

CONSERVATION@HOME SURVEY

If you can answer "Yes" to any of these questions you may be eligible for Conservation@Home certification:

Do you have natural areas on your property?

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Yes

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No

Do you manage your yard for the benefit of wildlife?

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Yes

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No

Have you planted native plants in your yard?

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Yes

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A Few

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No

Do you live near a creek, river or natural area?

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Yes

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No

Conservation@Home is designed to encourage landowners to become actively involved in the conservation effort. We can all contribute to environmental improvement — one yard at a time.



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Contact Geneva Lake Conservancy
with questions and to schedule your site visit!

262-275-5700

www.GenevaLakeConservancy.org



Geneva Lake Conservancy's Conservation@Home program is an education and recognition program for homeowners that supports our water conservation and protection efforts.

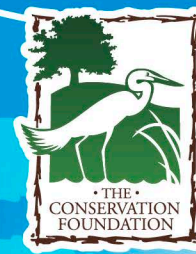


Planting deep-rooted native wildflowers, trees and shrubs, creating rain and butterfly gardens, installing rain barrels and/or removing exotic plant species from your property contributes to the health of our wildlife populations and our water supply, and you should be recognized for your efforts!

Conservation@Home gives you helpful tips and resources along the way, and when you're ready, we'll certify your yard as an environmentally-friendly property.



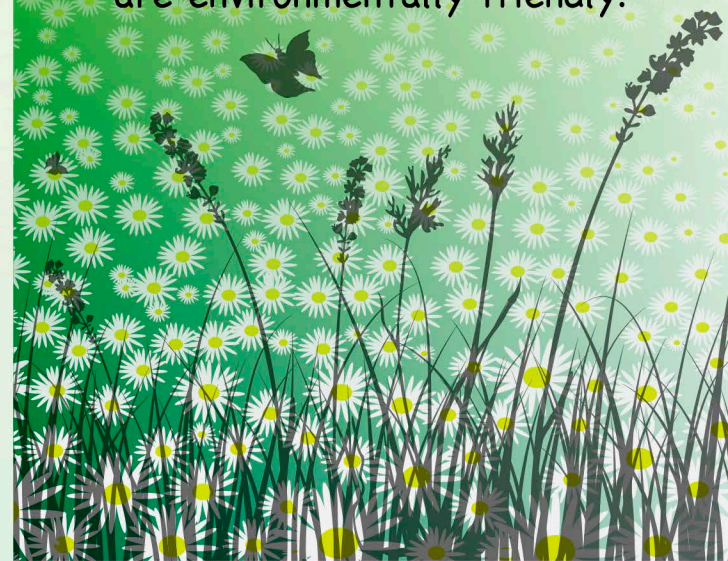
All property owners who are Conservation@Home certified will receive this sign to post in their yard.



CONSERVATION@HOME

A program of The Conservation Foundation

**Helping property owners
protect and create yards that
are environmentally friendly!**



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PROGRAM GOALS

- Encourage the use of native plants in residential yards and gardens.
- Educate property owners on how to eliminate phosphorus runoff and use chloride (salt) wisely.
- Protect and restore natural areas.
- Promote water resource practices (rain barrels and rain gardens that reduce runoff and filter and conserve rain water).
- Reward landowners that practice good conservation measures.
- Educate landowners about how they can improve habitats.
- Provide a visible sign of good residential conservation design and implementation.
- Provide in-depth information on the following subjects (also available on our website):

* Invasive Species *

Backyard Wetlands and Rain Gardens

Composting

Wildlife Habitat Improvements

Native Plants for Your Yard

Preventing Light Pollution



RECOGNITION CRITERIA

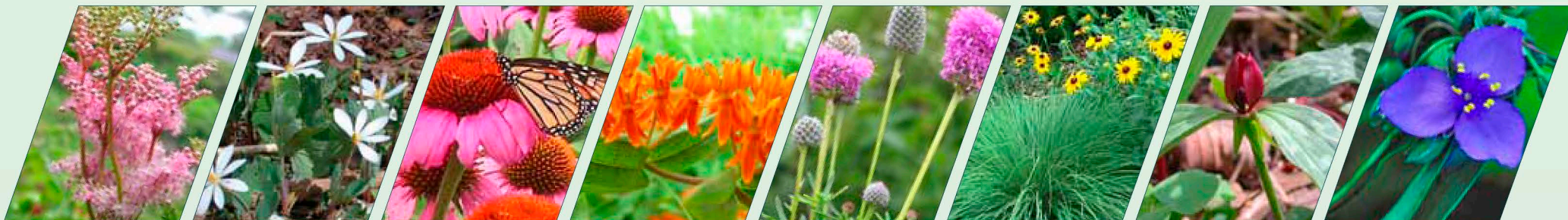
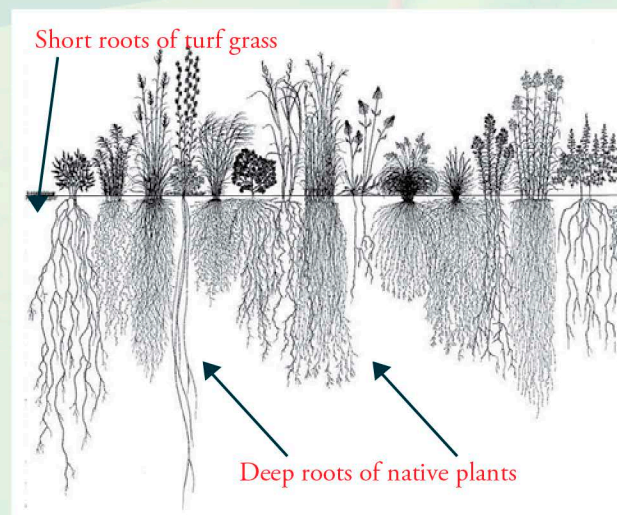
- Property must have some native plant components for the benefit of water conservation and/or wildlife.
- There should be clear evidence of stewardship of natural land (invasive species control and other management issues).
- Property along creeks, rivers or a pond should be managed to reduce erosion and pollutants.
- Protection of existing natural areas as well as creation of new areas is highly encouraged!

Call or see our website to schedule a Conservation@Home program visit to learn how to become certified. The visit is free for GLC members and \$25 for non-members.

Certified landowners will receive a Conservation@Home sign to post in their yard and a helpful yard assessment, which includes ideas to further improve the health of their property.

BENEFITS OF A NATURE-FRIENDLY YARD

- Native plantings support a large variety of beneficial wildlife. The habitat you create will attract wildlife such as songbirds and butterflies!
- The deep roots of native plants reduce erosion and require less water than a traditional turf grass lawn.
- Native plants and trees help filter stormwater runoff into area lakes.
- Perennial flowering plants will increase the beauty and value of your property!
- Gardening practices that reduce the use of chemicals will improve water, air and soil quality.



Queen of the Prairie

Bloodroot

Purple Coneflower/Monarch

Butterfly Weed

Purple Prairie Clover

Prairie Dropseed/Black-Eyed Susan

Red Trillium

Spiderwort