

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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 and or the
13 Department to meet 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
20 Not-For-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 or assessment

1 of public trees and has collected data and provides
2 recommended action items to enable or enhance the future
3 management of the trees and forests (i.e., establishment,
4 conservation, protection, and maintenance).

5 "Underserved or Disadvantaged" means a community, county,
6 or portion thereof that is determined by the USDA Forest
7 Service for federal grant purposes as underserved or
8 disadvantaged.

9 "Urban and ~~+~~ Community Forestry Proposal" means a written
10 proposal documenting proposed action to be implemented to
11 complete a specific project approved by the Department under
12 this Act.

13 "Urban and ~~+~~ Community Forestry Management Plan" means a
14 comprehensive document used to guide urban and ~~+~~ community
15 forestry management decisions that is based on a public tree
16 inventory that that is less than 10 years old. It may contain
17 ~~contains~~ information on history, policy, budget, inventory
18 analysis of the forest ecosystem resources and management
19 prescriptions, but at a minimum must contain ~~and other~~
20 information prescribed by rules promulgated by the Department.
21 (Source: P.A. 89-172, eff. 1-1-96; 89-445, eff. 2-7-96.)

22 (30 ILCS 735/4) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 9304)

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

24 (a) Promote the development of Urban and Community
25 Forestry plans and programs in communities of this State to

1 enhance ~~for~~ the establishment, management, and conservation of
2 public trees located within ~~the urban/community forest with~~
3 units of local government.

4 (b) Provide technical expertise, assistance, guidance,
5 planning, and analysis to grant recipients for programs,
6 projects, and other works related to urban and ~~+~~ community
7 forestry.

8 (c) Seek and review for approval acceptable
9 Urban/Community Forestry Proposals submitted by applicants
10 within the State.

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

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

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

24 (30 ILCS 735/5) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 9305)

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

1 (a) Applicants may submit an Urban and ~~and~~ Community
2 Forestry Proposal for assistance under the provisions of this
3 Act.

4 (b) Requests for grant assistance shall include, but not
5 be limited to, those activities that will implement or
6 enhance:

7 (1) current Illinois Forest Action Plans objectives;

8 (2) local Forestry Program management objectives as
9 determined by an urban and community forestry management
10 plan;

11 (3) build tree canopy capacity in underserved and
12 disadvantaged areas of communities or counties; or

13 (4) improve urban and community forest canopy in
14 Illinois communities and counties. ~~a portion of the~~
15 ~~applicant's forestry program or forestry management plan~~
16 ~~or will lead to the development of a forestry management~~
17 ~~plan for the unit of local government.~~

18 (c) Multiple applicants may apply jointly for assistance
19 under this Act, but payments shall only be paid in the manner
20 as approved by the Department in the grant award.

21 (d) The Department shall evaluate the application and
22 notify the applicant of the qualification or non-qualification
23 of the application. The evaluation shall consider, among other
24 factors, the effect of the proposal on ~~each of~~ the following:

25 (1) The facilitation of improvements to the quality of
26 the environment in Illinois forests, urban areas, and

1 green space areas within the applicant's jurisdiction
2 through the improved management and preservation of the
3 urban and ~~+~~ community forest resources for the common
4 good, health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of this
5 State.

6 (2) The creation of employment opportunities in tree
7 care, preservation ~~maintenance~~ and related urban and ~~+~~
8 community forestry activities.

9 (3) The improvement of human health, environmental
10 access, and ~~Maximizing the potential of tree and~~
11 ~~vegetative cover~~ to reduce urban heat island effect and ~~in~~
12 ~~reducing~~ energy consumption.

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

15 (5) An increased public awareness.

16 (6) Increased participation of local citizenry and
17 volunteers.

18 (7) Increased assistance to underserved or
19 disadvantaged Illinois communities or counties.

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

21 (30 ILCS 735/6) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 9306)

22 Sec. 6. Grants; sources and amounts. Urban and ~~+~~ Community
23 Forestry Assistance Grants shall be made available from
24 appropriations from the General Revenue Fund, Illinois
25 Forestry Development Fund, or other sources as appropriated by

1 the General Assembly. All ~~The~~ grants shall be limited to
2 projects for which the applicant will provide any costs or
3 matching funds as required under the notice of funding
4 opportunity for the grant for which they have applied at least
5 ~~50% of the cost. A single grant to a unit of local government~~
6 ~~shall not exceed 5% of the amount allocated for the grant~~
7 ~~program by the Department in the current fiscal year. The~~
8 ~~Department shall seek and obtain the advice of the Forestry~~
9 ~~Development Council with respect to awarding grants under this~~
10 ~~Section.~~

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

19 Units of local government may delegate program
20 administration, including the receipt and expenditure of
21 funds, to special boards by ordinance.

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

23 Section 10. The State Forest Act is amended by changing
24 Section 2.1 as follows:

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

2 Sec. 2.1. The following described areas are designated as

3 State forests:

4 Big River State Forest in Henderson County;

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

6 Hidden Springs State Forest in Shelby County;

7 Lowden-Miller State Forest in Ogle County;

8 Sand Ridge State Forest in Mason County;

9 Spoon River State Forest in Knox County;

10 Trail of Tears State Forest in Union County;

11 Wildcat Hollow State Forest in Effingham County.

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