

WILL YOU HELP OUR GARDEN GROW?

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In the fall of 2023, a group of volunteers from the Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association met to plan a memorial pollinator garden in town, on George St., next to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. Our group consists of 7 individuals representing 6 churches in the community. Since then, we have met regularly to develop the concept, seek advice from experts who have joined our effort and research funding sources.

Our research has shown that pollinator and butterfly gardens are needed to maintain and even expand feeding sites for these endangered and rapidly diminishing species and bring benefits to the balance of the natural world.

We will be joining other communities on the Eastern Shore that have begun these and similar gardens. All are designed to enhance the natural environment. They can be found in North East, Chestertown, Centreville and Berlin to name a few. Others have beehives but that is entirely beyond our ability and scope.

“We can’t have enough pollinator gardens” to quote one creator. They include native plants that are particularly attractive to bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and others that aid in the reproduction of flowering plants. These plants account for three-quarters of the staple crop plants that humans rely on for food (USDA).

So, if we want to keep eating, we need to ensure that we continue to have pollinators!!

You can help. We need local donations to begin our work. Foundations and other sponsors all ask for local support before they take funding a project seriously. Will you help us get started? A check of any amount is welcome. You can make your donation payable to CCEA and note garden in the memo line.

Mail to CCEA, P.O. Box 244, Chesapeake City, MD. 21915.

And we all thank you,
Bonny Anderson, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Coordinator