



## Chicago Region Carbon Program Third-Party Verifier for Preservation Projects

The Chicago Region Carbon Program is seeking Third-Party Verifier candidates to support urban forest carbon projects registered with City Forest Credits (CFC).

Independent verification of carbon projects ensures the integrity and quality of the projects registered under CFC. Third-party verifiers, also known as validation/verification bodies (VVBs), verify that carbon projects meet the rules and requirements in the CFC carbon protocols. All VVBs must be qualified and approved by CFC. See [qualification statement](#) and [application form](#). City Forest Credits will provide to all verifiers a verification checklist, verification documents, and training in its carbon protocols and quantification methods.

Third-party verifiers may need to do on-site inspections of selected projects in the Chicago region, but most of their work is desk review of documents submitted by projects. The verifier reviews all documents submitted by Project Operators to CFC, including maps, photos, imaging and/or GPS data, the project design document, and quantification data. The verifier will then produce a Verification Report, using the approved CFC template.

Candidates for becoming verifiers for the CFC Tree Preservation Protocol should have some basic familiarity with forestry. Here are examples of some of the tasks that verifiers perform using a verification checklist and report template provided by CFC:

- Review maps showing the project area and confirming via maps that projects meet the location criteria, plot sampling, and/or physical inventories of trees (including measurement)
- Review records that show land ownership
- Review zoning information
- Review easements or covenants to confirm language preserving trees (projects identify the section in the legal document that contains this language)
- Review aerial photos or other historical documents that support the project's determination of stand age
- Review project documents on forest composition (species)
- Depending on carbon quantification method used by the project:
  - Review the project's use of carbon look-up tables (US Forest Service General Technical Report NE-343)
  - Review the project's data on plot samples (most projects do not use this method)
- Review iTree report (iTree Canopy in particular) to determine canopy coverage and calculation of ecosystem benefits of trees
- Complete a verification checklist
- Complete a verification report

Example Verification Reports:

- [Sandy Cross Forest](#)
- [Harvey Manning Park Expansion](#)

*Start date:* August 15, 2022

*Hours per month:* Estimate 10 to 12 hours for training in August and September on CFC protocols and tools. Training time is paid at a negotiated hourly rate. Project verification will take place between October 2022 and February 2023. Each project takes approximately 6 to 8 hours to complete verification.

*Compensation:* Hourly rate ranges from \$75 to \$150/hour depending on experience

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*To apply:* Send a completed [application form](#) and updated resume to [info@cityforestcredits.org](mailto:info@cityforestcredits.org)