carbon storage in standing trees
 - ✦ GHG emissions from motor vehicles related to tree planting, care and monitoring
 - ✦ GHG emissions from equipment related to tree planting and care

- ✦ Optional (do not contribute to GHG reduction credits):
 - ✦ Reduced GHG emissions from energy conservation
 - ✦ Displaced GHG emissions from bioenergy