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Urban Forest Connections

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NUCFAC HIGHLIGHTS: CULTIVATING AND ACTIVATING A NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKFORCE

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NATIONAL URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL

STEWARDING A VISION FOR THE FUTURE
NUCFAC (COUNCIL) PURPOSE

1990 Farm Bill
- Address the present health & future preservation of our nation’s Urban & Community Forests (UCF)

Council synthesizes full spectrum of views for UCF
- Advises Secretary of Agriculture on UCF Program & its service to UCF community
- Foundation for practical UCF policy

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YOUR COUNCIL

- 15 members representative of UCF
- USDA – FS Executive Staff
- Leadership & Work Teams
  - Council Chair & 3 work team leads
  - Work Teams:
    - National UCF Action Plan Implementation / Outreach
    - Annual Report to Secretary
    - National UCF Cost Share Grant Program
STEWARDING THE NATIONAL UCF ACTION PLAN

- A unifying guide for all of Urban & Community Forestry

- **VISION:** Urban & Community Forests increase sustainability, wellness, resilience in all communities

- **MISSION:** Help all communities create urban & community forests that are diverse, healthy and accessible for all citizens
NATIONAL UCF ACTION PLAN

7 GOALS

- Goals => funding needs => research needs
- Council role
  - Facilitate development
  - Steward implementation
- Steward a National UCF Agenda in partnership with:
  - USDA Forest Service, Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition & all of UCF
- Engage with UCF community
  - National UCF Action Plan: [www.urbanforestplan.org](http://www.urbanforestplan.org)
NATIONAL UCF COST-SHARE GRANT PROGRAM
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Further Urban and Community Forestry across disciplines
- Projects with national significance
- Innovation that advances management, research and development to support UCF
- Alignment with priorities established by the National UCF Action Plan
TODAY’S HIGHLIGHTS

- Jobs for the Future: Exploring the green infrastructure workforce
  - Sara Lammack, Jobs for the Future
  - 2014 NUCFAC Award (Jobs for the Future Green Infrastructure Jobs Analysis)
- Cincinnati: Green infrastructure & training
  - Dave Gamstetter, Cincinnati Parks

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