



Call for Projects

Background

Houston Area Urban Forests, a joint effort of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), The U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Inc., American Forests, local governments, and other partners, is developing a long-range strategy for growing and diversifying the urban forests in Harris, Fort Bend, and Montgomery counties. This call for projects is intended to identify, evaluate, and prioritize local reforestation and species diversification projects to implement this strategy.

No funding will be awarded as a result of this call. However, we hope that designation as a priority project will be helpful to local entities seeking grant funding.

All local governments, non-governmental organizations, and private sector organizations in the urbanized areas in Harris, Fort Bend, and Montgomery Counties are invited to submit project ideas for consideration.

Project Types

Eligible projects are those which expand or diversify existing urban tree canopy by planting native trees or other species appropriate for our area, or establish new areas of urban tree cover.

Project Descriptions

Project descriptions should contain a brief summary that includes:

- Projected tree canopy area (in acres) after 10 years of growth
- Project location and boundaries

- Description of project goal and tasks, project sponsor and partners, land ownership (public or private), land use (e.g., park, roadway, drainage basin, open land)
- Rough estimate of overall costs
- Estimate of local matching funds or in-kind services available for the project (if any)
- Description of ongoing capacity to maintain the project, including responsible parties and roles

Review and Prioritization Process

Projects will be ranked according to regional goals and criteria established by the Houston Area Urban Forests partnership, including:

- the existing canopy coverage of the project area;
- the extent of canopy expansion;
- population density of surrounding area;
- public purpose; and
- proximity to waterways, major road corridors, existing parks or public forested areas, economically disadvantaged populations, and flood-prone areas.

A list and weighting of these criteria can be reviewed on the website.

Submittal

Project proposals will be accepted through November 20, 2017. Proposals must be submitted online at www.houstonforests.com. The online application includes a mapping tool where proposers may designate the project location and boundaries.

Questions

Please contact Justin Bower at justin.bower@h-gac.com or 713-499-6653 with any questions or if you encounter any difficulties submitting your proposal. For information on the Houston Area Urban Forests Project, please visit www.houstonforests.com.