



State legislatures have implemented a variety of solutions to protect pollinator populations and increase public awareness.

Funding



- Fund native bee and butterfly surveys and study native bees and plants, such as [MN SF 2963](#)
- Establish pollinator license plates with funds to go to pollinator health projects, such as [VA SB 434](#)
- Funding for relevant state agencies to establish a pollinator habitat plan, such as [MD HB 132](#)
- Fund task force to produce recommendations and/or strategies to protect pollinators, such as [VA SB 356](#)



Healthy Habitat

- Create a task force to study and recommend actions for pollinator health and habitat, such as [RI H8265](#)
- Encourage development or replanting of residential, farm and agency land areas with native pollinator flowering plants and habitat, such as [CT SB 231](#)
- Provide tax credits for developing native pollinator habitat on undeveloped property, such as [NJ A 4603](#)
- Support beekeepers through the preservation of forage, such as [WA HB 2478](#)

Education and Study



- Declare a Pollinator Week, or a Bee Aware Day, to educate citizens on the importance of pollinators, such as [NM SM 103](#)
- Encourage more private native flower gardens where pollinators can “detox” from pollinating pesticide-treated plants and restore immunity, such as [NJ AR 216](#)
- Encourage or require “buffer strips” of native flowering plants around pesticide-treated crops or along streams, as suggested by the [Natural Resources Conservation Service](#)



Pesticide Restrictions

- Restrict or prohibit application of neonicotinoids on public lands or in outdoor residential areas, such as [IL HB 5900](#)
- Encourage or require nurseries to label plants that are good for pollinators and/or those treated with neonicotinoids, such as [CA SB 1282](#)
- Restrict use of pesticides such as neonicotinoids by consumers, such as [MD HB 211](#)
- Require information be provided to pesticide applicators and others on how to protect pollinators, and include in applicator education for licensing exams, such as [OR HB 4139](#)

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