



LEAD for Pollinators

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LEAD for Pollinators Accomplishments- 2023

Coalition / Network Partnerships

1. **MassQuito Coalition-** Drafted legislation, secured sponsors, and submitted legislation to implement Task Force recommendations to modernize the state mosquito control program.
2. **Save White Pond-** filed legal action to stop the destruction of the wetlands; joined group with a larger local coalition.
3. **Akron Environmental Justice Coalition-** held a candidates' forum on the environment for City Council and Mayor candidates Spring 2023. Held six public listening sessions across community gathering citizen input on the environment. Held Riparian Set-back City proposed ordinance public meeting. Drafted eight "asks" of the new Mayor concerning the environment; met with and presented the "asks" to the Mayor-elect. Seek names of experts to serve on the Green Ribbon Sustainability Office Committee and submitted said names to the Mayor-elect.

Presentations provided to stakeholder groups:

Rolla Bee Club, Missouri, Feb. 16, 2023

Presentations for Save White Pond group: March 11, 18, and 25, 2023

Renaissance Senior Community- Nature Club, March 22, 2023

Community Life Collaborative Native Plants and Pollinator event, May 20, 2023

Haven of Rest Men's Garden group April 13, 2023

Middle Tennessee Beekeepers Assn., April 13, 2023

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, April 23, 2023

Western Apiculture Society Mini-Conference, May 17, 2023

Pollinator Palooza, June 24, 2023

Tennessee Beekeepers Assn. Conference, Oct. 6, 2023

Community Life Collaborative program- planting for pollinators, Aug. 12, 2023

Heartland Creation Care & Justice Retreat, Oct. 14, 2023

Legislative presentations / testimony written/provided virtually or in person

- Nov. 6, 2023--Re: City of Akron, Ohio Title 15 Land Usage, Chapter 155 Riparian Setbacks legislation
- Jan. 9, 2023 Akron City Council public comment-Listen to neighbors concerning White Pond wetlands
- 2-24-2023- Akron City Council public comment-A double-standard to "no trespassing" posted signs at White Pond
- 2-27-23 Akron City Council public comment- Renewal of Agricultural District for local farmers
- 3-27-23 Akron City Council Comment letter- Support Akron joining Power A Clean Future Ohio group
- May 10, 2023 MASSQUITO Coalition -LEAD public testimony for Coalition and our legislation

Publications / Interviews

Sound of Ideas interview about Akron Environmental Justice Coalition

9-21-23 (Coalition interview begins 25 minutes into the Sound of Ideas Program)

<https://www.ideastream.org/show/sound-of-ideas/2023-09-21/inamori-ethics-prize-winner-for-2023-personifies-the-dangers-journalists-face-exposing-the-truth>

ABF Quarterly magazine and E-Buzz

<https://abfnet.org/quarterly-magazine/>

<https://abfnet.org/abf-e-buzz-newsletter/>

Consulting Services:

- Set-up national elder advocacy nonprofit's donor and member CRM (database); create operations manual
- Plan and coordinate a National Strategy Retreat of 25 national/regional nonprofits
- We continue to provide project management services for a beekeeping product development; now refining the prototype

Fiscally sponsored by LEAD for Pollinators

- Bee Collective
- <https://www.beethecollective.com/>
- Save White Pond
- Bee Heroic Project

Recorded webinars opened for free viewing on You Tube

1. First Five Years of Your Pollinator Habitat <https://youtu.be/yGyoKx7z52k>
2. When You Can't Control the Weather: Managing Your Stress On the Farm <https://youtu.be/frTfmhRXpel>
3. Pesticides & Beekeeping <https://youtu.be/bfXV-xM5gjo>
4. Habitat Needs of Native Pollinators <https://youtu.be/mhAoPsBZD8A>
5. Noxious Weed ordinances: Plant the Seed to Eradicate These <https://youtu.be/Xw0eASw7vKo>
6. Assessing the Risks for Beekeepers, Farmers, and Member Associations <https://youtu.be/Hva1IApBY0M>
7. Boost Your Volunteer Program By Structuring It for Growth https://youtu.be/BZz6SOJ9_8Q
8. Master Pollinator Stewardship Program <https://youtu.be/jxUjTvn1co>
9. Value of Pollinator Habitat to Urban and CSA Farms <https://youtu.be/B5O9pyLJ1pM>
10. Transforming A Grassy Yard to Pollinator Habitat <https://youtu.be/DKJssFMGTRw>
11. Trees for Bees <https://youtu.be/Htclk5w5jUs>
12. Pollinator Habitat Along Highways <https://youtu.be/gLE8Founu54>

Policy Actions Taken:

1. Feb. 2023- sign on letter with American Bird Conservancy, a Petition asking EPA OPP to amend its regulation so it will apply to future registrations (and re-registrations) of all neonicotinoids and other systemic insecticides in order to require careful analysis showing the benefits of the proposed products actually exceed their costs, including to society and to the environment.
2. 3-6-23 Signed onto letter with Beyond Pesticides --
3. Tell EPA to strengthen pesticide rules to protect farmworkers. Tell President Biden to sign the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
4. 3-15-23 signed onto letter with PEER- EPA Review of LCPFAC SNUN's submitted by Enhance Technologies (i.e. PFAS)
5. March 29, 2023- Monarch Federal Funding Letter with Center for Biological Diversity
6. April 2023- FY2024 Funding Request for the U.S. Forest Service International Program and Monarch Butterfly Conservation with Center for Biological Diversity
7. 4-10-23- sign on letter with OEFFA, Farmers say: Act on climate in the Farm Bill
8. 4-18-23 Letter Sign On with Ctr for Biological Diversity - Opposition to inclusion of FIFRA Locality Preemption in the Farm Bill.
9. 4-26-23 LEAD signed on with this Friends of the Earth letter--Restoring the National Pesticide Use Database
10. 5-19-23 sign onto letter to EPA with Earth Justice, Opposing approval of PFAS from plastic fluorination process
11. June 2023 Pesticide Coalition Sign-on Letter and Endorsement form, with NOFA- MASS

12. July 14, 2023- Signed onto letter with Beyond Pesticides, Memorandum Supporting the Proposed Registration Decision to Approve the First Outdoor Food Uses on Wheat, Triticale, Barley, and Oats for Chlormequat Chloride.
13. 7-18-23 Center for biological diversity sign on letter LEAD signed on
14. Oppose Harmful Rollbacks to Pesticide Protections in the FY2024 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Legislation
15. 8-2-23-Supporting the EPA's Vulnerable Species Pilot Project sign on letter with Center for Biological Diversity
16. 8-28-23-Sign on letter with Center for Biological Diversity--FIFRA Preemption Letter
17. 9-6-23 Sign On with Beyond Pesticides - FIFRA Preemption Letter
18. 10-16-23-Sign-on letter: Opposition to Factory Farm Gas Funding and Practices in the Inflation Reduction Act
19. 10-30-23 signed on to Beyond Pesticides letter, Tell EPA Not To Register Genetically Engineered Pesticide Without Complete Data