

1 AN ACT concerning conservation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Act
5 is amended by changing Sections 2, 4, 5, and 6 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 735/2) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 9302)

7 Sec. 2. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the
8 context otherwise requires, the following terms have the
9 meanings ascribed to them in this Section:

10 "Applicant" means either (i) a unit of local government or
11 (ii) an ~~An~~ Illinois ~~chartered~~ not-for-profit corporation
12 that is working to assist units of local government or the
13 Department in meeting the goals of this Act ~~as defined in the~~
14 ~~General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986 can be a~~
15 ~~co-applicant with a unit of local government.~~

16 "Department" means the Department of Natural Resources.

17 "Director" means the Director of Natural Resources.

18 "Not-for-profit corporation" means an Illinois chartered
19 not-for-profit corporation as defined in the General Not For
20 Profit Corporation Act of 1986.

21 "Public trees" means trees that are owned by a unit of
22 local government.

23 "Public tree inventory" means an inventory, by a unit of

1 local government, that is an assessment of the public trees
2 located within its boundaries. This inventory shall include
3 the collected data regarding the public trees and forests of
4 the unit of local government and shall provide recommended
5 action items to enable or enhance the future management of the
6 trees and forests. Such recommendations may include the
7 establishment, conservation, protection, and maintenance of
8 public trees and forests.

9 "Underserved or disadvantaged" means a community, county,
10 or portion thereof that is determined by the USDA Forest
11 Service for federal grant purposes to be underserved or
12 disadvantaged.

13 "Urban and ~~∕~~ Community Forestry Proposal" means a written
14 proposal documenting proposed action to be implemented to
15 complete a specific project approved by the Department under
16 this Act.

17 "Urban and ~~∕~~ Community Forestry Management Plan" means a
18 comprehensive document used to guide urban and ~~∕~~ community
19 forestry management decisions that is based on a public tree
20 inventory that is less than 10 years old. It may contain
21 ~~contains~~ information on history, policy, budget, inventory
22 analysis of the forest ecosystem resources and management
23 prescriptions, but, at a minimum, must contain ~~and other~~
24 information prescribed by rules adopted ~~promulgated~~ by the
25 Department.

26 (Source: P.A. 89-172, eff. 1-1-96; 89-445, eff. 2-7-96.)

1 (30 ILCS 735/4) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 9304)

2 Sec. 4. Duties of Department. The Department shall:

3 (a) Promote the development of Urban and Community
4 Forestry plans and programs in communities of this State to
5 enhance ~~for~~ the establishment, management, and conservation of
6 public trees located within ~~the urban/community forest with~~
7 units of local government.

8 (b) Provide technical expertise, assistance, guidance,
9 planning, and analysis to grant recipients for programs,
10 projects, and other works related to urban and ~~+~~ community
11 forestry.

12 (c) Seek and review for approval acceptable
13 Urban/Community Forestry Proposals submitted by applicants
14 within the State.

15 (d) Provide oversight and assistance ~~to units of local~~
16 ~~government and~~ to grant recipients in managing urban and
17 community forestry related grant proposals and programs
18 ~~regarding urban/community forest management, such as tree~~
19 ~~care, disease and insect problems, and tree planting and~~
20 ~~maintenance.~~

21 (e) Provide urban and community forestry information and
22 guidance to the Illinois ~~Council on~~ Forestry Development
23 Council and other State ~~appropriate~~ agencies and units of
24 local government seeking urban and community forestry
25 information or guidance ~~with regard to urban/community~~

1 forestry.

2 (Source: P.A. 89-172, eff. 1-1-96.)

3 (30 ILCS 735/5) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 9305)

4 Sec. 5. Application for assistance; forestry plan.

5 (a) Applicants may submit an Urban and ~~and~~ Community
6 Forestry Proposal for assistance under the provisions of this
7 Act.

8 (b) Requests for grant assistance shall include, but shall
9 not be limited to, those activities that will implement or
10 enhance:

11 (1) current Illinois Forest Action Plan objectives;

12 (2) local forestry program management objectives as
13 determined by an urban and community forestry management
14 plan;

15 (3) tree canopy capacity in underserved and
16 disadvantaged areas of communities or counties; or

17 (4) urban and community forest canopy in Illinois
18 communities and counties. ~~a portion of the applicant's~~
19 ~~forestry program or forestry management plan or will lead~~
20 ~~to the development of a forestry management plan for the~~
21 ~~unit of local government.~~

22 (c) Multiple applicants may apply jointly for assistance
23 under this Act, but payments shall be paid only in the manner
24 prescribed by the Department in the grant award.

25 (d) The Department shall evaluate the application and

1 notify the applicant of the qualification or non-qualification
2 of the application. The evaluation shall consider, among other
3 factors, the effect of the proposal on ~~each of~~ the following:

4 (1) The facilitation of improvements to the quality of
5 the environment in Illinois forests, urban areas, and
6 green space areas within the applicant's jurisdiction
7 through the improved management and preservation of the
8 urban and ~~and~~ community forest resources for the common
9 good, health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of this
10 State.

11 (2) The creation of employment opportunities in tree
12 care, tree preservation, maintenance and related urban and
13 ~~and~~ community forestry activities.

14 (3) The improvement of human health, environmental
15 access, and Maximizing the potential of tree and
16 ~~vegetative~~ cover to reduce urban heat island effects and
17 ~~in reducing~~ energy consumption.

18 (4) The establishment and commitment to the management
19 and improvement of the forest resources of the community.

20 (5) An increased public awareness.

21 (6) Increased participation of local citizenry and
22 volunteers.

23 (7) Increased assistance to underserved or
24 disadvantaged Illinois communities or counties.

25 (Source: P.A. 89-172, eff. 1-1-96.)

1 (30 ILCS 735/6) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 9306)

2 Sec. 6. Grants; sources and amounts. Urban and ~~and~~ Community
3 Forestry Assistance Grants shall be made available from
4 appropriations from the General Revenue Fund, Illinois
5 Forestry Development Fund, or other sources as appropriated by
6 the General Assembly. All ~~The~~ grants shall be limited to
7 projects for which the applicant will provide any costs or
8 matching funds as required under the notice of funding
9 opportunity for the grant for which they have applied at least
10 50% of the cost. A single grant to a unit of local government
11 shall not exceed 5% of the amount allocated for the grant
12 program by the Department in the current fiscal year. The
13 Department shall seek and obtain the advice of the Forestry
14 Development Council with respect to awarding grants under this
15 Section.

16 In the event that any unit of local government's
17 contribution ~~of the municipality's contribution~~ to the payment
18 of the program's cost ~~of the program~~ is to be made by
19 contribution of in-kind ~~in-kind~~ service, the application shall
20 set forth in detail how such contribution will be made.
21 In-kind contributions shall follow and meet all current
22 federal and State grant requirements for in-kind contributions
23 as set out in the grant award.

24 Units of local government may delegate program
25 administration, including the receipt and expenditure of
26 funds, to special boards by ordinance.

1 (Source: P.A. 91-157, eff. 7-16-99.)

2 Section 10. The State Forest Act is amended by changing
3 Section 2.1 as follows:

4 (525 ILCS 40/2.1) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 5903)

5 Sec. 2.1. The following described areas are designated as
6 State forests:

7 Big River State Forest in Henderson County;

8 ~~Sand Ridge State Forest in Mason County;~~

9 Hidden Springs State Forest in Shelby County;

10 Lowden-Miller State Forest in Ogle County;

11 Sand Ridge State Forest in Mason County;

12 Spoon River State Forest in Knox County;

13 Trail of Tears State Forest in Union County;

14 Wildcat Hollow State Forest in Effingham County.

15 (Source: P.A. 78-817.)