

CITY OF LONDON SUPPORTS POLLINATOR GARDENS

Pollinator friendly policies from London's Official Plan:

- *Establish London as a key pollinator sanctuary within our region (Policy 58 in Key Directions).*
- *Promote London as a pollinator sanctuary, considering how we can create and support environments that are conducive to pollinators in all of the planning and public works we are involved with, recognizing the important role that pollinators play in our long-term food security (Policy 659 in City Building Policies).*
- *Opportunities will be explored for supporting pollinators and food production through landscaping and street tree planting (Policy 239 in City Building Policies).*
- *Where possible and as appropriate, parks and open spaces will be used to support our food system – creating opportunities for food production and distribution and helping to support pollinators (Policy 410 in City Building Policies).*
- *Potential naturalization areas ... such as wetland habitat, pollinator habitat, wildlife habitat, or to compensate for trees lost to development (Policy 1378 in Environmental Policies).*

RESOURCES:

- **City of Guelph:**
<https://guelph.ca/>
search for 'pollinator'
- **City of London:**
<http://www.london.ca>
search for 'pollinator'
- **Community Gardens London:**
<http://www.communitygardenslondon.ca>
- **Ontario Wildflowers:**
<http://www.ontariowildflowers.com>
- **UTRCA:**
<http://thamesriver.on.ca>
search under 'watershed-health/native-species'
- **Pollination Canada:**
<http://www.pollinationcanada.ca>
- **Pollination Guelph:**
<http://www.pollinationguelph.ca>
- **Pollinator Pathways Seattle:**
<http://www.pollinatorpathway.com>
- **Xerces Society:**
<http://www.xerces.org>

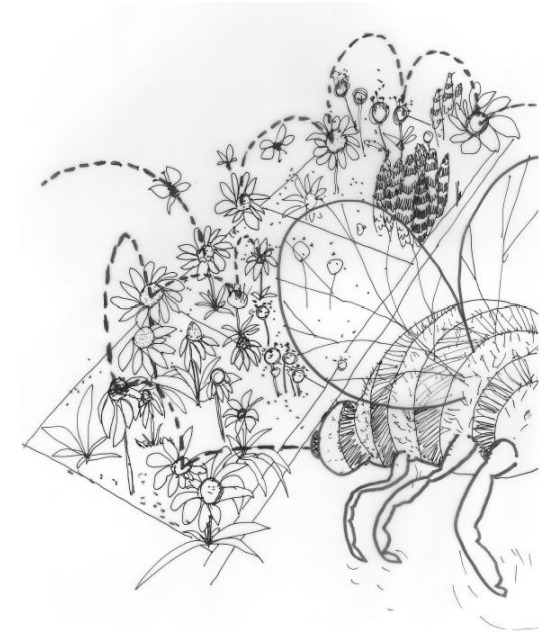
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This is a preliminary document and we are seeking comments from the public on this project. Please email comments to pollinatorpathwaysproject@gmail.com.



POLLINATOR PATHWAYS PROJECT



***Creating a network of
pollinator habitat throughout
the City of London***

For information on how to get involved
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WHY POLLINATORS?

Pollinators are animals that pollinate over 90% of all flowering plants, and primarily include bees, hummingbirds, flies, butterflies, moths, and other insects. Their activities are necessary for the production of apples, pears, cucumbers, melons, berries, and many other kinds of produce. The Pollination Guelph website states that “One out of every three bites of food you eat is a direct result of pollination.”

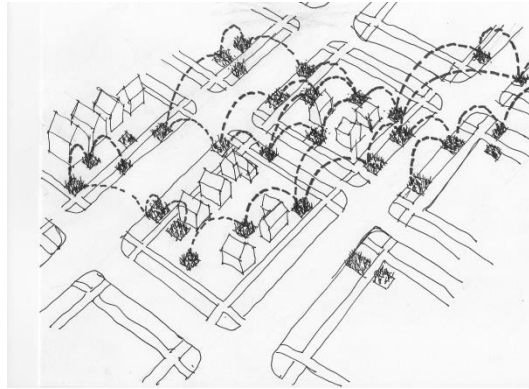


Pollinators are under threat around the world due to a combination of forces including pesticides, diseases, habitat destruction and climate change.

Urban areas while usually free from pesticides offer limited opportunities for pollinators when they are dominated by manicured lawns and hard surfaces. Not only is it important to create more habitat (for feeding and for shelter) but it is equally important to link together these critical habitat as part of pollinator corridors along which pollinators can move readily.

WHAT ARE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS?

Pollinator pathways comprise strings of pollinator habitat that together may form networks along which pollinators can disperse to complete their life-cycles.



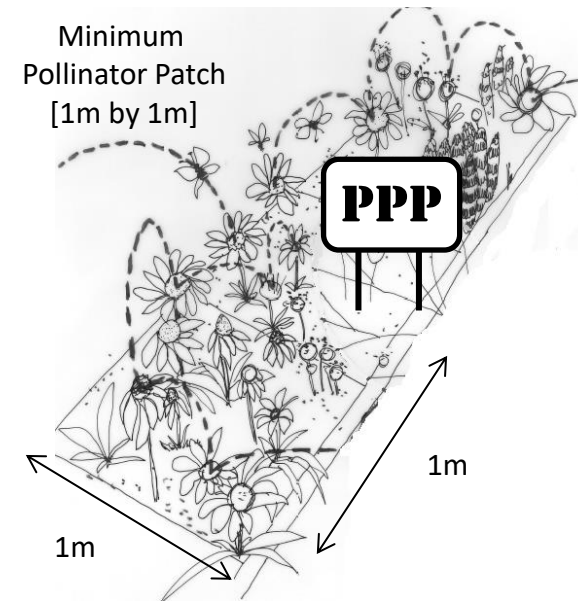
Our project envisions multiple back-yard, front-yard and boulevard gardens along particular pathways that link together larger natural heritage features such as woodlands and meadows.

Depending on neighbourhood preferences, pathways could be individually named such as Old East Village Butterfly Path or Wortley Village Bee Highway. Larger pollinator habitat may be created and maintained by community associations, small businesses or other types of groups.

Our project aims to identify the initial clusters of pollinator gardens, link them together as part of a larger network and empower citizens to self-organize and enlarge it.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Do you have access to at least a 1 m by 1 m area that could be turned into a pollinator garden? We are seeking homeowners throughout the city to plant pollinator gardens, especially on visible boulevards. Our project will supply a sign, provide support with the planting and help situate the garden as part of a pathway.



Get started with these native plants:

- **Ground Cover:** Blue Eyed Grass, Tiarella, Wild Ginger, Wild Strawberry
- **Medium:** Anise Hyssop, Brown-eyed Susan, Lobelia, Vervain
- **Tall:** Aster, Beardtongue, Columbine, Butterfly Weed, Coreopsis, Goldenrod, Liatris, Milkweed, Monarda, Veronica
- **Very Tall:** Clematis, Echinacea, Honeysuckle, Ironweed, Joe Pye Weed, Orange Jewelweed