

Sustainable Neighbourhood Small Grant Pollinator Garden Guidelines

What is a pollinator garden?

A pollinator garden supports and protects birds, bees, butterflies, beetles, and other beneficial insects by providing food and shelter. Using a variety of native plant species and flowers will attract different types of pollinators at different times of the year so you have blooms all season.

What are pollinator garden requirements?

1. Garden Location

- Must be on applicant's private property
 - Planting on Public Right of Way, boulevard or public space is not permitted*
 - Drawings/photos must be submitted indicating property lines
- Must be visible to the public
- Mandatory locates - contact <https://www.ontarioonecall.ca>

*Definitions:

- i. Public Right of Way is the dedicated space for public infrastructure: streets, sidewalks, and utilities; extends beyond the constructed street or sidewalk. Distance may differ per property.
- ii. Boulevard is the area between the street curb and the sidewalk.
- iii. Public space refers to city-owned property such as parks, walkways, laneways

2. Eligible plants:

Markham will only support the purchase of native species that enhance pollinator habitat:

- You must provide a list of plant types - see eligible plant list below
- Additional items may include:
 - birdbaths, bird houses, bee hotel
- Items not included:
 - pavers
 - benches
 - containers/planters
 - seed/sod
 - pesticide use is prohibited
- To learn more, visit [Pollinators in Our Community](#)

Eligible Plant List:

Bee Balm	Lance Leaved Coreopsis
Black-eyed Susan	New England Aster
Blue Vervain	Pale Purple Coneflower
Butterfly Milkweed	Purple Coneflower
Common Name	Serviceberry
Dense Blazing Star	Spirea
Dogwood	Stiff-leaved Goldenrod
Elderberry	Swamp Milkweed
Grey-headed Coneflower	Sweet Oxeye/False Sunflower
Heath Aster	Whorled Milkweed
	Wild Bergamot

3. Educational Component:

- Markham will provide a Pollinator Garden sign to be placed in your garden

4. Maintenance Plan:

- Provide a description of how the garden will be cared for and who is responsible for the long term success of the project.

Examples of projects the City will not fund include:

- Projects that are already partly or fully complete before funding is approved
- Temporary projects not intended to last beyond one growing season
- Projects that are not visible to the public, such as private backyard, balcony and rooftop gardens
- Garden maintenance – applicants must have a plan for maintaining the garden beyond one growing season
- Gardens used for urban agriculture
- Container gardens with a closed bottom (the bottom of the container must be open to the ground)

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