



# FY23 Agricultural Enhancement Program Pollination (Pollinator Habitat Plot)



Applicant Information
<b>Name:</b>
<b>Mailing Address:</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>
<b>Application Date:</b>
<b>What is your preferred method to receive written notification?</b> Email/Letter
<b>Do you own or lease the land associated with this application?</b> Own/Lease
<b>Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a WVCA employee working within Monongahela Conservation District?</b> Yes/No
<b>Are you a spouse or dependent family member of a WVCA employee?</b> Yes/No
<b>Do you have a financial interest in a farming entity with a Monongahela Conservation District Supervisor?</b> Yes/No
<b>Are you a spouse or dependent family member of a Monongahela Conservation District Supervisor?</b> Yes/No

Farm Information
<b>MONONGAHELA CONSERVATION DISTRICT</b>
<b>County Where Farm is Located:</b>
<b>Farm Name (Optional):</b>
<b>Farm #:</b>
<b>Tract #:</b>
<b>Field # or #'s:</b>
<b>Is the land associated with this application part of a farming operation?</b> Yes/No
<b>If yes, does the operation have the potential for producing \$1,000 in value from its products per year?</b> Yes/No
<b>What was the name and/or topic of the last conservation related educational event you attended?</b> Name/topic of event:
<b>Was the event attended prior to July 1, 2021?</b> Yes/No
<b>Is the project associated with this application part of another cost-share program for Pollinator Habitat/Native Pollinator Seed?</b> Yes/No

Best Management Practice		
BMP	Limits	Cost-Share Rate
<b>Pollination</b> (Pollinator Habitat Plot)	Not to exceed ¼ acre	75% -Up to \$200.00 ( <i>native seed mix</i> )

## Program Eligibility

**Definition:**

Pollination practices establish new pollinator habitat, manage/improve existing habitat, and increase healthy pollinator populations.

**Purpose:**

Maintaining healthy pollinator communities and thriving pollinator habitats can improve water quality, provide habitat for other wildlife, and help stabilize and build soil structure. Healthy pollinator communities will be able to provide the service that they offer to crops that depend on them to produce fruits, vegetables, and nuts.

**Policies for Program:**

- Applicant must be a District Cooperator. (*a form is available upon request*)
- Cost share is available to landowner and/or farm operator (*lessee*).
- Applicant is ineligible for a practice reimbursement if he/she starts project before District approval.

- No duplication of federal or state cost-share shall be allowed.
- Property must be used as a farming operation to be eligible for the program: having the potential for producing at least \$1000 of farm products annually.
- Cooperators are limited to 2 approved applications and \$7,000.00 of assistance per fiscal year (*July 2022-June 2023*).
- Application approvals will be made based upon availability of funds and a ranking process.

**Policies for Practice:**

- State Conservation Committee approved standards and specifications will be followed.
- Pollinator plots will increase the diversity of plants that bloom and provide sources of pollen and nectar that will be available throughout the spring, summer, and fall.
- Completed pollinator habitat projects will provide nesting sites for native pollinators, ground nesting birds and egg- laying sites for butterflies and moths.
- Cooperator must purchase the recommended amount of seed for the size plot desired (*1/4 acre max.*)
- The establishment of the *pollinator habitat plot* may be by conventional or no-till methods.
- Maintenance activities such as mowing, spraying of pesticides, tillage of soil and grazing should be avoided while plants are in flower.
- Cooperator agrees to maintain this practice for 5 years after the date of completion.
- The seeding must be **completed** no later than **December 2, 2022.**

**Reimbursement Process:**

- The payment will be approved as: 1. Receipts are received; 2. Verification form is signed; 3. District approves the payment.
- All receipts and forms are due to the Monongahela Conservation District Office by **December 2, 2022** otherwise payments may be delayed or even denied.

**Application deadline is **May 27, 2022** and must include the following:**

- Cooperator Agreement (*if applicable*)
- Signed Practice Application Form
- IRS W-9 Form
- Farm map with individual fields and areas identified where the practice is proposed.
- Lease agreement, Producer Application Form, or USDA-FSA Annual Farm Report (*if applicable*).
- Application deadline may be extended upon Monongahela Conservation District approval.

By signing this I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions stated in this document.

**Applicants Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Date Received:	
Time Received:	