

## ***CHAPTER 7 of the CIVIL SERVICE TECHNICAL GUILD***



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### **Resolution in Solidarity with the United University Professions (UUP) and in Opposition to SUNY's Austerity Plan for the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF) (Approved 10/3/2025)**

#### **Statement of Solidarity\_**

Chapter 7 of Local 375 of DC 37, representing technically skilled dedicated workers of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, stands in unwavering solidarity with the United University Professors (UUP) and the entire SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF) community against the proposed state austerity measures.

SUNY ESF is not just another school; it is an important source for the highly skilled landscape architects, foresters, horticulturists, ecologists, and natural resource managers we depend on to care for our city's parks. Our agency is a major employer of ESF graduates, and we rely on their unique, affordable education to fill critical roles that keep our green spaces healthy and resilient.

These short-sighted cuts threaten this essential partnership. By crippling one of the nation's premier environmental colleges, the state jeopardizes the agency's future ability to hire the

qualified experts we need. At a time when staff are already spread thin and many titles are deemed "hard to recruit" we oppose this disinvestment and join others in demanding the state restore full funding to protect both public higher education and the future of New York City's environmental infrastructure.

As a chapter we encourage members to sign the following action letter:

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/gov-hochul-invest-in-the-future-of-suny-esf>

**In Solidarity,**



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