

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL**  
**OF THE TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK**  
**DESIGNATING UNIVERSITY PARK AS A BEE CITY USA® AFFILIATE**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of BEE CITY USA is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, responsible for the reproduction of almost 90% of the world's flowering plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free to nearly free of pesticides; and

**WHEREAS**, thanks to the more than 3,600 species of native bees in the United States, along with introduced honey bees, we have very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

**WHEREAS**, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, poor nutrition, pesticides (including insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides), parasites, diseases, and climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local growers; and

**WHEREAS**, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat (A) Is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season to provide diverse and abundant nectar and pollen, since many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted; (B) is free to nearly free of pesticides, as many pesticides can harm pollinators and/or their habitat; (C) comprises undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, unmown fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering; and (D) provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a long-term approach to maintaining healthy landscapes and facilities that minimizes risks to people and the environment by: identifying and removing the causes of pest problems rather than only attacking the symptoms (the pests); employing pests' natural enemies along with cultural, mechanical, and physical controls when prevention is not enough; and using pesticides only when no other method is feasible or effective; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting pollinators fosters broad-based community engagement in environmental awareness and sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of University Park ("Town"), a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland, should become a certified BEE CITY USA community because the Town has partnered with the University of Maryland Bee Lab, the Anacostia Watershed Society and resident volunteers to establish and maintain a pollinator meadow; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, in order to enhance understanding among the Town's staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to

sustain them, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park choose to support and encourage healthy pollinator habitat creation and enhancement, by adopting the following:

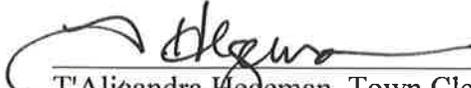
1. The Town is hereby designated as the BEE CITY USA sponsor.
2. The Director of Public Works is designated as the BEE CITY USA Liaison.
3. Facilitation of the Town's BEE CITY USA program is assigned to the Sustainability Committee.
4. The Mayor and Common Council, with assistance from the Sustainability Committee,

will:

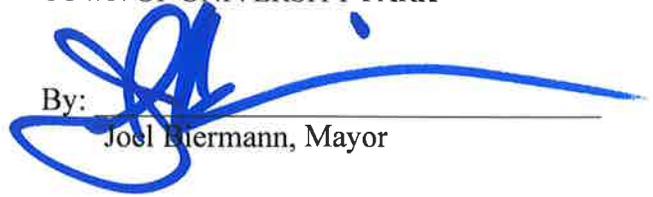
- a. **Celebration:** Host at least one educational event or pollinator habitat planting or restoration each year to showcase the Town's commitment to raising awareness of pollinator conservation and expanding pollinator health and habitat.
- b. **Publicity & Information:** Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a webpage on the Town's website which includes, at minimum a copy of this resolution and links to the national BEE CITY USA website; contact information for the Town's BEE CITY USA Liaison and the Sustainability Committee; reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished the previous year(s); and the recommended native plant species list and integrated pest management plan.
- c. **Habitat:** Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private land, which includes, but is not limited to, identifying and inventorying the Town's real property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings: creating a recommended locally native plant list to include wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees and a list of local suppliers for those species; and, tracking (by square footage and/or acreage) annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced.
- d. **Pollinator-Friendly Pest Management:** Create and adopt an integrated pest management (IPM) plan designed to prevent pest problems, reduce pesticide use, and expand the use of non-chemical pest management methods.
- e. **Policy & Plans:** The Mayor and Common Council will support and are committed to continued actions in support of the BEE City designation, including sponsoring an annual Pollinator Meadow Day, ongoing development of a Town Climate Action framework, and a Green Purchasing Policy, among others.
- f. **Renewal:** After completing the first calendar year as a BEE CITY USA affiliate, each February, the Town will apply for renewal of the Town's BEE CITY USA designation following the format provided by BEE CITY USA, including a report of the previous year's BEE CITY USA activities, and paying the renewal fee based on the Town's population.

**APPROVED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park at a regular meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

ATTEST:

  
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Alicandra Hegeman, Town Clerk

MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL  
TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK

  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joel Ebermann, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Suellen M. Ferguson, Town Attorney