



The Elizabeth River Project

Application for Wildlife Habitat Enhancement

To achieve recognition, show a significant enhancement of wildlife habitat in relation to the size and nature of your property. Use additional room, if necessary.

Follow these criteria:

- A diverse planting following guidelines described in the *Wildlife Habitat Guide*. Most of new plants are native or have special benefits to wildlife.
- Clear designation of a non-cultivated natural area of native vegetation set aside to be actively conserved through appropriate management and stewardship (e.g. Land Conservation Understanding, conservation easement, signage, or removal of invasive plant species).
- Project is implemented with meaningful employee awareness and involvement.
- At least half of plants added are surviving at the time of your submittal.
- If you have waterfront property, your habitat includes a riparian buffer (a shoreline buffer of native trees, shrubs, or tall grasses) where practical.
- For other projects such as oyster reefs or floats, send pictures and/or any monitoring data.

Indicate the Habitat Categories You Accomplished:

- Upland. (Circle ones that apply): trees, shrubs, perennials (butterfly garden), native grasses or wildflowers (meadow), vines, or groundcovers.
- Water garden, freshwater pond, or freshwater wetland. Include native wetland plants.
- Tidal wetland/marsh grasses
- Forested riparian buffer – i.e. trees and shrubs along the shoreline
- Subtidal. Oyster reefs, oyster floats, submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), or clam beds.
- Other (please describe) _____

Please indicate the size of your wildlife habitat in square feet or acres _____

Please indicate the size of your property _____

List the types and quantities of native plants you have added to your property that provide wildlife benefit. Continue on separate sheet of paper if necessary.

<u>Type of Plant (species)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Type of Plant (species)</u>	<u>Number</u>
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Indicate the Types of Cover & Nesting Sites You Provide:

- Non-cultivated natural area. Please describe the area, designation, conservation, management and/or stewardship activities being implemented. _____
- No mow zone. Describe _____
- Thick vines/arbor. Describe _____
- Nesting boxes, osprey platforms. List _____
- Larval plants for butterfly caterpillars. List _____
- Brush pile Log pile Rock pile Dead tree

Water provided

- All year long
- Seasonally

We provide water in a:

- Bird bath
- Water dripping into bird bath
- Water garden, pond
- Other. Describe _____

List any feeders and foods you provide for wildlife. _____

Describe how employees were made aware of and involved in your project. _____

Briefly describe your maintenance plan. (eg. water until plants get established, monitor survival of plants, re-mulch, prune, clean nestboxes, maintain feeders and birdbaths, etc.) _____

Include a drawing or design of your property indicating habitat areas.

Include pictures of your wildlife habitat project! Take before and after (at least 3 months after planting to demonstrate survival - 50% survival rate is required) photos, also action photos of planting day are welcome. Digital is preferred.

Organization name _____

Points of contact _____

Street address of organization _____

Street address of wildlife habitat _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Send your application and supporting documentation to: Email preferred to Pam Boatwright pboatwright@elizabethriver.org, or mail to The Elizabeth River Project, 475 Water Street, Suite C103A, Portsmouth, VA 23704, 757-399-RIVR (7487)