

Certificate of Resolution

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
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I, the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Rochester, Ulster County, New York,
DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the attached proceedings of the Town Board of the Town of Rochester including the resolution contained therein with the originals thereof on file in this office and that the same is a true and correct copy of the said original as recorded in the minutes held by the Town Board meeting dated April 4, 2023, and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk.

**DECLARING TOWN OF ROCHESTER AS A POLLINATOR PATHWAY
CHAPTER:**

Resolution # 183 -2023:

Motion: Councilwoman Enouen

Second: Councilwoman Smiseth

WHEREAS, Bees and other pollinators are a crucial component of a healthy ecosystem and a vital link in our food system, providing the pollination responsible for over three quarters of the world's plant species, and

WHEREAS, pollinator populations are in sharp decline due to human land use practices that are causing ongoing habitat loss and fragmentation, the expansion of pesticide use by consumers and professionals, and

WHEREAS, guidelines for land management best practice are available which allow residents, businesses, farms, and towns to manage their land in ways that increase pollinator forage and nest sites while decreasing maintenance costs, and

WHEREAS, recent scientific research supports the benefits of restoring and reconnecting isolated areas of habitats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Rochester is hereby declared a Pollinator Pathway Community and that the town tasks the Environmental Conservation Commission with managing the Town of Rochester Pollinator Pathway project to help establish a network of pollinator friendly properties in the Town of Rochester and authorizes

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Rochester will set an example by seeking to adopt the pollinator-friendly practices below:

Plant more native plant species, especially those that provide forage for pollinators;

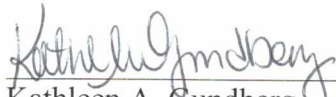
Avoid the use of insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides for aesthetics; and do not plant

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flowering plants treated with systemic insecticides or use seeds coated with systemic neonicotinoids;

Reduce area dedicated to managed turf lawns, converting this area to pollinator friendly plantings when possible; and adopt organic or chemical-free lawn and landscaping practices, including allowing plant stalks, seed heads and fallen leaves and pine needles to remain through fall and winter, when possible, to provide habitat, food for birds, soil nourishment, and to give important protection needed by overwintering pollinators.

Aye: 4 nay: 0 abstain: 0 motion carried
Paddock-absent


Kathleen A. Gundberg
Town Clerk

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