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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Urban Forest Resilience Grant Program

New Haven Parks

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Funding request: \$30,000.00 for one year

The New Haven Parks Department seeks funding from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Program, through financial support provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, to remove dead, declining, or hazardous trees and stumps in low tree canopy neighborhoods.

Funds will be used for:

- Removal of dead, hazardous, or declining trees.
- Stump removal and site preparation.
- Tree replacement plantings at the required 1:2 replacement ratio.

A healthy and resilient urban forest reduces elevated urban temperatures, mitigates air pollution, captures stormwater runoff, and improves the mental and physical health of residents. This grant will increase capacity for the maintenance of New Haven's urban forest, reduce liabilities, increase species diversity, achieve programmatic goals of equity and sustainability, and allow for the expedited renewal of the urban forest.