

# Harford County Pollinator Gardens Trail Application



## CONTACT INFORMATION

*All fields are required*

Name of Site Manager or Business  
Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Site or  
Business \_\_\_\_\_

Street (location of garden) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

- Use plants, trees and shrubs at least half of which should be native to Harford County (see Suggested Seasonal Native Plant Information for Harford County).
- Please use plant labels (50%-75% must be labeled) or QR codes to direct visitors to more plant information. Labeling plants is one way that PGT gardens help the public learn about native plants.
- Agree to an initial visit and maintenance inspections twice annually.
- Include plants with flowers that bloom during the spring, summer and fall.
- Display the Harford County Pollinator Gardens Trail sign to designate your garden as an official site.

## GARDEN REQUIREMENTS

### Commitment to Plant Diversity

A diversity of plant material is essential to provide both nectar and pollen to support a healthy ecosystem. Four of the five agreements must be met to be considered for being a site on the PGT.

- I will use non-invasive plants that provide pollen and nectar sources from early spring to late fall.
- I will provide a diversity of plants, flower shapes and flower sizes.
- I will choose older cultivars and limit newer introductions.

- I will incorporate pollinator friendly native plants into the garden.
- I will place plants in masses (three or more) to attract pollinators.

## RECOMMENDED CONSERVATION PRACTICES

The conservation practices listed below are highly recommended.

### PLANTS

- Remove invasive pest plants.  
[http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/maryland\\_invasive\\_plants\\_prevention\\_and\\_control.aspx](http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/maryland_invasive_plants_prevention_and_control.aspx)
- Reduce or eliminate lawn areas.

### MULCHING/SHELTER

- Compost yard and food waste.
- Use natural soil amendments (such as compost or well-aged manure).
- Maintain a layer of organic mulch over tree roots, shrubs and plant beds.
- Plant groundcovers or use mulch on thinly vegetated areas to decrease erosion.
- Leave garden clean up until spring (bees and other beneficial insects can nest in ornamental grasses, plant stems, etc.).

### CHEMICALS/PESTICIDES

- Avoid chemical pesticides, herbicides, or insecticides where possible.
- Control pests naturally by encouraging beneficial insects.
- If pesticides are necessary, use those that are pollinator friendly.

### WATER/IRRIGATION

- Use drip or soaker hoses, instead of an overhead sprinkler.
- Use a rain barrel or other means of capturing/utilizing rainwater to irrigate plants.
- Direct downspouts and gutters to drain onto the lawn, plant beds, or containment areas.
- Water plants only when necessary.

## INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GARDEN

Provide a brief description for publication purposes (five sentences maximum). If you filling out this form as a hard copy, feel free to provide additional information about your garden on a separate sheet of paper. Photos are encouraged \_\_\_\_\_

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Garden size (approximate acres, square feet or number of containers) \_\_\_\_\_

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Estimate how much of your garden is planted with native pollinator-friendly plants: \_\_\_\_\_%

Hours garden is accessible to the public \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe where parking is available \_\_\_\_\_

When is the best time to visit to view the garden(s)/meadow(s) in bloom or see foliage (please check all that apply):

- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- Other, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Which option best describes your garden?

- Community Garden
- Business
- Place of Worship
- State or Local Park
- Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

## SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

There is no cost to apply for/join the PGT program. However, you must read and sign the statement below:

*By entering your full name below, you indicate that you agree with the following statement: I certify that all the information provided above is true and that I will strive to use pollinator friendly practices in my garden. I understand that in order to have my pollinator garden approved for the Pollinator Gardens Trail, the Harford County Master Gardeners must inspect and approve the site. If approved, I give permission for the garden to be photographed and used for promotional materials that encourage use of the Pollinator Gardens Trail. I also give permission for the property and garden to be visited and photographed by the general public and that the Harford County Master Gardeners Program will have no control over their usage.*

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Site Manager or Business Owner(s) Signature

Date

Please mail completed Harford County Pollinator Gardens Trail application to:

Pollinator Gardens Trail of Harford County, Harford County Agricultural Center, 3525 Conowingo Road, Ste.700 Street, MD 21154 or email application to [Harfmg@gmail.com](mailto:Harfmg@gmail.com), ATTN:PGT. If unable to download, please write and request a paper copy or call (410) 638-3255.

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