Landowner Checklist

Note: Each item below is not applicable to every property. This is a list of suggestions to guide you in choosing ways to bring conservation into your home landscape. For certification purposes, at least one criteria must be met from each category, with a total of ten criteria fulfilled.

1. Native Vegetation
   - Native plants incorporated into existing landscape beds
   - Native trees and shrubs incorporated into existing landscape
   - Using diversity of native plant types – forbs, grasses, shrubs, trees
   - Managing property for invasive species

2. Water Stewardship
   - Downspouts directed to vegetated area instead of pavement
   - Rain barrel in use
   - Native vegetation used to slow run-off
   - Rain garden used to capture stormwater

3. Yard Management
   - Electric, push, or mulching mower used
   - Compost bin or pile used for yard waste and/or food scraps
   - Use of fertilizers and herbicides minimized
   - Spot pesticide use only
   - Paths installed for access
   - If service used, check into their practices

4. Wildlife Habitat
   - Bird feeders provided
   - Bird, bat, or bee houses provided
   - Water provided (bird bath, fountain, pond)
   - Brush piles/other habitat
   - Leave standing vegetation and leaves in landscape beds over winter

Nature Champion: BONUS
   - Recruit 2 or more neighbors for a C@H site visit
   - Mentor 2 or more neighbors on sustainable landscaping practices.
   - Willing to host a group tour of your property’s eco-features
   - Encourage youth environmental exploration amongst native plantings.

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