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**SUMMARY OF REVISIONS FROM
URBAN FOREST PROJECT PROTOCOL VERSION 1.0 TO 1.1
March 10, 2010**

In addition to minor editorial changes in the Urban Forest Project Protocol, Version 1.1 incorporates the following significant changes from Version 1.0:

- 1. Update to the start date language (Section 3.2, pg. 4).**

The start date language has been adjusted to reflect the new start date policy adopted by the Reserve Board on 10/07/09. The new start date policy requires all projects to submit for listing with the Reserve no more than 6 months following the operational start date of the project. Urban Forest projects with start dates going back to 1/1/2001 were only eligible to register with the Reserve if they submitted for listing no later than 3/1/2010. Thus the Reserve is only accepting Urban Forest projects that submit for listing no more than 6 months after their operational start date. To view the new policy, visit: <http://www.climateactionreserve.org/how/program/program-manual/>
- 2. Added methodology for quantifying GHG emissions from vehicles and equipment for municipalities with insufficient data (Section 6.4, pg. 17).**

A default emission factor is provided for calculating GHG emissions from tree planting and maintenance activities for municipal projects that have insufficient data records of fuel use or equipment hourly usage. This default emission factor is applicable only for municipal Urban Forest projects.
- 3. Clarification of the Reporting schedule (Section 10.5, pg. 25).**

The Reporting schedule language has been updated to clarify that project developers must report GHG reductions resulting from planned tree planting activities during each reporting period. A reporting period cannot exceed five years, and no more than five years of emission reductions can be verified at once. A report containing annual GHG reduction calculation results and the tree maintenance plan must be submitted to the Reserve annually.
- 4. Update to the Verification schedule (Section 10.5, 11.1 and 11.2 pgs. 25-26).**

The verification schedule was updated to clarify verification site visits must occur prior to the project being registered and at least once every six years thereafter. In years when the project is not subject to a site visit, annual GHG reduction reports may be submitted to a

verifier for desk review, for the purpose of determining creditable GHG reductions and removals. After a project is registered, verification site visits must occur at least once every six years. Furthermore, a report containing annual GHG reduction calculation results and the tree maintenance plan must be submitted to the Reserve annually.