

Fox River Bluffs Planting Project Project Design Document – Year 4

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INSTRUCTIONS

Project Operators must complete and submit this Project Design Document (PDD) to request credits after the third anniversary of the Credit Commencement Date. City Forest Credits then reviews this PDD as part of the validation process along with all other required project documents. An approved third-party verifier then does an independent check of all documents and compliance with the Protocol, known as verification. An updated PDD will need to be submitted for future verification at Year 6 and After Year 25.

Project Operators should enter data and supporting attachments starting on page 3 under Project Overview where you find "[Enter text here]" as thoroughly as possible and provide numbered attachments for maps and other documentation (ex: 1 – Regional Map). Keep all instructions in the document.

Below is a list of documents that are needed to complete a successful Year 4 Project Design Document:

For the Single Tree Planting Design:

- Carbon Quantification Year 4 Credit tool
- Tree Sampling Data
- Geocoded photos
- Project geospatial data, if there have been changes (KML file or shapefile)

For the Cluster Planting Design

- Project Area imaging from any telemetry, imaging, or remote sensing service
- i-Tree Canopy report
- i-Tree Canopy source data
- Project geospatial data, if there have been changes (KML file or shapefile)
- Carbon Quantification Year 4 Credit tool

For the Area Reforestation Planting Design (previously Canopy Design):

- Either:
 - o Project Area imaging from any telemetry, imaging, or remote sensing service
 - o i-Tree Canopy report
 - o i-Tree Canopy source data
- Or:
- o Tree plot sampling data
- Project geospatial data, if there have been changes (KML file or shapefile)
- Carbon Quantification Year 4 Credit tool
- Summary of approach to quantifying the local CO₂ index

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Name: Fox River Bluffs Planting Project
Project Number: 019
Project Type: Planting Project (under the Planting Protocol – Version 9, February 7, 2021])
Project Start Date: April 8, 2020
Project Location: Yorkville, IL

Project Operator Name: Kendall County Forest Preserve DistrictProject Operator Contact Information:David Guritz, Executive DirectorStefanie Wiencke, Env. Edguritz@co.kendall.il.usswiencke@co.kendall.il.630-538-6303630-229-4828110 W. Madison Street110 W. Madison StreetYorkville, IL 60560Yorkville, IL 60560

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PROJECT AND PLANTING DESIGN UPDATES

Include information on changes to the project including tree survival, ownership, or other relevant updates.

In April 2020, Kendall County Forest Preserve District (District) planted 40-acres of former farmland in Yorkville, IL, as part of a larger, 99-acre woodland and prairie restoration plan. With the help of community volunteers, the District planted 23,917 native trees over the 40-acre carbon Project Area using the area reforestation planting design and carbon quantification methodology. The tree species planted included six species of oak, Shagbark hickory, Black walnut, and American plum. This Year 4 Project Design Document describes the sampling conducted to assess tree growth and establishment at the site after at least three years of growth.

There have been no changes to ownership of the site, which is owned, monitored, and managed by the District.

Based on plot sampling conducted on October 7, 2023, the Project Area meets the minimal required stocking threshold of 400 trees per acre needed to generate full canopy at 25 years.

CARBON QUANTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION (Section 12 and Appendix B)

Describe and summarize the planting design, sampling, and appropriate quantification/measurement method for the project – Single Tree, Clustered, or Area Reforestation. Include the project's climate zone and method of data collection. Outline the estimated total number of credits to be issued to the project over 25 years as well as the amount to be issued upon successful validation and verification in Year 4. Attach the quantification tool and appropriate sampling tool.

List of quantification Tools by planting method (CFC to provide guidance and resources):

- 1) Single Tree single tree quantification tool
- 2) Clustered cluster quantification tool

3) Area Reforestation - quantification with CO₂ calculated per acre

To ensure performance of the credits, Project Operators must commit to the following at Year 4, with additional requirements at Year 6 and after Year 25 based on the appropriate quantification method.

- 1) Single Tree
 - a. <u>Year 4:</u> Project Operators must generate a random sample of project tree sites using the Single Tree Quantification Tool. Project Operators must visit those sampled tree sites and collect data on whether the sample contains a live tree, standing dead tree, or no tree. Provide geocoded photos or imaging of a minimum sample of 20% of the trees. The tracking file includes a column where each tree is assigned a unique serial number to help with tracking each coordinate and tree picture or image.
 - *i.* Based on this data, the number and species of project trees is adjusted and a new CO₂ projected amount by after Year 25 is generated.

2) Clustered

- a. <u>Year 4</u>: Project Operators provide images of the Project Area from any telemetry, imaging, remote sensing, i-Tree Canopy, or UAV service, such as Google Earth and estimate the area in tree canopy cover (acres). Imaging from Google Earth with leaf-on may be used. Project Operators will calculate the percent of canopy cover from the Google Earth imaging. Projects can use i-Tree Canopy and point sampling to calculate canopy cover. Using i-Tree Canopy, continue adding points until the standard error of the estimate for both the tree and non-tree cover is less than 5%. i-Tree Canopy will supply you with the standard errors. If tree canopy cover is determined using another approach, such as image classification, a short description of the approach should be provided, as well as the QA/QC measures that were used. A tree cover classification accuracy assessment should be conducted, as with randomly placed points, and the percentage tree cover classification accuracy reported.
 - If the canopy coverage equals or exceeds 2.8% (400 trees per acre with an average canopy area of 3.14 square feet per tree (2-foot diameter of canopy) is 2.8% of an acre), then the credits projected in the Clustered Quantification Tool may be issued. If canopy coverage is below 2.8%, then the number of credits issued is reduced by the same percentage as the canopy coverage falls below 2.8%.
- 3) Area Reforestation (formerly Canopy planting design)
 - a. <u>Year 4</u>: Project Operators must either conduct a physical tree count using plots or use imaging to determine canopy coverage at Year 4.
 - i. If the canopy coverage equals or exceeds 2.8% (400 trees per acre with an average canopy area of 3.14 square feet per tree (2-foot diameter of canopy) is 2.8% of an acre), then the credits projected in the Quantification Tool may be issued. If canopy coverage is below 2.8%, then the number of credits issued is reduced by the same percentage as the canopy coverage falls below 2.8%.

Overview

In April 2020, the District planted 23,917 trees over 40 acres under the Area Reforestation method. Trees were planted 8' on center in rows to create a forest ecosystem and generate canopy cover over time. Nine native tree species were planted, as outlined in the table below:

Species	# per Acre	Total over 40-Acres
Bur Oak	135	5,417
Red Oak	135	5,417
Shagbark Hickory	104	4,167
Black Oak	63	2,500
White Oak	42	1,667
Swamp White Oak	42	1,667
Pin Oak	31	1,250
Black Walnut	25	1,000
American Plum	21	832
TOTALS	598 per acre	23,917

Data Collection

Plot sampling was used to assess tree establishment across the 40 acres, over three years after the initial planting. Sixty 452.4 sq. ft.-plots (approximately 1/100 of an acre) were randomly selected within the project area (Attachment 1). Within each plot, all trees belonging to a species planted by the District in 2020 were tallied. To promote youth environmental education, the District engaged 32 students from School District 308 Oswego and Oswego East High Schools to aid in surveying the plot samples. All student volunteers attended mandatory field identification training and were grouped into teams of three, with 11 teams each surveying five to six plots. As described in greater detail in the Student Instruction Sheet (Attachment 2a), each team recorded GPS plot coordinates, tallied the number of trees, and collected leaf samples for each tree observed. All student tree counts and identifications (Attachment 3) were individually reviewed and independently verified by District staff using the collected leaf samples.

GPS plot coordinates were incorrectly recorded on three of the sample plots (Plots #15, 37, and 58). However, samples were collected within the project area as denoted in the plot numbering field notes generated by District staff. See Attachment 1 for more information.

Attachments:

- 1 Fox River Bluffs Survey Plot Map
- 2a Fox River Bluffs Student Instructions Sheet
- 2b Fox River Bluffs Sampling Photos
- 3 Fox River Bluffs Survey Data Sheets

Based on the District-verified tree plot counts, 251 trees were observed across the surveyed 60 plots (Attachment 4). The average number of trees per plot was 4.18 trees; given the size of each plot (452.4 sq. ft., or 0.0104 of an acre), the average trees per acre was calculated at 402.8 trees/acre. Per the Area Reforestation guidance document provided by the Registry during Initial Crediting (Attachment 5), the density of trees required to achieve full stocking at Year 25 is 400 trees/acre. Given the current density of 402.8 trees/acre, the Project is on track to achieve full canopy cover by Year 25.

Attachments:

- 4 Fox River Bluffs Survey Data
- 5 Area Reforestation Project Type and Quantification

Carbon Quantification

Total number of trees planted	23,917
Project area (acres)	40
Total number of trees per acre (Initial Crediting)	598
Total number of trees per acre observed via plot sampling (Year 4)	402.8
Credits attributed to the project (tCO2e)	5,328
Credits after mortality deduction (N/A for area reforestation)	N/A
Contribution to Registry Reversal Pool Account (5%) (tCO2e)	266.4
Total credits to be issued to the Project Operator (tCO2e)	5062
Total credits requested to be issued at Year 4	2,025

GHG Assertion:

Project Operator asserts that the Project results in GHG emissions mitigation of 5,062 tons CO₂e over the 25-year Project Duration. Project Operator asserts that, per Protocol Guidelines, 40% of the Project GHG emissions mitigation is issued at Year 4, or 2,025 tons CO₂e. Because the plot sampling results showed that the project is fully stocked at over 400 trees/acre and on track to achieve the forecasted carbon storage, no revisions to the GHG emissions estimates were made. The CO2 index (tCO2e/acre) was determined during Initial Crediting based on sampling of a 25-year-old reference oak forest in the same metropolitan region (Attachment 9).

Attachment: 6 Fox River Bluffs Carbon and CoBenefit Quantification 7 Fox River Bluffs Shapefiles 9 Fox River Bluffs CO2 Index Determination

CO-BENEFITS QUANTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION (Section 12 and

Appendix A)

Summarize co-benefit quantification and provide supporting documentation. If necessary, update the CFC-provided Co-Benefits Quantification spreadsheet to calculate updated rainfall interception, reduction of certain air compounds, and energy savings.

Ecosystem Services	Resource Units	Value
Rainfall Interception (m3/yr)	10,820.4	\$77,472.17
Air Quality (t/yr)	0.4529	\$681.87
Cooling – Electricity (kWh/yr)	85,177	\$6,464.96

Heating – Natural Gas (kBtu/yr)	1,592,668	\$15,504.27
Grand Total (\$/yr)		\$100,123.27

Attachment: 6 Fox River Bluffs Carbon and CoBenefit Quantification Tool

ADDITIONALITY (Section 4)

Complete and attach the Attestation of Additionality.

Additionality is demonstrated by Project Operators per the Protocol in the following ways and in the Attestation of Additionality. The Attestation of Additionality was not required to be signed in the Tree Planting Protocol Version 9; however Project Operator met the requirements and is submitting the Attestation with this Project Design Document update.

- Project trees are not required by law or ordinance to be planted (Protocol Section 4.1). See Attestation of Planting.
- The Project did not plant trees on sites that were forested and then cleared of trees within the prior ten years
- Project trees are additional based on a project specific baseline or the Performance Standard Baseline attached to this PDD.
- Project Operator has signed a Project Implementation Agreement with City Forest Credits for 25 years.
- The 25-year Project Duration commitment is additional to and longer than any commitment the Project Operator makes to non-carbon project tree plantings.
- Project Operator has signed the Attestation of Additionality.

Attachment: 8 Fox River Bluffs Attestation of Additionality

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Include additional information on changes to monitoring and reporting plans since the Initial Credit Planting Design Document was submitted.

No changes to monitoring and reporting plans have been made since the Initial Crediting period. During the plot sample inventory, data was also collected on pioneer ("Voluntary/Adventitious") trees species present within the plots. These data were documented in the "Vol (Adv.)" column of Attachment 4. The following Voluntary/Adventitious tree species were observed: American linden (basswood), black cherry, black locust, sycamore, red maple, box elder, white mulberry, red cedar, and Siberian Elm. As the canopy continues to form over the next 5 years, the District will continue to monitor for invasive or exotic species emerging that may present longer term competitive impacts to the growth of the planted species. That said, the increase of diversity of observed species was anticipated.

SIGNATURE

Signed on December 11, 2023, by David Guritz, Executive Advisor for the Kendall County Forest Preserve District, Kendall County, Illinois.

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1- Survey Plot Map
- 2- Student Instructions Sheet and Sampling Photos
- 3- Survey Data Sheets
- 4- Survey Data
- 5- Area Reforestation Project Type and Quantification
- 6- Carbon and Co-benefit Quantification Tool
- 7- Shapefiles
- 8- Attestation of Additionality
- 9- CO2 Index Determination

Attachments

Canopy

Survey Plots Maps

Student Instructions Sheet & Sampling Photos

Survey Data & Survey Sheets

Project Type & Quantification

Carbon & Cobenefit Quantification Year 4 Credit Tool

Attestation of Additionality

CO2 Index Determination

Survey Plots Map

Fox River Bluffs Sampling Plot Maps

- Exhibit A: <u>Plot Sample Numbering Plan</u> Exhibit B: <u>Plot Sample Numbering Field Notes</u> Exhibit C: <u>Plot Sample Map</u>, based on recorded GIS coordinates; plots 15, 37, 58 excluded, as described below
- Exhibit D: Plot Sample Map with approximate locations of plots 15, 37, 58

Three plots were recorded with incorrect plot coordinates: plots 15, 37, and 58. The approximate plot locations are identified in Exhibit D, based on field notes depicted in Exhibit B.

The device used to locate plot points was the Bad Elf GNSS Surveyor. As described by the manufacturers <u>on their website</u>, when in use in the field, it can take some time for the device to triangulate satellite data and final GPS coordinates. If it's still settling in on location, it can create a recording error. The other error source would be from incorrect reading and/or transcribing of the final coordinate figures. In reviewing the plot sample data and field notes, the District confirms that the tree data at these three plots is sound.

Plot Sample Numbering Plan





Fox River Bluffs—2020 Cropland Conversion Project Tree and Shrub Planting Footprint and Soil Types Map

Fox River Bluffs - Year 4 Plot Sample Map



Fox River Bluffs - Year 4 Plot Sample Map



Student Instructions Sheet & Sampling Photos

Oswego East and Oswego HS – Tree Planting Project Monitoring

Introduction:

In Mar-Apr 2020, the District planted 31,000 trees and shrubs at Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve. Trees were planted in rows every 6-8 feet. Following planting, the District was awarded over 5,000 voluntary carbon credits (1 credit = 1 ton of sequestered carbon dioxide) through City Forest Credits that can be purchased on a voluntary basis to offset carbon footprints, with the first sale of the first 10% of carbon credits sold at \$32 per credit.

Today, we are monitoring for the success of our planted trees and shrubs:

- 1. 32 students total
- 2. 3-students per team / 11 teams
- 3. 6-plots for each team

Each team will help survey 6 plots each for tree and shrub survivorship. Students will:

- 1. Fully complete each survey plot data sheet by:
 - a. Recording the assigned plot number from the center point flag
 - b. Recording the GIS coordinates provided by a District staff member
 - c. Tally the number of oak trees; walnut trees; hickory trees; plum trees and shrubs (hazelnut and elderberry) present on the data sheet
 - d. Collect a leaf sample from each tree and shrub in a ziplock bag with the assigned plot number using a sharpie marker

Materials per team:

- 1. Data collection and tree/shrub ID sheets (1 per survey plot/6 per team); clipboard and pencil
- 2. Marking flags with assigned survey plot (#1-60 for each center point)
- 3. One leaf collection Ziplock for each plot / 6 per team
- 4. One X 12' radius survey string and small Ziplock bag
- 5. Two marking flags per team
- 6. One sharpie/permanent marker for each team

Survey and Data Collection Instructions:

- 1. Record the assigned survey plot number on the data sheet.
- 2. Record the GIS coordinates once received from District staff.
- For each team of three one student holds the survey string over the center point. The second student holds the other end and walks the circle clockwise, stopping at each 45 degree mark (est.) to allow the third student time to collect the data within each of the 8-transect sections per survey plot.
- 4. Use the two marking flags are used to define each section studied to avoid duplicating counts. The third student searches within each 45 degree transect area, collects 1-leaf from each tree and shrub found, and tallies tree and shrub counts on the data sheet.
- 5. Teams retrieve all survey plot flags, and proceed to the next station.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT REMOVE CENTER POINT FLAGS, OR LEAVE A SURVEY PLOT AREA BEFORE RECORDING GIS COORDINATES





FOX RIVER BLUFFS FOREST PRESERVE – DIRECTIONS

From Route 34

Head west on Route 34 to Eldamain Road – turn left (south) on Eldamain. The entrance to Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve is located on the south side of the Fox River. The entry drive and parking lot will be on your right.

From Route 71

Head west on Route 71 to Eldamain Road – turn right (north) on Eldamain. The entrance to Fox River Bluffs is located on the south side of the Fox River – about half mile north east of the roundabout. The entry drive and parking lot will be on your left.



















Survey Data & Survey Sheets

Species						Oak	Hickory	Walnut	Plum	Vol. (Adv.)	Shrub
Survery Plot	Latitude	Longitude	Total Tree Count	Total Shrub Count	Verified Total Tree Count					, , ,	
1	41.63075	-88.495762	5	0	4	2		2		1	
2	41.6305139	-88.4956084	6	1	5	4		1			
3	41.631334	-88.4959766	2	0	2			2			
4	41.629911	-88.498877	7	0	5	4			1		
5	41.6302252	-88.498924	4	1	4	4					
6	41.6303532	-88.4989633	6	0	5	5					
7	41.6305306	-88.4989905	3	2	3	3					1
8	41.630827	-88.4990243	5	1	5	5					1
9	41.631941	-88.4993003	5	1	5	5					1
10	41.6325031	-88.4992699	4	0	4	4					
11	41.6325666	-88.4986926	10	0	6	6				3	
12	41.632039	-88.498222	3	0	3	3					
13	41.6325056	-88.4982929	6	0	3	3				2	1
14	41.6331	-88.497493	3	0	2	2					
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17	41.6340537	-88.497284	10	0	2	2				7	
18	41.634425	-88.4965291	7	1	7	6	1			1	
19	41.634365	-88.4962799	6	0	6	6					
20	41.634358	-88.4960779	4	0	4	4					
21	41.6341348	-88.4968134	4	0	4	4					
22	41.6340879	-88.4962567	9	2	5	1	2		2	2	2
23	41.6340192	-88.4967156	7	0	7	6	1				
24	41.6337043	-88.4968043	8	1	0					1	4
25	41.63327	-88.4967373	6	1	6	6				2	
26	41.6329663	-88.4969909	4	1	5	5					1
27	41.6326521	-88.4970662	1	3	2	1			1	1	1
28	41.6323748	-88.4968088	4	0	3	2		1		1	
29	41.6324249	-88.496555	5	0	4	4					
30	41.632232	-88.4964758	3	0	3	2		1			
31	41.6318898	-88.4966502	1	1	1	1				1	
32	41.6315785	-88.4968665	7	3	3	2			1		
33	41.631235	-88.4969656	7	1	7	7				1	
34	41.6311428	-88.4965984	4	0	4	4					
35	41.6318289	-88.4933178	4	0	5	5					
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39	41.6339339	-88.4935337	9	0	9	9					
40	41.634357	-88.4938	3	3	3	3					3
41	41.6337358	-88.4937511	4	2	3	2	1				1
42	41.6345177	-88.4942362	5	1	5	5					1
43	41.634554	-88.4944803	5	0	2	2				2	1
44	41.6345077	-88.4951152	5	3	3	3				2	1
45	41.634804	-88.4956326	6	1	6	6					1
46	41.6351761	-88.4961633	3	0	3	3					
47	41.6348816	-88.4965634	4	1	5	4	1				
48	41.6349037	-88.4951986	10	1	7		7			3	1
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50	41.6354971	-88.4960499	12	2	6	6				9	1
51	41.6362296	-88.4963452	5	0	4	4				1	
52	41.636036	-88.4961274	9	2	7	6			1	2	1
53	41.636788	-88.4961628	4	1	5	5					1
54	41.6364558	-88.4969172	5	0	4	4					
55	41.6367818	-88.4963602	4	1	4	4				1	
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Verified Total Tree Count	251	43,560.00	sq. ft. / acre
Average Trees per Plot	4.18	452.39	sq. ft. / plot
Avg. Trees per Acre (X96.29 plots per acre)	402.81	27,143.40	60-plots
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Project Type & Quantification



Area Reforestation Project Type and Quantification

October 25, 2020

Area Reforestation seeks two main goals – create a dynamic forest ecosystem and generate canopy over parcels or properties greater than 5 acres and some cases over dozens or hundreds of acres. Examples are projects to convert agricultural land to forest or reforestation of natural areas. To accomplish these goals, area reforestation plants trees closely together, using a diverse palette of species and size, with relatively high expected mortality. Mortality is not the central measure of success of area reforestation, because certain species and trees are expected to out-compete others. Recruitment often occurs that results in mature trees that were not planted by the project operator.

The amount of CO_2 stored after 25-years by planted project trees is based on the anticipated amount of tree canopy area (TC). The forecasted amount of CO_2 stored at 25-years is the product of the amount of tree canopy (TC) and the CO_2 Index (CI, t CO_2 per acre). This approach recognizes that forest dynamics for area reforestation projects are different than for street trees or parks projects. In many cases, native species are planted close together and early competition results in high mortality and rapid canopy closure. The Single Tree Method and the Canopy Method for Parks-like plantings, which are based on the biometrics of open-growing urban trees, do not adequately describe biomass distribution among closely-spaced trees and the dynamic changes in CO_2 stored in dead wood and understory vegetation as a forest stand matures.

City Forest Credits (referred to as the Registry) issues credits at four times during a 25-year area reforestation project. Assuming compliance with all protocol requirements and third-party verification, the Registry issues credits based on projected CO₂ storage over the 25-year project duration. It issues 10% of projected credits after planting, 40% of projected credits at Year 4, and 30% of projected credits at Year 6 after planting. At the end of the project, in year 25, the Operator will receive credits for all CO₂ stored, minus credits already issued. A 5% buffer pool deduction is applied at each issuance of credits, with these funds going into a program-wide pool to insure against catastrophic loss of trees (unavoidable reversals).

To quantify the CO_2 for these kinds of area reforestation projects, Project Operators may choose one of two methods – local data or a forest ecosystem approach using the USDA Forest Service General Technical Report (GTR), with its biometric data and allometrics for 51 forest ecosystems in regions of the U.S. (Smith et al., 2006). In this GTR method, the forecasted amount of CO_2 stored at 25-years is the product of the amount of TC and the CO_2 Index (CI, t CO_2 per acre).

Local Data

Project Operators may apply to the Registry to quantify the projected CO_2 storage from local data for tree growth that more accurately reflects CO_2 storage than the GTR tables. If a Project Operator has

local data for 25-year-old stands like those planted, it can submit that data to the Registry. The Registry retains sole discretion to determine the applicability of that data to the planting project of the Project Operator.

Use of GTR Tables

A Project Operator may alternatively choose to use the USDA Forest Service General Technical Report (GTR), with its biometric data and allometrics for 51 forest ecosystems in regions of the U.S. (Smith et al., 2006). The GTR tables provide carbon stored per hectare for each of six pools as a function of stand age. We used values for 25-year old stands for afforestation projects, because the sites contain little carbon in down dead wood and forest floor material at the time of planting. Data used to derive the 51 forest ecosystem tables came from U.S. Forest Inventory and Assessment plots. More information on methods used to prepare the tables can be found in Smith et al. (2006). The value from the applicable table, for total non-soil carbon stock for age 25 (or other source approved by the registry) is the CO_2 Index (CI).

Project Operators determine their forest type and select the type from their region in the GTR tables. Project Operators then utilize the carbon totals for year 25 from the tables. If a project is planted on an area that has been tilled to grow crops for at least three of ten years before tree planting, then soil carbon may be claimed.

SOIL CARBON SEQUESTRATION

- If a project converts land from tillage, the project may receive credit for increasing soil carbon sequestration. If a project does not convert land from tillage, the project shall not receive credit for soil carbon sequestration. To receive soil carbon credits, the project must document a history of cropping in at least three of the 10 years preceding initiation of the project. Options for documenting tillage include cropping records, crop subsidy payment receipts, and historical aerial photos showing cropping.
- Following the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) afforestation/reforestation methodological tool "Tool for estimation of change in soil organic carbon stocks due to the implementation of A/R CDM project activities, Version 01," projects that are on sites that are productive enough to grow trees and that stop tillage are assumed to gain more than the IPCC's maximum creditable amount of soil carbon of 16 tC/ha, which is 23.7 tCO₂e/acre over the 25 year life of the sequestration project.
- When a project converts agricultural land to forest and makes no change in the demand for agricultural products, the project creates pressure to bring other lands into agriculture. Economists call the rate that other resources are increased to serve a supply the "price elasticity of supply." The average price elasticity of supply of agricultural land in the U.S. is calculated by Barr et al. (2010) to be 0.018, which is 1.8%. To account for this expected conversion of some other land to agriculture, and assuming that land brought into agriculture loses the same amount of carbon that soil taken out of agriculture regains, the Registry deducts 1.8% of the IPCC creditable amount of carbon gain. As a result, projects that convert land from tillage to trees may count

23.3 tCO₂e per acre of soil carbon gain as a result of the project over the 25 year life of the project.

After conversions from Carbon to CO₂, the CO₂ Index (CI) is tons CO₂ per acre of tree canopy (TC) and the forecasted amount of CO₂ stored after 25-years is the CI x TC. This is the value from which the Registry will issue credits.

If a Project operator feels that the GTR table applicable to its project does not reflect accurate CO₂ storage for that project, he or she may apply to the Registry for use of a different GTR table in a more accurate way. Here is a non-exhaustive list of factors the Registry will consider in any requests to deviate from the GTR values:

- Soils
- Precipitation
- Climate information for the area
- Site productivity
- Local measurements of growth
- Proximity to the border of another region

Guidance on Numbers of Trees per Acre to Plant for Crediting under this Area Reforestation Quantification Method

To determine how many trees to plant, the project must estimate what mortality of planted seedlings it will have. With professional tree planters, quality planting stock, growing conditions conducive to growth, and little animal damage, planting at 10' by 10' spacing (436 trees per acre) often results in more than 400 trees per acre surviving at Year 6.

In harsh site conditions, or planting at the wrong time of year, or not keeping seedlings cool and moist, or not planting with good contact between roots and soil, mortality of 30-50% is common. Planting by volunteer planters, or in sites with high animal browsing, can result in mortality greater than 80-90%. CFC recommends having someone with tree planting expertise manage the acquisition of planting stock and manage the planting process.

Methods for Determining Canopy Cover Growth or Tree Survival, and Progress Standards for Issuance of Credits at Years 4 and 6

Projects can choose one of two methods for determining canopy or tree survival – the Canopy Cover Growth Method or the Trees Per Acre Method

CANOPY COVER GROWTH METHOD

- Project provides images of the Project Area from any telemetry, imaging, remote sensing, i-Tree Canopy, or UAV service, such as Google Earth and estimate the area in tree canopy cover (acres).
 - Imaging from Google Earth with leaf-on may be used. Project operators will calculate the percent of canopy cover from the Google Earth imaging
 - Projects can use i-Tree Canopy and point sampling to calculate canopy cover. Using i-Tree Canopy, continue adding points until the standard error of the estimate for both the tree and non-tree cover is less than 5%. i-Tree Canopy will supply you with the standard errors.
 - If tree canopy cover is determined using another approach, such as image classification, a short description of the approach should be provided, as well as the QA/QC measures that were used. A tree cover classification accuracy assessment should be conducted, as with randomly placed points, and the percentage tree cover classification accuracy reported.
- Progress Requirements for Issuance of Credits in Years 4 and 6:
 - At Year 4, projects must show canopy coverage of at least 2.8% of the Project Area (400 trees per acre with an average canopy area of 3.14 square feet per tree (2-foot diameter of canopy) is 2.8% of an acre)
 - At Year 6, projects must show canopy coverage of at least 26% of the Project Area (400 trees with an average canopy area of 28.26 square feet per tree (6-foot diameter of canopy) is 26% of an acre)

Note: if projects exceed these Progress Requirements, they will not receive credits early or out of schedule. If projects fail to meet the Progress Requirements, they will not be eligible to request credits until they meet the Progress Requirements.

TREES PER ACRE METHOD

- Select 60 plots within the project area. This can be done using i-Tree Canopy and downloading plot center coordinates, or by travelling to the project area, choosing a random starting point, and walk a grid that locates at least 60 plots within the project area, well distributed across the project area. If locating the plots in the field, record the coordinates of each plot center. The Registry can provide examples of methods for determining the grid spacing and doing a random start.
- Mark each plot center with flagging, with the plot number written on the flagging. For a circular plot with 11.78' radius measured horizontally from plot center (not slope distance). This 11.78' radius makes a 1/100 acre plot.
- Count the number of live trees on the plot, counting only tree species that typically will reach 6" DBH by age 25 under the conditions present within the project area.

- Calculate the average number of trees per plot. Multiply the average number of trees per plot by 100. This is the average number of trees per acre present on the project.
- Divide the number of trees per acre on the project area by 400. This is the fraction canopy cover expected to be achieved by age 25.
- Multiply the fraction canopy cover expected to be achieved by age 25 by the live tree carbon stock (in metric tons of carbon per acre) at age 25 from the appropriate afforestation table in US Forest Service GTR NE-343. This is the carbon stock expected to be present at age 25. Multiply this expected carbon stock by 3.67 to calculate the expected carbon stock in metric tons CO₂e per acre.
- Report to the Registry:
 - The method used to locate plot centers.
 - Plot center coordinates.
 - Plot data, specifically the number of trees on each plot, by plot.
 - The average number of trees per acre calculated from plot data.

To count as fully stocked, at Year 6 (after five years of growth since planting) the project must have 400 surviving trees per acre of species that typically will reach 6" DBH by age 25 under the conditions present within the project area.

If 200-400 trees per acre are surviving at Year 6, predicted carbon sequestration is adjusted by multiplying the predicted carbon stock for full stocking at age 25 times the fraction (live trees per acre divided by 400). If the project has fewer than 200 trees per acre at Year 6, the CFC "single tree" quantification tool should be used.

QUANTIFICATION AT END OF YEAR 25

- Project may calculate Trees Per Acre as described above, or
- Project provides images of the Project Area from any telemetry, imaging, remote sensing, i-Tree Canopy, or UAV service, such as Google Earth and estimate the area in tree canopy cover (acres).
 - Projects can use i-Tree Canopy and point sampling to calculate canopy cover. Using i-Tree Canopy, continue adding points until the standard error of the estimate for both the tree and non-tree cover is less than 5%. I-Tree Canopy will supply you with the standard errors.
 - If tree canopy cover is determined using another approach, such as image classification, a short description of the approach should be provided, as well as the QA/QC measures that were used. A tree cover classification accuracy assessment should be conducted, as with randomly placed points, and the percentage tree cover classification accuracy reported.
 - Project calculates total CO₂ storage at end of Year 25 as follows:
 - Multiply the CI (carbon index times the acres of TC (tree canopy) in the Project Area.

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Carbon & Cobenefit Quantification Year 4 Credit Tool

GHG Emissions						10%	40%	30%	20%
	Acres	CO2 index (tCO2e/acre)	GHG Emissions (tCO2e)	5% Buffer Pool Deduction	Grand Total CO2 w/ Deductions (t)	Year 0 10% CO ₂ (t)	Year 4 40% CO ₂ (t)	Year 6 30% CO ₂ (t)	After Year 25 20% CO ₂ (t)
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Directions

1) Use i-Tree Canopy, or another tool, to estimate the amount of deciduous and coniferous tree cover area (acres) (Cell C18 and D18).

2) Use i-Tree Canopy, or another tool, to estimate the amount of non-tree cover area (acres) (Cell F18) in the project area.

3) In Cell G18 the total area of the project is calculated (acres). Prompt i-Tree Canopy to provide an estimate of the project area by clicking on the gear icon next to the upper right portion of the image and selecting "Report By Area."

4) Total Project Area, cell G15 should equal 100%.

Table 1. Tree Cover

					Total
	Deciduous Tree	Coniferous Tree	Total Tree		Project
	Cover	Cover	Cover	Non-Tree	Area
Percent (%)	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%
Area (sq miles)	0.063	0.000	0.063	0.000	0.06
Area (m2)	161,873	0	161,873	0	161,873
Area (acres)	40	0.00	40.00	0.00	40.00

Using the information you provide on tree canopy cover, the tool provides estimates of co-benefits in Resource Units and \$ per year.

	Resource	Res Unit/Acre	
Ecosystem Services	Units Totals	Tree Canopy	Total \$
Rain Interception (m3/yr)	10,820.4	270.5	\$77,472.17
Air Quality (t/yr)			
03	0.2065	0.0052	\$312.81
NOx	0.0345	0.0009	\$52.20
PM10	0.1056	0.0026	\$136.10
Net VOCs	0.1063	0.0027	\$180.76
Air Quality Total	0.4529	0.0113	\$681.87
Energy (kWh/yr & kBtu/yr)			
Cooling - Elec.	85,177	2,129	\$6,464.96
Heating - Nat. Gas	1,592,668	39,817	\$15,504.27
Energy Total (\$/yr)			\$21,969.23
Grand Total (\$/yr)			\$100,123.27

Table 2. Co-Benefits per year with current tree canopy cover.

Attestation of Additionality



Fox River Bluffs Planting Project Attestation of Additionality

I am the Executive Advisor of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District and make this attestation regarding additionality from this tree planting project, Fox River Bluffs Planting Project.

- Project Description
 - The Project that is the subject of this attestation is described more fully in both our Application and our Project Design Document (PDD), both of which are incorporated into this attestation.
- Legal Requirements Test (Protocol Section 4.1)
 - Project trees are not required by law or ordinance to be planted.
- The Project did not plant trees on sites that were converted out of a forest use or that were cleared of healthy trees and then planted with project trees (Protocol Section 4.2)
- Project-Specific Baseline or Performance Standard Baseline
 - o Project trees are additional based on a project specific baseline. See PDD; or
 - Project trees are additional based on the Performance Standard baseline; see attached baseline to the PDD.
- Project Implementation Agreement for Project Duration
 - Kendall County Forest Preserve District has signed a Project Implementation Agreement with City Forest Credits for 25 years.
- The 25-year Project Duration commitment is additional to and longer than any commitment Kendall County Forest Preserve District makes to non-carbon project tree plantings.

Signed on December 11, 2023, by David Guritz, Executive Advisor, for Kendall County Forest Preserve District.

Signature **Printed Name** 63

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CO2 Index Determination



Fox River Bluffs Carbon Quantification Process, Data, and Calculations¹

In compliance with the Area Reforestation method approved by CFC, the District obtained approval from CFC to sample a 25-year planting of the same oak forest as the project trees. This sampling of 25-year trees of the same species in the same metropolitan region would constitute the most accurate projection of CO₂ storage for the project trees.

In fall 2020, KCFPD conducted sampling and measurement of DBH at Hoover Forest Preserve, Kendall Township, of a 25-year old grove of row-planted oak trees planted approximately 8' - 10' on center to extrapolate growth projections and CO₂ storage for the first 25-years for the trees planted at Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve.

The planted grove of trees sampled and measured at Hoover Forest Preserve were planted in 1995 by the Boy Scouts of America under supervision of Tom Gargrave, Illinois Department of Natural Resources State Forester. Student EcoClub volunteers sponsored by Scott Johnson, Environmental Science Teacher from Oswego East High School SD 308, Oswego, Illinois collected DBH measures for the trees planted at Hoover Forest Preserve. The EcoClub students were trained and supervised by David Guritz, Executive Director of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District, and Stefanie Wiencke, Natural Beginnings Early Learning Program and Special Projects Manager. Students were instructed to capture DBH (diameter at breast-height) measures for each of the trees in each of the planted rows, identify the tree species as Oak sp., Pine, or other, and measure distances between planted trees, denoting suspected tree mortality as evidenced by gaps within the planted tree rows, and documented missing individual trees on the data sheets provided. Students completed the field work using the data collection form templates, with the final Excel data compilation spreadsheet completed under the supervision of Scott Johnson, Environmental Science Teacher and EcoClub Sponsor at Oswego East High School.

Field data was entered into the Excel workbook for analysis. The field data records and final spreadsheet was examined for accuracy, with the original data records maintained by the Kendall County Forest Preserve District. We refer to this as the Quantification Workbook because it contains the data and calculations for quantification of CO₂. Based on site conditions, it was determined that the first 20-rows (west to east) of oak trees planted at Hoover Forest Preserve would serve as the comparable grove size in order to extrapolate growth projections at Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve.

Lindsay Darling, GIS Administrator for The Morton Arboretum's Chicago Region Trees Initiative provided a GIS calculated average height of 26.59 feet for the tree canopy for rows 1-20 (shaded) on January 15, 2021.

¹ Text adapted from Fox River Bluffs Initial Crediting Project Design Document, submitted 12/7/2021 and verified 12/10/2021.



Final data collected for the first 20-rows of the 25-year grove at Hoover Forest Preserve was sent to CFC scientists to review the sampling and complete sequestered carbon calculations for the 93,478.3 sq. ft. (+/- 3.27 acres) planted area (Planted Rows 1-20) at Hoover Forest Preserve. The sample data described above was based on student collected data and GIS-average height data provided by Lindsay Darling, PhD student - Purdue University and GIS Administrator - Chicago Region Trees Initiative and Center for Tree Science Fellow at The Morton Arboretum.

Based on the CFC scientist's calculations, the planted oak trees at Hoover Forest Preserve yield 109.9 tCO_2e total biomass sequestration through age 25 above ground and below.

A brief summary of calculation methodology is provided below:

The DBH measures for each tree were used to calculate above ground biomass, dry weight, in kg.

Equations for estimating tree biomass from tree size are from Jenkins, Jennifer C.; Chojnacky, David C.; Heath, Linda S.; Birdsey, Richard A. 2004. Comprehensive database of diameter-based biomass regressions for North American tree species. Gen. Tech. Rep. NE-319. Newtown Square, PA: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northeastern Research Station. 45 p.

The above-ground biomass was converted to above-ground carbon and then to CO_2 e. The District, with approval from CFC, applied a 0.20 factor to above-ground carbon to obtain below-ground live carbon (non-soil). The sum of the above-ground CO_2 and the below-ground CO_2 was calculated at 109.9t CO_2 /acre

Per the Area Reforestation methodology, soil carbon can be credited if the site has been in active tillage for at least three of the ten years prior to planting. The Area Reforestation methodology gives a standard soil carbon index of 23.3 metric tons $CO_2(e)$. In order to calculate total CO_2e sequestration for

the project, the standard soil carbon index of 23.3 per acre is added to the total above ground and below ground measures, for a total per acre of 133.2.

From this figure, a deduction of 5% of the total project credits is taken for the reversal pool, so credit issuance to the project for the Fox River Bluffs Planting Project is 126.54 tCO₂e per acre through age 25.

With 40 acres planted for crediting, the total GHG emissions removals projected for this project is 5,328. After the deduction for the reversal pool maintained by CFC, the credits issuable to the District are 5,062 tCO2e.