**Section 241.20 General Provisions and Purpose**

Section 205-103 of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois [20 ILCS 205/205-103] creates within the Department the Forever Green Illinois Program, to be administered by the Department as provided in the Code and this Part. The program is established to maintain and beautify greenery on property owned or controlled by the State or a unit of local government. The goals of the program are to:

a) Assist participating entities in dealing with negative impacts on community and private infrastructure from improperly maintained trees on public rights of way;

b) Assist participating entities in dealing with the aftermath of devastating invasive insect pests and plant disease infestations, including, but not limited to, the Emerald Ash Borer; and

c) Promote adoption of tree planting and maintenance programs for trees and other greenery intended to avoid future infrastructure damage from those plantings.