



# SPEAK UP PLAN & PROTECT

Catastrophic Storms & the Urban Forest

National Urban & Community  
Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC)

## June 6, 2007

The Mississippi Coast Coliseum  
and Convention Center  
Biloxi, Mississippi

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### **SPEAK UP:** share your experience

"We invite citizens, policy-makers, business leaders, and tree professionals across the country to share their input where urban forests have been hit hardest by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf region, ice storms in the Midwest, tornados, devastating wildfires and other storm events," said Joe Wilson, Council Chair. This is a call to action. Your input will be recorded as part of NUCFAC's 2007 recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture.

### **PLAN:** community blueprint ideas

Your input can play an important part in planning, policy-making and preventing the long-term impact of catastrophic storms on urban forests.

- Hurricane Katrina produced 1.2 million acres of damaged forestland
- The 2003 Cedar Fire in San Diego County, CA burned 273,000 acres, and burned over 70% of the watershed that supplies water to metropolitan San Diego
- Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota – The Red River Valley flood of 1997 produced over 2 million cubic yards of debris

### **PROTECT:** increase advocacy & awareness

Urban communities represent 25% of the U.S. land mass and are home to 80% of Americans. Together, we have a chance to develop a national strategy to protect the urban forests that:

- Reduce stormwater runoff, improve air quality and provide temperature cooling shade and energy savings
- Remove "green-house gases" like sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and carbon monoxide
- Provide important ecosystems for people and wildlife

**The time is NOW! Join us today!**

## 3 Easy Ways to Participate

### In-Person.

Come join us in Biloxi –  
The Mississippi Coast  
Coliseum & Convention Center  
2350 Beach Boulevard  
Biloxi, Mississippi 39531  
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### By Email or Mail.

Share your comments until August 1, 2007

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