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Leading climate experts urge U.S. decision-makers to prioritize natural solutions among key strategies to address the global warming crisis

A new policy guide equips public and private sector leaders with access to a growing body of scientific and industry evidence for "natural climate solutions" that could deliver up to a third of the carbon reduction necessary by 2030 to keep climate change in check

WASHINGTON, D.C. – <u>U.S. Nature4Climate</u> today released its first-ever "<u>Decision-Maker's</u> <u>Guide to Natural Climate Solutions Science</u>," urging policymakers to rapidly adopt natural climate solutions that could deliver up to a third of the carbon reduction necessary by 2030 to meet U.S. climate goals. The guide provides municipalities and organizations a direct line to top natural climate solutions experts and developments.

"Nature is one of our best tools to tackle climate change," says **Dr. Joe Fargione, Lead Scientist, North America, The Nature Conservancy**. "To truly Build Back Better as a country, we must be serious about scaling up natural climate solutions."

"Most decision-makers aren't scientists and don't have the time to navigate an ever-growing body of peer-reviewed research focused on natural climate solutions," says **Catherine McDonald**, **Chair, U.S. Nature4Climate.** "Tracking down these strategies can be difficult, but the <u>Decision-Maker's Guide</u> aggregates information from dozens of sources all in one place."

The new guide for policy-makers links to research, articles, case studies, and other resources that help explain the science and provide direction on how it can guide policy and on-the-ground action. It will track and provide updates on specific projects and communities across the country that are testing and implementing a wide array of solutions based in nature.

"If implemented equitably in the neighborhoods most at risk of facing the Nature Gap, natural climate solutions offer myriad benefits to communities of color–from creating jobs, to enriching our children's education, to improving public health," says **Shanna Edberg, Director of Conservation Programs, Hispanic Access Foundation.** "The guide will prove to be an invaluable tool for anyone looking to address the climate crisis, improve resilience to natural disasters, and uplift the health and well-being of local communities."

From <u>farms</u> in America's heartland to <u>forests</u> in the Pacific Northwest and <u>salt marshes</u> on the Atlantic Coast, every part of our country can play a role in removing carbon from our atmosphere. Conserving, restoring, and rethinking the way we manage our natural and working lands will have multiple payoffs not only for climate, but also for people and our economy, for air and water quality, and for fish and wildlife.

About U.S. Nature4Climate

U.S. Nature4Climate (USN4C) is a coalition of 10 leading conservation, sustainability, and business organizations dedicated to amplifying how our forests, farms, ranches, grasslands and wetlands are an important part of our overall strategy to mitigate climate change. USN4C is building a collaborative platform where conservation organizations, small and large businesses, and agriculture and forestry leaders can all work together to ensure that natural climate solutions are maximized as we develop comprehensive climate action strategies. Initial funding for USN4C was provided by a grant from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. Visit http://www.usnature4climate.org.

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