



Approved Validation and Verification Bodies

The following are the approved Validation and Verification Bodies (VVBs) for carbon projects under the City Forest Credits Program:

- Ecofor, LLC (Dr. Gordon Smith)
 - Dr. Gordon Smith provides third-party verification for CFC tree preservation projects. He brings many years of experience in carbon accounting, greenhouse gas standards, verification, and implementation. Dr. Smith is a member of the editorial board of the journal Carbon Management; Greenhouse Gas Management Institute advisory committee; accredited expert with the Verified Carbon Standard in afforestation/deforestation, improved forest management, avoided deforestation (REDD), and agricultural land management; and AFOLU Technical Committee of the American Carbon Registry.

- Dr. Qingfu Xiao
 - Dr. Qingfu Xiao provides third-party verification for CFC tree planting projects. He has an extensive background in urban forestry ecosystem services assessments and analysis, measuring and modeling complex urban forestry hydrology, and GIS and remote sensing of environmental landscapes. Dr. Xiao is currently an Associate Project Scientist in the Department of Land, Air, and Water Resources at University of California, Davis.

- Zachary Boerman
 - A native of Rochester, NY, Zack found the nearby Adirondack Mountains to be an early inspiration for conservation. These experiences led him to pursue a BS in Forest Resource Management from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF) following an AAS in Forest Technology from the SUNY ESF Ranger School. Zack has held roles professionally in the public, private and non-profit forestry sectors for the past 7 years and currently supports efforts to integrate forest management and migratory bird habitat.

- Todd Douglass, ISA Certified Arborist
 - Todd Douglass provides third-party verification for CFC tree preservation projects. Since graduating from the University of Maine with a master's in forest management, Todd's practiced traditional and urban forestry from New England, to the mid-Atlantic and the southeast on private and public lands. He has experience working with private landowners on forest stewardship planning, urban forestry projects, and cost-sharing programs. He has contributed to several forestry projects on public lands including FIA (Forest Inventory and Analysis) data collection, forest carbon and biometrics research,

and continuous forest inventory for silvicultural research. Todd is currently a contract forester at Fort Jackson in South Carolina, where military training lands are managed for fire prevention, endangered species and other wildlife habitat, timber products, and recreational uses.

- Dan Hintz, M.E.H.
 - Dan Hintz provides third-party verification for CFC tree planting projects. Dan has a master's in environmental horticulture from the University of Washington as well as over a decade of experience designing and implementing forest restoration projects in the Pacific Northwest. This includes extensive knowledge of different methods for monitoring forest composition and tracking the success of restoration projects over time. Dan is a member of the Society of Ecological Restoration (SER) Northwest Chapter and is currently the restoration projects manager for the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in Washington state.

- Matthew Lee, ISA Certified Arborist
 - Matt Lee provides third-party verification for CFC tree planting projects. Matt has a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning with a specialization in environmental planning from Portland State University. Matt worked for over a decade as a field botanist and ecologist for the National Park Service and as an urban watershed steward in North Portland, Oregon. He currently works as a community forester with the Green Infrastructure Center where he provides technical support for communities to map their forests, quantify ecosystem services and develop strategies around tree conservation, planting and storm resiliency. Matt is a Certified Arborist and possesses a Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) through the International Society of Arborists (ISA).