# Indiana DNR Division of Forestry, Community and Urban Forestry Program
# 2024 State Urban Forest Resilience (SUFR) Grant Application

## Narrative Questions

Applications must address each question to be considered for this grant.

1. **Project Type(s):**

   A. List the project type(s) encompassed by your project. Descriptions of the types are included in the "Grant Program" section of the application instructions sheet.

   B. Describe your plans for each project type.

2. **Project Objectives:**

   A. What are the objectives of this project?

   B. How do these objectives restore urban forests following the impact of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)?

   C. How do these objectives build resiliency and help prepare for future pest & disease outbreaks?

   D. How do these objectives address your community's goals?

3. **Project Description:**

   A. Describe the impact the EAB has had on your community that inspired this project and why this project is important to your community. Be specific.

   B. Describe in detail how this project will be carried out. Timelines can be adjusted later, but it's useful to start with a general idea.

   C. Collaboration is crucial to the success of projects like these.

      i. Please explain any existing partnerships with other agencies and organizations in your community.

      ii. Please ask these partners to submit Public Comment Forms as part of your grant application package.

      iii. You will work closely with the CUF team to create a unique engagement strategy for your community, and identifying key stakeholders is the first step of this process. Consider other potential partners you might like to connect with for this project. What are their goals and how might they align with yours?

   D. Are you able to scale the scope of your project **up or down** if necessary? Explain.

4. **Project Coordinator(s):**

   A. Give the name and title of the person who will supervise this project (attach resume if needed).

   B. Does the Coordinator have the experience, skills, and resources to complete this project? (yes/no)

i. Please briefly describe the Coordinator's experience in urban forestry, arboriculture, and/or project and grant management.

ii. If no, is this person willing to attend training to acquire the minimum skills needed to manage the proposed project?

iii. If this person declines training, will the Applicant employ a consulting arborist to provide required arboriculture guidance?

5. **Community Information:**
   A. Describe the area(s) of the community that the work will impact.
   B. How will you engage members of the community in urban forestry projects?
   C. Does the community where the project will take place have:
      i. A government department or staff that have responsibility for the planting and maintenance of trees on public property? (yes/no/in development)

      1. Please provide the department and the name and title of its lead or Supervisor.

      2. Is this person aware that you are applying for grant funds for an urban forestry project?

      ii. One or more advocacy/advisory organizations that serve as catalysts for active local urban forest resource management within the community? (yes/no/in development)

      1. Please name the boards/organizations and their leaders.

      2. Is this person(s) aware that you are applying for grant funds for an urban forestry project?

      iii. A formal program to care for trees on public property? This can be part of any entity listed above. Please briefly describe.

      iv. An enforceable tree ordinance in effect or language in a legal document that protects and conserves trees on public property? (yes/no)

      1. If you **do not** have a public tree ordinance, are there plans to draft one and get it adopted in local code? Who is spearheading this effort?

      2. If you **do** have a public tree ordinance, please provide a link to the published ordinance on your municipal website. If it is not online, please include a copy of it with your grant application.

      v. A public tree inventory? (complete/partial/none)

      1. How old is it?

      2. How has it been used as a tool for managing your urban forest?

      3. Is it available online? If so, please provide the website address here.

      vi. An urban forest management plan? (yes/no)

1. How old is it? Was the tree inventory used as its basis?

2. How has it been used as a tool for managing your urban forest?

3. Is it available online? If so, please provide the website address here.

vii. A current canopy cover goal based on an Urban Tree Canopy Assessment or other aerial map analysis? (yes/no)

1. If yes, what is it and how did you determine that goal?