

NEED FOR POLLINATOR HABITAT

Pollination by wild and managed bees is a critical component of food production and the perpetuation of natural landscapes. Besides honey bees, about 250 wild bee species live in New Hampshire. Habitat loss, combined with exposure to chemicals and inadvertent but harmful land management practices, are significantly reducing bee populations, which negatively affects the pollination of crops and wild plants alike.

The Sullivan County Pollinator Gardens were established in 2015 to illustrate practices to improve and enhance native bee habitat. The gardens use a combination of existing landscape and new plants, and are designed to provide the longest flowering period possible. Nearly all of the plants are native to New Hampshire, although many have become uncommon or even rare in the state. The plants are marked for easy identification and are being evaluated for ease of cultivation, survivability, and suitability to agricultural applications. Seeds are also being collected and will be made available to the public when available.

Photographs are welcome.

Thanks for stopping by !

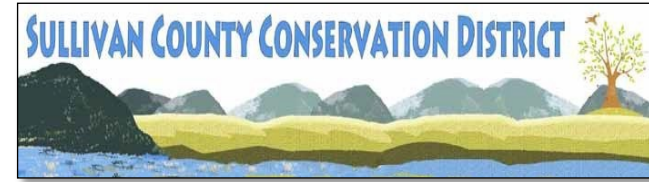
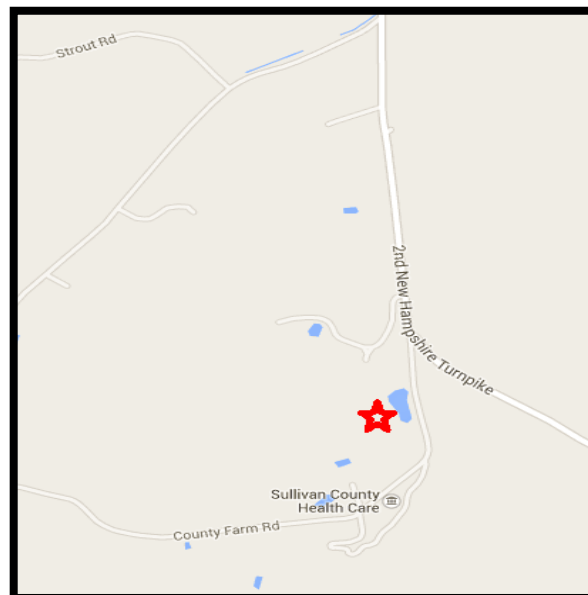
DIRECTIONS

From Claremont: Take Chestnut St (2nd NH Turnpike) toward Unity, approximately 4.8 miles. At the Sullivan County Complex sign, continue straight onto County Farm Rd.

From Lempster and Route 10: Take 2nd NH Turnpike toward Claremont 10.1 miles and turn left onto County Farm Rd.

Travel down County Farm Road a distance of .2 miles and turn right at the sugar house (across the road).

The Pollinator Gardens are on the right side of the road when entering into the Sullivan County Complex, by a fire pond and the demonstration high tunnels. A gravel driveway allows easy access to a parking area.



Sullivan County Pollinator Gardens



Sullivan County Complex

County Farm Road

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Pollinator Gardens Plant List and Map

Pond-side Pollinator Plants

- 1) Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)
- 2) Wild Plum (*Prunus americana*)
- 3) Summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*)
- 4) Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
- 5) Spotted Joe Pye Weed (*Eutrochium maculatum*)
- 6) Steeplebush (*Spirea tomentosa*)
- 7) Black Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)
- 8) Fire Cherry (*Prunus pensylvanica*)
- 9) Willow (*Salix sp.*)

- 10) Blackberry (*Rubus occidentalis*)
- 11) Gray Dogwood (*Swida ammomum*)
- 12) Staghorn Sumac (*Rhus typhina*)
- 13) Apple (*Malus domestica*)
- 14) Dwarf Serviceberry (*Amelanchier spicata*)

Field Pollinator Plants [Meadow]

- 1) Horsefly Weed (*Baptisia tinctoria*)
- 2) Northern Blazing Star (*Liatris novae-angliae*)
- 3) Sundial Lupine (*Lupinus perennis*)
- 4) Broad Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum muticum*)

- 5) Great Blue Lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*)
- 6) New England Aster (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*)
- 7) New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*)
- 8) Golden Alexanders (*Zizia aurea*)
- 9) Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- 10) Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
- 11) Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)
- 12) Spotted Joe Pye Weed (*Eutrochium maculatum*)

Brochure and map created by: Noah Chidester

