

Lawns to Legumes Cost-Share Program Operation and Maintenance

All project types:

- I Agree to ensure my project abides by local laws and ordinances.** It is the homeowner's responsibility to obtain all necessary permits or variances.
- I Understand my project must be located in an area free from pesticides to every extent possible.** I will not apply pesticides to my project, or allow anyone else to do so.
- I Understand signage will be provided** for all projects and it is my responsibility to maintain the sign for five years and to notify the SWCD/WD immediately if I need a new sign.
- I Agree my project will be maintained for a minimum of 5 years.** I will notify the SWCD or WD in the event that the property is sold in that time, and will facilitate communication between the SWCD or WD and the purchaser of the property to help ensure continued maintenance and function of the project.

Pocket Plantings:

- I Agree to source my native plants and seeds from within 150 miles of my location** to the extent possible, and any plants must be neonicotinoid (systemic pesticide) free.
- I Agree my project plantings will have at least three blooming species during each spring, summer and fall** to the extent possible, with higher diversity encouraged. Use of species beneficial to the Rusty Patched Bumblebee are encouraged, including: Monarda species, Liatris, Giant hyssop, Prairie Clover, Penstemon, Columbine, Mints, Asters and Goldenrods.
- I Agree to ensure my planting receives 1 inch of water twice a week.** Thereafter and continuing for the next two years, plants should receive 1 inch of water each week. In times of drought, water garden as necessary. After the first two years, plants will be established and able to withstand drought on their own.
- I Agree to ensure my planting is periodically weeded.** Weeding should occur at least three times per year: in the spring, mid-summer, and early fall. Herbicide should not be used.
- I Agree to replace plants on an as needed basis.**

Pollinator Trees/Shrubs

- I Agree to ensure my tree(s)/shrub(s) receives 5-15 gallons of water once a week for the first year.** I understand that during times of drought I may need to provide more water more frequently.
- I Agree to protect trees/shrubs from animal damage to the best of my ability.** This may include tubing trees, fencing around trees/shrubs, etc.
- I Agree to replace trees/shrubs on an as needed basis.**
- I Understand that I may need to periodically prune my tree of damaged branches to maintain a healthy tree/shrub.**

Pollinator Lawns

- I Agree to mow my pollinator lawn no shorter than 3 inches during the bee season (April – October).**
- I Agree to control any weeds within the pollinator lawn.** I understand that I may need to pull weeds instead of spraying herbicides, as broadcast herbicide spray may kill the flowers I planted (e.g. clovers).
- I Understand that I may need to water my new seeding during the first year of establishment during times of drought.** Typically pollinator lawns don't require watering, but with any seed and germination they need a bit more assistance during establishment.

Pollinator Meadows

- I Agree to source my native plants and seeds from within 150 miles of my location** to the extent possible, and any plants must be neonicotinoid (systemic pesticide) free.
- I Agree my project plantings will have at least three blooming species during each spring, summer and fall** to the extent possible, with higher diversity encouraged. Use of species beneficial to the Rusty Patched Bumblebee are encouraged, including: Monarda species, Liatris, Giant hyssop, Prairie Clover, Penstemon, Columbine, Mints, Asters and Goldenrods.
- I Agree to ensure my planting receives 1 inch of water once a week for the first year if I use plugs of native plants.**
- I Agree to ensure my planting is periodically weeded.** Weeding should occur at least three times per year: in the spring, mid-summer, and early fall. Spot mowing is allowable for large areas. Broadcast herbicide should not be used.
- I Understand that I may need to mow several times during the first year or two to reduce weed competition.** Natives are slow to grow from seeds, the first things to turn up often are annual weeds. Wait for things to grow up to about 18 inches in height and mow to about 6-8 inches in height. You may need to rake clippings or collect them with your mower bag.
- I Agree not to fertilize my pollinator meadow.** Native plants do not require fertilizer inputs like introduced species.

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