Additional Pollinator Habitat Information and Resources

Note: these resources are intended to be purely informational; DOER does not support in any official capacity any of the non-state entities listed

General Information

- <u>Massachusetts Pollinator Protection Plan</u> Offers additional background and resources related to promoting pollinator habitat across the state.
- UMass Amherst: Tips on <u>Gardening to Support Pollinators</u> and <u>Managing Landscapes for</u> <u>Pollinators</u>
- <u>Pollinator Pathways Initiative</u>: Resources relevant to northeast states related to converting lawns to habitats

Plant Selection and Best Practices

- Ernst Seeds: <u>Seed-Finder Tool</u>
- Grow Native Mass: <u>Nurseries & Sources of Native Plants</u>
- MA Department of Agricultural Resources: Choosing Pollinator-Friendly Plants
- Native Plant Trust: <u>Resources for New England</u>
- Pollinate Northampton: Pollinator Habitat Toolkits
- Western Mass Pollinator Networks: <u>Resources</u>
- Xerces Society: <u>Pollinator Conservation Resource Center</u>

Pollinator-Friendly Solar Arrays

• <u>UMass Clean Energy Extension's Pollinator-Friendly Solar PV for Massachusetts</u> - Guidance and certification process for pollinator-friendly solar installations.

Apiary Programs (honey bees)

- MA Dept. of Agricultural Resources: <u>Apiary Program and informational resources</u>
- UMass Amherst: <u>Bees/Honey FAQ</u>
- Beescape: This tool will help you understand how the landscape surrounding your apiary, garden, or farm stacks up in terms of floral resources bees can find, the insecticides they encounter, and for wild bees, the nesting sites that are available. <u>https://beescape.org/</u>

Citizen Science and Educational Tools

- <u>Beecology Project</u>: Learn about challenges bees face, how to create ideal habitats, and contribute to bee population data.
- <u>iNaturalist</u>: Take pictures of plants and wildlife and upload them to public maps for naturalists to identify