



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (Council) will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. The Council is authorized under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Council is responsible for developing a ten-year action plan, evaluating the implementation of that plan annually, and developing criteria and submitting recommendations for the forestry challenge cost-share grant program.

DATES: A virtual meeting will be held on April 10, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

Written and Oral Comments: Anyone wishing to provide in-person or virtual oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on April 2, 2026.

Written public comments will be accepted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on April 2, 2026. Comments submitted after this date will be provided by the Forest Service to the Council, but Council members may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting.

All National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held virtually via telephone and video conference. Members of the public may participate in the meeting by joining via videoconference at

Microsoft Teams:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/27732464730278?p=dSlyanv5eyjVDIj7Wg>, Meeting ID: 277 324 647 302 78, Passcode: Qm6n7Eu6; or Dial in by phone +1 202-650-0123, United States, Washington; Phone conference ID: 520152909#. Council information and meeting details can be found at the following website,

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf>, or by contacting the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Written Comments: Written comments must be sent by email to nancy.stremple@usda.gov or via mail to Nancy Stremple, 201 14th Street SW, Sidney Yates Building 3SC-01B, Washington, DC 20024. The Forest Service strongly prefers comments to be submitted electronically.

Oral Comments: Persons or organizations wishing to make oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 Eastern Daylight Time, April 2, 2026, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Oral comments must be sent by email to nancy.stremple@usda.gov or via mail to Nancy Stremple, 201 14th Street SW, Sidney Yates Building 3SC-01B, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Stremple, Designated Federal Officer, by email at nancy.stremple@usda.gov (recommended) or by phone at (202) 205-7829. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service then provide the phone number of the person named as a point of contact for further information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Introduce the National Urban and Community Forestry Council members and guests;
2. Update on the Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program;
3. Update on the national ten-year action plan (2027–2037);

4. Discuss status of the Council nominations;
5. Discuss status of the national grant program;
6. Listen to public input;
7. Hear about partner activities;
8. Identify other items and;
9. Discuss next meeting and close meeting.

The purpose of the Council is to develop a national urban and community forestry ten-year action plan in accordance with section 9 (g)(3)(A-F) of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act (the Act), evaluate and report annually on the implementation of that plan to the Secretary, and develop criteria, 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.

Please contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, by or before the deadline, for all questions related to the meeting. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received upon request.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make a request in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation. For access to proceedings, please contact the person listed in the section titled FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Equal opportunity practices, in accordance with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Council.

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Dated: March 17, 2026.

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USDA Committee Management Officer.

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