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FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE GRANT UPDATES

Submitted by Todd Little, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Florida Forest Service

I hope everyone is having a great summer and staying safe as we navigate some of the busiest months of the year in urban forestry. Right now, as we manage our urban forests through storm season few of us have much time to think about grants. Still, so that everyone has plenty of time to consider projects that may best help their community, the grants offered by the Florida Forest Service should be on your radar. This year, we have unprecedented levels of funding, and many ways to utilize this funding. Here's a brief overview of what this funding can be used for so you can start generating ideas now. You can find the specific requirements for each program once the Request for Applications (RFA) is opened.

• Urban and Community Forestry- Green Infrastructure (UCF-GI) grant: This grant is supported by funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and is targeting direct actions to increase canopy in our Florida communities. Much of this funding will be targeted towards removing invasive species and replacing them with native tree species to provide a more sustainable urban forest. In addition, this funding will support planting of trees along riparian areas, such as canals or streams, to help capture stormwater runoff before reaching our Florida waterways. In addition, there are funding opportunities through this grant program to plant trees in disadvantaged neighborhoods and preserve trees during construction to maintain some canopy in our cities.

- The Urban and Community Forestry- Inflation Reduction Act (UCF-IRA) grant: The UCF-IRA grant is from the Inflation Reduction Act and is one of the biggest financial contributions to urban forestry in decades. Funding from these grants will be specifically targeting disadvantaged communities as identified by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (<https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov>). While much of the funding from these grants will go towards tree planting efforts, this grant opportunity will also fund public tree maintenance for the first time ever. This maintenance will include pruning to remove hazards that could negatively impact the public, such as deadwood overhanging rights of ways and streets. Again, more details on exactly what will be required for this program will be seen directly in the RFA. I'm expecting this RFA to open up in the Fall of this year.
- Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) grant: The traditional UCF grants will continue to be in the same categories as they have been over the past few years, with funding for tree inventories, tree canopy assessments, tree planting efforts, and urban forestry educational activities. This grant offering should be in the Fall as well, just slightly later than the UCF-IRA funding.

One grant program that will be missing this year is the Managing Community Forests

grant. We're currently looking at ways to adjust this program to be a better fit and to ease administrative hurdles for communities looking to build their programs. If you have any ideas, don't hesitate to send them my way.

While this is a very brief introduction to each of these grant programs, I hope it can help stir up some ideas for you. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have or ideas that you want to share with us. Stay tuned to our website (<https://FDACS.gov/urbanforestry>) for more information on these grants as they begin rolling out. Remember the RFA is key to all the details on what is needed for each program. As always, don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. You can reach me at Todd.Little@FDACS.Gov.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Where has the year gone?! I can hardly believe this is my third message to you and that I will soon be preparing a final President's Message in our next issue of *The Council Quarterly*.

It really has been an exciting year and we are not done yet!! We were thrilled to be back providing in-person educational programs with a recent grant workshop, presented in partnership with the Florida Forest Service, at the Brooker Creek Environmental Education Center, in Pinellas County. The program included presentations by Florida Forest Service (FFS) staff and FUFU Executive Committee members on the scope of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and other grant opportunities; best practices for applying for grants; and methods to determine your communities S.O.A.P. status. Attendees, working together in teams, put into practice the information

learned during the workshop and drafted mock grant proposals. Todd Little – FFS Urban Forestry Coordinator, provides an update on grant opportunities in this issue.

Speaking of workshops, I am really excited to get ahead of the formal announcement of our upcoming storm workshop, “Readiness, Response and Recovery: Managing Urban Forests for Disasters.” Guest speakers will include Darren Green, Landscape Architect with the City of Alexandria, and Karen Firehock, Landscape Architect and Executive Director of the Green Infrastructure Center. The workshop will be held in September in Pinellas County. We will provide a wealth of information to help get your community better prepared to weather the storms ahead.

On my things not to miss list, I hope you saw our Executive Director Dr. Deb Hilberts's research, “Expanding Urban Tree Species Diversity in Florida (USA): Challenges and Opportunities for Practitioners.” The recent study was highlighted, under “New USFS Resources” in the July/August issue of the Society of Municipal Arborist's *City Trees Magazine* at, <https://read.dmtmag.com/i/1502619-july-august-2023/0>.

Don't miss the “Who We Are” section of this newsletter to learn about the impressive list of allied organizations who have representation on our FUFU Executive Board. Their work impacts urban forestry and expands the greater urban forestry community here in Florida.

The summer heat has only emphasized the importance of protecting and expanding the urban forest canopy in our communities. I hope many Florida communities and eligible organizations find the opportunity to apply and receive some of the astounding amount of grant funding that will be available to plant, protect, and manage our urban forests!

As you continue your work, may you find comfort from the summer heat under the shade of a tree. May you be prepared for seasonal storms. Be safe and be well.

Regards,

Carolyn Cheatham Rhodes
FUFU President

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- Deadline for entry is **Friday, October 27, 2023.**
- The completed awards entry form must be the first page of the application. The second page of the application should be a 200-word overview of the nomination. Following the brief overview should be a summary of not more than three typewritten pages that describe the project's, program's or individual's contribution to urban and community forestry as outlined in the Award Categories.
- Support documentation such as photographs, press clippings, printed pieces, and letters of commendation are encouraged, but shall be limited to 12 additional pages.
- If mailing, please submit the original typed application, one full copy and the three digital photos to:

**Friends of Our Urban Forest
Awards Program
Florida Urban Forestry Council
200 2nd Ave. South #130
St. Petersburg, FL 33701-4313**

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Who are we?

Who are we? The Florida Urban Forestry Council (FUFC) is the sum of all our parts - an organization of organizations that consists of the stakeholders, caregivers, and stewards of Florida's urban forests. Representatives of various organizations serve on the FUFC's Executive Board.

The FUFC allied organizations include: the Florida Forest Service; University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Cooperative Extension Service (UF/IFAS); Florida Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (FCISA); Florida Nursery, Growers, & Landscape Association (FNGLA); The Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (FASLA); Society of American Foresters (SAF); Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); Florida Recreation and Park Association (FRPA); the Florida League of Cities (FLOC), and other urban forestry partners.

In our next issue, *The Council Quarterly* will continue to answer the question "Who are we?" in Part II, 2023, volume 4. We invite you to visit the FUFC website and learn more "About Us," our "History," and "Who We Are" at <https://fufc.org/who-we-are/>.

We are...

...THE FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE (FFS)

The mission of the Florida Forest Service is to protect and manage the forest resources of Florida, ensuring that they will be available for future generations.

In 1969, the Florida Legislature established the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) – which includes the Division of Consumer Services and the Division of Forestry. The Florida Forest Service (FFS) dates back earlier than that. Its mission, structure, and name evolved over time since as early as 1868. The FFS is the largest division of the FDACS and is the lead state agency for forestry and fire. District offices are located statewide. The Forest Management Bureau oversees the agency's forest management initiatives – to include support for urban forests programs. The primary emphasis is providing technical, financial, and educational resources to support the needs of local governments, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and the public. The FFS is a major sponsor for the FUFC. Support is provided through partnerships with the FUFC, University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the Arbor Day Foundation, and other organizations and agencies. Learn more about the FFS role in urban forestry at <https://www.fdacs.gov/Forest-Wildfire/For-Communities/Urban-Forestry/>.



Todd Little – Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator

Matt Kennard – Senior Forester
serve as FFS liaison for the FUFC

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We are...

...UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (UF/IFAS)

The UF/IFAS mission is to develop knowledge in agriculture, human and natural resources, and the life sciences, and to make that knowledge accessible to sustain and enhance the quality of human life.

The UF/IFAS Extension is a partnership between state, federal, and county governments to provide scientific knowledge and expertise to the public. The University of Florida (UF), together with Florida A&M University (FAMU), administers the Florida Cooperative Extension Service.

At the University of Florida, the Extension is located in the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), along with the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CAL S) and the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station and is called UF/IFAS Extension.

The UF/IFAS Extension encompasses thousands of Extension faculty members, scientists, educators, administrative staff, and volunteers, all working to provide solutions for your life. Each of Florida's 67 counties has a county Extension office where the public and professionals can go to get their questions answered. See <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu> for more information.

Dr. William Lester -
Urban and Commercial Horticulture
Extension Agent, UF/IFAS Extension
Hernando County
serves as the UF/IFAS Extension representative
on the FUFC's Executive Board



...FLORIDA NURSERY, GROWERS, AND LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION (FNGLA)

The mission of the FNGLA is to promote and protect the future of Florida's nursery and landscape industry.

As Florida's oldest and largest nursery and landscape association FNGLA is a recognized leader and trusted resource serving Florida's green industry. FNGLA is a member-driven association forming a vibrant network of professionals who work in unison to shape the future of Florida's nursery and landscape industry. FNGLA strives to advance members' business interests and enhance their success.

FNGLA works to better the industry, raising the bar on professionalism by spearheading

marketing programs, providing promotional and educational venues for members, taking a leadership role in protecting and promoting their members' business interests, communicating the latest industry issues, and providing professional accreditation to interested individuals. FNGLA supports the FUFC with a combined interest in the future of Florida's urban forests. Learn more about FNGLA at <https://www.fn gla.org/>.

John Harris – Earth Advisors, Inc.
serves as the FNGLA representative on the
FUFC Executive Board



...FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARBORICULTURE (FCISA)

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is a professional organization dedicated to continuing education for arborists, tree care research, and serving tree care consumers around the world. The Florida Chapter (FCISA) shares the same dedication, with a further commitment to serving the needs particular to Florida professional arborists and tree care consumers.

FCISA and the FUFC have a long standing and productive partnership on various activities and programs. The two organizations collaborate on several initiatives that impact urban forest management and urban forestry professionals. The FCISA and FUFC are closely linked with a synergy that benefit Florida's urban forest community. The two organizations share an intersecting membership base, a common vocabulary and message, jointly chair the John P. White Memorial Scholarship fund supporting education in the arboriculture/urban forestry industry, and advance parallel missions. Together, side-by-side, the two organizations help preserve a special part of Florida's unique environment – our urban forests. Learn more about the FCISA at <https://www.floridaisa.org/>.

Justin Freedman – Resource Environmental Solutions
serves as the FCISA representative on the
FUFC Executive Board

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We are...

...AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS – FLORIDA CHAPTER (FASLA)

ASLA's mission, vision, values, and culture aims to foster healthy, beautiful, and resilient places for all. Landscape architecture is synonymous with urban forestry as it plans and designs parks, campuses, streetscapes, trails, plazas, residences, and other projects that strengthen communities. ASLA and FUFCA come together with common interest related to the environment and social wellbeing. Urban forestry has an opportunity to bring a broad spectrum of professionals, practitioners, educators, and students together to elevate, and springboard awareness and promote everything dear to landscape architecture.

For more about ASLA – Florida visit, <https://www.aslaflorida.org/>.

Brian Dick
serves as the ASLA representative on the
FUFCA Executive Board



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...SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS (SAF)

The mission of the Society of American Foresters is to advance sustainable management of forest resources through science, education, technology, and promoting professional excellence. The Florida Division also strives to use the knowledge and skills of the profession to benefit society and to provide an opportunity for better liaison between the individual member, Division representatives, and the parent Society. SAF's vision, mission, goals, and objectives apply to traditional and emerging forestry practices – to include urban forestry. To better serve forestry interests in Florida, the Florida Division is divided into five geographical chapters.

Today, SAF has held true to its original objective to further the cause of forestry in America by fostering a spirit of comradeship among foresters by creating opportunities for a free interchange knowledge about forestry and allied subjects. SAF has an urban forestry working group, which focuses on issues, programs, policy, and regulatory laws in urban forest management.

For more SAF information, visit <https://www.aslaflorida.org/>.

Steve Edgar – Port Orange, City Forester
serves as the SAF representative on the FUFCA Executive Board.



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...FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)

The FDOT's primary purpose is to plan and develop Florida's robust transportation system. It's mission is to provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of our environment and communities. The FDOT is committed to building a transportation system that not only fits the current needs of Florida's residents and visitors but also enhances mobility throughout the state to accommodate its consistent and rapid growth. Highway beautification continues to be one of FDOT's highest priorities along with innovation and efficiency. Safe, sustainable, compatible, and aesthetic transportation design is everyone's business. Florida's transportation corridors provide the links that tie Florida's urban forests together. Travel corridors are perhaps Florida's most visited and visible landscapes. Urban forest professionals, caregivers, and stewards benefit from the economic and ecosystem services that are available with quality roadside landscape design, construction, and maintenance. FDOT landscape architects utilize innovative design strategies to foster high quality vegetation management, innovative transportation solutions, information, and technical support for successful roadway projects. For more detail about FDOT's Landscape Architecture programs visit, <https://www.fdot.gov/designsupport/highwaybeautification/>.

Darryl Richard – FDOT Landscape Architect
serves as the FDOT representative for the FUFCA Executive Board



We are...

...FLORIDA RECREATION & PARK ASSOCIATION (FRPA)

It is the mission of FRPA to establish parks and recreation as a cornerstone of health, economic development, environmental sustainability, and community throughout the state of Florida. FRPA's mission aligns well with the FUFC as FRPA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion, preservation, and advocacy of Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Services. FRPA members are professionals working in the various fields of parks and recreation, recreational settings, and suppliers of related products and services.

Parks are an integral part of urban forests and recreation is one of the strongest benefits that urban forests and Florida forest resources provide. Learn more about FRPA at <https://www.frpa.org>.

Greg Wright – City of Largo
serves as the FRPA representative for the FUFC Executive Board



...FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES (FLOC)

The FLOC mission is to serve the needs of Florida cities and promote self-government. The FLOC supports local voices making local choices to protect and enhance Florida communities. The aim is to shape legislation, share the advantages of cooperative action, and exchange ideas and experiences. FLOC provides a united voice for Florida municipalities. Membership now represents more than 400 cities, towns, and villages in the Sunshine State. The League is the premier provider of datasets, City stats, surveys, research, reports, action alerts, advocacy toolkits, and other products and services. FLOC provides informational and technical support aimed at hurricane preparedness, coastal management, energy, environmental and wetland permitting, hazardous and toxic waste, recycling, solid waste collection and disposal, stormwater, wastewater treatment and reuse, water management, water quality, and resiliency. Proper urban forest management, promoted by the FUFC, will offer nature-based solutions for many of the challenges faced by Florida municipalities. Together, the FLOC and FUFC can share the advantages of cooperative action, and exchange ideas and experiences when serving Florida cities.

Jen Ahearn-Koch – City of Sarasota Commissioner
serves as the FLOC representative for the FUFC Executive Board



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Tree of the Quarter

EASTERN REDBUD
(Cercis canadensis)

Submitted by Submitted by Tampa Bay
Reforestation and Environmental Effort, Inc



Brief Intro:

The Eastern Redbud is a beautiful tree that grows in eastern North America from southern Michigan, and southern Nebraska, south to southwest Texas, east central Mexico and central Florida. In Florida, the Eastern Redbud naturally occurs from the Alabama-Georgia borders south to Hillsborough and Polk Counties. This tree is highly valued for its profusion of small magenta-rose color spring blooms. Although it is typically found in mixed forests as an understory tree, it is often grown as an ornamental flowering specimen in full sun.

There are a large number of cultivated varieties of Eastern Redbud, but none of



these tend to perform well in the Tampa Bay area, likely due to the Bay area's low winter chill hours, and as a result, are not recommended for use here. If possible, try to get selections from naturally occurring central Florida seed sources. These will bloom more profusely and more dependably, regardless of chill hours, and will grow more vigorously than those from sources northward. Although finding those of central Florida origin may be difficult, they are worth much more in the landscape here than those from north Florida and northward.

Habitat:

Can grow in moist or dry soil, preferring moist soil with lots of organic material. Sun: Eastern Redbud grows in full sun to part shade. Drought Tolerance: Medium. Water young trees during drought. Watering is rarely needed at maturity.

Form:

Mature Height: 20' to 30'. Upright crown when young, spreading at maturity. Growth rate can be rapid, between 4' or more annually.

Leaves:

Deciduous. Heart-shaped, 2" to 5" long, simple, and alternate. Leaves often emerge a bronze-red turning dark green above and paler beneath. In cool autumns, leaves can turn a clear yellow, while in warm autumns, leaves turn yellow-brown.

Bark:

Red brown, with deep fissures and scaly surface. Branchlets at first lustrous brown, later becoming darker.

Flowers:

Are perfect, rose color, born four to eight together in clusters which appear at the axils of the leaves, or along the branch, and sometimes on the trunk itself. Blooms occur in late December or early January in the southern part of the range and late February to mid-March north.

Fruit:

Fruit is a flat pod, unequally oblong, acute at each end, 2 1/2" to 3" long and green turning to rose in color, then dark brown and will contain 10 to 12 seeds, chestnut brown in color, 1/4" long.

Uses:

Ornamental plantings. Flowers are a source of nectar for bees, leaves are eaten by caterpillars, often of the Lepidoptera family. Seeds may be eaten by birds, deer, and squirrels.

Little Known Facts:

The Florida Champion Eastern Redbud is in Wakulla County, having a crown spread of 26.5', a height of 84' and a trunk circumference of 33 inches. The National Champion Eastern Redbud is in Fairfax County, Virginia, having a crown spread of 39', a height of 32' and a trunk circumference of 145 inches.



STUMP THE FORESTER

QUESTION: Can you tell us a stump story?

ANSWER: Stump The Forester was once a student. His early outdoor postcards and letters tell of his younger years, before he became a formidable forester; an advanced arborist; a voice, promoter, and advocate for trees; a standout steward of forests; leader-hero of urban forestry; and before he became a legendary member of the Florida Urban Forestry Council.

Stump The Student roamed throughout Florida. Trees and forest were the pillars and ceilings of inspiring classrooms. Trees were his mentors. Fledging foresters, budding arborists, sprouting landscape architects, sapling educators, renowned researchers, valued volunteers, and witty wildlife were his friends and chosen classmates. Curiosity was his constant companion.

As with any legendary hero, Stump The Forester was first a student. As a student, long days and sleepless nights were spent with books, papers, manuscripts, tablets, and notepads. Each day he studied. Far into the night he figured, pondered, and googled. He branched out into many disciplines. He rooted himself in learning all about dendrology, biology, ecology, geology, hydrology, meteorology, entomology, taxonomy, sociology, humorology, and all the “ologies” worth knowing and learning.

Stump was always at his best when standing upon the stage of a stump. His hat would grow greener, his eyes would grow wild, his shoulders would stretch, and base tones could be heard in his voice. When on a stump, the young orator could pull clouds from the sky, chew up stones, whip his weight in wildcats, and look

anybody in the eye. With his words, Stump would hold a spell over the minds of all good people until they could not imagine a world without trees and forests.

Day after night, night after day, Stump The Student would ponder, question, and think of every enterprise, industry, career, and occupation worthy enough of time, talent, and labor for a student steward; and worthy enough for a future leader-hero. Finally, his mind came to rest on urban forestry. He knew his life’s work would begin here. His future, our future, would be found in urban forestry.

*Answer Provided by FUFUC Kid’s Korner
<https://fufuc.org/kids-korner>*



*If you would like to
'stump the forester,' see
page 16 for information
on submitting your
question!*

The Florida Urban Forestry Council is thrilled to provide a Kid's Korner – providing urban forest resources for children, students, educators, young adults, and parents. You can visit the Kid's Korner at <https://fufc.org/Kids-korner/>.

Plant a tree in the mind and heart of a child and you have effectively planted an appreciation for trees and urban forests for future generations.

Learning about trees will open tremendous opportunities. It can be fun, inspire a child in a lifelong hobby, and even lead to a career in forestry. Additionally, we hope it ensures a promising future for our urban forests.

Kid's Korner provides a variety of marvelous methods, tree-mendous tools, and a parade of programs designed to give a better understanding about trees, forests, and forestry careers.

The Kid's Korner is divided into three main modules that contain information and links about trees, urban forestry, and teaching resources.

Want to learn about tree anatomy, tree identification, the benefits of trees, and about planting trees? Visit the "Tree" module. Inside the "Urban Forest" unit there are links that will talk more about urban forests, urban forest management, stewardship and care, and urban forestry careers. Teaching Resources, Children's books, and Urban Forest videos are listed in the "Teaching Resources" section.

The Florida Urban Forestry Council invites you to visit the Kid's Korner and explore the many doors and window that open to a world of trees, forests, urban forestry, and teaching trees.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Calling all members! Please fill out the following form so we can keep you in the SPOTLIGHT of who's who in Florida's urban Forestry.

The form link is at:
<https://forms.gle/Basc7r7zhULxjJrw6>

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Congratulations to the FUFUC's John P. White Memorial Scholarship recipient, Lillian Dinkins. She was selected to receive the Spring 2023 scholarship offered in partnership with the Florida Chapter ISA.

This scholarship was established to support education in the arboriculture/urban forestry industry through scholarships in the sum of \$1,250.00 per semester for qualifying students. Applications for the 2024 Spring Term must be submitted by November 15, 2023. Visit <https://fufc.org/scholarships/> for more details and to read a list of all of the recipients.



Working in Harmony with Nature

Sumter Electric Cooperative has always placed a high priority on the environment by working to stay in harmony with nature. Evidence of SECO's environmental stewardship is displayed through the following programs.

Sumter Electric Cooperative:

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- installs osprey nesting dishes atop of the utility pole cross arms as needed for these magnificent birds.
- places squirrel guards atop the transformers to protect a variety of animals from danger, particularly squirrels.
- offers net metering to members interested in renewable generation such as photovoltaic systems.
- recycles retired power equipment, scrap steel, aluminum, copper, porcelain, fluorescent lights, ink printer and copier cartridges, plus much more.
- researches and writes *Nature's Reflections*, a special column in the members' newsletter developed to educate the community on the flora and fauna of Florida with eco-friendly topics like xeriscaping and conservation.



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Please let us know what urban forestry projects you have going on in your neck of the woods. The Florida Urban Forestry Council would greatly appreciate the opportunity to share your information in our newsletter. These articles can include:

- New trends in the industry
- News about tree advocacy groups
- Volunteer projects
- City tree programs
- Letters to the Editor
- Questions for “Stump the Forester”



We look forward to hearing from you on this or any other interesting topic related to the urban forestry industry and profession. Please send any articles or ideas to Joe Anderson, FUFUC newsletter editor, at andejs@jea.com.

Thanks for contributing!

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