



POLLINATOR ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOP

Thursday, August 25TH

9:00 - 9:30 check in; 9:30 Program

Lincoln Log Cabin

402 S. Lincoln Hwy., Lerna, IL

The Lincoln Heritage Resource Conservation and Development is hosting a free workshop to share information on how to protect and promote our pollinators. Pollinators are responsible for 35% of the food we rely upon. The dramatic decline in our pollinators needs to be addressed with help through actions around our homes, neighborhoods, and countryside. Information will emphasize how we can establish and maintain a pollinator friendly habitat and resources available to assist in making positive decisions. A variety of seed packets will be available.

Presenters will include:

- * Kent Macy, National Resource and Conservation Service Biologist, will discuss the importance of Pollinators, how they benefit us, and how we can benefit them.
- * Beverly Herman, Champaign Master Gardener, will provide ideas on developing Pollinator Friendly Habitat around your house and neighborhood.
- * Brandon Beltz, IL Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist - Pheasants Forever Inc. and Quail Forever, will cover how to use the Farm Bill Conservation Programs (CRP) and NRCS programs (EQIP & CSP) to establish, manage, and enhance Pollinator friendly habitat in farmland. He will present the importance of unmowed areas, ditches, and wetlands to Pollinators.
- * Dakota Radford, Volunteer Coordinator & Assistant Educator at Douglas-Hart, will provide information on: "If I wanted to become a bee keeper, how do I start." ,
- * Barb Grabner-Kerns, Illinois Field Coordinator for Trees Forever, will present the importance of trees and shrubs to the Pollinators and the need for woodland management.
- * Craig Clendening, RC&D Alliance Member, will present the "Pollinator Protector Pledge" program.

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