



# Pollinator Habitat Conservation 2019 Application Form



*A Trees Forever Habitat Improvement Program for  
Farmers, Landowners and Communities*

# Planting a Healthier Environment

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Trees Forever understands the interconnections of the natural world in creating a healthy future. We work with landowners and communities across Iowa and Illinois on projects that use native trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers to provide a wide range of ecosystem services. Critically important to this functional landscape is habitat for pollinators of all kinds. Bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other insects are all pollinators that are directly responsible for approximately every third bite of food we consume.

For pollinators to thrive, they need food sources—native plants that bloom throughout the growing season with diverse colors and shapes—as well as nesting sites for laying eggs, minimal or no use of pesticides or disturbance, and greater contiguousness of habitat.

### Trees Forever Cost-Share Program:

Trees Forever offers a cost-share/grant program to farmers, landowners and communities to install or improve pollinator habitat on their land. Cost-share funds are available to program participants to help support their projects. Participants are reimbursed up to \$1,000 for 50% of their expenses to install or improve pollinator habitat.

### Plant requirements:

- All plants - forbs (flowers), grasses, trees and shrubs must be native.
- Seed mixtures or plants should consist of 75% forbs (by species).
- There must be at least 3 species that bloom each season (spring, summer, fall).
- At least one species should be a legume.
- Tree and shrub species should be selected from Doug Tallamy's list of best species that support Lepidoptera. Work with your Trees Forever field coordinator to select appropriate species.

**Application deadline is September 30, 2018.** Program participants agree to allow their project serve as a demonstration site, where field days may be conducted to bring farmers, landowners and communities together to showcase these efforts and to educate the public about the benefits of pollinator habitat.

For more information: Debbie Fluegel, 309.613.0095 or [dfluegel@treesforever.org](mailto:dfluegel@treesforever.org)

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Application Form for Project Year 2019

(Please print or type) Date Filled Out: \_\_\_\_\_

## Contact Information:

### Primary Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_ home: \_\_\_ work: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Site Application form prepared by (if different from landowner/primary contact)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Site Information:

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Watershed: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address of site: \_\_\_\_\_

GPS Coordinates of site: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions to site: \_\_\_\_\_

Site location : \_\_\_\_\_ rural \_\_\_\_\_ urban

What is the status of the project site? \_\_\_\_\_ new \_\_\_\_\_ partially planted \_\_\_\_\_ planted

If planted, when? (MM/YY) \_\_\_\_\_

## General Information Needed:

If site application is awarded, the check should be made out to: \_\_\_\_\_

And sent to: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note the name you would like the project listed as for the Annual Report (i.e. John and Jane Doe, or GreenDye Farm) \_\_\_\_\_

If site application is awarded, a Pollinator Habitat Conservation sign will be provided. Please note what you would like it to read (Doe Farms, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Size wanted, please choose one: 2' X 4' \_\_\_\_\_ or 12" X 18" \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Landowner's Leadership & Community Involvement:***

Please list landowner's involvement in committees, memberships, awards, agricultural/commodity groups, etc. (e.g., Scout leader, Farm Bureau member, service clubs, etc.). How will you involve youth in the project?

### ***Funding Opportunities:***

Are you enrolled or planning to enroll in CRP? \_\_\_\_\_ Year coming out of CRP \_\_\_\_\_

Are you enrolled in CREP?

Have you qualified for other cost-share opportunities with USDA/SWCD Field Office Staff? (for example, EQIP, CSP, WHIP.) Please list and describe:

Is there support from local conservation organizations? (Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, etc.) Please describe:

Are there other local funding opportunities?

### ***Project Site and Goals: Please complete on a separate sheet:***

1. Name of stream, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_ Average width of stream (feet), if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of stream in buffer (feet), if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of acres or square footage of project area: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Current land use/farming practices on project site (e.g., pasture, hay, corn, beans, timber, lawn, park, roadside, etc):

3. Current land use/farming practices on **adjacent** lands:

4. Describe any problem areas or unique characteristics:

5. Project description:

- a) Describe the project?
- b) Why are you doing the project?
- c) What are your goals?

6. Native plants require management. How do you plan to take care of this planting?

7. Do you have a planting plan already developed? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_no. If yes, please attach.

### ***Additional Attachments:***

Please include an aerial map and/or a sketch of the area showing the proposed work to be done. Please be as detailed as possible. Also include any photos you may have of specific problem areas on the site as described in question 4 above.

**Return completed forms by September 30, 2018** to: Trees Forever, Attn. Deb Roman, 770 7th Avenue, Marion, IA 52302, or fax to (319) 373-0528 or email - [droman@treesforever.org](mailto:droman@treesforever.org). **Call Trees Forever at 1-800-369-1269 x110 with any questions.**