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Urban Forest Management Project Protocol Summary of Revisions

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In addition to minor editorial changes, the Urban Forest Management Project Protocol (UFMPP) Version 1.1 incorporates the following significant changes from Version 1.0.

- **Clarified aggregation options (Section 2.2).** The UFMPP was updated to clarify that any valid Project Operator may aggregate projects. This was previously limited to municipalities and/or counties.
- **Clarified US Census project location parameters (Section 3.1).** This section has been clarified to express that projects may occur in Incorporated Places and Census Designated Places, as well as clarifying that Urban Clusters are included in the protocol definition of “Urban Areas.” Additional language was added to clarify the resolution of discrepancies between GIS acres and county assessor’s parcel acreage.
- **Clarified enhancement payments (Section 3.4.3).** This section has been added into the protocol, to reflect the Reserve’s thinking on offset projects pursuing outside funding. This language is consistent with the policy set forth in the Forest and Grassland Project Protocols.
- **Added excluded SSR (Section 4).** UF-14 (biological emissions/removals from changes in urban tree planting and management outside the project area) has been added as an excluded source, to clarify the Reserve’s thinking on this SSR.
- **Clarified use of ratio estimators (Section 5).** This section has been clarified to accommodate the use of default ratio estimators, as described in the Quantification Guidance for Urban Forest Management Projects.
- **Clarified projection of project baseline (Section 5.1).** This section has been clarified to address expectations for historical canopy cover images, and to align the baseline projection with the length of the crediting period.
- **Clarified verification requirements and guidance (Sections 7 and 8).** Requirements throughout these sections have been reorganized for clarity. These sections have also been revised to reflect that site visits are optional for projects using default ratio estimators.
- **Incorporated the use of default ratio estimators (Quantification Guidance).** The Urban Forest Management Quantification Guidance has been revised throughout to incorporate the option of using published default ratio estimators. Previously, projects were required to use field inventories to establish their own project-specific ratio estimators – a time-consuming and costly endeavor.