



# The Sustainable Gardening Initiative of *The* HERB SOCIETY *of* AMERICA

## Application for Certification

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **Your Garden Description** (check all that apply)

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Level ground     | <input type="checkbox"/> Open and sunny                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dry               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gentle slopes    | <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded and shady               | <input type="checkbox"/> Average           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steep slopes     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Wet               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Container garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Running or still water on site |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patio Garden     | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain garden                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Native grass lawn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife cover   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Garden                    |  |

Other comments:

Do you live near a national forest, park, or other natural area? If so, approximately how close?

### **Current Native Plants in your Garden** (you may attach additional pages if necessary)

Canopy trees (tallest): .....

Understory trees (usually under 20'): .....

Shrubs: .....

Ferns: .....

Woodland herbs: .....

Meadow or open area herbs: .....

Vines: .....

Ground Covers: .....

Moss/Lichens: .....

Bog Plants: .....

**Total garden size (approximate)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approximate percentage of garden devoted to native herbs** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approximate percentage devoted to lawn/grass** \_\_\_\_\_

**Native Herb Conservation Practices:** (check all that apply. GreenBridges™ gardens are compliant with at least 4 of these practices)

- ☐ Invasive plant removal or containment
- ☐ Composting
- ☐ Avoiding chemical pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers when possible
- ☐ Use of soaker hoses or hand watering when required
- ☐ Use of rain barrels
- ☐ Minimizing the use of lawn grasses
- ☐ Use of local native herbs
- ☐ Finding reputable nurseries for plants (no wild-collected plants without proper permissions)
- ☐ Providing nectar and host plants for native pollinators
- ☐ Peat Free (using no products containing peat)

**Are you willing to allow visitors to your garden?**

- ☐ Herb Society members only
- ☐ General Public
- ☐ Must call for appointment
- ☐ Not at this time, please

You may attach additional sheets to your application if desired and you are encouraged to send at least one photograph of your garden that we can retain in our files. Application processing will take 3 – 4 weeks. You will receive your certificate by mail.

For more information about the Herb Society of America and membership opportunities, please visit [www.herbsociety.org](http://www.herbsociety.org).

Application Fee:

HSA Member - \$15.00

Non member - \$20.00

Send completed application and appropriate fee to:

Green Bridges™ HSA  
9019 Kirtland-Chardon Rd.  
Kirtland, OH 44094

**For information, contact** <mailto:herbs@herbsociety.org>

HSA Membership Information:

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