

## Verification Statement

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**GHG Project Plan:** Cleveland Metroparks/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 initial validation and verification of carbon sequestered through the end of the reporting period (31 December 2020). 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 (8,961 acres). The project asserts emissions removals (sequestration) of 160,994 tCO<sub>2</sub>e for the reporting period 15 January 2020 – 31 December 2020.

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 15 January 2020 – 31 December 2020 according to the protocols outlined by the American Carbon Registry and ISO, specifically: the ACR Standard and ISO 14064-3:2006, and ISO 14065:2013.

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 validation/verification report entitled 20090.00 TCT Cleveland Metroparks Validation/Verification Report are complete. Aster Global concludes without any qualifications or limiting conditions that the GHG assertions made by the project for the 2020 reporting period are without material discrepancy and that the verification activities provide a reasonable level of assurance as defined by ACR Standard.

The GHG assertion provided by Cleveland Metroparks and The Climate Trust and verified by Aster Global has resulted in the GHG emission removal of 160,994 tCO<sub>2</sub> equivalents by the project during the verification period/reporting period (15 January 2020 – 31 December 2020).

GHG Reductions or Removals	Units
Baseline Emissions / Reductions	-236,490.6 tCO <sub>2</sub> e
Project Emissions	31,833.9 tCO <sub>2</sub> e
Leakage	107,329.82 tCO <sub>2</sub> e
Uncertainty Deduction Rate <sup>1</sup>	0%
<b>2020 GHG emission removals total (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)</b>	160,994 tCO <sub>2</sub> e
<b>Total Emission Reduction Tonne(s) (ERTs)<sup>2</sup></b>	160,994 ERTs

<sup>1</sup> Please note that the uncertainty was calculated as 8.02% 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 risk from external source.

### Attestation:

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Date: 22 December 2021

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