



## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA),

**ACTION:** Solicitation of nominations for membership.

**SUMMARY** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking nominations to fill fourteen (14) positions for the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (Council). The Council advises the Secretary of Agriculture, USDA Forest Service, and related Federal agencies on community and urban forestry, related natural resources, and other such matters as the Secretary determines.

**DATES:** Nominations must be submitted via email (preferred), or postmarked, by February 17, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations and resumes to the Secretary of Agriculture through the USDA Forest Service, Nancy Stremple, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), [nancy.stremple@usda.gov](mailto:nancy.stremple@usda.gov), Subject line: 2026 NUCFAC Nominations (preferred), or mail to USDA Forest Service, Nancy Stremple, DFO, 201 14<sup>th</sup> and Independence, SW, Washington, DC 20250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inquiries may be sent to Nancy Stremple, DFO, [nancy.stremple@usda.gov](mailto:nancy.stremple@usda.gov) or mailed to USDA Forest Service, Nancy Stremple, DFO, 201 14<sup>th</sup> and Independence, SW, Washington, DC 20250.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The Council is authorized through 16 U.S.C. § 2105, section 9 of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1990 (ACT) as amended, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. 10), directs the Secretary of Agriculture

to create a fifteen member National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council consisting of fairly balanced representation from urban and community forestry:

- 2 members representing national nonprofit forestry and conservation citizen organizations,
- 3 members, 1 each representing State, county, and city and town governments,
- 1 member representing the forest products, nursery, or related industries,
- 1 member representing urban forestry, landscape, or design consultants,
- 2 members representing academic institutions with expertise in urban and community forestry activities,
- 1 member representing State forestry agencies or equivalent State agencies,
- 1 member representing a professional renewable natural resources or arboricultural society,
- 1 member from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture,
- 1 member representing the USDA Forest Service,
- 2 members who are not officers or employees of any governmental body, 1 of whom is a resident of a community with a population of less than 50,000 as of the most recent census and both of whom have expertise and have been active in urban and community forestry.

The Forest Service position is not open for nomination.

The Council's primary responsibilities include: (1) Develop a 10 year National Urban and Community Forestry Action Plan in accordance with section 9 (g) (3) (A-F) of the Act; (2) Evaluate the implementation of that plan annually; and (3) Develop criteria for, and submit recommendations with respect to, the Forest Service's National Urban and Community Forestry challenge cost-share grant program as required by section 9 (f) (1-2) of the Act. The Council will be governed by the provisions of FACA. Council

members serve a three (3) year term and may be reappointed for a second and final three-year term.

### **Membership Nomination Information**

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. Interested candidates may nominate themselves. Individuals who wish to be considered for membership on the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council must submit a nomination with information, including an encrypted background disclosure form (Form AD-755). Nominations should be typed and include the following:

1. If nominating an individual, a brief summary, no more than two pages, explaining the nominee's qualifications to serve on the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council and addressing the applicable membership composition and criteria described above.

2. A resume providing the nominee's background, experience, and educational qualifications related to the position(s) they are applying for.

3. Required background information form. A completed Advisory Committee Background Information form (AD-755) signed and encrypted by the nominee is available online at <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755-advisory-committee-commodity-board-background-information.pdf>.

4. Letters of recommendations or endorsements are optional.

Equal opportunity practices, in accordance with USDA policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Council.

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