



### Sustainable Garden Awards Nomination Form

A panel of judges will select winners based on their overall beauty and sustainability. Read over each of the descriptions of the [Sustainable Landcare Principles](#); tell us about the garden and check off which gardening practices are used.

Along with this form, please submit up to 10 photos of the garden that you wish to nominate. Email your submission to [jolshock@phipps.conservatory.org](mailto:jolshock@phipps.conservatory.org).

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Garden Owners' Name, Phone and Email:

Nominator's Name, Phone and Email (if different from above):

Garden Location:

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#### **Nomination Category** (select one)

Native Plantings and Wildlife Gardens – gardens featuring native plants that provide habitat for wildlife

Gardens that manage storm water – garden that feature rain gardens, rain barrels, swales, etc.

Microgardens – container gardens, vertical gardens, gardens that make the best of very small spaces

Abundant Edible Gardens – gardens that feature annual and perennial edibles, vegetables, fruits, and other

Gardens for Personal Retreat – gardens that have a sense of peace and sanctuary, relaxing gardens designed for reflection

**Describe how the garden fits into one of the categories above. Explain what plants and other elements are included. (600 Characters)**

## **Gardening Practices Employed (check as many as apply)**

No synthetic products (pesticides or fertilizers) are used in the management of this garden.

[Invasive plants](#) are either NOT present or are under management for their removal.

Soil test results guide the management strategies of the soil.

Native and sustainable plants (requiring minimal water & fertilizer, are non-invasive and resistant to disease

& insects) are highlighted in the garden.

The garden was designed based on observations of the existing conditions (sun, soil, water, etc.)

Healthy soil is maintained by adding compost, mulch, fallen leaves, or green mulches to the garden beds.

Proper watering techniques are practiced so as to not waste water or overwater my plants –

[see watering best practices here](#).

The garden supports a diverse selection of plants.

Habitat elements are included in the yard to support birds and other wildlife (indicate below).

Water sources

Native plants

Host plants for butterflies and caterpillars

Shelter boxes

- ☐ Several kinds of edible plants (annual and/or perennial vegetables, fruit, nuts, and herbs) are grown in the garden.
- ☐ Materials brought into the garden are limited to non-toxic materials and materials are re-used or re-purposed whenever possible.
- ☐ Perennials, trees, and shrubs stand out in every season.

**Provide a written description about what makes this a sustainable garden, expanding on and adding to the checked practices included above. (600 Characters)**

**Tell us a little bit about this garden. What do you find most beautiful? What makes it a sustainable garden? What features or characteristics about this garden do you love the most? (600 Characters)**