



Community Wildlife Habitat Registration Form

Congratulations on taking the initiative toward starting a community-wide habitat conservation project! By completing this form and returning it to us you can **register** your Community Wildlife Habitat project with the National Wildlife Federation® (NWF). Once registered, your community will begin working toward community **certification** and receive ongoing support from NWF.

To register your community, please complete the following information:

1. Name your Community Wildlife Habitat Project

Some communities have chosen a creative name like “Operation Habitat” (Plantation, FL) or “Wild over LKN!” (Lake Norman, NC), but you can also choose something simple like “Plainview Community Wildlife Habitat Project”.

Name: _____

2. Identify a Community Wildlife Habitat Team Leader and recruit at least four individuals to become members of the Community Wildlife Habitat Team.

Complete the [Community Wildlife Habitat Team Members List](#).

3. Register the Habitat Team members as official volunteers with NWF.

Each team member should complete the [Volunteer Application](#).

4. Research your community.

Complete Part I: Community Basics of the form *Community Description and Demographics*. (Please see below.)

5. Develop project goals and vision for 1, 3 and 5 years.

Review the points needed for each segment of Community Wildlife Habitat certification and determine which activities will work best for your community. See [Earning Points Towards Certification](#) and [Annual Goals](#) for specific activities and points awarded for each. Write up what you hope to accomplish by 1 year from now, 3 years from now and 5 years from now.

You must also complete a minimum of 40 points (of a possible 75) out of the following activities in order for your community to officially register their project with NWF. Please check off the registration goals below that you have completed.

- Obtain a map of your community (please enclose a copy) 5 points
- Complete Part II: Ecological Characteristics of *Community Description and Demographics* 10 points
- Obtain a letter of support from Community Government Officials (please enclose a copy) 10 points
- Create a 5 year budget 10 points
- Develop a plan for keeping all members of the Habitat Team in regular communication (e.g. an email group, monthly meetings, etc.) 5 points
- Have one member of Habitat Team become a NWF Habitat Steward Volunteer (a 24-hour in-person training) 10 points
- Get 5 bonus points if that member of the Habitat Team becomes a NWF Habitat Steward Host (a remote training) 5 points
- Identify three potential funding sources: 5 points

- Identify three potential sites for Certified Wildlife Habitat demonstration gardens: 5 points

- Plan and organize a kick-off celebration (please enclose a copy of flyer, press release, etc.) 10 points

Total Points (minimum of 40) _____

Please send:

- Completed Community Wildlife Habitat Registration Form
- Completed Community Wildlife Habitat Team Members List
- Completed Volunteer Applications for each member of your team
- Goals and Vision for 1, 3 and 5 years
- 5-10 pictures of your community (a CD with digital photos is also fine)
- \$50.00 registration fee

You may email the forms and send to community@nwf.org or you can print them up and mail them along with the check to:

**National Wildlife Federation
Community Wildlife Habitat Registration
11100 Wildlife Center Drive
Reston, VA 20190-5362**

We cannot return the photos or any other elements of the registration form, so please be sure to keep duplicates for your records. Remember to submit the \$50.00 registration fee (check or money order) to cover the cost and postage of your welcome box of materials. Make payment payable to National Wildlife Federation. Please allow 3 weeks for processing.

Questions? Please contact us at: 866-788-9297 or by email at community@nwf.org .

Community Description and Demographics

Part 1: Community Basics

We are excited to learn more about your community! To find the answers to many of these questions, you may need to contact your city hall, local natural resource agency, nature centers, parks, conservation groups, or other organizations in your area. Through your research, you will learn more about how your community is affected by and affects surrounding ecosystems and the wildlife with which you share your community. You will also find the information gathered helpful in shaping your Community Wildlife Habitat project goals.

1. Give a brief description of your community:

2. Please consider the boundaries of your community and decide to either use the community's name or zip codes to geographically define your Community Wildlife Habitat project area. If your community is an entire county, the county name can also be used to define your community. This will allow NWF to accurately track the total number of certified habitats in your community. Please let us know how you would like your community to be tracked.

Please choose one.

What are the zip code(s) of your community? _____, _____, _____,

City and State _____

County name (choose only if your community is an entire county) _____

3. What is the community size in square miles? _____ square miles
4. What is the population of your community? _____
5. Please give an estimate of the following in your community:
 - # of single family detached homes _____
 - # of town homes _____
 - # of apartments/multi-family residences _____
 - # of schools _____
 - # of businesses _____

6. Identify three areas where a public Certified Wildlife Habitat demonstration sites could be set up (i.e., park, zoo, nature center, library, town hall, etc.):

7. List the names and contact information for local media in your community that could be contacted for publicizing your Community Wildlife Habitat project (i.e., newspapers, radio, TV, etc.)

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City: _____	City: _____
State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____	State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____
Telephone: _____	Telephone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

If you can identify more local media sources, please attach their information to this form.

8. Identify potential partners for your Community Wildlife Habitat project. For example, garden clubs, community clubs, local conservation initiatives or other non-profit groups could become valuable resources to your habitat team.

9. How could you obtain funding to help subsidize the cost or give in-kind support for your community project? Please identify possible local funding opportunities within your community (i.e., government agencies, local foundations, businesses, individual donors, fundraising events, etc).

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Part 2: Ecological Characteristics

You may attach additional information if necessary.

1. What watershed is your community in? _____

2. Is your community along a migratory path or flyway? If so, please describe.

3. What are the dominant ecosystems in your community (i.e., desert, mixed deciduous, wetland, etc.)?

4. What are the top two or three environmental or ecological challenges faced by your community?

5. Are there any federally-listed or endangered species or state-listed species of concern (i.e., plants, birds, insects, fish, etc.) in or near your community? If so, please list each species and listing status.

6. What are the problematic invasive non-native species that are displacing or contributing to the decline of native species in your community? Please describe.

7. Are there any other special ecological or environmental conditions in your community?