

## **Appendix 2. Nature in City Parks and Gardens: Interview Outline**

### **Introduction**

Introduce yourself to participants, inform them of the general goals of the study. Tell them to feel free to ask questions and to view the interview as an informal discussion.

### **Volunteer involvement (for restoration volunteers)**

- When did you start volunteering at\_\_\_\_? How did you come to get involved in restoration at \_\_\_\_\_?
- What do you do as a volunteer?
- How often do you work at the restored site?
- What does being a volunteer mean to you? Why do you volunteer?
- Do you spend time at the site only as a volunteer or do you come here to walk/relax/play a sport etc.?
- Are there any other things related to volunteering and restoration that we haven't discussed yet that you would like to talk about?

### **Tour of park**

- How often do you come to this park?
- What do you do here/ why do you come here?
  - > *If dog walker*: do you prefer/tend to keep your dog on or off-leash? Why?
- Do you know what plants have been planted here? Which plants are your favourite?
- What animals have you seen at the site?
- *If interviewee uses site on daily/frequent basis*: are there certain animals you see every time you come here? Are there animals you know you will encounter at certain spots? Have you noticed changes in animal use of these spots over time/as seasons change?
- Do you think [*discussed animal*] belongs here? Are there animals you would like to see here/see more of? See less of/get rid of?
- How important is it to you to see animals here?
- Do you think urban restored sites/parks like this one should be refuges for animals? Which animals?
- Which part of the park is your favourite? What aspects of the park do you most appreciate?
- Do you feel safe here? Would you allow your children to play here?
- Are there any things about this space that we haven't discussed yet that you'd like to mention?

### **Tour of garden**

- Are you a gardener? Do you enjoy spending time in your garden? What do you like to do in your garden?
- Why do you like gardening?
- What have you planted in your garden?
- *For volunteers:* do you think your involvement as a restoration volunteer has influenced your choice of what to plant?
- What animals do you see in your garden? (*similar questions to animals in parks*)
- Do you think about animals when you decide what to plant in your garden? (or what influences your choice of what to plant? Have you ever been inspired/gotten ideas from what grows in your park?)
- Do you have any pets/livestock? Are you ever concerned about the impact they might have on the wildlife in your garden? Is there anything you do to reduce the impact of your pets on native (*or desirable?*) plants/animals? (e.g. bells on cats/cat curfews/supervise dogs/fence out livestock)
- Do you feed any wildlife/stray animals? (e.g. stray cats/hedgehogs/birds)
- Are there any things about this space that we haven't discussed yet that you'd like to mention?

### **Closing the interview**

Summarise the main points from the discussion and encourage further input from the participant.

- Is there anything that you would like to add or thought should have been discussed?
- Do you have any further questions concerning this study?

Thank the interviewee and remind them that they can request a review of the results of the study once it is complete. Remind the interviewee that they can contact the researcher anytime if they have questions or want an update about the research progress.