

Dane County Pollinator Protection Plan Implementation

<u>2017 Budget Request Items</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
• Permanent educational signage for 2 - 3 key demonstration locations	\$ 2,200
• Wildflower seeds for demo pollinator	
• Gardens and educational seed packets	\$ 3,000
• Nectar forage seeds for Dane County highway, Park & Ride, and/or trail demonstration	\$ 5,000
• Pollinator Summit	\$ 600
• <u>Workshop & Outreach events</u>	<u>\$1700</u>
<u>Total Request</u>	\$12,500

Note: The Dane County Environmental Council submitted a grant request to the Dane County Farm Technology Days for \$17,500 and received \$5000. This grant will allow us to develop some of the educational materials needed for the county such as traveling displays and brochures. The above balance of the requested funding will allow Environmental Council to better fulfill the educational outreach as outlined in the 2015 Pollinator Protection Plan.

Request Summary: Dane County Environmental Council is charged with implementing the Dane County Pollinator Protection Plan. The plan can be found at: https://board.countyofdane.com/documents/pdf/DCPPTF_Final_Report.pdf#page=15&zoom=auto,-266,692

This project is designed to help implement the developed plan by providing educational outreach on the importance of and how to protect pollinators for both the rural and urban populations in Dane County

This project will develop educational materials and design and construct demonstration plots in areas of high visibility such as at county facilities such as the airport terminal entrance, Lussier Heritage Center, or along a county highway, by a county Park & Ride area, or along a bike trail. All established plots will have permanent educational signage and educational programs to showcase this work to others including a Summit to share all the resources and build more partnerships in the effort. Key audiences and partners are local municipalities, farmers, landowners, youth groups, schools, nature centers, and environmental non-profits.

Expected Outcomes: Both rural and urban citizens of Dane County build their awareness of the importance of pollinators and take steps to protect them locally on their own land through adding to or enhancing habitat, reducing insecticide use of products that are harmful to pollinators. Plan to meet multiple purposes with projects that may also meet goals for sustainability, storm water management, water quality protection, area beautification, and biodiversity.