

CRITERIA – COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

This category is for commercial properties and may include resorts, businesses, tourist establishments, or public properties. Award may be given to a specific component of the commercial property.

- Have a variety of native species been used in restoration or rehabilitation of sites, including post-construction? Have native species and natural areas been “saved” during site development?
Comments:
- Have areas been set aside as nature reserves or constrained from development? Are these areas well treed with native species suited for the site?
Comments:
- Have there been any attempts at restoration of degraded sites on the property?
Comments:
- Is there minimal lawn? Is natural lawn management used?
Comments:
- If the property is located on a shoreline, is the shoreline maintained in a natural state, with native species?
Comments:
- Did the development incorporate natural elements of the site in the design (i.e. did they use natural features as design elements such as ponds, wetlands, rock outcrops, forested areas, shoreline areas, etc). Is biodiversity well-incorporated into undeveloped areas?
Comments:
- Has there been improved stormwater treatment – is the treatment been above and beyond the legal requirements? Do the treatment facilities blend or complement the natural environment (i.e. grassed swales, ponds that are naturalized rather than rip rap)?
Comments:
- Are there minimal impervious surfaces (i.e. are the walkways etc. made of wood chips, pea gravel, or wooden slats spaced well apart so that rainfall can soak into the soil)?
Comments:
- Did dark sky friendly lighting get used?
Comments:
- Do the septic facilities/sewage treatment facilities meet current standards or have been upgraded, or is the site on municipal services?
Comments:
- Are there examples of good stewardship practices ie. composting, rain barrels, solar panels, education or nature programs, appropriate docking such as pole docks, restricted vehicular access?
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