

Conservation@Home Cook County Criteria

Client Name: _____

Date: _____

Town: _____

Volunteer Name(s): _____



Vegetation on Site (need 3/5 checkmarks)	Achieved	Notes
*Native herb. perennials/grasses/ephemerals (10 sp.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Promote straight species; educate about cultivars.
*Native trees/shrubs (3 sp.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Diversity of plants (20+ sp.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-natives beneficial to wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/>	
*Removal/Control of invasives	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wildlife Management (need 3/5 checkmarks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
*Vegetation left to stand over fall/winter	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Provides habitat (decaying wood, thickets, shelter)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Provides bird feeders (seed/nectar/fruit)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bee/insect hotel, bird/bat house	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bird bath/water feature	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Water Management (need 2/6 checkmarks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some criteria may be N/A
*Minimal artificial irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Responsible watering: following municipal restrictions, avoiding watering during peak heat of day.
Downspout directed into vegetation (not lawn/bare soil)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Use of rain barrel	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Raingarden	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shoreline vegetation (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Permeable driveway/pathway/patio	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Chemical Use (need 2/3 checkmarks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
*Minimal use of synthetic pesticides/use of organics	<input type="checkbox"/>	
*Minimal use of synthetic fertilizers/use of organics	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-chemical control methods	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural, physical & biological control.
General Management (need 2/5 checkmarks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
*Natural lawn care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Organic management, no synth. fertilizer, lawn alternatives, leave lawn clippings, allowing longer lawn, no watering, eco grass.
*Active management native landscape beds	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minimum weeds & keeping natives from flopping onto walkways
Use of a compost heap/bin/worm bin	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Compost applied/leaves kept on site	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Minimal lawn and/or minimal bare soil	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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

12/2020 - Residential