



# Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plan (PHEP) Funding Opportunity Fiscal Year 2017

Natural Resources Conservation Service - Maine

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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; 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 onsite.

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

## Developing a PHEP

PHEPs will be developed by an independent Technical Service Provider (TSP). You are responsible for contacting and hiring the TSP. Certified TSPs can be found at <http://techreg.sc.egov.usda.gov/>, or through your local NRCS office.

## 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 \$2,419 (\*non-local \$3,513) for the development of the PHEP. Participants classified as Historically Underserved will receive \$2,903 (\*non-local \$4,216). 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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