



Conservation@Home Cook County Residential Evaluation Criteria



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

Criterion (Criteria required for Certification)	Achieved?	Notes		
On-Site Vegetation (need 3/5 checkmarks) Total Achieved:				
*Min 10 species of native herbaceous perennials/grasses/ephemerals				
*Min 3 species of native trees/shrubs/vines				
*Effective removal/control of invasives and/or plans to remove invasive landscape plants				
Diversity of plants (min. 20 species)				
Variety of blooms for each of the three growing seasons				
Wildlife Management (need 3/5 checkmarks) Total Achieved:				
*Provides habitat (decaying wood, thickets, shelter)				
Vegetation left to stand throughout the year with minimal and variable removal				
Leaves kept on site				
Exposed soil for ground nesting species				
Properly maintained water source (puddling dishes, ponds, bubbler fountain, etc.)				
Water Management (need 2/6 checkmarks; some criteria may be N/A) Total Achieved:				
*Minimal artificial irrigation				
Downspout directed into vegetation instead of lawn or bare soil				
Use of rain barrel, cistern, or other water storage				
Rain garden				
Permeable driveway/pathway/patio				
Shoreline vegetation (if applicable)				
General Management (need	4/7 checkmar	rks) Total Achieved:		
*Natural lawn care (Note: Organic management, lawn alternatives, leave lawn clippings.)				
*Active management of native landscape beds with maintained design integrity (Note: Minimal weeds, keep natives from flopping onto walkways, monitor aggressive natives.)				
*Only targeted use of synthetic pesticides, opts for organics				
*Only targeted use of synthetic fertilizers, opts for organics				
Non-chemical control methods (Note: Cultural, physical, and biological control.)				
Use of a compost heap/bin/worm bin				
Minimal lawn and/or intentional lawn				
Certification Granted? Yes No (explain):				