

## Verification Statement

**Submitted To:** The American Carbon Registry (ACR)

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**GHG Project Plan:** 18 Reserves Forest Carbon Project - prepared by Cleveland Metroparks and The Climate Trust. The project's verification was conducted as part of ACR's program requirements for GHG offset projects.

The verification included the verification of carbon sequestered through the end of the reporting period (31 December 2022). The project utilized the Improved Forest Management Methodology for Quantifying GHG Removals and Emission Reductions through Increased Forest Carbon Sequestration on Non-Federal U.S. Forestlands, version 1.3, and the ACR Tool for Risk Analysis and Buffer Determination, version 1.0. The GHG Project Plan verification included carbon sequestered through Improved Forest Management (IFM) on approximately 8,961 acres. The project asserts net emission reductions and removals of 137,185 tCO<sub>2</sub>e for the second reporting period (01 January 2022 – 31 December 2022).

This verification statement confirms that Aster Global Environmental Solutions, Inc., (ACR-Approved Verifier) has evaluated the GHG assertion by Cleveland Metroparks and The Climate Trust (Project Proponent) covering the period from 01 January 2022 – 31 December 2022 according to the protocols outlined by the American Carbon Registry and ISO, specifically: the ACR Standard and ISO 14064-3:2019, and ISO 14065:2020.

Aster Global Environmental Solutions, Inc., (ACR-Approved Verifier) confirms all verification activities including objectives, scope and criteria, level of assurance and the project's adherence to the ACR Standard and the validated GHG Project Plan (dated January 2020), as documented in the verification report entitled 18 Reserves Forest Carbon Project Reporting Period 3 - Verification Report are complete. Aster Global concludes without any qualifications or limiting conditions that the GHG assertions made by the project for Reporting Period 3 (01 January 2022 – 31 December 2022) are without material discrepancy and that the verification activities provide a reasonable level of assurance as defined by ACR Standard v7.0.

The GHG assertion provided by Cleveland Metroparks and The Climate Trust and verified by Aster Global has resulted in net GHG emission reductions and removals of 137,185 tCO<sub>2</sub> equivalents by the project during the second verification period/reporting period (01 January 2022 – 31 December 2022).

GHG Reductions or Removals	Units
Baseline Emissions / Reductions	-202,931 tCO2e
Project Emissions/ Reductions	25,712 tCO2e
Leakage	91,457 tCO2e
Uncertainty Deduction Rate <sup>1</sup>	0% <sup>1</sup>
Buffer Pool Contribution	27,437 tCO2e <sup>2</sup>
2022 GHG emission reductions total (tCO2e)	121,758 tCO2e
2022 GHG emission removals total (tCO2e)	15,427 tCO2e
Total Emission Reduction Tonne(s) (ERTs)	137,185 tCO2e

<sup>1</sup> Please note that the uncertainty was calculated as ~7.1% but was below the 10% ACR threshold.

<sup>2</sup> Please note that the risk buffer of 20% was not deducted, as the project elected to source the buffer pool contribution from ERTs that were previously registered by The Climate Trust.

**Attestation:**

Mansfield Fisher

Lead Verifier (Print Name)



Lead Verifier (Signature)

Date: 18 September 2023

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Date: 18 September 2023