



## Summary of Changes to City Forest Credits Tree Preservation Protocol Version 12.40 to 13.40 and Version 12.100 to 13.100

The following table summarizes the revisions made to the 40-year and 100-year City Forest Credits Tree Preservation Protocol.

- The revisions reflect updates to the 40-year Tree Preservation Protocol from Version 12.40 published February 22, 2023, to Version 13.40, published for public comment March 6, 2024 through April 6, 2024.
- The revisions reflect updates to the 100-year Tree Preservation Protocol from Version 12.100 published February 22, 2023, to Version 13.100, published for public comment March 6, 2024 through April 6, 2024.

Subject	Section	Revision
Location Eligibility	1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarification limiting urban area eligibility within large metropolitan planning organizations to locations within a 10-mile buffer of Census-designated Urban Areas</li> <li>• Clarification that eligibility under criterion 1.4E is limited to projects within the boundary of said criteria</li> <li>• Update that 1.4F is no longer a location eligibility criterion</li> <li>• Clarification that contiguously connected parcels may be either coterminous with, or within 400 feet of, the qualifying criteria from 1.4A to 1.4D</li> </ul>
Project Area	2.1	Clarification that a project can include multiple parcel(s) or property(ies)
Critical Areas	4.3.B	Update that critical areas must be excluded from the carbon project area, though a Project Operator may seek guidance from the Registry for particular factual or legal situations
Threat of Loss	4.4.B	Clarification that when the assessed value is a percentage of the appraised value, the appraised value is to be used for this determination
Additionality	6, Appendix E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarification that the threat of loss test is applied to the Project Area prior to the Preservation Commitment</li> </ul>

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Reversal Credits	7.3	Clarification that reversal credits are not returned
Verification	13.2, Appendix D	Addition of references to City Forest Credits Standard Section 5.2 and Appendix C, updating the Registry VVB accreditation requirements to be consistent with Article 6.4 of the UNCCC Paris Agreement.