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As required, I am reporting on my travel to attend the National Convening on Urban Forested Natural Areas which was held in The JM Kaplan Fund Offices in New York City on Monday October 28<sup>th</sup> to Thursday October 31, 2019. Travel dates were a Sunday October 27 departure and return on Thursday Oct 31.

The conference was hosted by and paid for by the Natural Areas Conservancy in New York City and included representatives from 12 metropolitan regions of the US including other cities such as Seattle, Wa; Austin, Tx; Tampa Bay, Fla; New York, NY and Billings, MT. The Conservancy paid my travel (airfare), hotel and meals (breakfast, lunches; dinner on own).

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 activities of the other communities on domains such as resource assessment, monitoring, prioritization and planning. Cross sector partnership and community engagement. Field trips included visits to Inwood Hill Park and the High Line trail elevated park. I have attached the presentation I gave along with the full agenda.

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

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