

Maintain Habitat for Beneficial Insects
Conservation Activity Job Sheet ***(NJPest03)***

Participant _____ Crop Year _____

Perennial plant species are managed to serve as refuge habitat for beneficial insects in order to reduce the requirement for chemical pesticides.

Beneficial organisms can reduce the need for pesticides and promote pollination. There are four types of beneficial organisms: pollinators, predators, parasites, and pathogens. To provide functional habitat for these organisms:

- Plant a variety of native shrubs, perennial grasses, and forbs
- Allow non-noxious native weed species to bloom
- Leave portions of your refuge areas untilled and un-mowed

Refuge Habitat size: _____ acres.

Documentation Required: Provide map that locates and defines the refuge area(s). List the beneficial organisms refuge is trying to attract and the desired benefit:

Desired Beneficial Organisms	Target Pest(s) or Desired Benefit

Describe the vegetation species present and what was done to enhance and maintain the refuge area:

I certify that I have maintained areas on my farm specifically to provide habitat for beneficial insects and other organisms.

Signature

Date