



Green Neighborhood Credits

Mark your earned credits to the right and total them at the bottom. Your group must earn 50 or more credits to qualify. If 30% become Green Neighbors, your group automatically qualifies as a Green Neighborhood!

Green Neighborhood Prizes!

Check any or all boxes

- Council Certificate for Neighborhood Association or Subdivision
- City of Austin Website Recognition
- Recognition in Austin Energy Newsletter
- 2-hour landscape consultation for neighborhood common area
- Green Neighborhood signs to post in neighborhood (maximum of 2)
- Scoop the Poop Box (must be installed and maintained by neighborhood)

Promote the Green City Challenge to the entire neighborhood (required). **20**

Mark 15 or more storm drains.
www.austintexas.gov/stormdrainmarking **10**

Participate in the neighborhood Habitat Challenge.
http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Wildlife_Austin/habitatchallengeflyer2012.pdf **10**

Replace 8 or more privately-owned community center lights and/or street lights with low energy substitutes. **15**

Hire an earth-wise landscape professional for common areas.
www.growgreen.org/downloads/hiring.pdf **10**

Install and maintain a Scoop the Poop box in your neighborhood park or central location. **10**

Sponsor a Creek Cleanup through Keep Austin Beautiful. www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org **10**

Adopt a park www.cityofaustin.org/parks/volunteer.htm, or adopt a creek
www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org/adopt-a-creek. **10**

Prepare a history or photo documentation of your neighborhood creek(s). **15**

If 30% of your neighborhood become Green Neighbors, you automatically qualify as a Green Neighborhood! **50**

Total your neighborhood's score. Need at least 50 points to qualify as a Green Neighborhood.

Total

Contact Information

Name

Address

Zip

Phone

Neighborhood Name

Please mail your tally sheet to:

Green City Challenge
City of Austin
P.O. Box 1088-WPD/ERM
Austin, TX 78757

Green Neighborhood Credit Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Who qualifies as a Green Neighborhood?

Any of the following:

*A Neighborhood Association

*A neighborhood of at least 20 households

*An office, school, religious organization or other group with at least 20 households

2. How many people do we need to inform about the program?

You should promote the challenge to everyone in your target group or neighborhood.

3. How many people need to participate in a storm drain marking activity?

You must submit the names of members of at least three households that participated.

4. Do you know where we can find an earth-wise landscape professional for common areas? While the City does not recommend professionals, we have trained many in environmental principles.

Visit http://www.austintexas.gov/growgreen/landscape_professionals.cfm

to see a list of businesses and a link to a fact sheet with questions to ask a professional.

5. How do we host a one-time creek cleanup or adopt a creek?

Call Keep Austin Beautiful at 512-391-0617 or visit www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org

6. What do I need to include in a history of my creek or in the photo documentation?

Visit www.austintexas.gov/GIS/FindYourWatershed to learn about the health of your neighborhood creek.

Who or what is the creek named after?

When was the creek named?

Submit at least two historical photos of your creek from the Austin History Center.

Provide at least five (5) photos of the creek along various parts of its length including:

-the prettiest area

-the most problematic area (trash, erosion, etc)

-a developed area

-an undeveloped area

-recreation on the creek

Present your history/photos to the neighborhood association, or place it in a newsletter or on an email listserv.