

# ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT

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## 6. Urban Resources Partnerships

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The Urban Resources Partnership (URP) is a program that puts federal resources into the service of community-initiated and community-led environmental projects. At least seven federal agencies, including the USDA Forest Service, are providing funding and on-site technical assistance to education and restoration efforts in 13 cities throughout the country. The Northeastern Area serves six of these cities:

- **Boston, MA**
- **Buffalo, NY**
- **Chicago, IL**
- **East St. Louis, IL**
- **New York, NY**
- **Philadelphia, PA**

### Mission

The Urban Resources Partnership Program advocates and assists community-based action through local partnerships to enhance, restore, and sustain urban ecosystems in their respective cities. These actions contribute to the improvement of the social, economic, and physical well being of the people and their natural environment.

Through the Urban Resources Partnership Program thousands of communities are receiving support to turn vacant lots into vibrant community gardens, restore degraded rivers, revitalize public parks, plant trees to improve the quality of life, and educate youth about their environment. More importantly, the program is building new relationships between government agencies and the community.