

Site Assessment Form

Student Name _____

Date _____

<p>Describe the site briefly: open field, forest edge, previous garden bed, other</p>	
<p>Sunlight:</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Full sun <input type="checkbox"/> Sun to partial shade <input type="checkbox"/> Partial shade <input type="checkbox"/> Full shade <input type="checkbox"/> Other: </p>
<p>Describe the condition of the soil: Note: For testing soil pH level, you will need a special pH soil tester kit.</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Clay loam <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy loam <input type="checkbox"/> Loam <input type="checkbox"/> Rich in organic matter <input type="checkbox"/> Acidic <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Alkaline <input type="checkbox"/> Other: </p>
<p>Drainage and access to water Are there areas where water pools seasonally or after heavy rainfall? Is there a water source to allow for irrigation until plants are established?</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p>
<p>Wind Does the site look exposed to strong winds? (no wind barriers, such as buildings or mature trees)</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p>
<p>Proximity to buildings and utilities Do buildings/ utilities interfere with current uses of the space? Is it at a minimum of 2m from benches, picnic tables, walkways, play structure? Is it a minimum of 5-7m to existing mature trees, buildings, or fire hydrants? Is the site blocking any paths, exists, sight lines?</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p>
<p>Invasive species Are there any existing invasive species on the site or in close proximity (i.e., garlic mustard, common buckthorn, dog strangling vine?)</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If so, name some species you see: </p>
<p>Signs of pollution or other human activity Is this site near a busy area with significant foot traffic? Is this site near a busy road and exposed to air or salad pollution?</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Specify: </p>
<p>Nature corridors Is the site located in close proximity to a green space (i.e., woodlot, naturalized area, or pollinator patch)? Is there a water source nearby (i.e., creek, pond, lake)? Are there any high-rise buildings, large impervious areas, construction sites, factories, or highways nearby?</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Specify: </p>