

Carver SWCD Pollinator Cost Share Program

Program Fact Sheet

Project Overview:

The Carver Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is providing a unique opportunity to help residents and municipalities fund the establishment of pollinator habitat across Carver County. 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 dollars to the global economy and honey bees alone are responsible for between 1.2 and 5.4 billion dollars 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 from severe weather, and support other wildlife.

Eligibility:

- Public Land
 - Minimum of 0.5 acres, up to 75% cost-share maximum \$5,000
- Private Land
 - 500 SF minimum, up to 75% cost-share, maximum \$1,000
- 10 year maintenance required for all projects
- Planting plans must be reviewed and approved by SWCD staff prior to installation
- Acquire a minimum of 2 bids, unless otherwise approved by SWCD
- Total annual funding for all projects is limited to \$20,000

Application Times:

- Applications are accepted throughout the year, until all funding has been utilized

Project Examples:

- Replacing sod lawn with prairie
- Converting home landscaping to native pollinator friendly landscape
- Replanting fallow fields with pollinator plants

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