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Subject: RE: Urban Heat + Urban Forestry Accelerator Follow-Up & Important Retreat Info

As required, I am reporting on my travel to attend the National Urban Heat-Urban Forestry Accelerator Retreat in Cleveland Ohio on October 11-13 which was held at the Jesuit Retreat Center 5629 State Rd, Cleveland, Ohio. Travel dates were Wednesday October 11 departure and return on Friday October 13.

The conference was hosted by and paid for by the Center for Regenerative Solutions and included representatives from 16 metropolitan regions of the US including other cities such as Atlanta, Baltimore, Cleveland, Denver, Portland and Seattle. The Center for Regenerative Solutions paid my travel (airfare), hotel and meals (breakfast, lunches and dinner).

I represented the City of Chicago on the Chicago Metro Team to share our experience with the Chicago Regional Trees Initiative as well as to learn from the planned activities of the other communities and non-profits that have been notified they have been award grants under the \$1.5 Billion Urban Forestry funding through the Inflation Reduction Act. Field trip included visits to Rid All Green Partnership Urban Farm.

Should you require additional information, feel free to contact me.

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