**Section 1538.50 Urban and Community Forestry Project Approval**

a) A unit of local government or its representative may develop an Urban and Community Forestry Project Proposal and submit it to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Resource Protection and Stewardship along with the application for approval. The Urban and Community Forestry Project Proposal shall include:

1) Information about previous urban and community forestry programs and the importance of urban forestry to the community to be served by the unit of local government.

2) A narrative relating the importance of urban and community forest to the community served by the unit of local government and to the objectives of the Urban Forestry Project Proposal.

3) A list of tangible objectives, such as species and location of trees to be planted, number of people to be trained and type of training, documents to be developed, etc.

4) A narrative describing the proposed projects and actions.

5) A narrative explaining how the proposed projects and actions will meet the objectives of the community served by the unit of local government.

6) A statement describing how the project will develop or promote a local urban and community forestry program on a long-term basis.

7) An itemized budget for the proposed project.

b) Any unit of local government whose project is not approved may appeal to the Director of the Office of Resource Conservation. The appeal must be made within 30 days from the date that the plan or practice was not approved.

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