# Ecological value

Credit 24

Individual Building  Portfolio

Project Name: [name]

Project Number: GS- [####]

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| Total Points available: | 3 | Points claimed: | [#] |

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| No. | **Type** | **Criteria** | **Description** | **Claimed** |
| 24.1 | **Policy** | **Operational Requirements for Biodiversity** | **1 point** is available where a biodiversity policy addressing operational requirements is in place during the performance period. | [#] |
| 24.2 | **Building** | **Natural Diversity** | Up to **2 points** are available based on an assessment of the ecological diversity of the occupied site, measured during the performance period. | [#] |

# Project-specific technical questions

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| There are no project-specific technical questions for this credit. |  |
| There are project-specific technical questions for this credit and all responses received from the GBCA are attached. |  |

24.1 operational requirements for biodiversity

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| The project achieved one (1) point at the Initial Certification, and **no changes** have been made to the building during the performance period that would have an impact on the scope and content of the biodiversity policy.  ***Complete section 24.1.4 only.*** |  |
| The project achieved one (1) point in the previous Certification and **changes** have been made to the building during the performance period that would have an impact on the operational requirements for biodiversity; or a new biodiversity policy was implemented during the performance period.  ***Complete sections 24.1.1 to 24.1.3.*** |  |
| One (1) point was not awarded / targeted in the previous Certification and a new Biodiversity Policy was implemented during the performance period.  ***Complete sections******24.1.1 to 24.1.3.*** |  |

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| **24.1.1** A written position or guidance document that addresses operational requirements for biodiversity has been in place during the performance period. | [Y/N] |

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| **Policy Section** | **Supporting Evidence** |
| **24.1.1** Describe how the biodiversity policy states the following | |
| a. The commitment to improve (or positively contribute to) ecology, biodiversity or the local natural environment. | ***Policy document, page 1 (policy.pdf)*** |
| b. The provisions to support or encourage contractors and service providers to deliver the objectives of the policy. |  |
| c. A practical way to measure, manage and improve the ecological or biodiversity value of existing occupied site(s). |  |
| **24.1.2** Identify whether the policy is a standalone document or composed of a number of documents and/or systems that meet the compliance requirements. |  |
| **24.1.3** A review process to assess the success of the biodiversity policy and make improvements, based on lessons learned. |  |

### 24.1.4 Provide details of the review process used to assess the success of the Biodiversity Policy

| **Requirements** | **Supporting Evidence** |
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| When in the performance period was the assessment undertaken? |  |
| What improvements, if any, were identified? |  |
| How have the improvements, if any, been implemented? |  |

Identify where this information can be found within the supporting documentation provided.

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| **Supporting Documentation**  (Name / title / description of document) | **Reference**  (Page no. or section) |
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DISCUSSION

Outline any issues you would like to highlight and clarify with the Certified Assessor(s).

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24.2 Natural Diversity

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| The project achieved up to two (2) points at the Initial Certification, and **no changes** have been made to the building during the performance period that would have an impact on the ecological diversity of the site.  ***No further information is required for this Credit Criterion.*** |  |
| Two (2) points were not awarded / targeted in the previous Certification, or **changes** have been made to the building during the performance period that have had an impact on the ecological diversity of the occupied site,  ***Complete sections******24.2.1 to 24.1.2.*** |  |

****24.2.1 Measuring biodiversity****

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| **24.2.1.1** The biodiversity of the occupied site has been measured and assessed during the performance period in accordance with the Ecological Value Calculator. | [Y/N] |

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| **Information used in Ecological Value Calculator** | **Supporting Evidence** |
| **24.2.1.2 Identify the following information inputs for the calculator** | |
| a. Basic characteristics of the occupied site, including size and boundaries. | ***Annotated site plan, (site plan.pdf)*** |
| b. All vegetated, landscaped and hardscaped areas found on the occupied site, including the building’s footprint. |  |
| c. Measured area of each vegetated or landscaped area. |  |
| d. Biodiversity information collected, based on visual inspections carried out during the performance period. |  |
| e. The types of features found on the occupied site during the visual inspections. |  |

24.2.2 Calculating the Ecological Value score

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| **24.2.2.1** Based on information collected and entered into the Ecological Value Calculator, please note the number of points achieved as shown in the calculator attached to this template. | [##] |
| **24.2.2.2** Has the minimum vegetated area requirement of 7.5% for the building footprint area been met? | [Y/N] |
| **24.2.2.3** All referenced supporting evidence are in line with the documentation requirements of the credit. | [Y/N] |

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