

Long-term conservation management of habitat or wetlands and water bodies

Possible 1 point

Intent

To conserve native plants, wildlife habitat, wetlands, and water bodies.

Requirements

Create and commit to implementing a long-term (at least 10-year) management plan for existing or recently restored on-site native habitats, water bodies, or wetlands and their buffers, and create a guaranteed funding source for management.

Involve a qualified biologist or a professional from a natural resources agency or natural resources consulting firm in writing the management plan and conducting or evaluating the ongoing management.

The plan must include biological objectives consistent with habitat or water resource conservation, and it must identify the following:

- procedures and personnel for maintaining the conservation areas;
- estimated implementation costs and funding sources; and
- any threats that the project poses for habitat or water resources within conservation areas (e.g., introduction of exotic species, intrusion of residents in habitat areas) and measures to substantially reduce those threats.

The project does not meet the requirements if it has negative effects on habitat for species identified in endangered species acts or habitat flagged for conservation in Option 1 of SLL Credit Site Design for Habitat or Wetland and Water Body Conservation.