



Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition

13th SUFC Annual Meeting Call for Collaboration

Greetings SUFC Members and Supporters,

In response to the request for more opportunities to proactively network and build effective partnerships among Coalition members, SUFC established a Pilot Networking Initiative in 2017. During the Annual Meeting held in March 2017, four projects were presented with an open “call for collaboration” among members. Each of these projects related to the theme of “nature’s impact on public health.” (More information on these projects will be highlighted in the forthcoming Member Action Digest.)

Building on last year’s pilot, the Coalition is once again calling for proposals for projects, research ideas, campaigns, or new technologies that relate to the 2018 theme:

Resilience, defined as using urban forest/green infrastructure management strategies to prepare and plan for, absorb, recover from, and successfully adapt to impacts on people and trees resulting from adverse events. Adverse events include both acute shocks (e.g., natural disasters) and chronic stresses (e.g., climate change effects, such as increasing temperatures and sea level rise).

Those who submit successful proposals will have the opportunity to:

1. Present their project or idea and corresponding Call for Collaboration at the SUFC Annual Meeting on March 7, 2018, in Washington, DC;
2. Receive SUFC endorsement as an existing or emerging innovation in urban forestry; and,
3. Access the diverse members and supporters of the Coalition to form partnerships to assist with their work throughout the year.

Click [HERE](#) to submit a proposal. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Rachel Holmes (rholmes@tnc.org). To learn more about the 2018 SUFC Annual Meeting, click [HERE](#).

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This "Call for Collaboration:" 1) is an opportunity for other Coalition members to learn about ways to engage with you/your organization; 2) will feature a distinct, actionable call for participation (as opposed to simply an FYI project update); 3) will inspire other Coalition members to think creatively about new partnerships; and 4) will serve as an initial kickoff for a year-long collaboration among Coalition members.

A more detailed work flow/timeline for this Networking Initiative is as follows:

- a. At the Annual Meeting, select SUFC members (chosen in advance through a competitive, peer-reviewed process) will present either an **existing** or **potential** project in one of the following categories:
 - i. Co-fundraising or grant opportunity
 - ii. Advocacy opportunity
 - iii. Programming
 - iv. Research/Technology development
 - v. Educational materials
- b. At the Annual Meeting, presenters will have the opportunity to host breakout conversations, inviting collaboration from interested Coalition members and forming ad hoc work groups.
- c. Throughout the year, ad hoc work groups will continue to meet, solicit additional support from other Coalition members, and report back to the Coalition and larger urban forestry community, as appropriate. (Reporting will be done with support from SUFC's Strategic Engagement and Outreach and Leveraging the Network Working Groups.)
- d. During the 2019 Annual Meeting, the 2018 Networking Initiative Collaborators will present their year in review.