Native Plant Habitat Certification Application

Name:__________________________________________________________
Street Address:___________________________________________________
City/State/Zip Code:______________________________________________
County:___________________________________________________________
Preferred phone #:________________________________________________
Email address:_____________________________________________________
Date of Application:_______________________________________________

Name(s) and address to appear on certificate:

ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY
Total property size:
Approximate percentage of that area dedicated to North Carolina native plants:
Number of years you have been working on creating native habitat on your property:

LANDSCAPE PROFILE
TERRAIN: _____ Level ground   _____ Gentle slope   _____ Steep slope
EXPOSURE: _____ Primarily sunny   _____ Mixed sun/shade   _____ Primarily shaded

LANDSCAPE FEATURES (check all that are applicable to your garden/yard):
_____ Wooded area   _____ Native grass lawn   _____ Pond/lake
_____ Meadow/prairie   _____ Rock retaining wall   _____ Rock outcropping
_____ Sitting/viewing area   _____ Stream/creek   _____ Garden path
_____ Rock garden   _____ Arbor   _____ Rain garden
_____ Pollinator garden   _____ Moss garden   _____ Other (describe):

Interesting historic features of your property (if applicable):

NATIVE PLANTS ON YOUR PROPERTY
For NCNPS certification, a native garden must have representation in a minimum of 5 of the 11 plant categories listed below. Plants listed should be native to North Carolina. List scientific as well as common names on this application. As noted in the Introduction, HELP is available if needed!

CATEGORIES

1. Canopy Trees (3 species minimum):
2. Understory Trees (3 species minimum):

3. Shrubs (3 minimum):

4. Herbaceous Flowering Plants: (annuals, biennials, perennials): **Spring-blooming** (3 species minimum):

5. Herbaceous Flowering Plants: (annuals, biennials, perennials): **Summer-blooming** (3 species minimum):

6. Herbaceous Flowering Plants: (annuals, biennials, perennials): **Fall-blooming** (3 species minimum):

7. Ferns (3 species minimum):

8. Grasses (3 species minimum):

9. Vines: **Herbaceous or Woody** (3 species minimum):

10. Mosses & Lichens (3 species minimum):

11. Water/Bog (3 species minimum):

**REMOVING INVASIVE PLANTS FROM YOUR LANDSCAPE**

For NCNPS certification, a native garden/landscape should be as free as possible of non-native, invasive species. Please list the non-native invasive plants that you have removed, are attempting to remove, and/or are preventing from reproducing by seed from your property:
CONSERVATION PRACTICES

At least 6 of the following 12 conservation practices are required for certification. Please check those that apply.

____ 1. Minimize or eliminate lawn areas
____ 2. Compost plant material, such as grass clippings and vegetable peels, in a bin or pile
____ 3. Use mulch to retain moisture
____ 4. Avoid chemical use where possible
____ 5. Use soaker hoses or hand watering rather than overhead sprinkling
____ 6. Control pests naturally by encouraging beneficial insects
____ 7. Capture and utilize rainwater
____ 8. Provide water sources for habitat support
____ 9. Install native plants facing destruction, obtained through organized rescues
____ 10. Allow leaves to remain where they fall
____ 11. Reduce use of lawn maintenance equipment, such as fossil fuel powered movers & blowers
____ 12. Leave older and non-hazardous dead trees in the landscape

SUBMITTING YOUR CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

Please feel free to use additional sheets, if necessary, to list your native plants, or use the plant list provided on the website.

Please email (to pat.holder@icloud.com) at least 5 digital pictures of your garden. These pictures should show the scope of the garden as well as any special features.

Submission of this form gives the NCNPS permission to use these photos in exhibits, on the NCNPS website, in publicity materials, and in other ways that fulfill the mission of NCNPS. Credit will be given to the person who submitted the application unless another photographer is identified by the applicant.

Are you willing to allow planned visits to your garden (circle one): YES  NO

Please enclose your certification program application fee of $10 (for NCNPS members) or $35 (for non-members, includes a 1-year membership), or $45 which includes a 1-year Family Membership, with checks payable to NCNPS. If you are not a member, we encourage you to join us; please visit http://www.ncwildflower.org/ncnps/membership/

To help highlight your native habitat garden/yard, you may purchase a metal sign or granite marker. Pictures of the markers and details on costs may be seen at http://www.ncwildflower.org/about/markers/.

If you would like a sign for your garden, please circle the following: Yes, I am interested in purchasing a METAL SIGN.

Payment for this will be requested once your garden has been certified.

Thank you for becoming a NCNPS certified property!

NCNPS Native Plant Habitat Certification Committee

Please forward or mail your completed application to:
   Pat Holder, Native Plant Habitat Certification Coordinator
   PO Box 4895, Asheboro, NC 27204
   Email pat.holder@icloud.com