

Supporting nature, one site at a time.

Earn a certification with three simple steps:

- 1. Plant native! Native trees, shrubs and plants support wildlife, help rain soak into the soil, and provide beauty.
- 2. Begin removing invasive trees, shrubs and plants that may have a negative impact on local habitats and wildlife.
- 3. Cultivate a conservation ethic throughout your group. *Volunteer, educate, encourage!*

Not there yet? Let us help! Schedule a site consultation and we'll help you come up with a plan.

Consults include plant identification, management and design tips, what to plant, and more! You'll receive a reference document customized with recommendations as well.



consult at any point in your site transformation? Your site does not have to be perfect - we are here to help with the

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process!

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Additional Conservation@Work Ideas:

- Diversity helps! Densely plant different types of native plants to support a diversity of life. Don't forget about the sedges, grasses, trees and shrubs too!
- Allow plant stems and leaves to remain in gardens over winter. Insects use them and birds eat the seeds.
- Let the rain soak in! Direct downspouts to planted areas, or use a rain barrel if it's right for your yard.
- Lawn care: Mow no shorter than 3 inches and minimize fertilizer/herbicide use. Consider converting unused lawn areas to native plant habitat.
- Encourage people to adopt these ideas! We can help with education, grant consultation and more.

Schedule your site consult today! Visit ConserveMC.org or email Sarah at smichehl@conservemc.org for more details.

Scan here to learn more about Conservation@Work!

Program Fees:

\$100 one-time fee for groups of 10 or less people \$250 one-time fee for groups of 11 or more Plus a \$250 tax-deductible annual TLC membership





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