

Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a renewal of the information collection, Environmental Justice and the Urban Forest in Atlanta, GA.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before December 11, 2017 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Cassandra Johnson Gaither, Forestry Sciences Lab, 320 Green St., Athens, GA 30602. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (706) 559-4266 or by email to: cjohnson09@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at Forestry Sciences Lab, 320 Green St., Athens, GA 30602 during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (706) 559-4264 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cassandra Johnson Gaither, U.S. Forest Service, Southern Research Station, 706-559-4270. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Environmental Justice and the Urban Forest in Atlanta, GA.
OMB Number: 0596-0237.

Expiration Date of Approval:

Type of Request: Renewal.

Abstract: This information collection will gather data on city of Atlanta residents' interest in and engagement with the city's urban forest. The urban forest is defined as trees on both public spaces (e.g., parks) and on private residences. Engagement is defined as people's interest and awareness of city trees, interest in tree maintenance at both the household and community level, and their participation in decisions about whether trees should be maintained. The information collection also gathers data on social stressors such as crime rates, affordable housing, and stormwater management. The data is intended to provide information on the broader context from which people make decisions about engaging with city trees. If people lack basic needs such as access to healthy foods and safe neighborhoods, it's unlikely that they would demonstrate a high degree of engagement with the city's urban forest. Taken together, these data on people's ability to engage with the urban forest and constraints to doing so provide an indication of environmental justice with respect to Atlanta's urban forest.

Environmental justice, in its broader sense, has to do with people's physical proximity to both environmental burdens and the access to environmental goods or amenities like urban parks and forests, and tree-lined streets.

This information collection addresses environmental justice from the perspective of urban trees and how this resource may contribute to environmental justice in a given community or neighborhood.

The survey will be conducted face-to-face at the household using electronic devices. Neighborhood residents trained in appropriate data collection techniques will collect the information. Data on city of Atlanta residents' interest in and engagement with city trees will be collected. This includes information about engagement at both the household and community level. For instance, at the household level, questions are asked about the ability and knowledge that people may have about city trees. And at the community level, questions are asked about a community's political strength and how this may affect that community's ability to command tree planting by the city.

Data will be collected from residents in the city of Atlanta. If the information proposed herein is not collected, efforts to understand how urban dwellers in large, southern cities like Atlanta are connected to urban green spaces will be diminished.

Type of Respondents: City of Atlanta residents.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 1900.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1 minute.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 212 hours.

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: September 27, 2017.

Felipe Sanchez,

Acting Associate Deputy Chief, Research & Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection: Federal and Non-Federal Financial Assistance Instruments

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the revision of a currently approved information collection, OMB 0596-0217, Federal and Non-Federal Financial Assistance Instruments.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before December 11, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Jacqueline Henry, USDA Forest Service, Branch Chief for Grants and Agreements Policy, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Mailstop 1138, Washington, DC 20250.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 703-605-4776 or by email to: Jacquelinehenry@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at USDA Forest Service, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 703-605-4776 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jacqueline Henry, Branch Chief, Grants and Agreements Policy, telephone 703-605-4776.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Federal and Non-Federal Financial Assistance Instruments.

OMB Number: 0596–0217.

Expiration Date of Approval: 02/28/2018.

Type of Request: Extension with revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: In order to perform specific Forest Service activities, Congress created several authorities to assist the Agency in carrying out its mission. The Forest Service issues Federal Financial Assistance (FFA) awards, which are grants and cooperative agreements, as authorized by the Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements Act (FGCAA). This collection includes the following forms:

- (1) Federal Financial Assistance Standard Forms,
- (2) Pre-certification forms,
- (3) Award and administrative related correspondence, and

- (4) A new questionnaire related to a recipient's accounting system and financial management capabilities.

In addition to FFA, Congress created specific authorizations for acts outside the scope of the FGCAA. Appropriations language was developed to convey authority for the Forest Service to enter into relationships that are outside the scope of the FGCAA. The Forest Service implements these authorizations using instruments such as collection agreements, FGCAA exempted agreements, memorandums of understanding, and other agreements which mutually benefit participating parties. These instruments fall outside the scope of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and often require financial plans and statements of work. Forest Service employees collect information from cooperating parties from the pre-award to the closeout stage via telephone calls, emails, postal mail, and person-to-person meetings to create, develop, and administer these funded and non-funded agreements. The multiple means for respondents to communicate their responses include forms, non-forms, electronic documents, face-to-face, telephone, and Internet. The scope of information collected varies; however, it typically includes the project type, project scope, financial plan, statement of work, and cooperator's business information.

The Forest Service would not be able to create, develop, and administer these funded and non-funded agreements without the collected information. The Agency would also be unable to develop or monitor projects, make or receive payments, or identify financial and accounting errors.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 1 to 4 hours annually per person.

Type of Respondents: Non-profit and for profit institutions; institutions of higher education; State, local, and Native American tribal governments, individuals; foreign governments; and organizations.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 15,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1 to 4.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 28,000 hours.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: September 25, 2017.

Andria Weeks,

Acting Associate Deputy Chief, Business Operations.

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CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: October 16, 2017, 1:00 p.m. e.d.t.

PLACE: U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20006.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) will convene a public meeting on October 16, 2017, starting at 1:00 p.m. EDT in Washington, DC, at the CSB offices located at 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 910. The Board will discuss open investigations, an update on

recommendations, the status of audits from the Office of the Inspector General, and financial and organizational updates. An opportunity for public comment will be provided.

Additional Information

The meeting is free and open to the public. If you require a translator or interpreter, please notify the individual listed below as the **CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**, at least three business days prior to the meeting.

A conference call line will be provided for those who cannot attend in person. Please use the following dial-in number to join the conference: Dial in Number: 888–862–6557 Confirmation Number: 45765401.

The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating accidents and hazards that result, or may result, in the catastrophic release of extremely hazardous substances. The agency's Board Members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. CSB investigations look into all aspects of chemical accidents and hazards, including physical causes such as equipment failure as well as inadequacies in regulations, industry standards, and safety management systems.

Public Comment

The time provided for public statements will depend upon the number of people who wish to speak. Speakers should assume that their presentations will be limited to three minutes or less, but commenters may submit written statements for the record.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Hillary Cohen, Communications Manager, at public@csb.gov or (202) 446–8094. Further information about this public meeting can be found on the CSB Web site at: www.csb.gov.

Dated: October 4, 2017.

Raymond C. Porfiri,

Deputy General Counsel.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Louisiana Advisory Committee To Discuss Hearing Preparations for Barriers to Voting Report

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules