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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



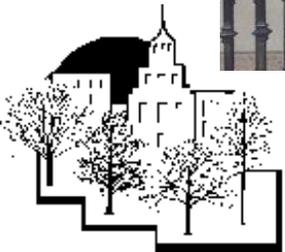
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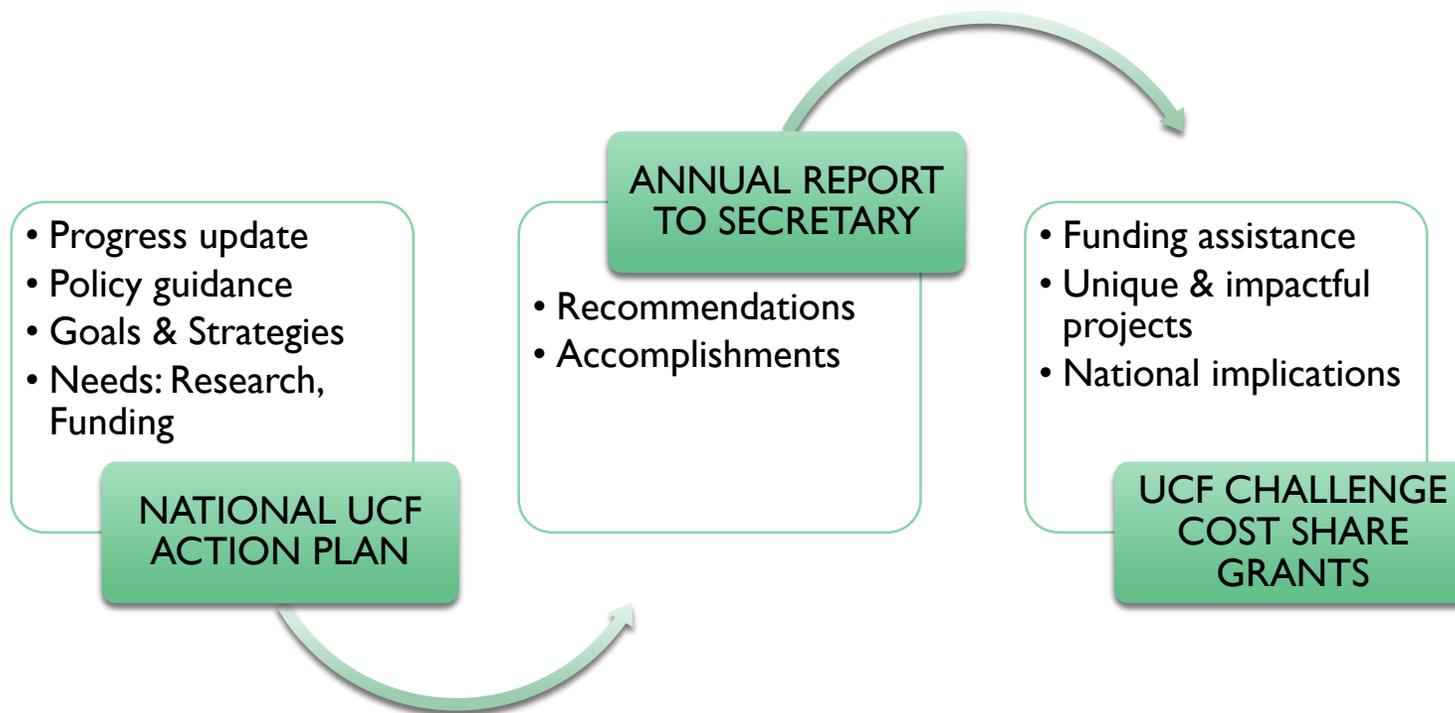
# YOUR COUNCIL



- 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

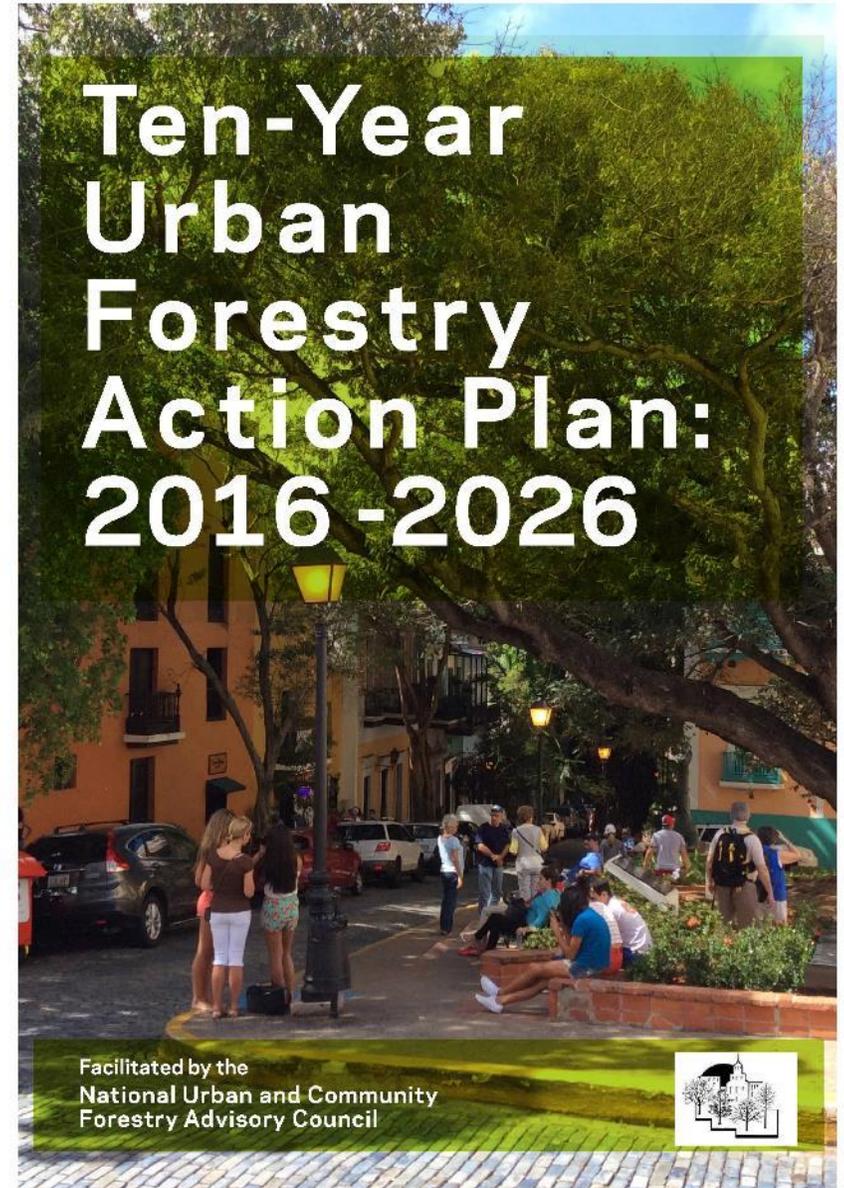


# COUNCIL CHARTER



# STEWARDING THE NATIONAL UCF ACTION PLAN

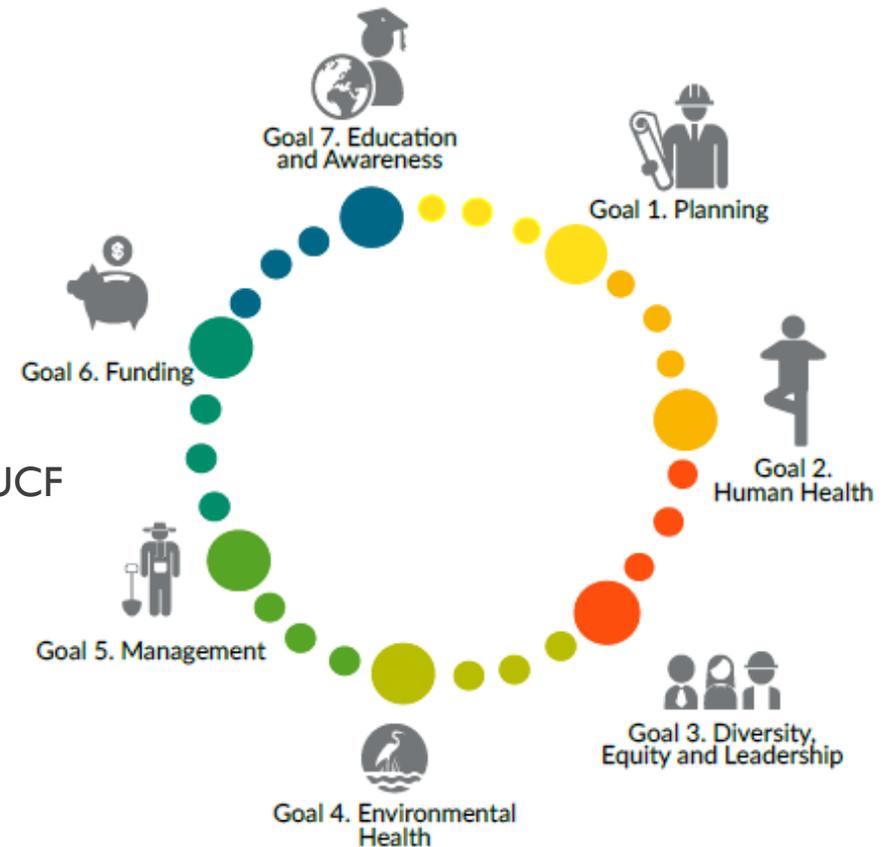
- A unifying guide for all of Urban & Community Forestry
  - VISION: Urban & Community Forests increase sustainability, wellness, resilience in all communities
  - MISSION: Help all communities create urban & community forests that are diverse, healthy and accessible for all citizens



# 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)
  - Raise awareness: <http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf/nucfac.shtml>



# 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 Lamback, 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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