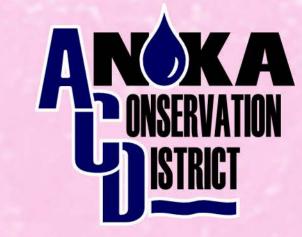
# POLLINATORS



Enabling our farms, prairies, forests, and

gardens to be fruitful.

To thrive, bees, butterflies, and other pollinators depend on clean water and diverse habitats free of insecticides.





Pollinators play a critical role in ecosystems and farms worldwide by pollinating 80% of the world's flowering plants and crops that could not survive without their help.

Pollinator populations have sharply declined due to habitat loss and fragmentation, climate change, disease, insecticides, and parasites.

# What Can We Do to Help Pollinators?

## **Plant Pollinator Friendly Vegetation**

Gardens with diverse native plants replicate Minnesota's natural ecosystems, providing abundant habitat resources year-round.

#### Plant a "Bee Lawn"

Yards containing native fescue grass and low-growing flowers provide food resources and are easy to maintain.

#### **Provide Shelter**

Trees, shrubs, tall grass, rock piles, and dead vegetation provide cover from storms and predators.

### **Maintain Winter Cover**

Pollinator eggs, larva, and adults often overwinter in the stems of dead grasses and wildflowers. Leave these standing over winter and well into spring.

#### **Provide Water Sources**

Installing a moving water feature provides a constant source of clean water that attracts many wildlife species

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#### **Eliminate Insecticides**

Because insecticides are toxic to insect pollinators, eliminating their use outdoors ensures a safer habitat.

