

## WHAT MAKES A GOOD HABITAT?

### Food

- The habitat should be strategically designed with a diversity of native plants which allow for a variety of pollinator species to continually feed on nectar and pollinate throughout the spring, summer, and fall.
- Consider different flower sizes and shapes, colors, bloom times, and plant height to attract and support a wide variety of pollinators.

### Shelter

- Simple steps can allow for overwintering such as leaving clumps of grass, leaves, and plants.
- Dead branches, trunks, and trees are good for nesting.
- Incorporate wooden bee boxes. Be cautious when using these as they can cause diseases to spread.

### Water

- Provide a water feature such as a pool, pond or small container. The source of water should have a shallow or sloping side for each approach.

### Pesticide Free

- This habitat has eliminated the use of pesticides to prevent accidental contact with pollinators.



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## OTHER RESOURCES

### Fargo Boulevard Garden Program:

fargond.gov/city-government/departments/fargo-cass-public-health/nutrition-fitness/let-s-eat-local/boulevard-garden-program

### Moorhead Boulevard Garden Permit:

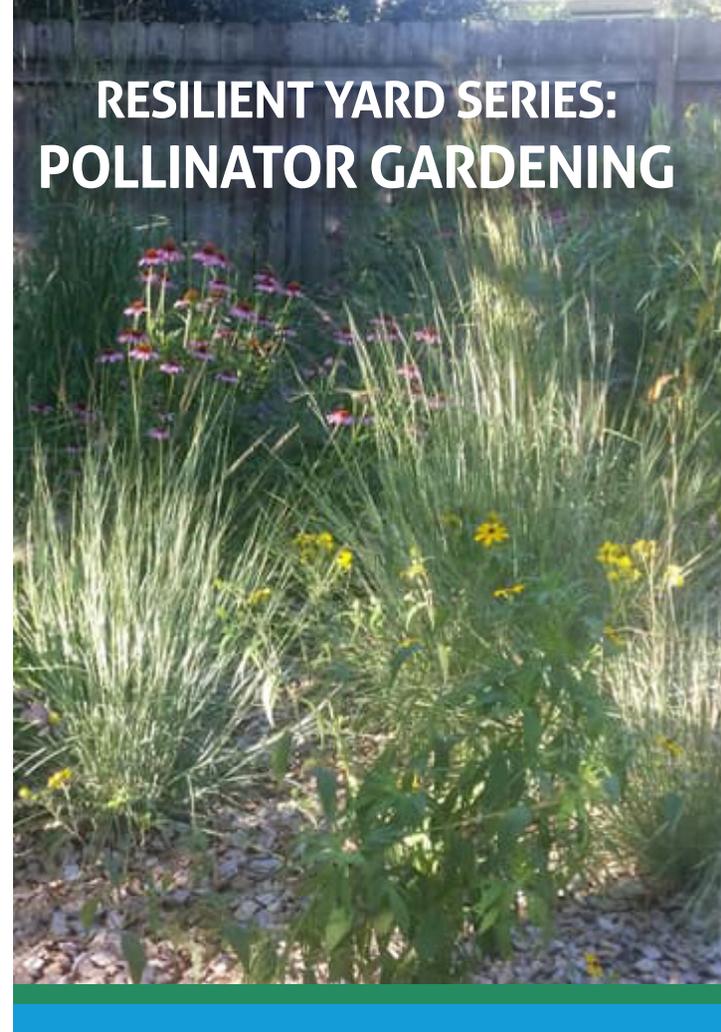
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### Cass County Soil Conservation District

#### Pocket Prairie Initiative:

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## RESILIENT YARD SERIES: POLLINATOR GARDENING



## NATIVE POLLINATOR GARDENING WORKSHOP

Create a resilient yard by learning how to transform a section of your yard into a native garden that will attract pollinators. This two-day workshop is designed for beginners and focuses on what constitutes a pollinator habitat, the importance of landscaping with native plants, and the process of installing a garden from start to finish. A select number of native plants will be discussed. Participants will leave with the beginning of their design plan and a pollinator-friendly kit to get started. The second evening is held outside at a pollinator garden in Moorhead where participants can practice identifying plants. Fee includes kit.

### 2022 Workshops

**June 7 and 14**  
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Moorhead

**July 26 and August 2**  
6:00-8:30 p.m.  
Moorhead

**Fee:** \$19 or \$14 for Moorhead residents.

**To register:** Contact Moorhead Community Education <https://www.isd152.org/o/commed> or call 218.284.3400



## WHAT IS POLLINATION?

Pollination is the act in which pollen grains are transferred from one flower to another of the same species. This process produces fertile seeds making that plant capable of reproducing.

## MEET THE POLLINATORS

Pollinators transfer pollen from one flower to another. Examples include bees, butterflies, wasps, beetles, hummingbirds, and bats. There are a variety of pollinators you can expect to see in the Fargo-Moorhead area. North Dakota and Minnesota have over 150 species of butterflies, more than 1,400 species of moths, and hundreds of species of bees.



## WHY SUPPORT POLLINATORS?



A decline in pollinator species has been attributed to such factors as habitat destruction, agriculture intensification and habitat fragmentation. Starting a garden, big or small, is a valuable step to support pollinators. There are many benefits to supporting pollinators:

### Food

Pollination is required for a lot of fruits and vegetables we eat and for many flowering plants. About one out of every 3rd bite of food was produced with the help of a pollinator.

### Water Quality

Help keep native plant communities healthy. Native plants have deep and extensive root systems that allow the plant to store water. Native plants can reduce stormwater runoff and flooding, prevent soil erosion, and improve water quality

### Happier Plants

Help your vegetable garden thrive.

### Save

Reduce the cost of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers.