# Application for Recognition
# Parks

## About the NC GreenTravel Initiative

This program has been created to recognize those businesses in the travel industry in North Carolina that have established and adhere to a set of guidelines that protect the environment. The initiative has been developed through a partnership of the North Carolina Division of Environmental Outreach , The Center for Sustainable Tourism at East Carolina University and the NC Division of Tourism.

The travel industry is one of the largest consumers in the state and has an enormous impact on the environment. By becoming a partner in this effort, you are helping to assure that North Carolina's travel and tourism industry will remain sustainable and profitable and the state's environment will remain healthy for many years to come.

## How To Apply for NC GreenTravel Recognition

To become recognized as a green travel business, answer the questions on this form. If your park is following environmentally preferable practices beyond those listed in the application or have other supporting documentation, please include those. You will receive extra points for those as well.

## Benefits of Becoming Recognized

Recognized NC GreenTravel businesses will receive a door decal and a certificate denoting them as a NC GreenTravel business and a free listing on the NC GreenTravel website and map.

## Free Technical Assistance

The Division of Environmental Assistance and Outreach environmental team can help you learn how to make your park more sustainable. In addition to our staff of engineers and consultants, we recommend seeking assistance from the Waste Reduction Partners, a unique program that engages senior engineers and scientists who can help your facility cut energy use, reduce waste, conserve water and save money. The Waste Reduction Partners team can advise your business on how to meet the NC GreenTravel Recognition criteria through proven cost-effective strategies. WRP staff can provide on-site Greening Assessments with cost/benefit analysis. To learn more, please contact Tom Rhodes at tom.rhodes@ncdenr.gov or (919) 707-8140.

# Application for Recognition

**Contact Information**

Park Name:

Phone Number:

Street Address:

City State Zip

Mailing Address

Contact Person:

Contact Telephone: E-Mail:

Website

## regulatory information (required)

- **I certify that this facility is in compliance with ALL applicable regulatory laws and requirements that relate to our business type. ☐ Yes, ☐ No. If not, please explain on a separate sheet**
- **Has your facility had any violations of applicable laws and regulations in the past 2 years? ☐ Yes, ☐ No. If so, please explain on a separate sheet.**
- **Do you operate under any permits issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources? ☐ Yes, ☐ No If yes, please include titles and permit numbers on a separate sheet**

**SECTION 1**

## overview of accomplishments

Tell us why your park should be designated as a green facility.

SECTION 2

## *waste reduction and recycling*

Our park engages in the following activities to reduce solid waste.

**We provide recycling receptacles for guests and employees**

2 PTS ☐ In some areas of the park
5 PTS ☐ Recycling bins next to or near all trash cans.

**Materials Recycled**

1 PT ☐ Paperboard
1 PT ☐ Cardboard
1 PT ☐ Glass bottles and jars
1 PT ☐ Beverage cans
1 PT ☐ Plastic bottles
List other items recycled

SECTION 3

## *energy management*

5 PTS ☐ Energy Audit has been performed
3 PTS ☐ Switched incandescent bulbs to fluorescent or LEDs
2 PTS ☐ Installed occupancy sensors in restrooms
2 PTS ☐ Installed LED or electroluminescent exit signs
3 PTS ☐ Installed daylight sensors or use day-lighting
5 PTS ☐ Installed solar panels for electricity or water heating
3 PTS ☐ Installed automatic hand dryers in restrooms
5 PTS ☐ Installed sustainable lighting on sports field(s) Please describe lighting system

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SECTION 4

## grounds keeping

2 PTS ☐ Planting native plants that require little maintenance.
2 PTS ☐ Use drip irrigation
2 PTS ☐ Using pressure regulators and or watering sensors in irrigation system.
1 PT ☐ Using mulch to retain water.
1 PT ☐ Minimizing the use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping.
1 PT ☐ Minimizing the use of chemical fertilizers.
1 PT ☐ Using compost as a soil amendment or ground cover.

SECTION 5

## water efficiency

4 PTS ☐ All plumbing is checked for leaks and all leaks are repaired as soon as possible.
4 PTS ☐ Restrooms have automatic water shut-off faucets
4 PTS ☐ Restrooms have ultra low-flow or waterless urinals
4 PTS ☐ Restrooms have ultra low-flow or dual flush toilets.

SECTION 6

## air quality

1 PT ☐ Employees are encouraged to carpool, bike to work or use public transportation
2 PTS ☐ Bio-fuel, hybrid or electric park vehicles are used.
2 PTS ☐ Low VOC paints are used.
3 PTS ☐ Provided special guest parking for hybrid or electric vehicles
3 PTS ☐ Grounds keeping equipment is tuned up annually to help reduce air pollution.
3 PTS ☐ Rechargeable electric grounds keeping equipment is used.

SECTION 7

## environmental measurements

1 PT ☐ Water consumption is calculated monthly.
1 PT ☐ Energy usage is calculated monthly.
1 PT ☐ Solid waste generation is calculated monthly.
1 PT ☐ Recycling totals are calculated monthly.

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**SECTION 8**

## *green purchasing*

5 PTS ☐ Environmentally Preferable Procurement (EPP) program is established.
Please submit a copy of your policy.
(visit p2pays.org/epp/ for information about EPP)

1 PT ☐ Employees notified and required to comply with EPP policy.

**SECTION 9**

## *construction materials*

5 PT ☐ Building projects are constructed using FSC Certified sustainable lumber.

5 PT ☐ Building projects incorporate recovered building supplies.

10 PT ☐ Installed "green" roof on building(s)

10 PT ☐ Use pervious pavement in parking lot and/or walkways.

**SECTION 10**

## *additional practices*

Strategic tree planting can provide shade for parking lots, reduce erosion, provide wildlife habitat, absorb carbon dioxide, lessen noise pollution, lower air temperatures, lower air temperatures and decrease energy use.

5 PT Have tree planting program for strategic environmental enhancement.

Environmental Education Programs are an essential part of encouraging positive environmental attitudes in visitors and assuring sustainability in your community for generations to come.

5 PT Park presents environmental education programs and events. Describe.

*Your park may score points for practices above and beyond the regular scoring criteria in sections 2 through 10. Please attach a sheet with a list of these practices.*

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## *additional practices*

**Please list any additional environmentally sustainable practices that your park is using. Additional scores will be added by our review team.**

**SECTION 12**

# *Tallying your score*

***List the total number of points for each section and total your score in the box at the end of the section.***

| SECTIONS | | SCORE |
|---|---|---|
| SECTION 2 | Waste Reduction & Recycling | |
| SECTION 3 | Energy Management | |
| SECTION 4 | Grounds Keeping | |
| SECTION 5 | Water Efficiency | |
| SECTION 6 | Air Quality | |
| SECTION 7 | Environmental Measurements | |
| SECTION 8 | Green Purchasing | |
| SECTION 9 | Construction Materials | |
| SECTION 10 | Additional Practices | |
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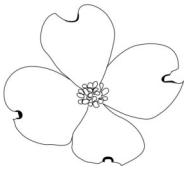
| | | |
| Total Score | | |

# *Determining your certification level*



**Your certification level—One Dogwood Blossom, Two Dogwood Blossoms or Three Dogwood Blossoms—will be determined by the point system found in the chart on the following page. Enter your park's total score achieved in the chart above . Additional points may be acquired by facilities that include other sustainable practices that are not part of those prescribed in this application. Those points will be awarded by our review committee.**

**Add your score from the previous page and compare it with the scores below for your park to determine your certification level. Our reviewers may also add additional points for other environmental practices that are in addition to those prescribed in this application.**

**Email completed form to tom.rhodes@ncdenr.gov. Call (919) 707-8140 for further information about the NC GreenTravel Initiative.**

## *Your level of participation*

| One Dogwood Blossom | Two Dogwood Blossoms | Three Dogwood Blossoms |
|---|---|---|
| 40 | 80 | 100 |

## *Additional comments*