



## Fellowship Actions Impacting the Habitat (F.A.I.T.H.) Application for Certification

The North Carolina Wildlife Federation's F.A.I.T.H. program is a non-denominational program designed to recognize places of worship that meet crucial requirements for a wildlife-friendly habitat. Encouraging stewardship practices, which help to foster an appreciation and awareness of wildlife, habitat, and conservation are additional components of this faith-based initiative.

### Contact Information

Place of Worship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Website/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation Size (members): \_\_\_\_\_

Habitat Team Leader (Name/Phone/E-mail): \_\_\_\_\_

What is the size of the property (in acreage)? \_\_\_\_\_

### Habitat Components

#### Plant List

Plant communities form the foundation for all wildlife habitats. Please circle all present and list as many individual species as possible (please attach list if necessary):

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| a. Vines            | f. Wildflowers    |
| b. Evergreen trees  | g. Ferns          |
| c. Deciduous trees  | h. Aquatic plants |
| d. Evergreen shrubs | i. Grasses        |
| e. Deciduous shrubs | j. Ground covers  |
|                     | k. Other _____    |

Individual species: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Food Sources

Plants should be the main source of food in your habitat, however feeders are a great supplemental source of food. What types of food are present within your F.A.I.T.H. site? Circle all that apply.

e. Squirrel

f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### Plant foods:

- a. Seeds
- b. Nuts

#### Feeder Types:

- a. Tube
- b. Suet

- c. Berries
- d. Fruits
- e. Nectar
- f. Pollen
- g. Foliage/twigs
- h. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Hummingbird
- d. Platform
- e. Squirrel

**Water Source**

Clean water is needed by all wildlife for drinking and bathing. What water sources are provided on site? Circle all that apply.

- a. Birdbath
- b. Water garden/pond
- c. Stream
- d. Wetland area
- e. Spring
- f. Waterfront (lake or river)
- g. Coastal
- h. Puddling area
- i. Seasonal Pond
- j. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Shelter and Places to Rear Young**

Shelter from weather and predators is important for wildlife survival. To provide a complete habitat, wildlife must also have places to rear their young. How does your site meet these needs? Circle all that apply.

Shelter:

- a. Rock pile
- b. Brush pile
- c. Ground cover
- d. Wooded area
- e. Meadow/Prairie
- f. Evergreens
- g. Log pile
- h. Dens
- i. Water garden/pond
- j. Dense shrubs
- k. Roosting/Nesting box
- l. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Rearing Young:

- a. Mature Trees
- b. Snags (trees with cavities)
- c. Host plants for butterflies
- d. Dens
- e. Dense shrubs/thickets
- f. Water garden/pond
- g. Meadow/prairie
- h. Wetland
- i. Roosting/Nesting Box
- j. Evergreen trees/shrubs
- k. Bee house
- l. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Nest Boxes**

Please list the different types and #'s of nest boxes found on your site.

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**Wildlife Species** List the species of wildlife documented on your site:

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**Stewardship Projects**

What additional conservation stewardship projects are included on your site?

- a. Reduction of fertilizer use
- b. Removal of invasive plants
- c. Reduction of lawn maintenance areas
- d. Reduction of pesticide use
- e. Interpretive nature trail
- f. Nest box monitoring
- g. On-site recycling
- h. Project Feeder Watch
- i. Project Frogwatch(citizen monitoring)
- j. Adopt-a-Stream/Big Sweep
- k. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Long-Term Success of F.A.I.T.H. Program**

(Attach additional pages where necessary)

The F.A.I.T.H. program is intended to grow and to inspire stewardship within the congregation and in the community. How will your site continue to evolve, educate and inspire in coming years?

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Please list the projects the F.A.I.T.H. Team would like to work towards accomplishing in subsequent years (include a timeline): \_\_\_\_\_

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Should the lead member(s) of the F.A.I.T.H. team leave the congregation, what plans are in place for sustaining site wildlife projects and conservation objectives? \_\_\_\_\_

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How will the successes and benefits of the F.A.I.T.H. program be shared with the members of the congregation and/or the community? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Maintenance Plan**

Briefly describe your year-round maintenance plan, who does it include? (groundskeeper/committees/volunteers):

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**Visual Documentation**

Please include a sketch/diagram of the grounds (include building locations, foot traffic patterns, areas of water run-off, feeder stations, nest boxes, various garden areas, etc...)

Optional: Include pictures of your F.A.I.T.H. site.

Include congregational comments of support for the F.A.I.T.H. efforts on site.

\*Please note that any pictures or letters of endorsement submitted to the North Carolina Wildlife Federation will be retained for documentation and promotional purposes.

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Mail to: NC Wildlife Federation  
 2155 McClintock Road  
 Charlotte, NC 28205

Include \$30.00 (made out to NCWF) for processing - Includes certification, a 1-year NC Wildlife Federation membership and information for ordering a handsome certification sign.