

Scoring Sheet: **ALTERNATIVE LAWN**

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO GET BASE FUNDING

If all minimum requirements are met, the project will receive **25% funding cost share**.

Project size minimum has been met: Must be at least a **100-square foot area**.

Basic application materials provided:

- Before photos of project area(s)
- Site map (where will project be located on property)
- Design plan (planting plan, etc.) – What’s being planted where and how many square feet is the planting/seeding area(s)?
- Plant list ([see example](#)) with scientific name and quantity
- If using a seed mix, must provide:
 - All species names and weight (%) of seed mix plus supplier name
 - Quantity of seed (typically weight) to be purchased and
 - Seeding rate to be used on project (such as *lbs./sq. ft.* or *lbs./acre*)
- Detailed cost estimate (item descriptions, container sizes of plants, cost per item, total cost)

Applicant plans to use [Ecologically Friendly Maintenance](#): No fungicides, no insecticides, minimize herbicide use, limit fertilizer (*clover and other legumes fix nitrogen in soil so fertilizer isn’t needed*), limit watering to establishment period only, provide soft landings under trees, and leave plant material in place (for habitat and overwintering sites for wildlife).

Applicant provides a maintenance plan that includes the following: Wait until lawns are at least 4 ½ inches tall before mowing and raise mowing height to 3 inches or higher. Flowering dandelions and clover are especially important in early spring as they boost the limited supply of pollinator food sources in highly manicured urbanized spaces.

Native plants are not required but highly encouraged!

ADDITIONAL FUNDING & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

For each item checked below, the project will receive additional percentage funding as shown. **The maximum cost share for any project is 75%.**

Base funding if MINIMUM requirements met:	25%
Additional funding criteria:	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1+ blooming species (native or not) per each growing season (spring, summer, fall) ⇒ Adds 25%	
<input type="checkbox"/> Will use at least 2 native plant species in alternative lawn (live plant or seeds) ⇒ Adds 25%	
<input type="checkbox"/> Project area is 500 square feet or greater ⇒ Adds 25%	
<input type="checkbox"/> Area has active, extensive erosion ⇒ Adds 15%	
<input type="checkbox"/> Functional irrigation system in project area will be removed ⇒ Adds 10%	
<i>Total of above percentages</i>	
COMMITTEE’S FUNDING RECOMMENDATION (75% is maximum cost share)	



The **GOAL** of an ALTERNATIVE LAWN is to **decrease inputs** (watering, fertilizers, pesticides, mowing) and to **increase infiltration** of stormwater runoff.