

POLLINATOR UPDATE

City of London - A leader in Pollinator Habitat Protection and Enhancement

🦋 **NeighbourGood London** programs including **TreeMe** and the **Neighbourhood Decision Making** (NDM) program, empower residents to plant trees, shrubs and pollinator gardens. The City has funded over half a million dollars in pollinator habitat projects since 2015. NDM winners include many Bee Pollinator Gardens and the **Pollinator Pathways Project**.

🦋 London's urban forest is a key element in the provision of habitat and food for pollinators. The City's **Tree Planting Strategy** outlines the long term plan to increase London's tree canopy cover from 24% to 34% by 2065. **Reforest London** is empowering the community with the **Million Tree Challenge**.

🦋 The Council approved **London Invasive Plant Management Strategy** improves the ecological integrity of our natural areas and restoration plantings improve the diversity of native species for pollinators.

🦋 London City By-laws permit naturalizations, perennial gardens and wildflower gardens on private property.

🦋 **London Community Gardens** – There are 17 community gardens on City property with a simple process for residents to start a new one.

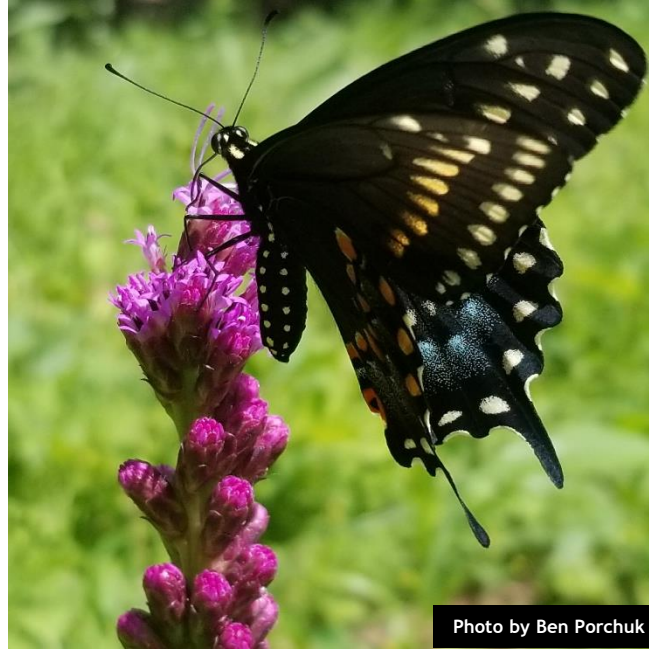


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🦋 **The Urban Agriculture Strategy** is one of the many related plans, policies, and strategies for pollinator protection in London and includes a section on Urban Pollinators.

🦋 **Active & Green Communities and Rain Garden** programs promote environmental awareness and stewardship on private property through community engagement.


🦋 The City's **Adopt-a-Park, Adopt-a-Street, Adopt an ESA** and **Adopt-a-Pond** programs engage communities to plant trees, shrubs and gardens that include milkweed on City property.


🦋 11% of the City (inside the Urban Growth Boundary) is publicly owned parkland, and over 65% of that area is managed as naturalized, non-mowed areas. This area increases every year.



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 The City of London was recognized with the **Lee Symmes Municipal Award by Ontario Nature**. The Award recognizes municipalities that demonstrate community leadership and exceptional achievement in planning or implementing programs that protect and regenerate the natural environment within a community. Ontario Nature commended the City of London for ensuring a natural legacy for future generations.

 Many government agencies, Conservation Authorities and others are leading additional pollinator habitat initiatives in London, primarily on private property. **Carolinian Canada Coalition In the Zone** program promotes biodiversity action for local wildlife, climate resilience and healthy neighbourhoods.



Simple ways to make a difference:

- Plant pollinator friendly species like Milkweed.
- Request a boulevard tree at **Service.London.ca**.
- Visit **NeighbourGoodLondon.ca** & **London Environmental Network** to enhance local habitat with your community.



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