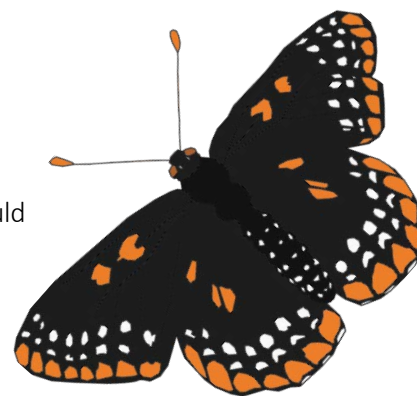


# Establishing a Pollinator Garden

## STEP 1: SITE SELECTION

Selecting a good site is crucial for the success of a pollinator garden. The site should be close to the people responsible for its maintenance for ease and accessibility. The site should be relatively visible both to pedestrians for public awareness and to those maintaining it for weed monitoring.



## STEP 2: SITE EVALUATION & PLANT SELECTION

- It's important to know the soil moisture and sun exposure of your chosen site. These two factors will help determine what plants will thrive in the area.
- Appropriate plant choice is dependent on the conditions at the site. To find the right plants for your site, look at our planting list.
- Plant in the spring through the summer for best results and plant establishment rates.

## STEP 3: SITE PREP & PLANTING

- Clear the plot with shovels to loosen compacted soil and remove all weed root systems.
- Cut "X"s in the weed barrier appropriate for the size of the plant.
- Place plants in holes deeper than the plug to encourage root establishment and fill in gaps with loose soil.
- Mulch around the plants for water retention and weed prevention. (Roughly one bag of mulch covers about 10 ft<sup>2</sup> at a depth of 2.5 inches.)
- Create a clear delineation of the garden boundaries with landscaping stones or other boundaries.
- Add educational signage
- Water regularly!

## STEP 4: MAINTENANCE

- Immediately after planting, your new pollinator garden requires frequent watering to help the plants take root.
- Weeding regularly will help keep the pollinator garden healthy and aesthetically pleasing.
- Enjoy the bees and butterflies your garden attracts!

