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Question1:

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Question4: Any effective farm policy designed to "achieve conservation and environmental goals" must include an urban component. That's because most Americans live in urban communities. Not only are they detached from direct involvement with natural resources, but urbanization is a leading cause of our country's conservation and environmental problems. The USDA's Urban & Community Forestry Program (U&CF) has successfully delivered USDA Forest Service resources and expertise to help communities "manage" their urban forests to the benefit of people. This program should be strengthened. Where USDA policies promote local urban forest management programs, then communities will receive increased environmental, economic, and social benefits. By strengthening the Urban & Community Forestry component of the 2007 Farm Bill, USDA will expand its achievement of conservation and environmental goals.

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Question6: There is an opportunity for the 2007 Farm Bill to support research that would show the economic and environmental benefits of retaining intact forest stands (i.e. watershed, stormwater runoff control) during urban development.