

Illinois Forestry Development Council
Urban and Community Forestry Committee By-Laws

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SECTION 1. Purpose

This document represents the By-Laws for the Illinois Urban and Community Forestry Committee of the Illinois Forestry Development Council. The Council and this Committee was created back in 1983 upon passage of the Illinois Forestry Development Act (525 ILCS 15).

The Urban and Community Forestry Committee represents a diverse groups of Illinois Constituents including the following interests or groups in Section 5 of this document.

The Committee's charge is to help the Council identify and evaluate the social, economic, scientific, and educational value of Illinois's urban and community forest lands and associated wood utilization opportunities.

The members of the Urban and Community Forestry Committee work on projects and issues related to urban and community forestry issues and concerns and report them to the Forestry Development Council. Actions of the Committee fall within the Council's mission and functions as enumerated below.

SECTION 2. Relationship Between the Forestry Development Council and the Urban and Community Forestry Committee

The Urban and Community Forestry Committee is a committee of the Forestry Development Council. Therefore all actions shall fit within the Council's Mission/Function as listed below.

1. The Council shall study and evaluate the forest resources and the forest industries of Illinois. Therefore, the Council is tasked with the following functions:
2. Determine the magnitude, nature, and extent of the state's forest resources;
3. Determine current uses and project future demand for forest products, forestry services, and forest-based benefits;
4. Determine and evaluate the ownership characteristics of the State's forests, the motives for forest ownership, and the success of incentives necessary to stimulate development of forest resources;

5. Determine the economic development and management opportunities that could result from improvements in local and regional forest product marketing and from the establishment of new or additional wood-related businesses in Illinois;
6. Confer with and offer assistance to the Illinois Finance Authority relating to its implementation of forest industry assistance programs authorized by the Illinois Finance Authority Act;
7. Determine the opportunities for increasing employment and economic growth through development of forest resources;
8. Determine the effects of current governmental policies and regulations on the management of woodlands and the location of wood products markets;
9. Determine the staffing and funding needs for forest and other conservation programs to support and enhance forest resources development;
10. Determine the needs of forest education programs in this State;
11. Determine soil and water conservation benefits and wildlife habitat enhancement opportunities that can be promoted through approved forest management plans.
12. The Council shall report its findings and recommendations for future State action and (ii) its evaluation of Urban/Community Forestry Assistance Grants to the General Assembly no later than July 1 of each year.

SECTION 3. Definitions used in the By-Laws of Urban and Community Forestry Committee.

The following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them:

- ANSI Standards ...
- Best Management Practices ...
- Community Accomplishment Reporting System ...
- Certified Arborists ...
- "Council" means the Illinois Forestry Development Council created by this Act.
- "Department" means the Department of Natural Resources.
- "Forest product" means timber which can be used for sawing or processing into lumber for building or structural purposes, for pulp paper, chemicals or fuel, for the manufacture

of furniture, or for the manufacture of any article.

- "Fund" means the Illinois Forestry Development Fund created by this Act.
- Invasive Species ...
- Professional Urban Forester ...
- Tree Board or Commission ...
- "Tree Inventory" means
- Urban and Community Forestry Committee means Sub-Committee of the Forestry Development Council focusing on Urban and community Forestry issues and concerns.
- "Urban forest management plan" means
- Urban Forestry Volunteer or Stewards ...
- Urban Manual Tree Protection Standards ...

SECTION 4. Urban and Community Forestry Committee Membership

The Council shall consist of X# of voting members appointed as follows:

1. One member appointed by the Governor's Office whose primary area of expertise is Urban and Community Forestry and who is the official appointee to the Forestry Development Council
2. One member appointed by or is the President of Illinois Arborists Associations representative appointed to the Forestry Development Council
3. Four members assigned by position from State and Federal agencies including IDNR State Forester, IDNR UCF, USDA Forest Service - Urban and Community Forestry Program,
4. Two members assigned by position from State and Federal agencies including IDOA, APHIS
5. X# of members serving in the capacity of Municipal Foresters
6. X# of members serving in the capacity of Certified Arborists
7. X# of members serving in the capacity of Tree City USA Communities
8. X# of members serving in the capacity of Tree Campus USA and other Universities providing Urban and Community Forestry Education
9. X# as appointed by their respective organization within the Green Industry Associates
10. X# as appointed by their respective organization within the Landscape Architects

11. X# of members serving in the capacity of Non- Profit Organizations focused on trees and/or environmental concerns such as OpenLands, Morton Arboretum and Trees Forever etc.
12. X# of members serving in the capacity of Urban forest/wood products industry
13. X# as appointed by their respective organization within the Park Districts Association
14. Invited General Assembly Representatives
15. X# of members serving in the capacity of Master Gardeners
16. X# of members serving in the capacity of Master Naturalists
17. X# as appointed by the Illinois Arborist Association Utility Committee representing Illinois Utility Companies or Co-operatives serving Illinois Communities.
18. One member representing a traditional forestry organization
19. One member representing the AISWCD staff and or the Urban manual
20. One member representing Illinois Invasive species concerns
21. One member representing construction development industry
22. One member representing Green building initiatives
23. One member representing EPA
24. One member representing IEMA disaster recovery
25. X# of members serving in the capacity of Private Citizens at large with an Interest in managing Urban and Community Forests
26. X# at large members.
27. Other individuals, agencies and organizations may be invited to participate as deemed advisable by the Committee.

Members of the Council shall serve without compensation.

Appointees to the Committee shall serve for an initial term of 2 years and may be reappointed for one additional term.

SECTION 5. Officers of the Urban and Community Forestry Committee

- 1) The Chair of the Urban and Community Forestry Committee shall be a member appointed to the Forestry Development Council and shall be responsible for reporting the Committee findings and issues to the Forestry Development Council. Appointees to the Council shall serve for an initial term of 2 years and may be reappointed for one additional term.
- 2) The Committee shall select other officers as it considers necessary. Their term of office shall be 2 years with the reappointment option.

SECTION 6. Duties of the Urban and Community Forestry Committee

The Urban and Community Forestry shall:

- Pursuant to the CONSERVATION (525 ILCS 15/) Illinois Forestry Development Act the Urban and Community Forestry Committee exists to report findings to the Illinois Forestry Development Council on all matters relating to Urban and Community Forestry directly or tangentially.
- Provide assistance to the Illinois Forestry Development Council;
- Confer with and offer assistance to the Department of Natural Resources relating to the implementation of urban forest assistance grants pursuant to the Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Act;
- The Committee shall assist the Council with matters relating to urban and community forestry for their annual report of (i) its findings and recommendations for future State action and (ii) its evaluation of Urban/Community Forestry Assistance Grants to the General Assembly no later than July 1 of each year.
- Oversee the Urban and Community Forestry Section of the Forestry Development Plan;
- Create an annual Work Plan;
- Study and evaluate the health, condition magnitude, nature and extent of the urban and community forests of Illinois;
- Promote the Urban and Community Forestry industry and associated standard practices;
- Promote or provide information on the availability of state and federal government assistance;
- Inform citizens of the soil and water conservation benefits and wildlife habitat benefits of public trees;
- Determine urban and community land ownership and their tree care practices;
- Promote diversification of trees in municipal tree planting that have a 20% genus and 10% species diversification or greater.
- Promote the benefits of trees;
- Study and evaluate the urban wood utilization industry and offer suggestions of how to improve the use of urban grown wood by determining the current uses and projecting demand for forest products, services and benefits in Illinois; And Furthermore, Determine the most economical ways to develop and manage opportunities that could result from improvements in local and regional forest product marketing and from the establishment of new or additional wood-related businesses in Illinois;
- Determine the staffing and funding needs for forest and other conservation programs to support and enhance forest resources development;
- Determine the needs of forest education programs in this State

SECTION 7. Funding

(See original paragraph below for guidance)

(525 ILCS 15/7) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 9107)

Sec. 7. The Illinois Forestry Development Fund, a special fund in the State Treasury, is hereby created. The Department of Natural Resources shall pay into the Fund all fees and fines collected from timber buyers and landowners and operators pursuant to the "Timber Buyers Licensing Act", and the "Forest Products Transportation Act", all gifts, contributions, bequests, grants, donations, transfers, appropriations and all other revenues and receipts resulting from forestry programs, forest product sales, and operations of facilities not otherwise directed by State law and shall, except for the additional moneys deposited under Section 805-550 of the Department of Natural Resources (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, pay such moneys appropriated from the Fund to timber growers for implementation of acceptable forest management practices as provided in Section 5 of this Act. Moneys may be appropriated from the Fund for the expenses of the Illinois Forestry Development Council. Ordinary operating expenses of the Forest Resources Division of the Department, for the administration and implementation of this Act, the development and implementation of a wood industry marketing, development and promotions program and other programs beneficial to advancing forests and forestry in this State, as deemed appropriate by the General Assembly, may be appropriated from this fund to the extent such appropriations preserve the receipts to the Fund derived from Section 9a of the "Timber Buyers Licensing Act".

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