

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Connecticut Urban Forest Council: The Urban Forest Climate Change Grant Program

New Haven Department of Parks and Public Works

February 23, 2023

Funding request: \$37,000.00, one-time

The New Haven Department of Parks and Public Works seeks funding from the Connecticut Urban Forest Council to increase capacity for tree replacement and urban tree canopy expansion through the removal of dead trees and stumps in Environmental Justice communities.

Funds will be used to:

- Hire contractor tree crews to remove dead trees and stumps in the following neighborhoods: the Annex, West River, the Hill, Cedar Hill, Fair Haven, and Dwight.

The Department, in partnership with the Urban Resource Initiative (URI), will prioritize locations where a tree adopter has been waiting for a new tree, but the removal of a stump or dead tree has been a barrier to replacement. URI and the City will also work together to solicit new tree adopters in locations where a tree and stump are to be removed with the goal of expanding urban tree canopy cover, increasing the climate resiliency in these neighborhoods, and reducing the negative health and environmental consequences associated with low tree density.