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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