



Urban Forest Project Reporting Protocol v1.0

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 United States or its territories
- 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: January 1, 2001

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

Regulatory Test: Trees that are planted to comply with federal, state or local regulatory requirements may not be considered project trees

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 must have an average spacing of no less than five meters between trees
- ✦ 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

Important Note: This is only a summary of the protocol. Please read the full protocol for a complete description of project requirements.