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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2455

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2455 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Urban and Community Forestry Assistance  
5 Act 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.

1 "Director" means the Director of Natural Resources.

2 "Not-for-profit corporation" means an Illinois chartered  
3 not-for-profit corporation as defined in the General Not For  
4 Profit Corporation Act of 1986.

5 "Public trees" means trees that are owned by a unit of  
6 local government.

7 "Public tree inventory" means an inventory, by a unit of  
8 local government, that is an assessment of the public trees  
9 located within its boundaries. This inventory shall include  
10 the collected data regarding the public trees and forests of  
11 the unit of local government and shall provide recommended  
12 action items to enable or enhance the future management of the  
13 trees and forests. Such recommendations may include the  
14 establishment, conservation, protection, and maintenance of  
15 public trees and forests.

16 "Underserved or disadvantaged" means a community, county,  
17 or portion thereof that is determined by the USDA Forest  
18 Service for federal grant purposes to be underserved or  
19 disadvantaged.

20 "Urban and ~~and~~ Community Forestry Proposal" means a written  
21 proposal documenting proposed action to be implemented to  
22 complete a specific project approved by the Department under  
23 this Act.

24 "Urban and ~~and~~ Community Forestry Management Plan" means a  
25 comprehensive document used to guide urban and ~~and~~ community  
26 forestry management decisions that is based on a public tree

1 inventory that is less than 10 years old. It may contain  
2 ~~contains~~ information on history, policy, budget, inventory  
3 analysis of the forest ecosystem resources and management  
4 prescriptions, but, at a minimum, must contain ~~and other~~  
5 information prescribed by rules adopted ~~promulgated~~ by the  
6 Department.

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

8 (30 ILCS 735/4) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 9304)

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

10 (a) Promote the development of Urban and Community  
11 Forestry plans and programs in communities of this State to  
12 enhance ~~for~~ the establishment, management, and conservation of  
13 public trees located within ~~the urban/community forest with~~  
14 units of local government.

15 (b) Provide technical expertise, assistance, guidance,  
16 planning, and analysis to grant recipients for programs,  
17 projects, and other works related to urban and ~~÷~~ community  
18 forestry.

19 (c) Seek and review for approval acceptable  
20 Urban/Community Forestry Proposals submitted by applicants  
21 within the State.

22 (d) Provide oversight and assistance ~~to units of local~~  
23 ~~government and~~ to grant recipients in managing urban and  
24 community forestry related grant proposals and programs  
25 ~~regarding urban/community forest management, such as tree~~

1 ~~care, disease and insect problems, and tree planting and~~  
2 ~~maintenance.~~

3 (e) Provide urban and community forestry information and  
4 guidance to the Illinois ~~Council on~~ Forestry Development  
5 Council and other State ~~appropriate~~ agencies and units of  
6 local government seeking urban and community forestry  
7 information or guidance ~~with regard to urban/community~~  
8 ~~forestry.~~

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

10 (30 ILCS 735/5) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 9305)

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

12 (a) Applicants may submit an Urban and ~~+~~ Community  
13 Forestry Proposal for assistance under the provisions of this  
14 Act.

15 (b) Requests for grant assistance shall include, but shall  
16 not be limited to, those activities that will implement or  
17 enhance:

18 (1) current Illinois Forest Action Plan objectives;

19 (2) local forestry program management objectives as  
20 determined by an urban and community forestry management  
21 plan;

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

24 (4) urban and community forest canopy in Illinois  
25 communities and counties. ~~a portion of the applicant's~~

1 ~~forestry program or forestry management plan or will lead~~  
2 ~~to the development of a forestry management plan for the~~  
3 ~~unit of local government.~~

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

7 (d) The Department shall evaluate the application and  
8 notify the applicant of the qualification or non-qualification  
9 of the application. The evaluation shall consider, among other  
10 factors, the effect of the proposal on ~~each of~~ the following:

11 (1) The facilitation of improvements to the quality of  
12 the environment in Illinois forests, urban areas, and  
13 green space areas within the applicant's jurisdiction  
14 through the improved management and preservation of the  
15 urban and ~~+~~ community forest resources for the common  
16 good, health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of this  
17 State.

18 (2) The creation of employment opportunities in tree  
19 care, tree preservation, maintenance and related urban and  
20 ~~+~~ community forestry activities.

21 (3) The improvement of human health, environmental  
22 access, and Maximizing the potential of tree and  
23 vegetative cover to reduce urban heat island effects and  
24 ~~in reducing~~ energy consumption.

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

1 (5) An increased public awareness.

2 (6) Increased participation of local citizenry and  
3 volunteers.

4 (7) Increased assistance to underserved or  
5 disadvantaged Illinois communities or counties.

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

7 (30 ILCS 735/6) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 9306)

8 Sec. 6. Grants; sources and amounts. Urban and ~~Community~~  
9 Forestry Assistance Grants shall be made available from  
10 appropriations from the General Revenue Fund, Illinois  
11 Forestry Development Fund, or other sources as appropriated by  
12 the General Assembly. All ~~The~~ grants shall be limited to  
13 projects for which the applicant will provide any costs or  
14 matching funds as required under the notice of funding  
15 opportunity for the grant for which they have applied ~~at least~~  
16 ~~50% of the cost. A single grant to a unit of local government~~  
17 ~~shall not exceed 5% of the amount allocated for the grant~~  
18 ~~program by the Department in the current fiscal year. The~~  
19 ~~Department shall seek and obtain the advice of the Forestry~~  
20 ~~Development Council with respect to awarding grants under this~~  
21 ~~Section.~~

22 In the event that any unit of local government's  
23 contribution ~~of the municipality's contribution~~ to the payment  
24 of the program's cost ~~of the program~~ is to be made by  
25 contribution of in-kind ~~in-kind~~ service, the application shall

1 set forth in detail how such contribution will be made.  
2 In-kind contributions shall follow and meet all current  
3 federal and State grant requirements for in-kind contributions  
4 as set out in the grant award.

5 Units of local government may delegate program  
6 administration, including the receipt and expenditure of  
7 funds, to special boards by ordinance.

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

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

11 (525 ILCS 40/2.1) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 5903)

12 Sec. 2.1. The following described areas are designated as  
13 State forests:

14 Big River State Forest in Henderson County;

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

16 Hidden Springs State Forest in Shelby County;

17 Lowden-Miller State Forest in Ogle County;

18 Sand Ridge State Forest in Mason County;

19 Spoon River State Forest in Knox County;

20 Trail of Tears State Forest in Union County;

21 Wildcat Hollow State Forest in Effingham County.

22 (Source: P.A. 78-817.)".