

Forests and Stormwater Management: Request for Proposals

--Partnership with Water Environment & Reuse Foundation Focuses on Forestry Benefits--

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The U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Inc. (Endowment) today announced availability of a new Request for Proposals (RFP) entitled [*Incorporating Forestry into Stormwater Management Programs: State of the Science and Business Model Evaluation for Nutrient Reduction and Volume Control*](#). The RFP is being managed by the Water Environment & Reuse Foundation (WE&RF). The Endowment and WE&RF are co-funding the project. Proposals are due to WE&RF by 4:00 EST on Monday, December 19, 2016. Up to \$100,000 is available for this project.

“We are pleased to partner with the Water Environment & Reuse Foundation on this project to better understand the potential benefits of forests and trees as an effective, affordable, desirable, and practical means to meet or help meet stormwater regulatory requirements,” said Peter Stangel, the Endowment’s Senior Vice President.

This project is intended to build upon existing knowledge of trees and forests for use in stormwater management. Project outcomes will expand the sector’s understanding of how forests can help meet stormwater management program objectives, with particular attention to nutrient reduction and volume control. The award recipient is expected to compile and expand upon the current science of what is known about trees and forests and sustainable water management, including the uncertainties and questions with long-term management and the mixing of green and grey infrastructure. The project will also provide a way to compare the costs and benefits of forest systems with other green and grey infrastructure alternatives.

Healthy, well-managed forests are one part of a holistic approach to wastewater, stormwater, drinking water, and reclaimed water that is consistent with the goal of “One Water” management. This project will help better define the role that forests can play in this important issue.

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