



Uniting all Americans
to ensure that wildlife
thrive in a rapidly
changing world

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NORTH CAROLINA



Habitats

NWF was founded in 1936



GARDEN FOR WILDLIFE™

National Wildlife Federation's Garden for Wildlife™ program and partnerships have engaged millions to help wildlife where people live since 1973.

Americans of all backgrounds, have already provided wildlife with food, water, cover, and places to raise young by creating **over** 250,000 Certified Wildlife Habitats®.

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Carolina wildlife and habitat since 1945.

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Attracting Birds, Butterflies and Other Backyard Wildlife



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Native Plants

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- Adapted to local soils
- Adapted to regional precipitation
- Resilient and hardy once established
- Support wildlife

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All animals need water to drink or bathe



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Provide Places to Raise Young



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Sustainable Gardening Practices

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- Sustainable Gardening Management
- Reduced turf – more natural areas
- Less use of chemicals
- Mimic nature to benefit wildlife
- Healthier for family and pets

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Home
Condominium
Workplace
Marina
Library
Fire Station
Park/Garden
Place of Worship
Golf Courses/Club

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From major cities like Charlotte, North Carolina, and Houston, Texas, to smaller communities like Alpine, California, and everything in between, the National Wildlife Federation currently partners with over 200 municipalities and communities through the Community Wildlife Habitat program.

“**Registered** Communities” are those that have joined our program and are working toward certification with support from the National Wildlife Federation. “**Certified** Communities” have achieved their certification as a National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat and are partnering with the National Wildlife Federation to maintain their certification over time.



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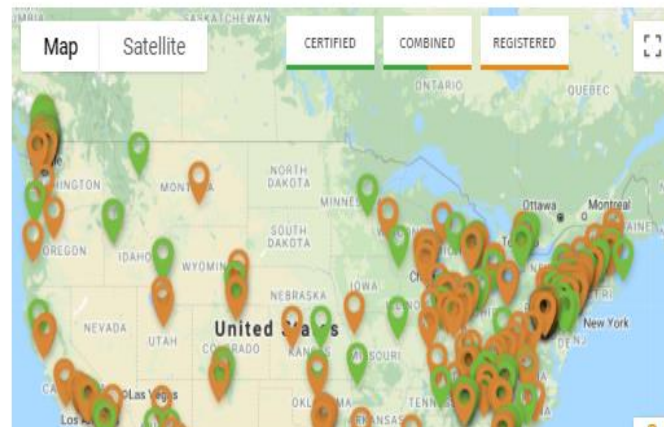
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Community Wildlife Habitats

Supporting Healthy, Green, Wildlife-Friendly Communities

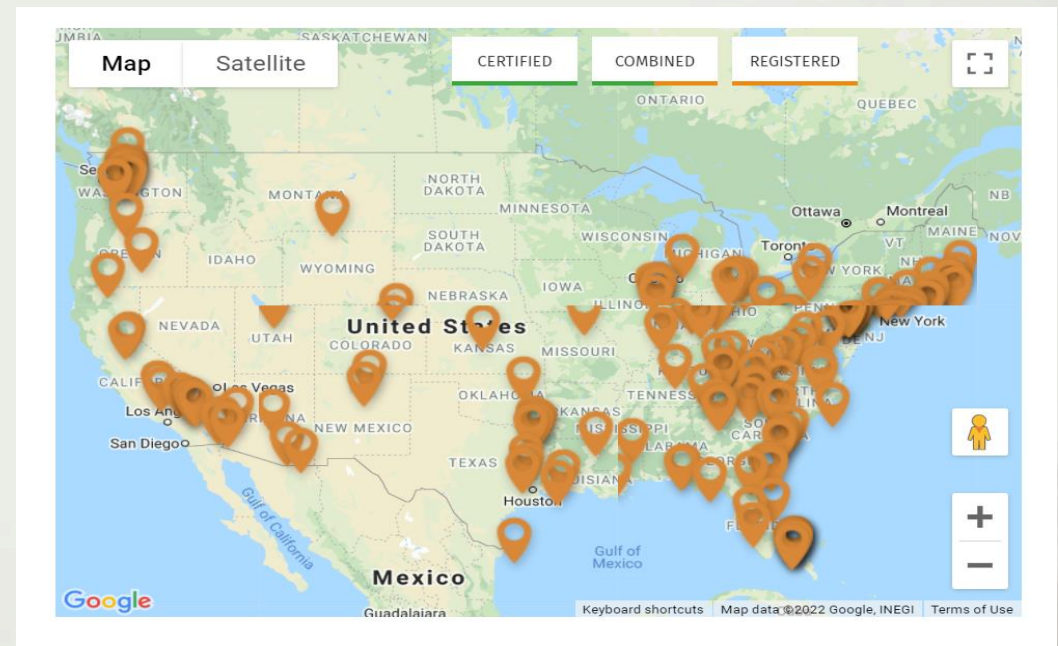
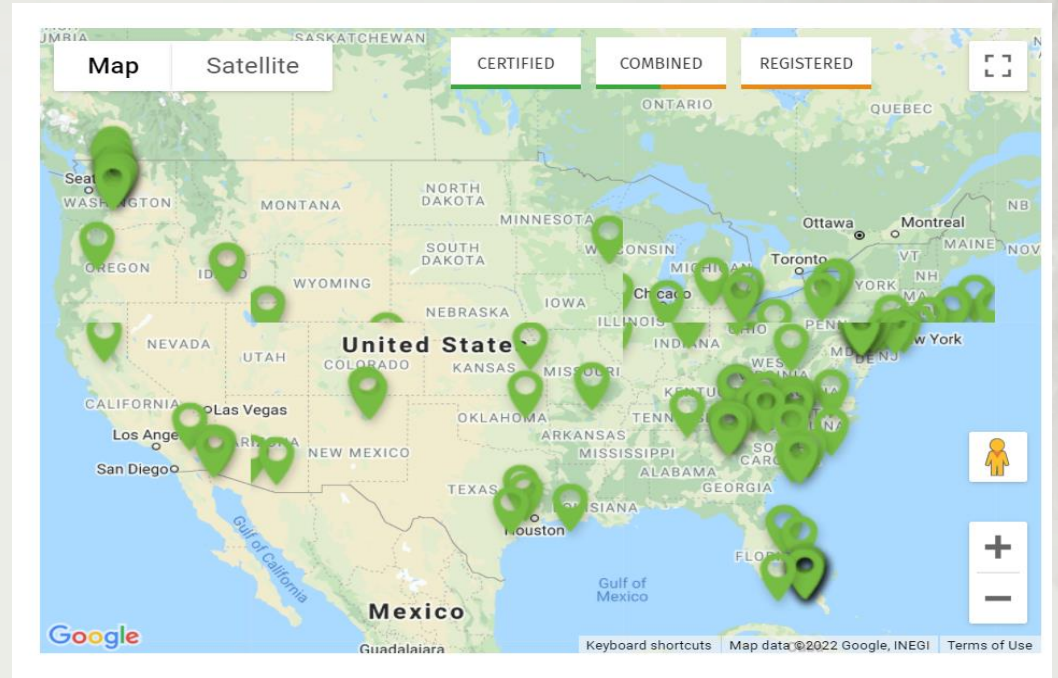
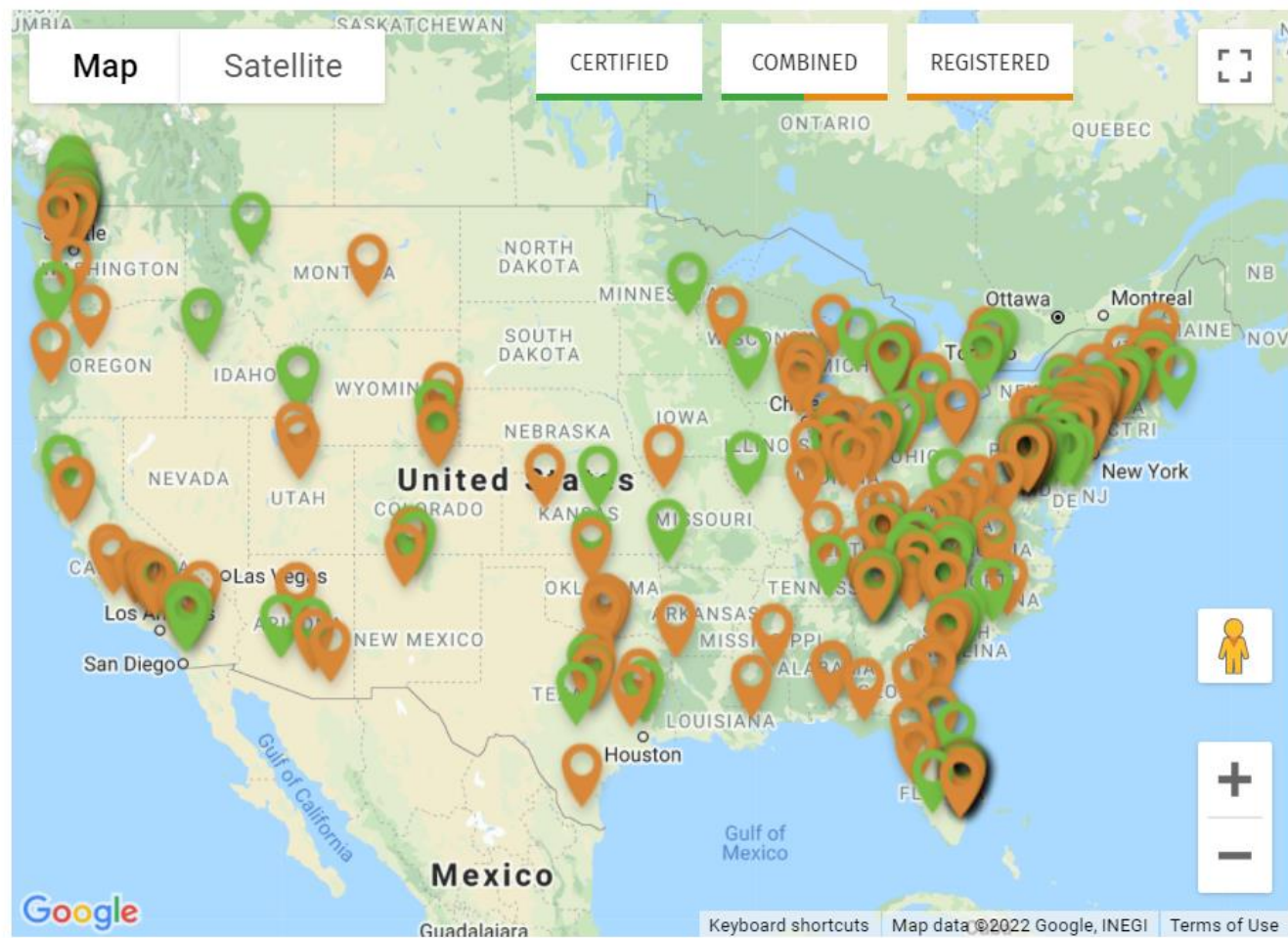
The National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat™ program partners with cities, towns, counties, neighborhoods, and communities of all kinds to become healthier, greener, and more wildlife-friendly. Community Wildlife Habitats garden and landscape with wildlife in mind, promote the use of native trees and plants, work to reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides and chemicals, and integrate wildlife-friendly practices into sustainability plans and park master plans. Through this program your communities can enhance and restore islands and corridors of wildlife habitat in urban and suburban areas nationwide, while at the same time connecting to existing work around climate resiliency, community resiliency, urban forestry, water conservation, beautification, and more.

Communities earn community-wide certification by certifying individual properties (homes, parks, schools, businesses, and others) in their community as [Certified Wildlife Habitats](#) and by doing education and outreach in their community. Education and outreach points are earned by engaging community members in habitat restoration projects, providing resources like native plant lists, and communicating through websites and social media. [Download the Community Wildlife Habitat program certification requirements](#) and learn more about the program on our [About page](#).

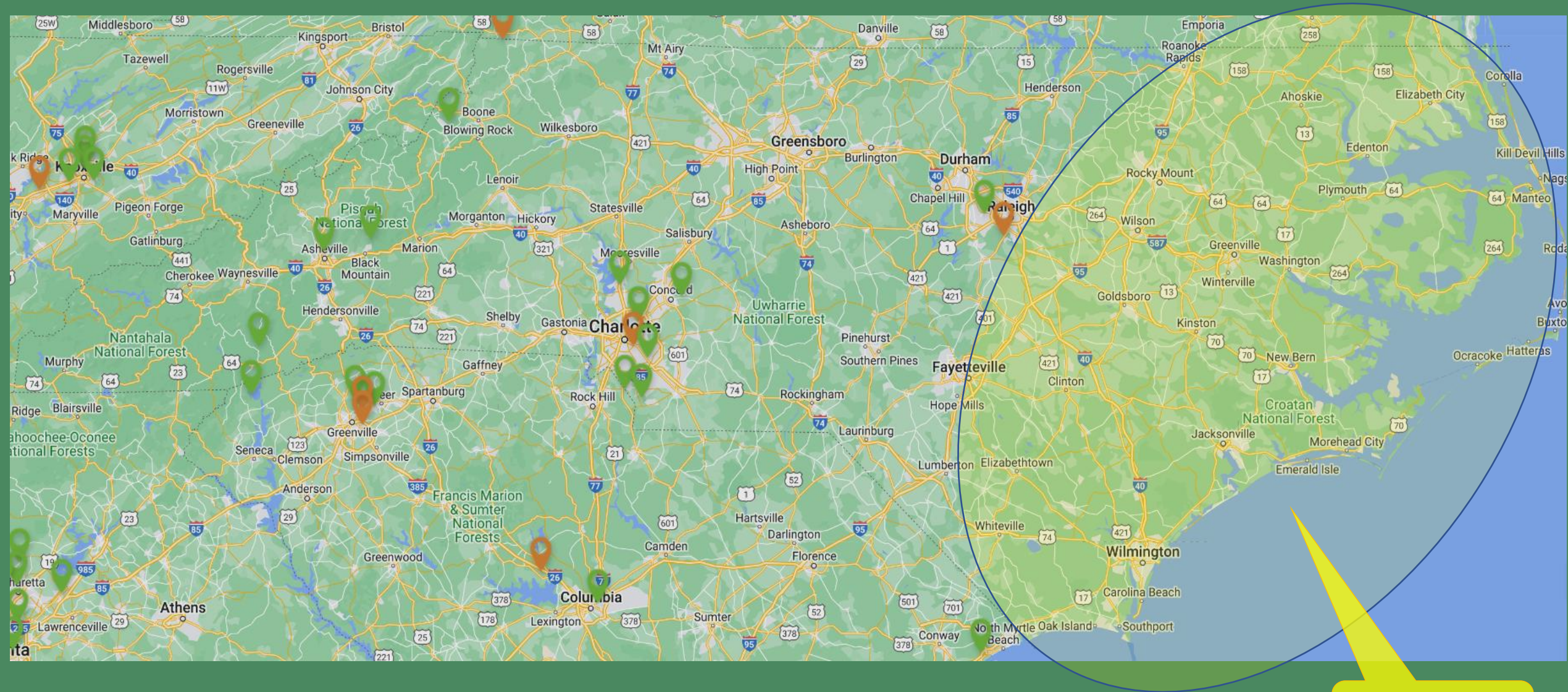


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<https://www.nwf.org/communitywildlifehabitat#communities-map>



Green markers indicate communities that have completed certification. **Brown** indicates communities that have registered to become certified.



Ten towns/communities are certified in North Carolina.
Two more are registered.

Nothing east
of Raleigh!



Let's certify

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To achieve certification through the National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat program, you must create or restore wildlife habitat in your community and do education and outreach.

First, a certain number of homes, schools and common areas must **become National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitats** by providing the four basic elements that all wildlife need: food, water, cover and places to raise young. The NWF Certified Wildlife Habitat program also requires sustainable gardening practices such as using rain barrels, reducing water usage, removing invasive plants, using native plants and eliminating pesticides. These requirements are based on population –

Second, communities earn education and outreach points through a flexible checklist that includes

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We need 150 points

Minimum Habitat Certification Points	Sliding Scale Based on Population Size
20	500 or Less
40	501-1,000
100	1,001-5000
150	5,001-10,000
175	10,001-15,000
200	15,001-20,000
225	20,001-25,000
250	25,001-50,000
300	50,001-100,000
400	100,001-300,000
500	300,001-500,000
750	500,001-1,000,000
1000	1,000,001 or More



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**CERTIFY YOUR
HABITAT**


**HELP THE
BUTTERFLIES**

ABOUT CREATE FOOD WATER COVER YOUNG SUSTAINABILITY WILDLIFE CERTIFY

CREATE

A SUSTAINABLE GARDEN
THAT HELPS WILDLIFE



FOOD



WATER



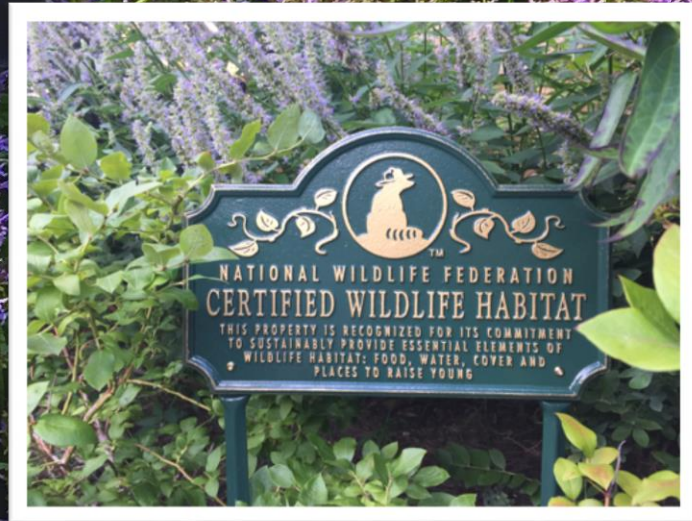
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THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION RECOGNIZES

Charlotte, NC

as certified with the National Wildlife Federation for

6 YEARS

This community is an active Community Wildlife Habitat with the National Wildlife Federation and has taken exceptional action to preserve, enhance, restore and connect wildlife habitat while also communicating the importance of habitat stewardship to the public. These efforts, made under the auspices of the National Wildlife Federation's Garden for Wildlife program, contribute to establishing a network of thriving communities where people, wildlife and plants can all flourish.

April 30, 2021



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Collin O'Mara
COLLIN O'MARA
PRESIDENT & CEO



This community is recognized for its commitment to provide sustainable wildlife habitat across areas where people live, work, play, learn and worship.
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Benefits of becoming a Community Wildlife Habitat

- National, State, and local recognition
- Greatly enhances existing sustainability/conservation plans (SJC)
- Educates and engages the public through participation
- Creates additional community sense of place and value
- Supports community beautification in various landscapes
- Continues efforts in clean air, clean water, and healthy soil
- Promotes the human connection with nature
- Enhances resident ability to view and enjoy nature
- Provides native plants & ecosystems supporting local wildlife
- Connecting with nature improves our health and wellbeing
- SJ would be the first and only certified community east of Raleigh
- SJ can set the standard for other communities to follow

It seems to me that the natural world is the greatest source of excitement; the greatest source of visual beauty; the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living.

David Attenborough

quote fancy





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