

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF CLARKSTON TO ENCOURAGE STAFF TO ADOPT POLICIES DESIGNED TO PROTECT POLLINATORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Pollinators are essential to the majority of the flowering plants on our planet; and

WHEREAS, Pollinators are responsible for one out of every three bites of food we eat; and

WHEREAS, Protecting pollinators will further the City of Clarkston's sustainability vision to help restore the global ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, Multiple, interacting causes are likely contributors to the decline of pollinator populations, including pathogens, habitat loss, and exposure to insecticides; and

WHEREAS, Threats to pollinators concern the entire food system, where pollination services provided by honey bees and other essential pollinators account for one in every three bites of food, responsible for the pollination of key crops, including almonds, apples, blueberries, cherries and many others, and contributing over \$19 billion worth of services to U.S. agriculture;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the City of Clarkston officially recognizes the critical importance of pollinators to our food supply and to our environment; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage staff to purchase plants for landscaping that have not been pre-treated with neonicotinoids, to the extent feasible; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage that staff specify in contracts with vendors that neonicotinoids or plants pre-treated with neonicotinoids may not be used on City owned property or rights-of-way, to the extent feasible; and be it further

Resolved, That any neonicotinoid substitutes used on City owned property or rights-of-way are safer for pollinators; and be it further

Resolved, That staff plant and maintain pollinator-friendly habitats on City owned property or rights-of-way; and be it further

Resolved, That the City of Clarkston will support efforts to educate the broader community about the action it has taken and encourage other entities and households to adopt a similar policy.

SO RESOLVED, this ____ day of _____, 2015.

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA

TED TERRY, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Ashby, City Clerk

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