

Grounds Certification

0.5 bonus points available

Rationale

This credit recognizes institutions that exceed the criteria outlined in credits within the Grounds subcategory by achieving third party certification for the protection and promotion of biodiversity.

Criteria

Institution owns and/or manages land that is currently certified under one or more of the following programs:

- ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation
- Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program (ACSP)
- Bee Campus
- Demeter Biodynamic
- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Forest Management standard
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Green List Standard
- National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat Program
- An Organic standard or Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) endorsed by IFOAM
- Salmon-Safe
- Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES)
- Tree Campus USA (Arbor Day Foundation)
- An equivalent third party certification program for the protection and promotion of biodiversity approved by AASHE.¹

Scoring

An institution earns 0.5 bonus points for this credit when it owns or manages land that is third party certified. Partial points are not available.

Reporting Fields

Required

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 - An IFOAM-endorsed organic standard or Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)

¹ Email stars@aashe.org to inquire about program equivalence prior to submission.

- Salmon-Safe
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 - An equivalent third party certification program for the protection and promotion of biodiversity approved by AASHE
- A brief description of the institution's third party certified land holdings
- Documentation affirming the certification(s) (upload or website URL)

Optional

- Additional documentation to support the submission (upload)
- Data source(s) and notes about the submission
- Contact information for a responsible party (an employee who can respond to questions regarding the data once it is submitted and available to the public)