

Comprehensive Plan Amendment Petition



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A request to amend the 2030 Comprehensive Plan text, maps or content.

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Requested Amendment

Future Land Use Map
(Cite all affected parcels below)

Plan Text (Cite relevant section/page below)

Area Plan Map/Text (Cite all affected parcels and relevant section/page below)

Other Map
(Specify name/map number)

Brief Description of Amendment:

This amendment will add language to Policy EP 9.8, that the city will encourage local plant species landscaping to foster pollinator habitats. It also describes the promoting and adopting of best practices that adheres to national pollinator program agendas.

C. Environmental Protection

C.9 Environmental Education, Awareness and Coordination

Policy EP 9.8

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The undersigned applicant(s) hereby certifies that, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, all information supplied with this application is true and accurate.

Signature Beth Nooe (Beth Nooe) Date 5-30-17

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT PROPOSAL – POLLINATOR HABITAT LANGUAGE

5/30/17

A. Alter Amendment

This amendment will add language to Policy EP 9.8, that the city will support local plant species to foster pollinator habitats. It also describes the partnering and adopting of best practices that adheres to national program agendas.

Policy EP 9.8

Landscaping and Gardening

*Encourage environmentally responsible landscaping and gardening practices to reduce water use and water pollution, including increased use of drought-resistant plants and reduced use of pesticide, **and increased pollinator supportive habitat including native and pollinator-friendly species to proliferate healthy pollinator populations. Strive to maintain best practices by promoted pollinator programs such as Bee City USA and support interactions among community advocates and public programs.***

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B. **Conditions that warrant the plan amendment**

With the rising decline of the honey bee population, many environmental initiatives from community advocates and government (state, federal) policies have been proposed to combat the population decline. Awareness, advocacy and promotion of pollinator friendly habitats have become more prominent in the communities and environmental groups. The City of Raleigh has been approached from several organizations to partner or support this movement. The amendment is the first step to show that we will promote and support these types of pollinator initiatives.

C. **Relevance of the amendment to the Plan's six vision themes**

1. Economic Prosperity and Equity-

The commodities produced with the help of pollinators generate significant income for producers and those who benefit from a productive agricultural community. Amendment will also support relationships and with business startups, local community groups, universities, and private environmental groups for promotion on more sustainable practices and awareness.

2. Expanding Housing Choices

A more robust pollinator population will benefit households that have gardens to support.

3. Managing Our Growth

Provides a land management plan for city properties and responsible planting practices to not only support water consumption but to provide local species to aid in creating natural habitats for pollinators.

4. Coordinating Land Use and Transportation