

CBLP Level 1 Exam Overview

The 100 question exam covers material outlined in the Level 1 Study Guide. Passing score is 75 or above. Each section of the Study Guide includes learning objectives and topics that outline knowledge and skills that CBLP candidates should possess. Seven key references should be used by CBLP candidates to prepare for the exam:

1. Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council (CCLC) Eight Essential Elements of Conservation Landscaping, 2013. <http://www.chesapeakelandscaping.org/resources/the-eight-essential-elements/>
2. Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association (PLNA) Sustainable Landscapes Manual
3. United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Native Plants, Chesapeake Bay Watershed Guide, 2003. <https://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/pdf/NativePlantsforWildlifeHabitatandConservationLandscaping.pdf>
4. Basic Principles of Watershed Restoration and Stormwater Management in the Chesapeake Bay Region (draft), 2016. <https://cblpro.org/downloads/BasicPrinciplesWatershedRestoration.pdf>
5. Anne Arundel Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA) Rainscaping BMP Manual <http://aawsa.org/wsa-rainscaping-manual-2>
6. Habitat Gardening for Wildlife, Virginia Master Gardener Handbook, 2015. <https://cblpro.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Habitat-Gardening-Stand-Alone-Final.compressed-1.pdf>
7. Sustainable Landscapes Maintenance Manual for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, by Cheryl Corson, 2017. <http://www.cblpro.org/downloads/CBLPMaintenanceManual.pdf>

With the exception of the PLNA manual, all references may be downloaded at no charge, using links above. The PLNA manual may be purchased on the cblpro.org Study Materials page. Additional references are listed online. CBLP candidates should also be familiar with materials covered during the Level 1 class and in webinars that attendees were asked to review prior to class.

Exam Content: Listed below are the number of questions associated with each section of the Level 1 Study Guide. Note: Some questions address more than one Learning Objective or more than one section of the Study Guide.

SECTION 2. BACKGROUND - 44 questions

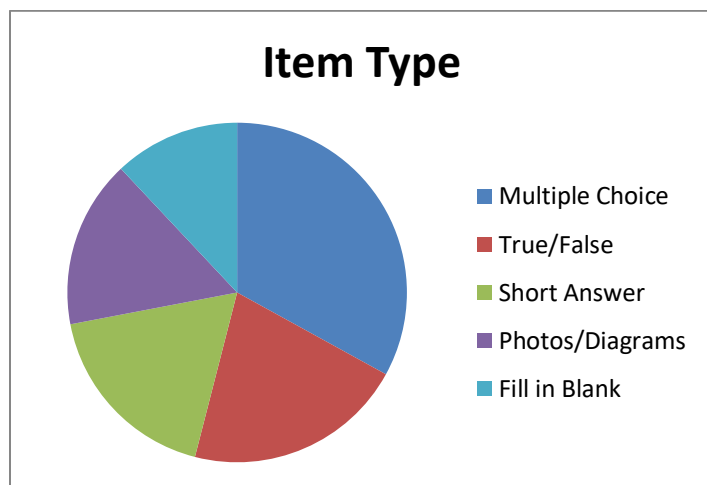
SECTION 3. THE SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE - 100 questions

(52 Questions cover Water Protection, Management and Conservation; 48 cover other Learning Objectives)

SECTION 4. DESIGN AND INSTALLATION - 13 Questions

SECTION 5. SUSTAINABLE MAINTENANCE - 35 Questions

Question Type: The exam has five types of questions. The relative proportion of the item types is shown in the graph below:



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Example Questions:

Multiple Choice:

1. "Green Infrastructure" does **NOT** include which of the following?
 - a. A concrete pipe that carries stormwater
 - b. A riparian buffer installed on a farm
 - c. Street trees planted in an urban setting
 - d. A rain garden in a suburban development
 - e. Answers a and b

True or False:

2. "Vertical vegetative structure" refers to layers of plants that provide a high level of complexity and functionality in their arrangement, such that they sustain a broad array of wildlife species.
 - a. True
 - b. False

Fill in the blank:

3. Soil _____, defined as the proportion of sand, silt, and clay in soil, is considered by soil scientists to be the single most important soil property.

Photo/Diagram:



4. What is the common maintenance error that you see in the photo above, why is it a problem, and how would you resolve it?

Short Answer:

5. List two examples of bioretention pretreatment.