

Announcing a Public Comment Period for Urban Salvaged and Reclaimed Woods, Standards, Certification, and Chain of Custody

Dear Stakeholders,

Urban, Salvaged, and Reclaimed Woods Inc., (USRW) invites your participation in a public comment period of the *Standards for Certification and Chain of Custody, (CoC) for Urban, Salvaged and Reclaimed Woods*.

The 60-day comment period closes on 9/30/2019

Background and Rationale:

To date there have been no North American standards or certification in regard to definitions, processing, drying, grading, and CoC with respect to Urban Lumber.

Because as an industry we have no official standards, we have been unable to enter markets that require standards and certification.

A strong network supported certification program will build awareness that urban trees are a “total benefit package” providing a lifetime of social and economic benefits to communities. Urban tree benefits begin at the time of planting and continue through their final form as lumber, or other useful material. An urban wood certification program is intended to build favorable consumer recognition. It has the potential to be similar to successful marketing models such as “farm to fork” or in this case, a “tree to table” movement. It will provide consumers with the confidence that urban-sourced wood products have been captured for their best and highest use and processed following specific guidelines. It will ensure proper handling and care concerning ecological, social, ethical, and socio-economic standards. The standards were written by a group of experts representing all aspects of urban forestry, processing, designing, and building. They have collaborated over a one year period to develop these Standards based upon best management practices in which many professionals are already adhering.

All stakeholders are encouraged to participate to ensure that we have the best Standards and Certification document that will serve the needs of all stakeholders in North America.

How you can participate:

The draft of the Standards as well as the certification requirements can be found on the USRW site at; <https://urbansalvagedwoods.com/standards-for-certification-and-chain-of-custody-for-urban-salvaged-and-reclaimed-woods/>

Here you will find 3 documents;

1. The Standards and Chain of Custody requirements including certification for Urban Salvaged and Reclaimed woods.
2. A summary of the key points the Standards are covering and what the Standards are as well as what they are not.
3. A comment form to allow you provide comments and suggestions in an easy to manage format. The comment form can be returned to info@urbansalvagedwoods.com

We're excited to hear your comments and your unique perspective. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and review!

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