

**POLLINATOR WEEK 2024**  
**JUNE 17 – 23, 2024**

- WHEREAS,** College Park is home to many native wildlife and pollinator species such as birds, bees, hoverflies, and other insects, including leaf-cutter and mining bees, bumblebees, and monarch butterflies as well as hummingbirds, which keep our environment healthy and biodiverse; and
- WHEREAS,** College Park recognizes that human health ultimately depends on well-functioning ecosystems and that biodiverse regions can better support food production, protect healthy soil and air quality, and can foster healthy connections between humans and nature; and
- WHEREAS,** College Park is working to build a healthy, sustainable, and wildlife-friendly community that brings the many benefits of nature to all corners of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** Pollinators play an important role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem. Local native plant species and wildlife depend on pollination from many different types of organisms; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout urban communities, pollinators play a crucial role in maintaining sustainable urban agriculture particularly in local community and home gardens; and
- WHEREAS,** Pollinator species are in decline due to many human-driven actions, such as habitat loss due to urban sprawl, pesticide use, climate change and the spread of invasive species, causing significant reduction of many pollinator population species; and
- WHEREAS,** National Pollinator Week is a national initiative that offers opportunities to individuals and communities to recognize the contribution of these members of our ecosystem, and help restore native habitat and support local pollinator species; and
- WHEREAS,** College Park will continue to support local, state and national efforts that protect, restore, and conserve habitat for pollinators, as well as foster a greater connection between residents and wildlife; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park that we recognize June 17-23, 2024, as **POLLINATOR WEEK** in College Park and encourage all residents to participate in community activities that support and celebrate pollinator protection.

Proclaimed this   **11th**   day of **June 2024**.

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Fazlul Kabir, Mayor  
City of College Park