



Pollinator Resolution

The undersigned recognize the critical importance of pollinator habitat both restored and maintained on public and private lands, found within the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. Through collaboration and outreach resulting from this Resolution a mosaic of pollinator habitat will be created or restored to stabilize and/or increase populations of pollinator species throughout this project area.

WHEREAS, Pollinators include butterflies, bees, some birds, bats and other insects that play a crucial role in flower plant reproduction and given the breadth, severity and persistence of pollinator losses, it is critical to expand efforts to take new steps to reverse pollinator losses and help restore populations to healthy levels;

WHEREAS, three-fourths of the world's flowering plants and about 35 percent of the world's food crops depend on animal pollination to reproduce;

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, for migratory pollinators, such as bats, hummingbirds, and the monarch butterfly, we recognize the importance of identification and protection of nectar corridors;

THEREFORE, we declare that it is our goal to collaboratively and strategically protect and enhance pollinator species and their habitat on public and private lands throughout the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor located in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island by:

- *Public-Private Partnerships*: Develop strategic partnerships to improve or create habitat for pollinators as well as provide educational opportunities within the scope of the resolution;
- *Conservation*: Encourage voluntary, collaborative and locally-led conservation that has proven to be effective in maintaining and enhancing working landscapes; this may include but is not limited to planting pollinator gardens, building bee blocks and avoiding or limiting pesticide use;
- *Education*: Provide educational opportunities (both government and non-government) to those interested in enhancing pollinators and pollinator habitat opportunities.
- *Increase and Improve Pollinator Habitat*: Identify existing pockets of pollinator habitat, and then develop a network of habitat on public and private lands to develop a nectar corridor for migratory and non-migratory pollinator species.
- *Research*: Develop and/or promote citizen science opportunities for tracking key populations of pollinator species and habitat.

The undersigned (on back) have each committed to educate about pollinators and protect, preserve, create, or restore pollinator habitat throughout the 25 communities of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor by signing a pledge.



BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP PLEDGE SIGNERS

Rhode Island College

Mass Audubon at Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center and Wildlife Sanctuary

Metacomet Land Trust

Downtown Providence Parks Conservancy

