

Northern Plains National Heritage Area Pollinator Resolution

The undersigned recognize the critical importance of pollinator habitat both restored and maintained on public and private lands, particularly found at public and non-profit sites and locations within the Northern Plains National Heritage Area, or within the five North Dakota counties of Burleigh, McLean, Mercer, Morton and Oliver along the Missouri River in central North Dakota. Through collaboration and outreach resulting from this Resolution, an interconnected mosaic of pollinator habitat with large core areas will be developed to stabilize and/or increase populations of pollinator species throughout this Heritage area. This resolution is a local piece of a national and international effort to elevate awareness of the importance of pollinators, and to create, restore, and maintain pollinator habitats.

Whereas, pollinators include butterflies, bees, some birds, bats, and other insects that play a crucial role in flowering plant reproduction and given the breadth, severity and persistence of pollinator losses, it is critical to move in directions that continue to help restore populations to healthy levels;

Whereas, we have opportunity through the pollinator resolution and partnership to revisit the important migration routes of the pollinator species, and consider how and why they are important as pollinator species and to the growing of food for our region and nation;

Therefore, we declare it is our goal to collaboratively and strategically protect and enhance pollinator species and through partnerships and cooperation expand plantings with willing partners throughout the Northern Plains National Heritage Area in the five North Dakota counties of Burleigh, McLean, Mercer, Morton and Oliver, and beyond by;

- *Increase and Improve Pollinator Habitat*: Identify existing pollinator habitats, and incrementally develop networks of habitat on public and willing private lands to increase nectar corridors for migratory and non-migratory pollinator species
- *Public-Private Partnerships*: Continue developing strategic partnerships to improve or create habitat for pollinators as well as provide educational opportunities within the scope of the resolution. create, restore, and maintain pollinator habitats to preserve existing and plant and grow new pollinator habitats.
- *Education*: Encourage voluntary, collaborative and locally-led conservation and heritage education and collaborative and locally-led heritage education and conservation, as a building block to increased pollinator plantings and gardens, and provide educational opportunities to those interested in enhancing pollinators and pollinator habitat opportunities.
- *Research*: Develop and/or promote citizen science opportunities for tracking key populations of pollinator species and habitat.

To support the goals of this Pollinator Resolution, Signatories to the accompanying Pollinator Pledge commit to protect, preserve, create, or restore pollinator habitat on lands under their management



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Organization

Number of members

Main Contact Name

Which best describes you

Non-profit organization

Neighborhood Association

Govt/public entity

Business

Service Club

Other _____

Street Address

City State Zip

Email Address

Website

Phone Number

Our organization commits to the following activities in support of the pollinator resolution

e.g. As a pollinator partner your organization can define what you will do in support of pollinators. Examples include but are not limited to converting x square feet to native pollinator-friendly habitat or planting x number of pollinator-friendly plants. The more measurable the action the better

My signature represents my organizations' consideration of and commitment to the pollinator resolution

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Signature Date

Please direct questions and return completed forms to Aaron@northernplainsheritage.org, or to Northern Plains Heritage Foundation, 401 W. Main Street Mandan, ND 58554