



2015-2017 REVIEW

PEOPLE & POLLINATORS



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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN

Dear Friends,

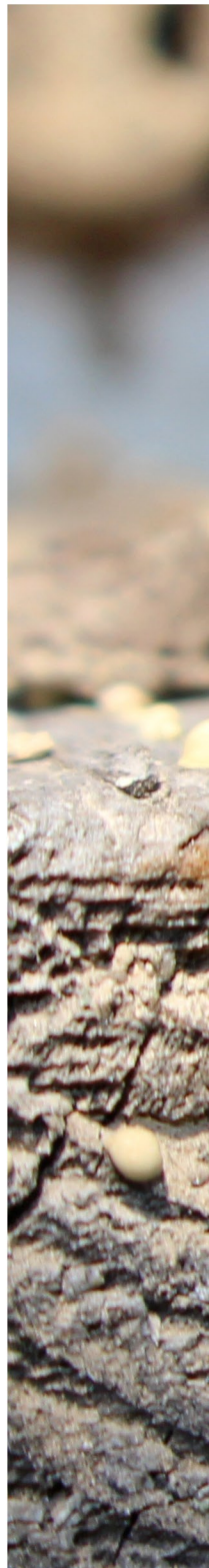
I am pleased to report that Colorado became a safer state for pollinators in 2017. Many of our victories were hard-won, but your commitment helped make the difference. Thank you! Together we are making critical progress for pollinators in Colorado.

The People & Pollinators Action Network (PPAN) was born in late 2014 from the modest aim of public policy reform addressing the misapplication of pesticides. In the last three years our efforts have yielded new protections for Colorado's pollinators and important lessons that will help shape our strategy in the future.

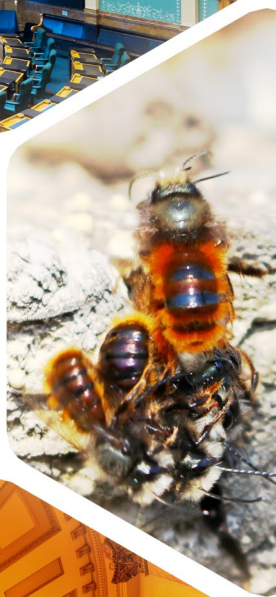
Along the way we discovered the need for a comprehensive, state-wide approach to protection that pieces together safe pollinator habitat, one yard, city, and policy at a time. Our goal is nothing short of a regional sanctuary for the birds, insects, and bats upon which we all depend. Within the pages of this annual report you will discover more about how we plan to get there.

Though we've made progress on all fronts, there's much still to do. Your support has sparked powerful interest in protecting Colorado's pollinators. With your help, we can build upon that momentum and, year by year, Colorado can become the healthy pollinator sanctuary we all deserve.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Sue Anderson
Chairwoman
People & Pollinators Action Network







POLLINATORS IN COLORADO

RECENT HISTORY

In 2014, the People & Pollinators Action Network (PPAN) formed, giving voice to pollinators for the first time in the history of the Colorado State Legislature.

The catastrophic decline of pollinator populations presents an imminent threat to national and global agricultural production and a clear indicator that something has gone fundamentally wrong in the natural environment. For a third of all crops, pollination is just as necessary as other agricultural inputs, such as fertilizer and water, leaving few in doubt that people need pollinators.

Equally obvious is that pollinators need us. With the decimation of wild pollinator populations and the rising cost of commercial beekeeping, our urgent action is required to ease the pressure on beleaguered agricultural regions and the natural environment upon which we all depend.

Many factors contribute little by little to the problem, and some governments, including the European Union, have responded by imposing a ban on a class of pesticides known as neonicotinoids, now the world's most widely used type of insecticide. But US federal agencies and elected officials have resisted calls to do the same, resulting in a policy stalemate at what may be the most crucial moment in the history of pollinators.

Recognizing the danger posed to pollinators by federal gridlock, concerned Colorado citizens banded together in late 2014 to form PPAN, uniting behind a common strategy to work within the state of Colorado for the protection of pollinators. By shifting advocacy and energy from federal to state government, PPAN has made possible the creation of regional pollinator havens that will aid farmers and local communities, and preserve essential biodiversity for the future.

PPAN began by engaging the public to learn how best to promote pollinator health and reduce pesticide use within Colorado. Identifying critical public policies and practices in land and facility management, PPAN advocated for policy reforms benefiting pollinator and human health. And while we have confronted our fair share of disappointments in the three years since our formation, PPAN has prevailed, in many cases against steep odds, to forge new protections for Colorado's pollinators. Since 2014, PPAN's efforts have yielded important gains. What might the next three years have in store for Colorado's pollinators?





STATE OF COLORADO

VICTORIES FOR POLLINATORS

The survival of Colorado's pollinators doesn't just depend on safe and abundant habitat. It requires, at the highest levels, the readiness of Colorado's leaders to defend the economic and environmental benefits derived from safe landscapes that support healthy pollinators and healthy people. State-wide policies that create and protect pollinator habitat are foundational for healthy pollinator populations.

STATE OF COLORADO

VICTORIES FOR POLLINATORS (CONT.)

"No application without representation."

2015 SUNSET REVIEW OF PESTICIDE APPLICATOR'S ACT

In its first year (2015), PPAN took important first steps for pollinator safety in Colorado. By encouraging and strengthening support for pollinators in Colorado's legislature, PPAN helped establish lasting improvements to the oversight and regulation of pesticide application, and laid a foundation for more ambitious reform in the future. PPAN's 2015 accomplishments include:



NEW RULES governing the state of Colorado's Pesticide Advisory Committee that mandate the inclusion of beekeepers and organic farmers.



NEW TRAINING for pesticide applicators in commercial and public settings.

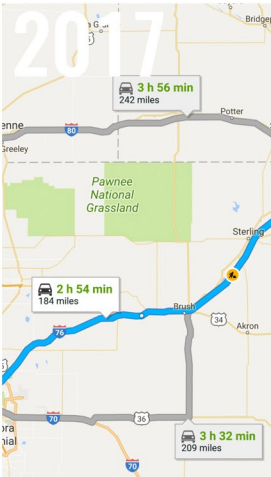


NEW REQUIREMENTS to inform the public of enforcement actions taken against pesticide applicators who have misapplied or otherwise violated pesticide regulations.

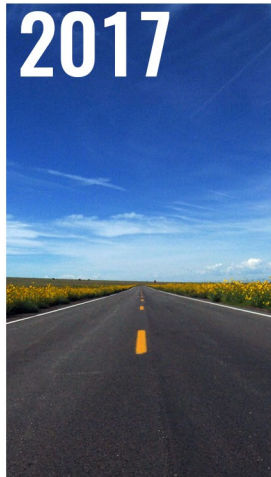
“Highway to pollinator haven.”

2017: LEVERAGING POLICY TO CONNECT LANDSCAPES

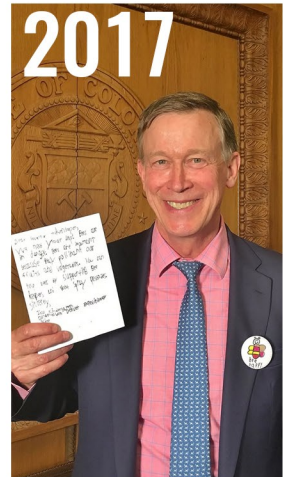
In the 2017 legislative season, PPAN continued to enhance state-wide protections for pollinators by establishing a permanent and professional voice for pollinators at the state capitol. This yielded tangible victories, including:



NEW HABITAT resulting from the passage of a resolution designating Highway I-76 from the Nebraska border to the Denver metro area (**185 miles**) as Colorado's first Pollinator Highway.



NEW SUPPORT for the Colorado Department of Transportation, easing adoption and implementation of pollinator safe practices along highways and roadways.



NEW PUBLIC AWARENESS created by Governor John Hickenlooper when he designated June as Colorado Pollinator Month.



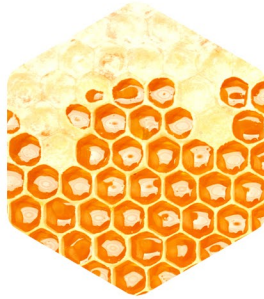
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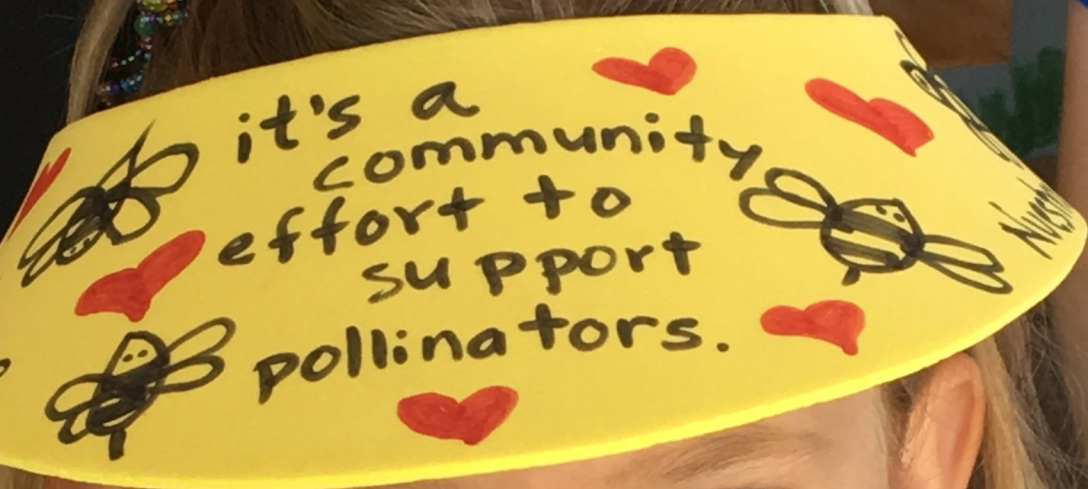




MUNICIPALITIES

VICTORIES FOR POLLINATORS

The transformation of Colorado into a state-wide pollinator haven requires working at all levels of government. Municipal government offers numerous opportunities to establish pollinator best practices at the city level. For this reason, cities are essential building blocks as People & Pollinators builds a pollinator safe Colorado.



it's a
community
effort to
support
pollinators.

MUNICIPALITIES

VICTORIES FOR POLLINATORS (CONT.)

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People & Pollinators was instrumental in the passage of local resolutions that make municipalities safer for bees by providing land managers with the assistance they need to make pollinator friendlier decisions. These localities include:

- City of Boulder (May 2015)
- Boulder County (September 2015)
- City of Lafayette (2016)
- City of Longmont (May 2017)

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Educational and outreach events that expand public awareness about pollinators and establish a growing base of supporters for the future.

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Local chapters that organized to take advantage of local opportunities that benefit pollinators in Longmont and Denver.

In January, 2017, PPAN merged with Bee Safe Boulder (BSB), taking on BSB's grassroots organizing program to promote Pollinator Safe Neighborhoods. Be on the lookout for Pollinator Safe Habitat yard signs in a neighborhood near you!





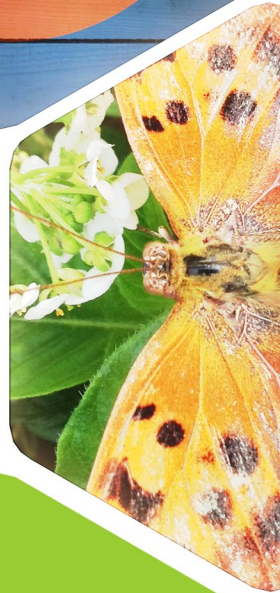
COLLECTIVE IMPACT

VICTORIES FOR POLLINATORS

Only by working together will we be able to achieve a vision this big. People & Pollinators is proud to foster professional partnerships with a cross-sector array of Colorado government agencies, nonprofits, and businesses to ensure that together we keep Colorado healthy and strong, and create a future for people and pollinators in our state.



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90 ORGANIZATIONS
WORKING TOGETHER FOR
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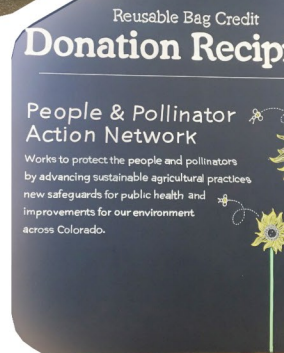


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SUMMIT OUTCOMES: MULTIPLE AGENCIES WORK TOGETHER MONTHLY THROUGH THE COLORADO POLLINATOR NETWORK



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THANK YOU!

ORGANIZATIONS MAKING POLLINATOR HABITAT HAPPEN

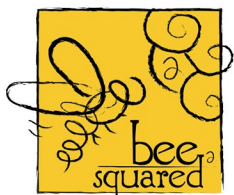


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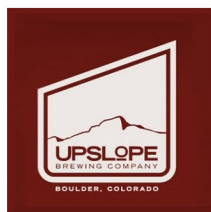
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