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World Forum on Urban Forests And US Urban Coordinators Meeting October 16-18



November 2023 – NYC ReLeaf Workshop
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2nd World Forum on Urban Forests



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A world map with a dark blue background. The landmasses are colored in shades of orange and teal. The text is overlaid on the map.

**Welcoming attendees
from 61 countries**

<https://www.arborday.org/programs/wfuf/agenda.cfm>

Day 1: Healthy Cities

Day 2: Inclusive Cities

Day 3: Resilient Cities

Embrace the AND

- AND encourages creativity
- AND builds partnerships
- AND is collaboration
- AND includes people
- AND is adaptable



Tree Tarot demo



Nature is necessary

- Health impacts of trees and green spaces are huge
- “Trees aren’t just scenery, they’re life-giving infrastructure” – Jad Daley
- Impacts of extreme heat are growing, and trees can help us adapt





The need is great

- USFS had 842 applications for the open IRA grant round
- Those asks totaled over \$6 BILLION for the \$1.5 available



None of us are alone

- Countries around the world are working on adding green spaces to their cities
- “Legacy isn't what you do for yourself, it's what you do for those you leave behind” – Beatra Wilson



USFS Updates

- All state and territory program coordinator annual meeting
- Public IRA Grants:
 - 247 Cities and Towns
 - 4 Tribes
 - Average project 71% funded

USFS Updates

- 12 Pass through partners managing 175 grants on behalf of USFS
- Working to get \$\$ out, goal all subawards by March 2024
- Technical assistance will come from USFS and their Partners



Thank You

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