

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 fund establishment of pollinator habitat across all of Carver County. Each year native and domesticated bees pollinate around 30% of crops in the United States with a value of approximately \$23 billion. They also pollinate around 70 percent of flowering plants in the Midwest, playing a key role in their seed production. Native bee populations that include more than 4,000 species in North America have declined in recent years due to habitat loss and pesticides use among other factors.

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
- 2 bid minimum unless approved by SWCD
- Total annual project funding is limited to \$20,000



Application Times:

- Applications are accepted all year until funding runs out

Project Examples:

- Turf Conversion
- Landscape Conversion
- Field Conversion

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