

Pollinator Steward Certification



A PROGRAM OF
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Module 5a: Habitat Creation Yards, Gardens, and Balconies

Tuesday, March 11th, 2025

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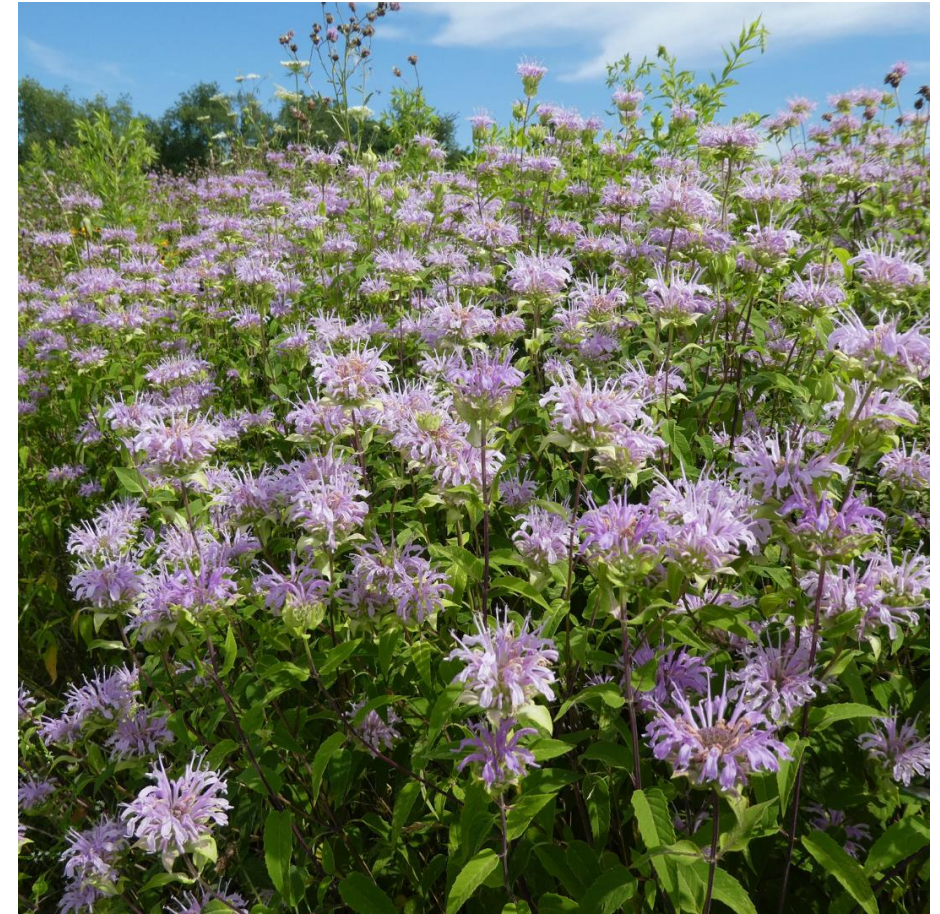
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Protect their lives. Preserve ours.

Housekeeping:

- Recordings will be shared and be available until December 31st, 2025
- Closed captioning is available – enable in your controls.
- Please put questions in the Q&A box; UPVOTE questions you like!
- Questions for panelists will be answered at the end of the session.
- Contact stewards@pollinator.org for registration issues, questions, etc.
- Engage in respect and kindness with each other in the chat.
- We suggest that you write down in point form or 1-2 sentences the key takeaways from each training while you are attending live.



Tonight's Speakers!



Anthony Colangelo
Outreach and Education Specialist
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Sara Wittenberg
Bee Friendly Garden Manager
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Gardening at Home

A lush garden scene featuring a variety of flowering plants. In the foreground, there are tall green stalks with clusters of small yellow flowers and some purple blossoms. To the left, a brick wall is partially visible. A wooden fence runs across the middle ground, and in the background, several houses with different rooflines and a utility pole with wires are visible under a clear blue sky.

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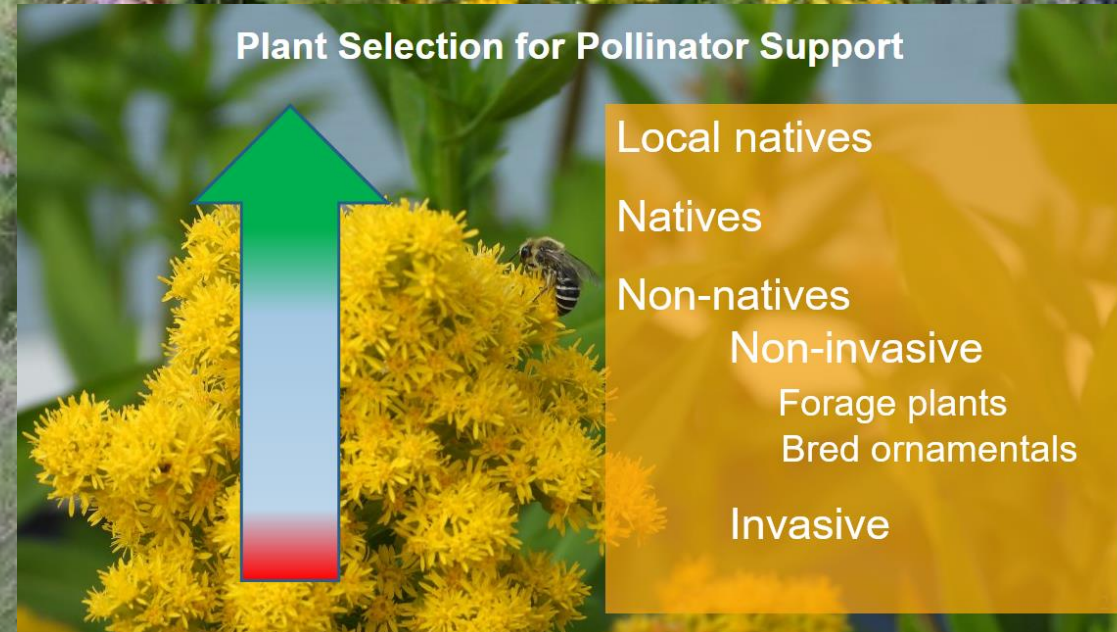
- What/who are you starting with?
- Who would you like to control?
- Who would you like to thrive?
- What additions do you need?
- Organize your timeline with the seasons



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Project Timeline

- Understanding pollinator lifecycles so we can plant for them
- Know your plants, and plan according to their preferences
 - Annual
 - Perennial
 - Ornamental
 - Native



Resources and Funding

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- Soil and amendments
- Signage
- Plants
 - Seeds, plugs, pots, trimmings, root remnants, and rescues
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Pesticide, Herbicides, and Fungicides

- Pesticides can have lethal or sublethal effects
- Herbicides can reduce forage
- Fungicides are often part of seed coatings, and more research needs to be done on the impacts
- Alternatives include **Beneficial insects**
 - Larvae of hoverflies, lady beetles, dragonflies, wasps



Course Information Page:

The Course Information page will be your homebase for module recordings, updates, and program resources. Login to the Course Information page using the following username and password:

website: <https://www.pollinator.org/psc/course-info>

username: PollinatorSteward

password: psc2025

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Wrap Up:

- **Wednesday, March 12th**, we will focus on habitat creation on a large scale for those who manage rights-of-way, parks, roadsides, and municipalities.
- **Thursday, March 13th**, we will complete our habitat modules with a focus on supporting pollinators in agricultural landscapes.

For certification, attendance (or later viewing) of **ONE** of the three habitat sessions this week is required

