



## Casey Trees

### Addendum: Proposed Language Modification

#### Section 403 – Transportation Reorganization Act of 2014

##### **Sec. 403. Urban Forestry Advisory Council**

There is established an Urban Forestry Advisory Council (UFAC) with the following purposes:

- Create an open forum to ensure coordination between District, Federal, non-governmental and industry efforts to facilitate/expedite attainment and maintenance of the District's tree canopy goal(s).
- Review and guide existing policies and suggest new policies, to ensure the attainment and maintenance of DC's canopy goal(s).
- Advise the Mayor and Chair of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment on tree and urban forestry issues in the District.

The Council shall be composed of 14 members as follows:

##### District of Columbia Government Representation

- The Chairperson of the Committee of the Council of the District of Columbia with oversight of the environment or the Chairperson's designee;
- The Director of the District Department of the Environment, or the Director's designee;
- The Director of the District Department of Transportation, or the Director's designee;
- The Director of the District Department of General Services, or the Director's designee;
- The Director of the District Office of Planning, or the Director's designee.

##### Federal Government Representation

- A representative appointed by the Director of the National Parks Service;
- A representative appointed by the Director of the Government Services Administration.

##### Community Member Representation

- Two representatives of citizens associations actively engaged/involved in tree issues in their communities and/or the City as a whole;
- Two members representing non-profit organizations actively engaged in tree issues in the City.

##### Professional/Industry Member Representation

- One member representing the utility industry active in the City;
- One member representing the licensed professional arboricultural industry active in the City;

- One member representing the licensed professional landscape architecture industry active in DC.

Government representatives shall be appointed. Community/Professional members shall be elected by the members in the Community/Professional members by popular vote.

Terms of service: community members/group representatives may serve up to two-three year terms, provided that, they are re-elected by the community members with a majority vote after the first term expires. Community members/group representatives may serve additional term(s) if voted back on to the Council (by popular vote) after having rotated off for one year.

A chairperson, elected from the seven (7) community and professional members, shall serve a term of two years. A former chair may serve for an additional term(s) after his/her successor's term has ended.

The UFAC shall meet in person, quarterly. Additional meetings in person or telephonic, may occur as needed.

The District Department of Transportation and District Department of the Environment shall provide the TCWG with an annual operating budget, which shall include funds to maintain a website where the TCWG shall provide a public listing of members, meeting notices, and meeting minutes.