



## Registration Form

### Pilot project for biodiversity islands on private properties

If you are interested in setting up a biodiversity island on your property, simply complete the form below and send it to the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's Environment Division.

Applicant	
<b>Applicant</b> <i>(first and last name)</i>	
<b>Address of applicant</b> <i>(civic number, street, city, province and postal code)</i>	
<b>Telephone number</b> <i>(including area code)</i>	
<b>Email address</b>	
Biodiversity island	
<b>Technique for creating the biodiversity islands selected</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Let vegetation grow naturally <input type="checkbox"/> Plant a mixture of wildflower seeds <input type="checkbox"/> Plant indigenous flowering plants
<b>Location for biodiversity island</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Front yard <input type="checkbox"/> Backyard <input type="checkbox"/> Side yard

The criteria and conditions regarding the pilot project are outlined in the following pages.

For more information, please contact the Environment Division:

[environnement@ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca](mailto:environnement@ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca)

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## **Description**

### **Pilot project for biodiversity islands on private properties**

The objective for the biodiversity island pilot project is to allow vegetation to grow beyond 30 cm in order to favour the establishment of indigenous plants, thus helping promote biodiversity, such as the presence of pollinating insects. In addition to the benefits for diversity, a taller lawn will require less water and fertilizer and offer better resistance to pest insects!

Participation in the pilot project for biodiversity islands will be valid for one year only.

The application submission period to participate in the pilot project will run between April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30. The Environment Division will contact applicants during the first week of May to confirm their participation in the pilot project. Each participating residence will receive a sign to be installed on the grounds to identify the biodiversity island, along with a bag of wildflower seeds.

During the summer, a staff member from the Environment Division will visit the participating residences to assess the biodiversity islands and make sure they comply with the required criteria.

Biodiversity islands on private properties are authorized to be set up in front yards, side yards or backyards. They must however meet the following criteria and conditions:

#### **1. Criteria**

- Keep a clear strip of land measuring 2 metres along public roadways, bicycle paths, and private entrances.
- Keep a clear strip of land measuring 2 metres around all buildings, excluding flowerbeds.
- Keep a clear strip of land measuring 2 metres along property lines.
- Keep a clear strip of land measuring 3 metres around any combustion appliance (outdoor conventional or fuel-operated fireplace, outdoor cooking appliance running on charcoal, propane or gas).
- Biodiversity islands must not obstruct road signs or the building's civic number.
- For corner lots, the vegetation located within the visibility triangle must be less than 0.9 metres tall.

#### **Conditions**

Plants that are harmful to health or pose a risk to the environment must be controlled to limit their spread. They should be disposed of in the garbage in a sturdy bag to prevent spread.