Barrington Area Conservation Trust

Checklist for Recognizing Businesses & Organizations

This checklist is the basis for Barrington Area Conservation Trust’s Conservation@Work certification program, which has been carefully designed to recognize businesses and organizations that are conscientiously improving the natural world for wildlife and humanity.

1. Native plants, trees, and shrubs for wildlife (COMPLETE 3)
   *Locally grown native plants that have been purchased from businesses listed on BACT’s "recommended native plants sources" or other reputable sources
   _____ Incorporates a variety of native flowers and grasses into existing landscape*
   _____ Incorporates a variety of trees and shrubs into existing landscape*
   _____ Manages property for invasive species
   _____ Has as a least 1 native oak tree per acre
   _____ Leaves native plants standing in fall to provide wildlife food and shelter

2. Water stewardship (COMPLETE 3)
   _____ Reduces runoff with a rain permeable patio, walk, or driveway
   _____ Directs water from downspouts to a rain garden, rain barrel, or bioswale to help retain and filter water
   _____ Directs downspouts to a bed of rocks to slow the flow of water and reduce erosion
   _____ Provides effective shoreline buffer to filter water and minimize erosion

3. Landscape care (COMPLETE 2)
   _____ Leaves grass clippings in place (unless composted)
   _____ Uses a non-petroleum lawnmower (such as an electric, propane, or reel)
   _____ Does not use lawn or garden chemicals (or conducts minimal spot treatments)
   _____ Uses autumn leaves to mulch trees, shrubs, or flowerbed
   _____ Protects or restores existing or pre-existing high quality natural areas
   _____ Provides natural areas for relaxation & reflection that enhance client and employee experience and satisfaction

4. Conservation ethics (COMPLETE 3)
   _____ Volunteers to improve native landscapes in the Barrington communities
   _____ Turns off most lights when no one is in the room
   _____ Has a recycling program
   _____ Provides programs or activities that promote positive conservation values
   _____ Has a composting program