

# USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry NUCFAC Ten-Year Action Plan (2027-2037) Request for Proposals

## Definitions & Resources

### **DEFINITIONS**

#### **Urban and Community Forestry:**

The art, science, and technology of managing trees, forests, and natural systems on public lands in and around cities, suburbs, and towns for the health and well-being of all people.

#### **Green Infrastructure:**

Green infrastructure is strategically planned and managed networks of natural lands, working landscapes and other open spaces that conserve ecosystem values and functions and provide associated benefits to human populations.

#### **Underserved Communities:**

Underserved Communities are communities that do not receive equitable financial and technical assistance as other communities might, in maximizing the benefits from the conservation and management of their natural resources. These communities may be overburdened by being marginalized by society, overburdened by pollution, underserved by infrastructure and other basic services. These burdens are related to climate change, environment, health, outdated planning practices /policies, and equitable access to economic opportunities. In this context we consider underserved as low income, underrepresented racial / ethnic minorities; Federally Recognized Tribes, including Alaska Native Villages; people with disabilities and the elderly.

#### **Justice40 Initiative:**

The Justice40 Initiative is a government effort to deliver at least 40 percent of the overall benefits from certain federal investments to disadvantaged communities.

#### **Nontraditional:**

Organizations, agencies, businesses not traditionally involved in urban and community forestry.

### **LINKS TO ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

[Climate Change Executive Order](#)

**EPA Environmental Justice and Screening Mapping Tool ([EJScreen](#))**

**EPA [Environmental Justice Executive Order](#)**

**EPA [Environmental Justice Fact Sheet](#)**

**EPA [EnviroAtlas Interactive Map](#)**

**[i-Tree - "Health Risk", "Social Inequity" headers on i-tree landscape](#)**

**[Interagency Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) on Promoting Equitable Access to Nature in Nature-Deprived Communities](#)**

**[Opportunity Zones](#)**

**[Social Vulnerability Index](#)**

**[State Forest Action Plans](#)**

**The [America the Beautiful Initiative](#)**

**[The Current Role of Land Use Planning in Food Policy Councils](#)**

**[Ten-Year Urban and Community Forestry Action Plan \(2016-2026\)](#)**

**[Trust for Public Lands - Heat Island Map](#)**

**White House Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool ([CEJST](#))**