

“POLLINATING” POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

Successes and Opportunities



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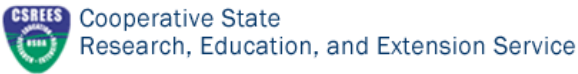
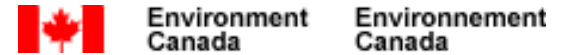
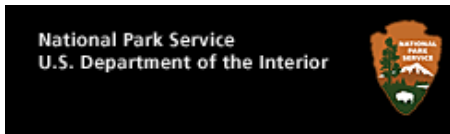
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FUNDAMENTAL P2 GOALS

‘POLLINATE’ Natural Resource **POLICIES**
and Public and Private Sector Land
Management **PRACTICES.**

Advance Science-Based Pollinator
Conservation and Practices as an
Accepted Way of Doing Business in
Better **SHARING “OUR” LANDSCAPES.**

STRATEGIC APPROACH

- ‘Pollinating’ *Existing* Policies & Programs
 - ✓ BOTH Native and Managed Pollinators
- Laying the Groundwork—Educate Stakeholders, Policy Makers
- Facilitating Diverse Stakeholder and Bipartisan Support
- Recruiting and Supporting Champions
- Working to be Credible Resource, Engaged When Decisions Made

“We Support Pollinating the Farm Bill”

A Rare Convergence of Diverse Interests

- Agricultural Stakeholder Groups
- Beekeeping & Native Pollinator Advocates
- Conservation, Wildlife & Environmental Groups
- Leading Scientists
- 90+ Members of Congress, 4 Bills

AGRICULTURE

American Beekeeping Federation

American Farm Bureau

American Farmland Trust

American Honey Producers Association

American Society of Agronomy

Apiary Inspectors of America

Blue Diamond Growers

California Farm Bureau Federation

California State Beekeepers Association

Crop Science Society of America

Florida Farm Bureau Federation

Foundation for Preserv of Honey Bees

Natl Assn of Conservation Districts

**Natl Assn of State Depts of
Agriculture**

Natl Council of Farmer Cooperatives

National Farmers Union

National Grange

National Sunflower Association

Soil Science Society of America

Sustainable Agriculture Coalition

The National Sunflower Association

U.S. Apple Association

United Fresh Produce Assn

WILDLIFE, CONSERVATION, ENVIRONMENTAL

Audubon

Center for Biological Diversity

Coevolution Institute

Defenders of Wildlife

Ecological Society of America

Entomological Foundation, Inc.

Environmental Defense

Environmental Working Group

National Wildlife Federation

Renewable Natural Resources Found

The Ecological Society of America

The Minnesota Project

The Nature Conservancy

Union of Concerned Scientists

Wild Farm Alliance

Wildlife Habitat Council

Xerces Society

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NATIONAL POLLINATOR POLICY OPPORTUNITIES

- **Implement 2008 Farm Bill Pollinator Provisions**
- **Pollinate 2012 Farm Bill Reauthorization**
- **Pollinate Non-Ag Policies That Affect Landscapes**
 - ✓ **Transportation Statute**
 - ✓ **Climate Change**
 - ✓ **Other Natural Resource Statutes**
 - ✓ **Existing Natural Resource Federal Agency Programs**
- **Other???**

STATE/LOCAL POLICY OPPORTUNITIES

- Mine Reclamation—Kentucky
- Urban Beekeeping—New York City
- Community Landscape Management
- Homeowners Associations
- Other???
- *International?*

2012 FARM BILL

What's Next for Pollinators?

- Research?
- Protection?
- Conservation?
- Funding?
- Other?

CONTINUING FARM BILL CHALLENGES

- Tribalism
- Structure of Farm Bill
- Budget

RESEARCHERS' ROLE IN POLLINATOR POLICY PROCESS

- Provide Useful Science on Timely Basis
 - ✓ Direct and Indirect Pollinator Issues
 - ✓ KEY—Communicate in Ways That Policy Makers Can Understand and Use
- Advocate Pollinator Research Funding
 - ✓ Research is a Vital Tool, NOT an End Product!
 - ✓ KEY—Will “**CUSTOMERS**” Support Funding?

IT'S ABOUT THE MONEY, HONEY!

Mandatory Conservation Funding?
Yeah, Right!

\$\$\$\$ Pollinator Research and Protection?
What Does It Take?

HOW POLLINATOR POLICY REALLY HAPPENS!



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