

H.R. 3734, The Urban Revitalization And Livable Communities Act

Legislation Overview:

Redeveloping urban areas by re-investing in community recreation facilities and infrastructure that help achieve national goals

- The Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act (H.R. 3734) will invest in the health and well-being of communities across this nation from the standpoint of economic recovery, environmental protection, as well as providing safe and affordable places for recreation.
- The Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act authorizes \$445 million to be appropriated annually and provided to urban park and recreation agencies through federal assistance grants (which must be matched with local funds).
- Grants could be used to rehabilitate existing and develop new urban parks and recreational infrastructure and revitalize communities by increasing economic development; improving public health; increasing daily physical activity; reconnecting children with nature; reducing crime; and providing safe, healthy alternatives for at-risk youth.

H.R. 3734 focuses on projects in urban areas that provide revitalization through:

- providing more places and spaces for engaging in structured and unstructured physical activity
- connecting children to the outdoors
- promoting physical activity
- connecting to public transportation, schools, and public housing
- creating green jobs and using green technologies
- **promoting environmental stewardship components such as sustainable landscape features and materials; increased planting of trees; stormwater management and water conservation**
- using energy efficient components such as energy efficient lighting and HVAC systems

Alliance for Community Trees

American Forests

American Nursery
and Landscape Association

American Planning Association

American Public Works Association

American Society
of Consulting Arborists

American Society
of Landscape Architects

International City/County
Management Association

International Society of Arboriculture

Keep America Beautiful

National Arbor Day Foundation

National Association
of State Foresters

National Parks and Recreation
Association

Society of Municipal Arborists

Tree Care Industry Association

TreeLink

Utility Arborist Association

US Conference of Mayors

The Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition (SUFC) is a group of national organizations advancing a unified urban forest agenda for our nation's communities.