

Summary from SUFC Policy WG Call, 2/11/11:

- 1. There was consensus on the call to focus the 2012 U&CF budget recommendations on "holding the baseline funding" steady. If all SUFC members work together to hold the line - we will be best positioned to maintain 2011 enacted levels.**
 - To address a larger, aspirational budget above baseline funding would be counterproductive with current climate and drastic cuts pending.
 - American Forests** will revise the budget recommendations and distribute for WG review next week.
 - On track for early March roll-out.
- 2. The Policy WG will devise specific strategies for approaching both the House and Senate and leverage SUFC member contacts on both sides of the aisle re: U&CF funding.**

This strategy will be utilized leading up to, during and after the SUFC Advocacy Day, April 13th by SUFC members. Strategy discussion to be tabled for next conf. call.
- 3. Policy WG members will educate themselves on other federal program budgets that could overlap/impact urban tree planting.**

WG will take this year to learn more about programs and opportunities outside the FS.
Jake to take lead on EPA.
- 4. Policy WG members will use this year to explore what an additional ask (60+ million) would look like and how it would be broken down into specific funding amounts.**
- 5. Policy WG subcommittee will draft language regarding the EPA stormwater rulemaking regulation for WG review.**
 - The purpose is to have a clear message from SUFC re: use of green infrastructure within federal regulations on stormwater management.
 - Christi, Jen H., Gary, Don/Mary, and Kevin** will craft initial language.
 - American Rivers** will provide a background platform document that addresses broad green infrastructure interests.
 - A potential meeting with EPA and SUFC is slotted for late Feb./March.
 - All SUFC members wanting to know more about the rulemaking process/status, should reach out to Gary Belan (gbelan@americanrivers.org) or EPA directly.
- 6. Next WG call will be mid-late February to discuss revised U&CF recommendations (if necessary), distribution, and outreach strategy as well as April 13th Advocacy Day.**

NOTE: Alice/Phil will pass along jobs related data from FS sources. Please note the attached factsheet is an UPDATED version of the document sent earlier today.