

## ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

### EC-1 CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Best in Group: Certificate of Merit + \$100 sponsored by National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.

Given to those conservation activities deemed overall excellent and well-balanced. Includes activities such as conservation education, legislative activities, conservation field projects, natural resource development such as watershed, erosion control, reforestation, wildlife refuge, etc.

1. Garden Club:
  - Small
  - Medium
  - Large
2. Group of Clubs, Council, District
3. State Garden Club:
  - Small
  - Medium
  - Large
4. Individual club member

### EC-2 CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Best in Group: Certificate of Merit + \$100 sponsored by The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.

Given for the most comprehensive work and/or study in conservation education.

1. Garden Club (NGC or IA):
  - Small
  - Medium
  - Large
2. Group of Clubs, Council, District (NGC or IA)
3. State Garden Club:
  - Small
  - Medium
  - Large
4. Individual club member (NGC or IA)

**EC-3 WILDLIFE SURVIVAL**

Best in Group: Certificate of Merit + \$100 sponsored by Kent Garden Club, Grand Rapids, MI

Given for the most comprehensive and effective project for pollinator, bird, or wildlife protection and welfare. This may include habitats or gardens specific to the natural population being supported, sanctuaries, migratory routes, public education project or program, legal and legislative activities, or other.

1. Garden Club:
  - Small
  - Medium
  - Large
2. Group of Clubs, Council, District
3. State Garden Club:
  - Small
  - Medium
  - Large

Please refer to the Scoring Rubric for EC 3 on the following page.

### EC 3 Specific Scoring Rubric

Maximum Total Points

**Presentation** **5 Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Cover sheet included with all sections completed	2	
Application adheres to 3 single page limit unless other size specified in award description	2	
Application neat and concise	1	

**Achievement** **40 Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Meets NGC Mission & Goals	3	
Scope of project defined	2	
Need identified	5	
Benefit to target (members/recipients/community/etc.)	6	
Accomplishment of goals	6	
Comprehensiveness of work	5	
Activities to attain goals explained	6	
Evaluation of goals reached	2	
Educational	2	
Prior Planning	2	
Very brief history if continuing project (give full credit if not a continuing project)	1	

**Participation** **15 Total** \_\_\_\_\_

% of member participation from total size possible (may include any type of support given)	15	
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**Community Involvement** **30 Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Involvement of others (community, government agencies, professionals, youth, facility residents, others)	30	
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**Documentation (Photocopies permitted)** **10 Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Clear, well-labeled, neatly attached photos when applicable	3	
Landscape plan when applicable (give full credit if not applicable)	2	
Financial report	4	
Other (letters of appreciation, community awards, publicity, etc.)	1	

**100 Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**EC-4 WATER**

Best in Group: Certificate of Merit + \$100 sponsored by the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Given for the most outstanding project with an emphasis on water conservation and/or clean water.

- 1. Garden Club:
  - Small
  - Medium
  - Large
- 2. Group of Clubs, Council, District
- 3. State Garden Club:
  - Small
  - Medium
  - Large

**EC-5 NATIVE PLANTS AND WILDFLOWERS VENUE**

Best in Group: Certificate of Merit + monetary award up to \$1000

Given for the best establishment of outdoor classrooms, nature trails, wildflower walks, etc. with emphasis on wildflowers and native plants to expose and educate the public as to the importance of these plants to conservation and the environment. This award will not be given to the same project in two consecutive years.

- 1. Garden Club (NGC or IA):
  - Small
  - Medium
  - Large
- 2. Group of Clubs, Council, District (NGC or IA)
- 3. State Garden Club:
  - Small
  - Medium
  - Large

## **EC-6 ORGANIC PRACTICES**

Best in Group: Certificate of Merit + \$100 sponsored by Pat Rupiper

Given for the most outstanding project or educational activity emphasizing and employing the use of organic materials and methods in gardening.

1. Garden Club:
  - Small
  - Medium
  - Large
2. Group of Clubs, Council, District
3. State Garden Club:
  - Small
  - Medium
  - Large