

# THE COMMUNITY FOREST AND OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION PROGRAM



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The Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program is a competitive grant program whereby local governments, qualified nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized Indian tribes are eligible to apply for grants to establish community forests through fee simple acquisition of private forest land from a willing seller. The program aims to establish community forests by protecting forest land from conversion to non-forest uses and provide community benefits such as sustainable forest management, environmental benefits including clean air, water, and wildlife habitat; recreational benefits secured with public access; forest-based educational programs and serving as models of effective forest stewardship. More information can be found here:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/community-forest/program>

**Date:** Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST

**Webinar Link:**

<https://usfs.adobeconnect.com/cfp/>

**Audio:** 1-888-844-9904

**Access Code:** 1625330#

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The USDA Forest Service will present a webinar in partnership with the Trust for Public Land on October 13<sup>th</sup> to:

- Provide an overview of the Community Forest Program and the current Request for Applications;
- Share information about the legislative history and future outlook of the program,
- Present some successful projects, and
- Answer questions.

**Note:** The Program is currently accepting applications that are due to State Foresters or Tribal governments by January 11th, 2021.

