



Pollinator Habitat Conservation 2021 Application Form



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

Planting a Healthier Environment

Pollinator Habitat Conservation

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, 2020. 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

This habitat improvement program is brought to you by Trees Forever and its members and these sponsors:





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Application Form for Project Year 2021

(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, 2020 to: Trees Forever, Attn. Deb Roman, 80 W 8th Avenue, Marion, IA 52302, or fax to (319) 373-0528 or email - droman@treesforever.org. **Call Trees Forever at 1-800-369-1269 x110 with any questions.**