



## 2022 APPLICATION FORM

GREENER GREENSPACES is a national program SOUL launched in 2021 to recognize publicly accessible greenspaces such as parks, community gardens, campuses and institutional grounds that are designed and cared for using practices that support biodiversity and ecological health.

SOUL will be accepting nominations from June 27th to October 27th, 2022.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME

POSITION / ROLE

EMAIL

GREENSPACE NAME

CITY / TOWN

WEBSITE / SOCIAL MEDIA (IF APPLICABLE)

## TYPE OF GREENSPACE

PUBLIC PARK

CAMPUS

INSTITUTIONAL GROUNDS

OTHER - DESCRIBE

## SIZE

LESS THAN 5 ACRES

BETWEEN 6-50 ACRES

50 + ACRES

## RECOGNITION CRITERIA

To be recognized as a Greener Greenspace, the site must be intentionally cared for in ways that:

- Increase biodiversity and support plant health
- Improve soil health and protect air and water quality
- Take steps to minimize waste and energy consumption
- Avoid the use of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides

## BIODIVERSITY

Is the greenspace being cared for in a way that works with natural systems and processes to increase biological diversity and native habitats?

YES

NO

TO SOME DEGREE

If so, how does the greenspace bolster the insect, bird, and mammal populations?

How does the greenspace support natural systems and processes?

## SOIL, AIR, AND WATER

Are efforts being taken to protect and improve soil health as well as the air and water quality?

YES

NO

TO SOME DEGREE

If so, describe how soil, water and air are protected and the quality improved.

## ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT

In maintaining and caring for the greenspace, is attention being paid to minimize energy and resource consumption and to reduce waste?

YES

NO

TO SOME DEGREE

If so, describe what actions are taken to minimize the environmental footprint.

Is the site cared for in a way that intentionally avoids the use of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers?

YES

NO

Please Describe.

## COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Are there dedicated staff or volunteers looking after the greenspace?

YES

NO

Please Describe.

Are those who work on-site to care for the greenspace specifically trained in ecological and regenerative land care practices?

YES

NO

TO SOME EXTENT

If so, please describe.

Are there efforts to educate the public about the space and the regenerative approach to caring for the land?

YES

NO

TO SOME EXTENT

If so, please describe how the public is educated and engaged in caring for the greenspace.

How does the wider community benefit from the greenspace?

Does the manner in which the greenspace is cared for support any of your municipality's biodiversity, climate change or other environmental policies or strategies?

**YES**

**NO**

**TO SOME EXTENT**

If so, please describe.

Add other comments/features or observations about the greenspace you'd like to share.

## **NEXT STEPS**

- **Download and send the completed application form to [greenspace@organiclandcare.ca](mailto:greenspace@organiclandcare.ca) along with three to five images of the greenspace (sent as separate attachments).**
- **Once we've received your submission, you will receive a confirmation email.**

**Thank you for your interest in the Greener Greenspaces recognition program!**



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