



TOWN OF FAIRFAX
STAFF REPORT
June 7, 2017

TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Adoption of a resolution in support of bee habitat and pollinator-friendly vegetation in Town parks and open space

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution in support of bee habitat and pollinator-friendly vegetation in Town parks and open space.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Reed and Councilmember Goddard requested this item be placed on the agenda. The Bee Habitats and Pollinator-friendly Vegetation Policy only applies to Town staff, contractors, or volunteers installing landscape improvements on Town-owned parks and open space.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution

RESOLUTION 17-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX
IN SUPPORT OF BEE HABITAT AND POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY VEGETATION**

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to support bees and other pollinators;
and,

WHEREAS, planning and implementing bee habitats and pollinator-friendly
landscape improvements in Town parks and open spaces helps bees and other
pollinators; and

WHEREAS, there are no fiscal impacts related to the proposed policy; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town
of Fairfax adopts the attached Bee Habitats and Pollinator-friendly Vegetation Policy for
use in planning and implementing landscape improvements in Town parks and open
spaces.

The foregoing Resolution was duly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting
of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said town on the 7th day of June
2017 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

John Reed, Mayor

Attest:

Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

Bee Habitats and Pollinator-friendly Vegetation Policy

Policy Statement: for use in Planning and implementing landscape improvements at Town parks and open spaces.

To support habitat preservation and development for bees and other pollinators, the following guidelines in planning and implementing landscape maintenance and vegetation planting improvements in Town parks and open spaces. This policy applies to any contractor or volunteer installing landscape improvements on Town-owned property. The Town will post best practices on the Town website, such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service brochure *Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden*.

1. Use native plants where appropriate; use a diversity of flowering shrubs, herbs, grasses, and small trees that bloom successively to produce the pollens and nectars that attract bees and other pollinators; and to the greatest extent possible, use plants and trees that are low to moderate in their allergenic properties.
2. Control the non-native plants and weeds that crowd out the native plants that provide habitat for bees and other pollinators.
3. Focus the planting of pollinator-friendly vegetation in lower density usage areas at least 30' away from children's play areas, restrooms, picnic tables, barbecues, refuse containers, and other park facilities where bee sting risk is greater due to normal visitor use patterns.