

LEAD for Pollinators Accomplishments during 2020

Virtual Conference presented: *(one of first beekeeping entities to present a virtual educational / advocacy program)*

- **Becoming 21st Century Leaders: Women in Beekeeping and Agriculture**
Organized a two-day virtual conference in our inaugural year, featuring 24 speakers and 34 topics, serving an audience in 17 states and Canada.

Presentations provided:

1. Jan. 19, 2020 Trumbull County Beekeepers
2. Feb. 13, 2020- Beekeepers of Middle Tennessee
3. March 30, 2020- Miller South School- 6-7th grade science students
4. April 20, 2020- Calif. Master Beekeepers
5. May 9, 2020- DAR, Dayton, OH
6. May 13, 2020-Interview on Fox 45-My TV Dayton
7. June 9, 2020- Wake County Beekeepers, North Carolina
8. July 13, 2020- Blount County Beekeepers, Tennessee

Policy Actions Taken:

1. LEAD for Pollinators submitted a Comment letter to EPA concerning Neonicotinoids -May 2020
2. Signed on to Beyond Pesticides EPA Neonic Comment letter
3. Created virtual Earth Day poster participating in Rainforest Action Network virtual march
4. Signed onto letter to Environmental Protection Agency to rescind or replace its policy allowing companies to stop reporting how much they pollute under the guise of COVID-19 with the Natural Resources Defense Council
5. Signed onto the Food and Water Watch/ Friends of the Earth comment letter to Treasury Secretary to direct Title IV funds towards helping small and mid-sized family farmers stay on their land.
6. Signed onto the Coming Clean, Inc. comment letter to EPA about the indiscriminate advance waiver of enforcement and penalties for essential health and safety requirements at tens of thousands of polluting and hazardous facilities which will unnecessarily endanger workers and the

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public, without any application, disclosure, or other oversight required by facilities or the agency.

7. Took action in Massachusetts concerning mosquito spraying and worked to encourage a revision to H.4650, coordinated through MassNOFA coalition (of which LEAD for Pollinators is part of the coalition).
8. Work on Akron, OH Beekeeping and Urban Agriculture ordinances.

Consulting Services:

- Compiled and wrote the Fiscal Officer Manual for a Council of Governments



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