

Request for inputs and comments re: Draft DENR-DILG Joint Administrative Order on Establishing the Urban Biodiversity Program and its Implementation Guidelines

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Greetings!

The Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) is currently implementing the Urban Biodiversity Program with the primary objective of enhancing and managing urban green spaces to regain ecosystem services, develop resiliency, and bring people close to nature to improve human well-being. The Urban Biodiversity Program which aims to integrate biodiversity in the local development planning process is among the thematic areas of the Philippine Strategy and Action Plan (PBSAP) 2015-2028.

Relative to this, the Bureau initiated the drafting of a Joint DENR-DILG Administrative Order to provide the institutional arrangements and mechanism for the nationwide implementation of the Urban Biodiversity Program by the local government units of urban areas. Coming at the heels of the recent *Mandanas Ruling*, the proposed policy shall provide guidance for the LGUs to foster its environmental plans and programs towards achieving a quality environment for urban communities.

In line with this, may we request for your inputs and comments on the attached draft policy for its further enhancement.

Your staff may kindly get in touch with Ms. Argean S. Guiaya of this Bureau through argean.guiaya@bmb.gov.ph for any clarifications and concerns.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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