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“More than a third of our food comes from plants that rely on pollinators.”

What is a PHEP?

A Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plan (PHEP) is a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) developed for a client that addresses the improvement, restoration, enhancement, expansion of flower-rich habitat that supports native and/or managed pollinators.

The PHEP will meet NRCS quality criteria for soil erosion control, water quality, soil quality, plant condition, fish and wildlife, pasture/woodland health and productivity, and other identified resource concerns.

The plan will identify client objectives such as:

1. Improve pollination service provided by wild (unmanaged) bees by:
 - a. Increasing floral diversity and ensuring continuous and diverse bloom,
 - b. Increasing undisturbed habitat/ground (including the creation of alkali or other ground-nesting bee beds),
 - c. Increasing nesting opportunities for tunnel-nesting bees, and
 - d. Providing pollinator refugia.
2. Improve pollen diversity and nectar availability for managed bees kept on site.

3. Increase diversity and availability of butterfly host plants.
4. A PHEP may be developed for either farms or forestland.

Developing a PHEP

Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plans will be developed by an independent Technical Service Provider (TSP). You will be responsible for contacting and hiring the TSP. You can find the names of certified TSPs at <http://techreg.usda.gov/>, or through your local NRCS office (listed on page 2).

Financial Assistance

NRCS provides part of the payment to eligible participants through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) based on average costs associated with practice implementation. A conservation activity plan must be approved in a participant's contract as a financial assistance item in order for the participant to receive \$2,137 (*non-local \$3,199) for the development of the PHEP. Participants classified as Historically Underserved will receive \$2,564 (*non-local \$3,839). The NRCS payments are fixed, regardless of what a TSP charges for the plan. Participants are responsible for paying the difference.

*No TSP available within a 300-mile radius of the work location.

Application Deadline

Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis.

Need More Information? Contact:

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