



PEOPLE AND POLLINATORS
ACTION NETWORK

People and Pollinators Action Network (PPAN)

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Who am I?

- Founder and Current Chair of People and Pollinators Action Network
- Current VP and Treasurer of the Pollinator Stewardship Council
- Past President of the Western Apicultural Society (WAS)
- Past President of the Colorado State Beekeepers Association (CSBA)
- Owner, Bee Squared Apiaries

Who are we?

- Formed in 2014 with a mission to:
 - Improve public health
 - Factual pesticide education and science
 - Defend Colorado's natural environment
 - Improve pollinator habitat

Mission Statement

People and Pollinators Action Network (PPAN) works across Colorado to promote sustainable land management practices, safeguard public health and preserve biodiversity to make our state a safe haven for all who live here—from pollinators to people. PPAN is **the only organization** working at the grassroots, municipal, and state levels to advocate for policies and practices that reduce and eliminate the use of pesticides and to create and connect swaths of pollinator-safe habitat with the intent of reversing the drastic decline of pollinator populations—upon which our very existence depends.

What do we do?

- We work on public policy!
- We create habitat!
- We collaborate!

Why do we do it?

- Passionate about protecting pollinators
- Passionate about protecting people

Protecting Pollinators

- Insects are near the bottom of the food chain.
 - Helping insects will help all those species dependent upon them.
- Insect biomass is estimated to have declined 40% over the past 50 years.
- Insects are in trouble!
 - Bees
 - Monarchs
- Neonicotinoids

Protecting People

- Pesticides are harmful to human health
- Pesticides are ubiquitous
- Pesticides linger in the environment
- Pesticides are not adequately regulated
 - “treated article exemption”
 - Only test active ingredient (ai)
 - No precautionary principle

What have we done?

- **Public Policy Accomplishments**

- **PAC**

- Diversified representation
- Improved enforcement transparency

- **Colorado Pollinator Highway**

- **Pollinator Resolutions**

- Boulder, Boulder County, Lafayette, Longmont, Denver, Berthoud

- **Pollinator Safe Pledge**

- Businesses and individuals

What have we done?

- **Public Policy Accomplishments**
 - **Colorado Pollinator Month (June)**
 - **Comprehensive Pollinator Policy for State lands**
 - **Colorado Pollinator License Plate***

*In current legislative session.

What have we done?

- **Habitat Accomplishments**
 - Colorado Pollinator Highway
 - Pollinator Resolutions
 - Pollinator Safe Pledge
 - Organic Transition for Municipalities

What have we done?

- **Collaboration Accomplishments**
 - **CO State Agencies**
 - DNR/CDOT/Governor's Office/Legislature
 - **CO Pollinator Network**
 - CO Pollinator Summit
 - **Environmental Health Coalition**

How can YOU help?

- Stop using pesticides in your own home and on your own property.
- Properly dispose of the pesticides that you already have.
- Support our Pollinator Safe businesses.
- Buy a pollinator license plate!

How can YOU help?

- Buy what you eat and eat what you buy.
- Buy organic and/or local food.
- Grow your own (organically)!
- Plant native plants/remove turf.
 - Organically manage lawn areas.
- Put your money where your mouth is.
 - Financial
 - Volunteer—we need YOU!

How can YOU help?

- Take the Pollinator Pledge!
- Form a Pollinator Safe Neighborhood/Business.
- Form a PPAN chapter in your community.
 - New chapters include Metro Denver, Boulder County, NoCo-Fort Collins
- Encourage your municipality to adopt a pollinator resolution.

How can we help YOU?

- Download our CO specific pollinator plant list.
- Purchase a pollinator habitat sign.
- Download our “pollinator safe communities guide”.

How can we help YOU?

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Questions?