

Conservation@Home Cook County Residential Evaluation Criteria

Client Name: _____ Date: _____ Town: _____ Volunteer Name(s): _____

Criterion	Achieved?	Notes
On-Site Vegetation (need 3/5 checkmarks) Total Achieved:		
*Native herbaceous perennials/grasses/ephemerals (Min. 10 species; <i>Note: Promote straight species; educate about cultivars.</i>)		
*Native trees/shrubs (Min. 3 species)		
Diversity of plants (Min. 20 species)		
Non-natives beneficial to wildlife		
*Removal/control of invasives		
Wildlife Management (need 3/5 checkmarks) Total Achieved:		
*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 2/6 checkmarks; some criteria may be N/A) Total Achieved:		
*Minimal artificial irrigation (<i>Note: Responsible watering: following municipal restrictions, avoiding watering during peak heat of day.</i>)		
Downspout directed into vegetation instead of lawn or bare soil		
Use of rain barrel, cistern, or other water storage		
Rain garden		
Shoreline vegetation (if applicable)		
Permeable driveway/pathway/patio		
General Management (need 4/8 checkmarks) Total Achieved:		
*Natural lawn care (<i>Note: Organic management, no synth. fertilizer, lawn alternatives, leave lawn clippings.</i>)		
*Active management of native landscape beds (<i>Note: Minimal weeds, keep natives from flopping onto walkways.</i>)		
*Minimal use of synthetic pesticides, opts for organics		
*Minimal use of synthetic fertilizers, opts for organics		
Non-chemical control methods (<i>Note: Cultural, physical, and biological control.</i>)		
Use of a composting heap/bin/worm bin		
Compost application/leaves kept on site		
Minimal lawn and/or minimal bare soil		
Certification Granted? Yes ___ No (explain):		

*Criterion required for certification.