



WATER-WISE AND URBAN NATURE GRANTS

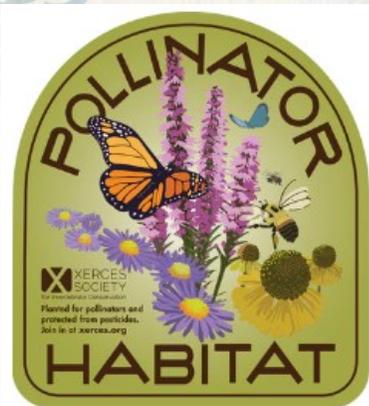
A guide to certifications, educational signage, and local grants to fund and boost the educational aspects of gardens that are water-wise, utilize native or regionally adapted plants, or support pollinators and/or wildlife.

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EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE

- Xeriscape Incentive Program – will receive sign upon receipt of grant
- People & Pollinators Action Network (PPAN) – “Let’s talk about pollinators”
- Blue Spruce “What is Xeriscaping”
- Certified Wildlife Habitat (only for certified)
- Xerces society – plethora of signage and guides
- Custom signage (see Nectary Example)
- Pulse design studio – botanic garden signage – templates & custom



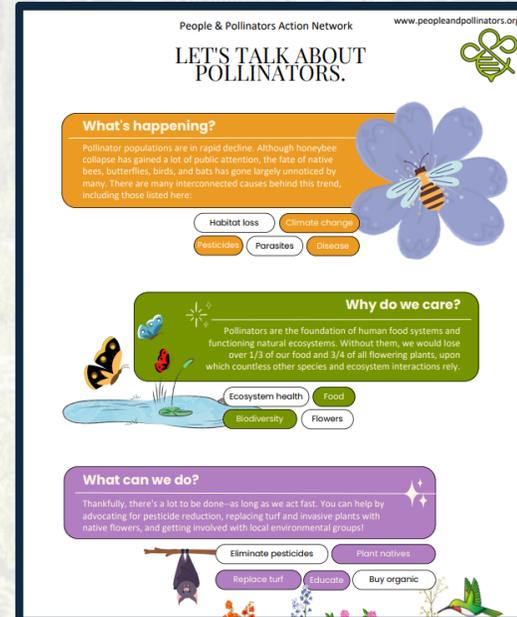
Pollinator Habitat Sign



Leave the Leaves Sign



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CERTIFICATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

CERTIFICATION	ORGANIZATION	FOCUS	COST
Sacred Grounds – for places of worship only	National Wildlife Federation	Native garden/ wildlife habitat	Free certification
Pollinator Protection Pledge + Interactive Map	Xerces Society	Pollinators	Free Pledge
Homegrown National Park – Biodiversity Map	Doug Tallamy’s Homegrown National Park	Biodiversity	Free to add project to map
Certified Wildlife Habitat	National Wildlife Federation	Wildlife, especially birds	\$25 application
Habitat Hero Certification	Audubon Society	Bird & Wildlife Friendly Landscapes	\$30 application

FUNDING

- City of Fort Collins – Xeriscape Incentive Program (XIP) – matching grant
Can reapply each year.
Up to \$1000 for residential or up to \$15,000 for commercial projects.
- Northern Water – Water Efficiency Grants – matching grant
Up to \$25,000 per year.
- City of Fort Collins – Nature in the City – Design Grant
Up to \$8,000. Every other year.
- City of Fort Collins – Nature in the City – Implementation Grant
Due Oct. 20th, 2025. \$5,000-\$60,000 depending on project size
Every other year.
- City of Fort Collins – Commercial Irrigation Parts Rebates
Submit application within 60 days of purchasing parts.
Variable rebates (from \$4 to \$500) for different parts.
- People & Pollinator Action Network: from \$500 to \$2000
2026 grant applications open winter 2025
- Larimer County – Small Grants for Community Partnering Program
Up to \$4,000 – due Oct. 10th, 2025



POTENTIAL FUNDING YEARS

* = matching grant

	XIP*	NIC - Design	NIC - Implementation	Northern Water*	PPAN	Larimer Small	Total
2025	\$18,000	\$8,000					\$26,000
2026	\$15,000		\$60,000	\$25,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$106,000
2027	\$15,000	\$8,000		\$25,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$54,000
							\$186,000

A lush garden scene featuring a variety of flowers. In the foreground, there are clusters of small, bright red flowers. Behind them, several tall, thin stems with yellow flowers and dark brown centers are visible. The background is filled with dense green foliage and more yellow flowers. The overall atmosphere is bright and natural.

THANK YOU,
AND BEST WISHES
ON YOUR PROJECT!

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