

(B) TO ASSURE THE AVAILABILITY AND COMPATIBILITY OF PLANNING DATA, SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION, AND FUNDING, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN FOREST RESOURCE PLANNING EFFORTS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE FOREST AND RANGELANDS RENEWABLE RESOURCES PLANNING ACT OF 1974 AND THE COOPERATIVE FORESTRY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1978.

~~PART IV. URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY~~

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~~(A) IN THIS PART, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(B) "URBAN AND COMMUNITY AREAS" MEANS AN EXISTING OR PLANNED COMMUNITY DEVELOPED FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, OR INDUSTRIAL USES.~~

~~(C) "URBAN COMMUNITY FORESTRY" MEANS THE PLANNING, ESTABLISHMENT, PROTECTION, AND MANAGEMENT OF FORESTS AND TREES AND ASSOCIATED VEGETATION IN URBAN AND COMMUNITY AREAS.~~

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~~(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT TREES AND FOREST IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN URBAN AREAS. PLANTING, PROTECTING, AND MAINTAINING TREES AND FORESTS AND UTILIZING WOOD FROM PRUNED AND DAMAGED TREES IN URBAN AREAS MAKES THOSE AREAS A MORE ATTRACTIVE AND HEALTHFUL PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, AND VISIT.~~

~~(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A PROGRAM TO PLAN AND PROMOTE URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY.~~

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~~(A) ANY URBAN COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE ADMINISTERED FROM FUNDS PROVIDED IN ITS BUDGET. ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, BY APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE, MAY IMPLEMENT A LOCAL URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION OR ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT.~~

~~(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT FEDERAL FUNDS AND MAY PROVIDE COST SHARE FUNDS TO COOPERATING GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING ANY URBAN COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM.~~

~~(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT FEDERAL FUNDS AND MAY PROVIDE COST SHARE FUNDS TO COOPERATING GOVERNMENTS.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.