

You all have a wonderful opportunity help our pollinators thrive here at TPS!

### OUR POLLINATORS

Bees, Butterflies, Moths, Hummingbirds, Birds,  
Flies and Beetles

help  $\frac{3}{4}$  of our world's flowering plants and  
35% of our food crops reproduce.

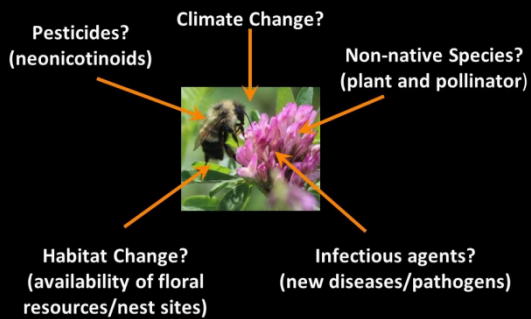
Without them, we would not have many of our fruits,  
vegetables and nuts, not even chocolate!

### OUR POLLINATORS

- Support healthy ecosystems
- Clean our air
- Stabilize our soils
- Sequester Carbon
- Decrease global warming
- Support other wildlife

### POLLINATORS ARE IN JEOPARDY AND NEED OUR HELP

#### Why are our native pollinators in decline?



Source: Dr. Robert Gegear, UMass Dartmouth

### YOU CAN HELP POLLINATORS

- Grow **NATIVE PLANTS**, a variety of plants that bloom from spring-fall.
- Grow Plants for the entire life cycle of pollinators (host plants for caterpillars, nesting sites for bees)
- Avoid Pesticides
- Tell others about pollinators and how to help  
<https://www.xerces.org/bring-back-the-pollinators>

### CONTACT INFO

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See info about Lisa's Pollinator Garden and TPS Outdoor Spaces by selecting: Teachers Pages, Outdoor Spaces

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Wachusett Garden Club website: <https://www.wachusettgardenclub.org/>

## Accomplishments

- We are establishing our **pollinator advisory group** to help plan, develop and sustain our garden.  
[Ask us for more Info!](#) [Join Us!](#)
- Sent out a **teacher, parent survey** to obtain their ideas about how they would like to see the garden look and how they will use it.
- We are **creating a similar survey for the community** to be distributed in the next couple of weeks.
- **We would love to have WGC members participate in a survey too.** We have created a google survey which is very easy to complete, taking a few minutes.
- **Created a banner** for Lisa's Pollinator garden placed on the outside TPS Wall and yard signs displayed by near TPS on Rte 62 and at the garden site.



- Collaborating with teachers, WGC members, the TPS and Princeton Libraries on activities

**about pollinators:** such as creating a three piece poster educational board with Velcro at the entrance way of TPS, participating in the Library's Reading Day, March, 4th, 2024 from 8:45a.m.-10:00 a.m, growing seeds for TPS gardens by staff and WGC members, info on where do the pollinators go in the winter?, developing programs on crafts, story time with a walk in the garden, scavenger hunts, and learning what would food be like without pollinators. Elaine Santello, kindergarten teacher will be, growing native plants in Bangrazi Courtyard and takes monthly walks on the Nature Trail with her students and Christine Andre and her students to learn about nature. Other teachers activities include: Melissa Finkler, the Art Teacher, presenting activities on Honey Bees to all students, and Lisa Jensen-Fellows, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher whose students will develop QR codes on pollinator-plant relationships for the garden.

- **We are starting to put together information about areas where we will need help:** Preparing the soil, building items such as a bird habitat, seats in the garden, planting, developing educational signs in the garden, fundraising, and asking individuals if they would like to work on projects with teachers, parents and students, or other opportunities.

**We look forward to hearing from you!**

**NOTE: Individuals working in TPS will need to complete the CORI Form. Please ask s about it or contact Tracy Nourse, TPS Secretary.**

**[THANK YOU TO WGC MEMBERS for your Participation!](#)**

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