

2023 Carver SWCD District Pollinator Conservation Program

About the Program

2023 will be the Carver Soil and Water Conservation Districts 5th year offering funding to convert landscapes into pollinator habitat. We've had some amazing projects planted and each year more people are interested in converting their landscapes into beautiful habitat!

Pollinators provide pollination to over 180,000 different plant species and more than 1,200 crops. That means that 1 out of every three bites of food you eat is there because of pollinators. Pollinators add \$217 billion to the global economy and honey bees alone are responsible for between \$1.2 and \$5.4 billion in agricultural productivity in the United States. In addition to the food that we eat, pollinators support healthy ecosystems that clean the air, stabilize soils, protect us from severe weather, and support other wildlife.



Eligibility

Public Land/Non-profits/Business

- Minimum of 500 square feet
- Maximum funding of \$5,000
- Will pay maximum of \$1 per square foot

Private Land

- Minimum of 250 square feet
- Maximum funding of \$2,000
- Will pay a maximum of \$1 per square foot

All Landowners

--Must wait until board approves project funding before starting project. Applicants will not be reimbursed if they begin before approval

- First schedule site visit with CSWCD staff
- Maximum funding of 75% total project cost
- Must fill out program application
- Application does not guarantee approval
- Have a planting plan (SWCD staff can help with this)
- Requires 10 year agreement and 10 year maintenance contract
- Preference is given to turf replacement projects. Fallow field conversions do not qualify
- No riparian or wetland projects will be funded unless currently turf
- \$20,000 in total funds to be allocated

Deadline/Dates

Application Deadlines

- New application period opens March 2023
- Spring applications due May 5th and awarded May 19th
- Late summer applications due August 4th and awarded August 18th

Workshops

- Summer tour and workshop:
 - Where: Carver County Govt. Center
 - Date: July/August TBD



Project Examples

- Converting turf to pollinator habitat
- Changing non-native landscape beds to native pollinator habitat beds



Questions?

Contact

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