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## Site development - protect or restore habitat

Possible 2 points

Glossary

### Intent

To conserve existing natural areas and restore damaged areas to provide habitat and promote biodiversity.

### Requirements

#### Option 1. On-Site Restoration (2 points)

##### Establishment

Have in place native or adapted vegetation on 20% of the total site area (including the building footprint), a minimum of 5,000 square feet (465 square meters), to provide habitat and promote biodiversity.

##### Performance

None.

### OR

#### Option 2. Financial support (1 point)

##### Establishment

Provide financial support equivalent to at least \$0.05 per square foot (US\$0.50 per square meter) for the total site area (including the building footprint).

Financial support must be provided annually to a nationally or locally recognized land trust or conservation organization within the same EPA Level III ecoregion or the project's state (or within 100 miles [160 kilometers] for projects outside the U.S.). For U.S. projects, the land trust must be accredited by the Land Trust Alliance.

##### Performance

Provide the specified financial support annually.