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Resolution 11-2021

A Resolution of the Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights, Maryland Designating the Town of Berwyn Heights a BEE CITY USA® Affiliate

WHEREAS, the mission of *BEE CITY USA* is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, responsible for the reproduction of almost 90% of the world's flowering plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free to nearly free of pesticides; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the more than 3,600 species of native bees in the United States, along with introduced honeybees, a very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, and vegetables exists; and

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, poor nutrition, pesticides (including insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides), parasites, diseases, and climate change that disproportionately affect marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local growers; and

WHEREAS, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season to provide diverse and abundant nectar and pollen, since many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted; is free to nearly free of pesticides, as many pesticides can harm pollinators and/or their habitat; comprises undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, unmown fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering; and provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management is a long-term approach to maintaining healthy landscapes and facilities that minimizes risks to people and the environment by identifying and removing the causes of pest problems rather than only attacking the symptoms (the pests); employing pests' natural enemies along with cultural, mechanical, and physical controls when prevention is not enough; and using pesticides only when no other method is feasible or effective; and

WHEREAS, supporting pollinators fosters broad-based community engagement in environmental awareness and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Berwyn Heights should be certified a *BEE CITY USA* community because the Town has a strong environmental ethic and takes its stewardship responsibilities seriously. The Berwyn Heights Public Works Department uses pollinator friendly methods recommended by an adjacent Bee City USA community for managing weeds on public property. Berwyn Heights has an active

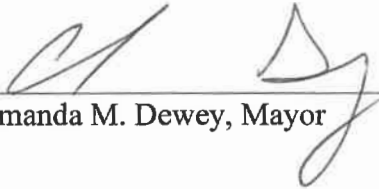
agricultural community including gardeners, beekeepers, and urban farms. In addition, the Town has an active Green Team and has been a Certified Sustainable Maryland Community since 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each person can do to sustain them, the Town of Berwyn Heights chooses to support and encourage healthy pollinator habitat creation and enhancement, resolving as follows:

1. The Public Works Department has been designated as the *BEE CITY USA* sponsor and the Public Works Director as the *BEE CITY USA* Liaison.
2. Facilitation of Town of Berwyn Heights' *BEE CITY USA* program is assigned to the *BEE CITY USA* Sub-Committee of the Green Team.
3. The *BEE CITY USA* Sub-Committee will coordinate its work with the Liaison and is authorized to:
 - a. **Celebrate:** Host at least one educational event or pollinator habitat planting or restoration each year to showcase Berwyn Heights' commitment to raising awareness of pollinator conservation and expanding pollinator health and habitat.
 - b. **Publicize & Share Information:** Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a webpage on the Town of Berwyn Heights website which includes, at minimum a copy of this resolution and links to the national BEE CITY USA website; contact information for the BEE CITY USA Liaison and Sub-Committee; reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished the previous year(s); and the recommended native plant species list and integrated pest management plan.
 - c. **Create Habitat:** Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private land, in a manner consistent with the Ordinances 107 and 134. This includes, but is not limited to, identifying and inventorying Berwyn Heights' real property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings; creating a recommended locally native plant list to include wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees and a list of local suppliers for those species; and, tracking (by square footage and/or acreage) annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced.
 - d. **Review Policy & Plans:**
 - i. Review the Town's pesticide management policies and practices as they relate to pollinator conservation and consider appropriate measures.
 - ii. Establish, through the Town of Berwyn Heights, a policy in the Green Team's Action Plan to acknowledge and commit to the *BEE CITY USA* designation and review the Green Team's Action Plan and other relevant documents to consider improvements to pest management policies and practices as they relate to pollinator conservation, identify appropriate locations for pollinator-friendly plantings, and consider other appropriate measures.
 - e. **Renew Certification:** After completing the first calendar year as a *BEE CITY USA* affiliate, each February, apply for renewal of Berwyn Heights' *BEE CITY USA* designation following the format provided by *BEE CITY USA*, including a report of the previous year's *BEE CITY USA* activities, and paying the renewal fee based on Berwyn Heights' population.

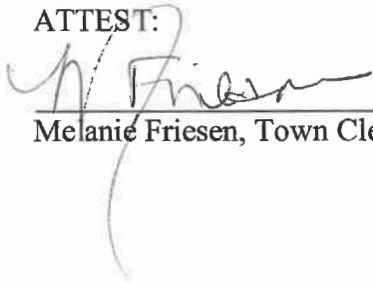
ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights, this 10 day of November, 2021, with immediate effect.

Resolved by the Mayor and Town Council



Amanda M. Dewey, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melanie Friesen, Town Clerk