



Intent

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

Requirements

This pilot credit is an alternative compliance path for [LEED 2009 SSc5 Site Development- Protect or Restore Open Habitat](#), [LEED 2009 SSc5.1 Site Development- Protect or Restore Habitat](#), as well as LEED v4 [BD+C](#) and [O+M](#) SSc Site Development-Protect or Restore Habitat.

Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance:

Provide financial support equivalent to at least \$0.05 per square foot for the total project site area (including building footprint). Financial support must be provided annually to either the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) or the Amazonas Sustainable Foundation (FAS).

Minimum level of support = \$0.05 X Total Square Feet of Project Site Area
(\$0.50 X Total Square Meters of Project Site Area)

To make payment to NFWF, project teams should access: nfwf.org/Pages/Donate.aspx

To make a payment to FAS, project teams should access: fas-amazonas.org/doacoes/.

General Pilot Documentation Requirements

[REGISTER FOR THE PILOT CREDIT](#)

- Participate in the [LEEDuser pilot credit forum](#)
- Complete the feedback survey:

- [CREDITS 1-14](#)
- [CREDITS 15-27](#)
- [CREDITS 28-42](#)
- [CREDITS 43-56](#)
- [CREDITS 57-67](#)
- [CREDITS 68-82](#)
- [CREDITS 83-96](#)

Credit Specific:

NC, CS, SCHOOLS, RETAIL-NC, HEALTHCARE, EB:OM

- A description in the "Additional Details, Alternative Compliance Path" section of the credit form that includes the total site area (including the building footprint) and the total financial support provided
- A site plan or drawing which shows all areas contributing to credit achievement
- A receipt generated by NFWF that details the financial support provided

EB:OM projects only

- In lieu of annual support, projects have the option of providing a one-time lump sum support covering the full period up to the next recertification. Such projects should indicate so in the "Additional Details, Alternative Compliance Path," section of the credit form. Projects should also indicate the level of support and number of years the support is intended to cover.

EB:OM Campus Projects:

Group Credit

Eligible. All buildings in the group may be documented as one. The ACP should be applied to the LEED project boundary for the entire group.

Master Site Credit

Ineligible. Each LEED project may pursue the credit individually.

Additional Questions

- What type of feedback or reporting of conservation projects funded by this Pilot ACP would you like to see?
- How does this pilot ACP compare to other compliance paths in terms of ease of achievement?

Not pursuing this pilot but have a comment you'd like to share with USGBC?

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