

EMORY UNIVERSITY CAMPUS POLLINATOR PROTECTION COMMITMENT

WHEREAS, pollinators provide crucial and economically important ecosystem services to crops and wild plants; and

WHEREAS, two thirds of the food crops humans eat every day require bees and other pollinators to successfully produce a crop; and

WHEREAS, scientific evidence reveals the health and productivity of bees and other pollinators are in peril with populations dwindling worldwide; and

WHEREAS, declines in pollinator populations result from various driving factors, including as a key contributing factor, the prevalent use of neonicotinoid-containing pesticides; and

WHEREAS, many pollinator species are readily found on university campuses, including Emory University's campus; and

WHEREAS, Emory University believes that protecting pollinators will further its sustainability vision to help restore the global ecosystem, foster healthy living, and reduce the University's impact on the local environment.

THEREFORE, be it resolved Emory University pledges to:

1. Eliminate neonicotinoid use on campus grounds; and
2. Purchase plants for campus landscaping that have not been pre-treated with neonicotinoids, to the extent feasible; and
3. Specify in contracts with vendors and in campus construction standards that neonicotinoids or plants pre-treated with neonicotinoids may not be used on Emory's campus, to the extent feasible; and
4. Ensure any substitutes for neonicotinoids used on campus are safe for pollinators; and
5. Plant and maintain pollinator-friendly habitats on campus; and
6. Conduct campus outreach and education on the importance of pollinators.