

Natural Climate Solutions: *Jobs that Support Our Economy and Environment*

Using nature to capture and store carbon doesn't just complement emissions reductions to help slow down climate change. From farms and forests to wetlands and cities, communities across the country are experiencing the economic benefits of Natural Climate Solutions, such as:

- **More jobs** in environmental restoration, land and water conservation, and outdoor recreation
- **New sources of revenue, reduced costs, and improved opportunities for growth**, benefitting both landowners and communities
- **Community economic development** from increased outdoor recreation
- **Pathways into high-quality careers** for young people both in our cities and our rural communities

But that's just the beginning.

Fully harnessing the power of Natural Climate Solutions would help meet net-zero greenhouse gas emissions goals while creating and supporting thousands of jobs, including:

- **150,000** in landscape reforestation¹
- **100,000** in parkland restoration and land and water conservation²
- **228,730** in urban forestry, starting at \$20/hour³

Natural Climate Solutions are proven, science-backed solutions for economic recovery and carbon sequestration. That's what makes them a win-win for both local communities and our global environment.

About U.S. Nature4Climate

U.S. Nature4Climate is a coalition of nine conservation, environmental, and sustainable business organizations dedicated to ensuring our forests, farms, ranches, grasslands and wetlands are an important part of the overall strategy to combat climate change.

¹ World Resources Institute, US Coronavirus Response: 3 Principles for Sustainable Economic Stimulus

² World Resources Institute, Nature is An Economic Winner for COVID-19 Recovery

³ American Forests

⁴ BenDor et al., Estimating the Size and Impact of the Ecological Restoration Economy

⁵ Growing Trees, Growing Jobs – American Forests

⁶ Center for American Progress, The Economic Case for Restoring Coastal Ecosystems



Proven Solutions

Restoration projects in forests and wetlands already account for about 221,000 jobs in the United States.⁴

The California Conservation Corps trains 3,400 young people every year for jobs in forestry and other conservation fields.⁵

\$1 million in investments supports up to 39.7 restoration jobs – compared to only 5.2 in oil and gas.⁴

Every dollar invested in coastal restoration returns \$15 in benefits, including the value of jobs and carbon sequestration.⁶