



The **#PRISTINEPLANET** Credit Class

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1 Glossary

Patrol	The removal of a targeted Pollutant by a Planeteer from (part of) a Plot.
Planeteer ¹	A volunteer enrolled on a #PristinePlanet Project.
Plot	The area targeted by a #PristinePlanet Project.
Pollutant	A potentially harmful man-made object or substance.
Pristine	Cleared of the targeted Pollutant at least twice a week.
Project	An application of a methodology approved by the Regen Registry.
SOP	Standard of Performance
Thoroughfare	A public road or path including the publicly owned land alongside.

2 Introduction

The #PristinePlanet Credit Class was introduced to serve the needs of Projects applying the #PristineParish Methodology², which offers a way to keep Plots pristine.

3 Credit Class Overview

The #PristinePlanet Credit Class rewards a Project that keeps a Plot free of a man-made Pollutant by deploying a minimum of two Planeteer Patrols per week every week through the entire Plot or otherwise as varied by a methodology's Standard of Performance (SOP).

On the assumption that man-made pollution will be a by-product of modern life for the foreseeable future, Projects covered by this Credit Class need to be renewable – and ideally renewed – on a yearly basis.

4 Project Eligibility

Here we establish what makes a neighbourhood eligible for a #PristinePlanet Project.

4.1 Ecosystem Type

The ecosystem that is eligible is a “thoroughfare”. Thoroughfare means a road or path and encompasses both the route and the land bordering the route that is open to public use. A Thoroughfare can be, for example:

- A street, road, square, alley, pavement or sidewalk
- A footpath, towpath or bridleway
- A river, canal or other waterway
- Common land, a park, a beach, the sea
- Amenity land, such as hospital grounds, a recreation ground, a public car park

4.2 Land Ownership Type

The ownership of land is immaterial but the Plot must be open to public use. The public must have a right of way over it or a right of access or enjoyment and no approvals should be necessary in order to include the Plot within the Project.

¹ In the Captain Planet and the Planeteers TV Series, the Planeteers are a group chosen by Gaia to protect the planet from environmental disasters and to educate humanity to prevent further disasters.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Captain_Planet_and_the_Planeteers

² A methodology that residents can follow in order to clear their entire Parish of any litter twice a week.

4.3 Conditions for Applicability

To qualify for a Project within this Credit Class, the Plot must be open to the public without restriction throughout the Crediting Term, at least during daylight hours.

4.4 Regulatory Compliance

The Plot must adhere to and provide attestation of compliance to the local laws, regulations, and other legally binding mandates directly related to the Project activities as presented in the approved and applied methodology.

4.5 Adoption Date

An Adoption Date can be up to five years prior to the Project registration date. In order to claim an Adoption Date before the Project Registration Date, the Project Proponent must have maintained clear historical records to that effect, as specified in the Approved Methodology.

4.6 Crediting Term

The Crediting Term is one year.

4.7 Credit Issuance

The frequency of credit issuance during the crediting term is once.

4.8 Renewal Years

The number of years in a renewal time period is one.

5 Project Rules and Regulations

5.1 Aggregated Projects

5.1.1 Eligibility Requirements

Each Plot of land within an Aggregated Project must individually comply with the eligibility rules in Clause 4 - Project Eligibility.

5.1.2 Monitoring Requirements

Monitoring should evidence the periodic and complete removal of the Pollutant within all the Plots of land that are targeted by the Aggregated Project at a periodicity sufficient to keep the Plot Pollutant-free, with a minimum periodicity of twice a week, evenly spaced.

5.2 Ecological, Social and Economic Co-Benefits

Methodology co-benefits may include increased biodiversity, improved wellbeing for local communities as well as a boon to the local economy. For co-benefits to be ascribed to the methodology they need to be evidenced.

5.3 Verification

This section covers the requirements verifiers must follow to audit a monitoring report.

Evidence of a completed Patrol must come in the form of:

5.3.1 A Haul Photograph (Default)

The default measure of compliance is a photograph showing the Pollutant, if any, removed from a defined area within the Plot during a Patrol. In the event that no Pollutant is found on

the Patrol, the photograph will show an empty Pollutant container.³ A photograph adduced as evidence of the completion of a Patrol must contain date, time and geolocation metadata and be labelled with the name of the Plot Area and the Planeteer.

Evidence of a completed Patrol may come also in the form of:

5.3.2 A Strava Report (Optional)

An optional (and additional) measure of compliance is a Strava report showing the route taken with date and time. Given the mental load caused by the need to start, end and process a recording, this option to only be adopted if favoured by a Project's entire Planeteer cohort.⁴

5.3.3 ISO Certification⁵

Not required.

5.3.4 Audit Type

This covers the type of audit the verifier should conduct (desk audit, field audit, or combination) and a list of specific things they should be checking for.

5.3.4.1 Desk Audit

A verifier should ensure:

- Every photo in a report is unique, i.e., it has not been adduced before.⁶
- The number of photos equals or exceeds #Patrols x Methodology SOP%.⁷

5.3.4.2 Field Audit

Not recommended. A field audit purporting to reveal the effectiveness of a #PristinePlanet Project would be a futile undertaking since a snapshot of the state of a Plot at any moment in time would be of no value in showing its state at other moments during the Crediting Term.

³ For example, a volunteer following the #PristineParish Methodology who found no litter on a Patrol would take and upload a photograph of their empty bag, showing it to be empty.

⁴ Some volunteers track themselves with Strava, but only for their own satisfaction. It's beyond the ken of some volunteers, so cannot be used as a default method.

⁵ ISO certification is a third-party seal of approval that a company's management system meets one of the International Organization for Standardization's (ISO) internationally recognised standards.

⁶ This can be done with the aid of de-duplicating software.

⁷ E.g., the Little Rissington #PristineParish Project schedules 208 Patrols a year (52 weeks x 4 Patrols a week). Therefore, the minimum Standard of Performance of 70% is calculated (rounded down) thus: $208 \times 70\% = 145$ Patrols, generating 145 Haul Photos.