

Verification Report

Year 6

Pierce Conservation District Reforestation Program - 2020

City Forest Credits Project Number 007

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1 INTRODUCTION

Brian Goodall (a Validation and Verification Body (VVB) acting as a third-party verifier) was engaged to verify the Pierce Conservation District Reforestation Program (Project) in Puyallup and South Prairie, Pierce County, WA for the issuance of credits at the Year 6 interval based on the applicable protocol. The goal of the Year 6 verification is to ensure that the GHG assertion is materially correct, and that the sampling process and carbon quantification by the project are well documented and appropriate.

1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

The original 7.65-acre South Prairie Creek project area included planting 3,065 trees. Since the original planting, the South Prairie Creek has shifted and migrated onto approximately 0.35 acres of the project area. This loss of 0.35 acres means that the project area is now 7.30 acres. During the planting seasons of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026, 2,976 new trees have been planted in the project area. The original 1.5-acre Peck Riparian project area was clipped, upon Year 4 investigation, to exclude areas where trees were present prior to the first planting and is now 1.37-acres. The Peck Riparian project area included planting 655 trees, which is still intact. No major changes have occurred within the Peck planting area, and the area has been maintained. The Project Operator used the cluster method design to collect canopy coverage data via imagery to determine overall canopy growth in year 6.

1.2 CONTACT INFORMATION

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1.3 OBJECTIVE

The goal of this GHG emission removal verification at Year 6 is to ensure that the GHG assertion made by the Project is materially correct, that the sampling process and data used in the offset calculations are appropriate, that the offset calculations conform to the City Forest Credits (CFC) Protocol, and that the Project is in compliance with all CFC requirements relating to eligibility, accounting, and documentation.

2 VERIFICATION CRITERIA

2.1 GENERAL

The Registry will accredit VVBs to act as third-party verifiers who meet the Registry's qualifications and complete training. Those accredited VVBs can then act to verify compliance with this Tree Planting Protocol per International Standards Organization 14064-3. Specifically, the Registry adopts and utilizes the following standards from ISO 14064-3:

- Upon receiving a Year 6 Project Design Document Amendment with sampling data, quantification of carbon and co-benefits, and a request for credits, the Registry will conduct a validation. If it validates the project at that stage, the Registry will retain a VVB to act as third-party verifier to verify compliance with this Protocol.
- The Registry requires a reasonable level of assurance in the accuracy of the asserted GHG removals to a reasonable level.
- The verification items identified in Tables 1 and 2 are all material elements, and any asserted GHG removals must be free of errors, misstatements, or omissions regarding those elements.
- The Registry will record, store, and track all quantification and verification data and either display it for public review or make it available for public review upon request.

2.2 PROTOCOL

The verification was conducted to the City Forest Credits Tree Planting Protocol, version Version 6, August 11, 2018.

2.3 LEVEL OF ASSURANCE

This verification was conducted to a reasonable level of assurance. The Verification Report accurately reflects the documentation contained in the Project Design Document and supporting documents.

3 SCOPE OF VERIFICATION

- The Project is located in Puyallup, WA and South Prairie, Pierce County, WA, specifically described in the Project Design Document.
- The verification is for the issuance of credits at the Year 6 interval.
- The verification includes review of documents, data, imagery, and other evidence provided by the Project Operator; independent checking of selected data; checking of calculations for accuracy and conformance with the Protocol.

4 VERIFICATION PROCESS

4.1 VERIFICATION ACTIVITIES

The verification process consisted of the following activities:

- Verifier checked that the dates when the tree canopy imagery was analyzed were subsequent to the Request for Credit Issuance date, March 9, 2026.
- Verifier checked all requirements in the Protocol, confirmed that documentation satisfies the requirements of the Protocol, and that values extracted from the documents and conclusions drawn from the document are accurate and appropriate
- Verifier checked mapping, imaging, and other documentation. Verifier reviewed the accuracy of process for sampling and data collection, including: data input accuracy, accuracy of canopy assessment and project area boundary.
- Verifier reviewed the accuracy of the carbon quantification and City Forest Carbon Forward Removal Credit calculations. Verifier reviewed the Project Operator's assertion that the Project results in total GHG emissions mitigation of 4588 tons CO₂e over the 25-year Project Duration. Verifier reviewed the Project Operator's assertion that per Protocol guidelines, 30% of Project GHG emissions mitigation is issued at Year 6, or 1376 tons CO₂e.

4.2 CITY FOREST CREDITS TREE PLANTING PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS AT YEAR 6

Verifier reviewed the Project against all CFC Tree Planting Protocol requirements and confirmed the following:

- Project Design Document (Section 3): Verifier reviewed and confirmed Project Design Document is complete and accurate.
- Project Documentation (Section 3 and Appendix A): Verifier confirmed all required project documentation present.
- Quantification (Section 9 and Appendix B):
 - Verifier confirmed Project Operator utilized the cluster method CFC quantification methodology described in Appendix B.
 - Verifier reviewed the accuracy of the data collection process and the data integrity for the Year 6 sampling and quantification methodology.
 - Verifier reviewed imaging, canopy assessments using iTree canopy methods, and maps.
- Co-Benefits (Appendix B): Verifier confirmed the calculation of ecosystem co-benefits as set forth in the City Forest Credits quantification tool.

5 VERIFICATION FINDINGS

Verifier confirmed that the Project at Year 6 meets the minimum required stocking threshold of 11.5% canopy, or 400 trees per acre, needed to create full canopy cover after 25 years. Therefore, the Verifier confirmed that no changes are required to the credit issuance schedule.

All issues raised by Verifier were clarified or corrected by the Project Operator and all issues were closed by appropriate responses by Pierce Conservation District.

6 VERIFICATION RESULTS AND CONCLUSION

This verification of the Pierce Conservation District Reforestation Program - 2020 for the Year 6 credit issuance was completed in a manner consistent with ISO 14064-3 and in conformance with relevant CFC standards and guidelines.

The table below is a summary of the verified GHG emissions removals for the Project for Year 6 credit issuance. These City Forest Carbon Forward Removal Credits are ex-ante credits based on forecasted removals and subject to multiple safeguards, including sampling, and which convert to ex-post at Year 25.

Table 1. Project GHG Removals

Project Name	GHG Removals Attributed to the Project (mtCO₂e)	GHG Removals After Deductions for Mortality (20%) (mtCO₂e)	GHG Removals After Deductions for Reversal Pool Account (5%) (mtCO₂e)	City Forest Carbon Forward Removal Credits to be Issued to Project at Year 6 (mtCO₂e)
Pierce Conservation District Reforestation Program – Year 6	6,037	4,829	241	1376

Table 2. Ecosystem Co-Benefits Per Year After 25 Years

<i>Ecosystem Services</i>	<i>Resource Units</i>	<i>Value</i>
Rainfall Interception (m3/yr)	19,413.73	\$142,522.88
Air Quality (t/yr)	-0.7020	\$1,411.65
Cooling – Electricity (kWh/yr)	40,447.86	\$2,070.93
Heating – Natural Gas (kBtu/yr)	125,341.13	\$1,426.84
Grand Total (\$/yr)		\$151,136.15

Verifier Signature



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