

Conservation@Home RESIDENTIAL Criteria



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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Client Name: _____

Date: _____

Town: _____

Volunteer Name(s): _____

Vegetation on Site (need 3/5 checkmarks)	Achieved	Notes
*Native herb. perennials/grasses/ephemerals (10 sp.)		Promote straight species; educate about cultivars.
*Native trees/shrubs (3 sp.)		
Diversity of plants (20+ sp.)		
Non-natives beneficial to wildlife		
*Removal/Control of invasives		Actively working with a plan to remove invasive species.
Wildlife Management (need 3/5 checkmarks)		
*Provides habitat (decaying wood, thickets, shelter)		
Vegetation left to stand over fall/winter		
Provides bird feeders (seed/nectar/fruit)		
Bee/insect hotel, bird/bat house		
Bird bath/water feature		
Water Management (need 1/6 checkmarks)		Some criteria may be N/A
*Minimal artificial irrigation		Responsible watering: following municipal restrictions, avoiding watering during peak heat of day.
Downspout directed into vegetation (not lawn/bare soil)		
Use of rain barrel or cistern		
Raingarden		
Shoreline vegetation (if applicable) or native plant border to slow water		
Permeable driveway/pathway/patio		
General Management (4/8)		
*Natural lawn care		Organic management, no synth. fertilizer, lawn alternatives, leave lawn clippings,
*Active management native landscape beds		Minimum weeds & keeping natives from flopping onto walkways
*Minimal use of synthetic pesticides/use of organics		
*Minimal use of synthetic fertilizers/use of organics		
Non-chemical control methods		Cultural, physical & biological control.
Use of a compost heap/bin/worm bin		
Compost applied/leaves kept on site		
Minimal lawn and/or minimal bare soil		

***Must achieve a check mark to certify**

1/2021 - Residential