GreenBridges™
The Sustainable Garden Initiative
of The Herb Society of America

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION

DIRECTIONS: *Every garden, no matter the size, is eligible for certification as a GreenBridges™ garden. Creating an environment for safe passage of plants and pollinators is key to a successful GreenBridges™ garden. This means eliminating pesticide use, encouraging wildlife by providing water and shelter, and choosing plants attractive to native pollinators. Thank you for taking the first step towards a sustainable, pollinator-friendly garden!*

NAME_____ **E-MAIL**_____

ADDRESS_____**CITY**_____ **STATE**_____ **ZIP**_____

YOUR GARDEN DESCRIPTION: (check all that apply)

□ level ground   □ gentle slopes   □ steep slopes

□ open and sunny   □ wooded and shady   □ native grass lawn   □ cover for wildlife

□ container garden   □ patio garden   □ rain garden   □ rock garden

□ mostly dry   □ average moisture   □ mostly wet   □ other (explain below)

OTHER COMMENTS: *Please use this section to describe any special aspects of your garden, or how it is beneficial or friendly to plants and animals. Proximity to undisturbed, natural areas, such as state, local, or federal lands, or other undeveloped areas, is crucial to the ability of plants and animals to freely travel and re-populate.*

Distance and type of natural areas that are close to your garden, if applicable_____

Total Garden Size:_____ Approximate % of native plantings_____ Approximate % of lawn/grass_____

Native Herb Conservation Practices;
(Check all that apply – GreenBridges™ gardens should be compliant in at least 4 of these areas)

□ invasive plant removal   □ composting   □ peat free (no products containing peat)

□ use of rain barrels   □ use of soaker hoses/hand watering   □ provide water and shelter for wildlife

□ minimal lawn grass   □ use of local native herbs   □ use of reputable nurseries (no wild collected plants)

□ provide nectar & host plants for pollinators   □ avoidance/limited use chemical pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers

Current Native Plants in Your Garden:

Please list plants that you know are pollinator-friendly, as well as local to your area. Please use Latin names, if you know them, rather than common names, when listing plants. Many "weeds" are considered beneficial to insects, and can be included. A mix of all natives, both large and small, is useful in developing a garden considered beneficial to plants and animals. Use a separate sheet, if needed, to list the plants in your garden. If you are uncertain about whether or not a plant is considered a native, please check the regional list of native plants on the website. It is not a totally inclusive list, but will give you a starting point.

Canopy Trees (these are the large trees such as elm, oak, maple, pine)

Understory trees (these are usually under 20' – dogwoods, redbuds, etc)

Shrubs

Woodland Herbs

Meadow or open area herbs

Vines

Ground covers

Ferns, Moss, Lichen, Bog plants

Other

Are you willing to allow visitors to your garden?

□ Herb Society members only   □ General public   □ Public garden   □ Not at this time

You may attach additional sheets with your application, including site maps, extra plant information, etc. Alll applicants are encouraged to send at least one photograph that we can retain in our files. Application processing will take 3-4 weeks and you will receive your certificate and GreenBridges™ sign by mail.

Application Fee: $15.00 HSA member $25.00 non-member

Please send completed application and appropriate fee to:
GreenBridges™ HSA, 9019 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland, OH 44094

For more information about the application, or if you have questions, contact Debbie Boutelier, Chair of GreenBridges™ at boutelierd@gmail.com or 334-365-7806.

For more information about membership or The Herb Society of America, visit http://www.herbsociety.org

The Herb Society of America is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to promoting the knowledge, use, and delight of herbs through educational programs, research, and sharing the experience of its members with the community.