



Summary of Changes from City Forest Credits Afforestation and Reforestation Protocol Version 10 to Version 11

The following table summarizes the substantial changes to the City Forest Credits Afforestation and Reforestation Protocol, from Version 10 published February 7, 2022, to Version 11, published for public comment February 24, 2023 through March 24, 2023.

Subject	Section	Revision
Protocol Name	Throughout	Revision to the Planting Protocol name from “Tree Planting” to “Afforestation and Reforestation.”
Credit Type	Introduction	Clarification that at Year 26, after final documentation is submitted and validation and third-party verification are completed, ex ante credits convert to ex post credits.
Request for Credit Issuance	2.4	Clarification of the Request for Credit Issuance date at Years 4, 6, 14, and 26 as the date following the respective anniversary of the Credit Commencement Date, after which sampling can begin and the credit issuance be requested
Project Timeline and Key Dates	2.5, 2.8	Clarification that sampling is required within nine months of the Request for Credit Issuance date. Addition of a table clarifying the due dates and timeline of key project components
Project Documentation	3	Updates to the list of Project documents required by the Registry to include the Social Impacts Report and documents for future credit issuances.
Additionality	4	Clarification of additionality definition as further described in the City Forest Credits Standard
No Double Counting	5.2	Addition of language describing required geospatial data and documentation from Project Operators to demonstrate no double counting of credits.
Issuance of Ex Post Credits	6.4	Clarification of requirements for issuance of ex post credits.
Monitoring Report Submission	7	Clarification on monitoring report requirements, such that monitoring reports are required even on years coinciding with Request for Credit Issuance submissions.
Compensation for Avoidable Reversals	8.1.B	Revision to how Project Operators can compensate for unavoidable reversals.
Verification	12.2	Clarification of the process for the retention of third-party verifiers by the Registry.
Ex ante credits	Appendix A, Section 1	Addition describing the value of urban forest carbon planting projects that mitigate risk to ex ante crediting

Variability in Cluster Method Quantification	Appendix A, Section 2.2	Revision to top-line deduction from 20% to 30% for the Cluster Quantification method to better account for variability
Verification Report	Appendix B, Section 1	Clarification of Verification Report requirements, replacing Appendix B, Section 7
Verification Elements	Appendix B, Section 3	Clarification of requirements in Verification Elements tables, replacing Appendix B, Section 6