

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Forest Service (FS) Urban and Community Forestry Program  
Notice of Funding Opportunity: Inflation Reduction Act – Urban and Community Forestry.

New Haven Department of Parks and Public Works

May 7, 2023

Funding request: up to \$550,000, one-time

The New Haven Department of Parks and Public Works seeks funding from the USDA Forest Service to create an Urban Forest Management Plan and support professional development of the Department of Parks and Public Works Tree Division staff.

Funds will be used to:

- Hire consultant(s) to perform urban tree canopy assessment mapping, analyze data and make recommendations, facilitate community outreach meetings, and provide a written Urban Forest Management Report plan to guide policy and management decisions with the final goal of equitable, sustainable, and climate resilient care, management, and growth of New Haven’s urban forest.
- Support the travel and attendance of Tree Division staff to local and national educational events, trainings, classes, and workshops for the purpose of professional development, information sharing, and meeting industry arboricultural standards.
- Perform annual updates to tree inventory by neighborhood.