

SUFC Urban Research Working Group

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- The SUFC Research & Development platform (formerly titled “Priorities”) is under review by full SUFC membership. 3/4ths voting endorsement is required for it to be an official SUFC document/platform. 7/12/13 was the extended deadline. Jennifer is rounding up unresponsive members.
- In response to the WG approving the addition “Civic Stewardship & Governance” to the platform document (via email), there was a subsequent (and rich) background discussion on the social and human research perspectives by Dr. Wolf and WG members – i.e., the need for both public assistance and care for trees on public and private land (research includes STEW map, stewardship/residential behavior, role of governance in this care etc.)
- The addition in the platform reads as below:

❖ Civic Stewardship & Governance

- Use evidence based strategies to enlist, support, and engage citizens and private property owners (particularly in residential areas) to plant trees, restore forests, and be involved in effective resource management.
- Understand and develop more effective, comprehensive stewardship networks and governance systems to engage private and NGO sectors in managing and sustaining urban forests.

- In response to how the WG might address future questions about what is NOT on this platform, the WG restated this framework is not the “full universe” of urban and community forestry/GI research but a working platform of research interest areas identified by SUFC members. This list serves to answer “what” our platform is but not “how” we will address these issues.
- Agroforestry/food security was flagged as not being called out on the platform and after a thorough discussion, the WG agreed to add it to the document. WG members worked offline to refine the language and insert it into the appropriate space. Jennifer flagged the addition to all SUFC membership as an “amendment”. The revised languages is below:

❖ Forest Products & Wood Utilization

- Develop inventory protocols, quantification methods, harvesting techniques, and markets for urban forest products, wood utilization and other technologies.
- Investigate and demonstrate the capacity of urban forests to provide ecosystem goods derived from non-timber forest products including food resources.