# Establishing Pollinator Plantings Organically



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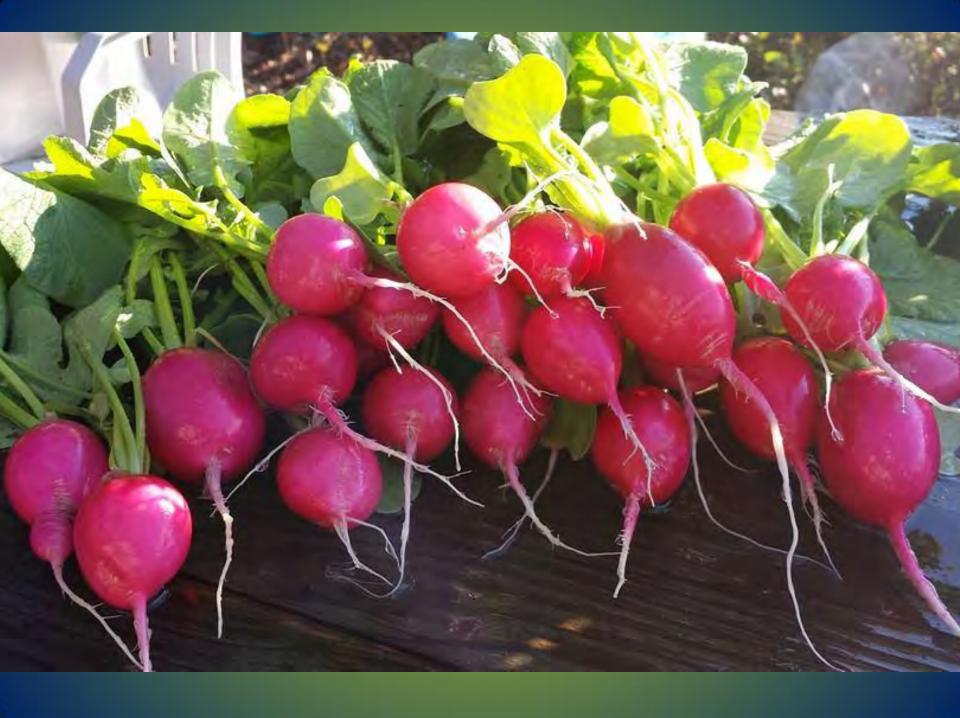


# O-NRCS

Natural Resources Conservation Service











NRCS
EQUIP Grant
Pollinator Habitat
\$585/acre

"Increased habitat for pollinators will improve fruit set, size and quality, productivity per acre, biodiversity, beneficial insect populations and the food base for many wildlife species....reducing the need for pesticides" NRCS

















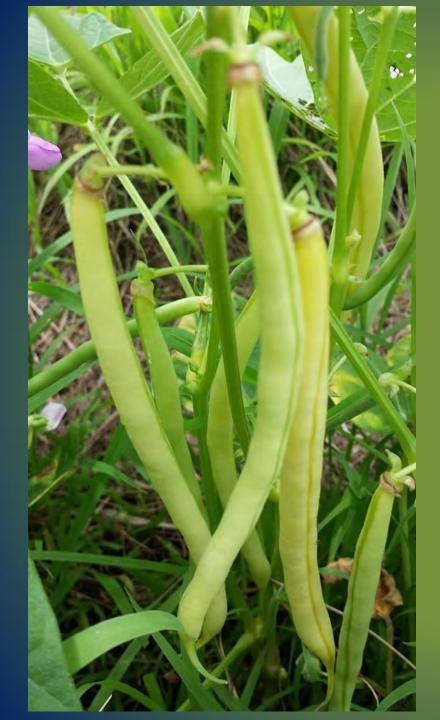














Benefits noticed Improved fruit set Increase in fruit size Increase in fruit quantity Increased fruit quality Reduction in pest populations Cost for .2/acre - \$400

Seed; Ernst, Eden Brothers - \$116

Earthway Seeder; Nolts \$102

Straw Mulch; \$7/bale - 20 bales \$140

Labor; 4 hours

## THE XERCES SOCIETY FOR INVERTEBRATE CONSERVATION

#### NORTHEASTERN POLLINATOR CONSERVATION SEED MIX

A native seed mix specially designed to provide foraging and nesting resources for a diversity of pollinators

- Approximately 15 species of perennial wildflowers that provide high quality sources of pollen and/or nectar
- Includes a native bunch grass that provides nesting habitat for bumble bees and other beneficial insects
- Appropriate for habitat restoration in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, northern New York, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont
- Available in 1/2 or 1-acre quantities

#### Available from Ernst Conservation Seeds

Meadville, Pennsylvania

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Anise hyssop	Agastachefoeniculum	Commercial	9.68%
Arrow leaf aster	Symphyotrichum sagittifolius	PA	0.31%
Bigleaf lupine	Lupinus polyphyllus	Commercial	11.46%
Blue false indigo	Baptisia australis	Southern WV	1.45%
Boneset	Eupatorium perfoliatum	PA	0.39%
Common monarch flower	Asclepias syriaca	PA	3.11%
Lanceleaf coreopsis	Coreopsis lanceolata	Coastal Plain NC	14.78%
Maximilian's sunflower	Helianthus maximilianii	Commercial	2.18%
Meadow bottle gentian	Gentiana clausa	PA	0.07%
New England aster	Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	PA	0.22%
New York ironweed	Vernonia noveboracensis	PA	0.03%
Ohio spiderwort	Tradescantia ohiensis	PA	0.5%
Partridge pea	Chamaecrista fasciculata	PA	10.05%
Showy goldenrod	Solidago speciosa	Southern WV	0.16%
Siender mountainmint	Pycnanthemum tenuifolium	Commercial	0.62%
Tall white beardtongue	Penstemon digitalis	Commercial	5.99%
<b>W</b> ild bergamot	Monarda fistulosa	Commercial	2.05%
GRASS		44	
Little bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	'Camper'	36.95%

Recommended seeding rate: at least 7.2 bulk pounds per acre.



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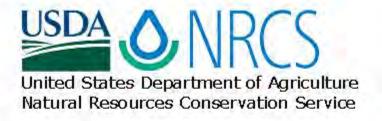












2010 Ranking Period 2

# Plant Enhancement Activity – PLT01 – Establish pollinator habitat



### Enhancement Description

Seed nectar and pollen producing plants in non-cropped areas such as field borders, vegetative barriers, contour buffer strips, waterways, shelterbelts, windbreaks, conservation cover, and riparian forest and herbaceous buffers.

## Land Use Applicability

Cropland, pastureland, rangeland and forestland

### Benefits

Increased habitat for pollinators will improve fruit set, size and quality, productivity per acre, biodiversity, beneficial insect populations, and the food base for many wildlife

species. The increased plant diversity of pollinator habitat will enhance wildlife habitat and may increase populations of other beneficial insects, reducing the need for pesticides.

#### Criteria

Pollinator habitat areas must be at least ½ acre in size for each 40 acres of cropland, pastureland, rangeland or forest land. Where the applicable land use is greater than 40 acres, the 0.5 acre habitat areas must be interspersed in the larger land use areas. For example, for an 80 acre cropland parcel, the required 1 acre of habitat should not be locate in one corner of the 80 acre