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Question4: Conservation of our natural resources and protection of our water quality have resulted in Virginia from the USDA's Urban and Community Forestry program. A very modest amount of money, distributed in targeted grants by the Virginia Department of Forestry, has leveraged significant programs to conserve our privately owned forest land here in Virginia. The New River Land Trust is just one of many conservation organizations that has received a grant of a few thousand dollars and magnified both the money and the impact through its own funds, staff and volunteers to reach several hundred landowners. These landowners learn about options to reduce forest fragmentation and protect water quality. These are landowners in the urban/forest interface where development pressures are cutting into once productive forest lands. These grants are an affordable and productive way for the USDA to promote natural resource stewardship and thereby promote cleaner water and air. I urge you to continue this program in the upcoming Farm Bill.

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