

Bee/Pollinator Ministry Update- Basic Outline

The purpose of the Ministry; Serving God by serving bees and pollinators.

Providing areas for bees/pollinators, to educate, and to be an example so others can do similar projects.

Others can participate: Eagle Scout, school or individual projects on site. Bird houses etc.

Communication- with Council, Congregation, Endowment, and Ministry members.

Education- in person communication, on site visits, and on-line sites- information sent out to CtK.

Ohio Prairie Nursery- In contact with, to continue provide guidance, help, and seeds.

Soil samples taken- Thanks Jake!

Phase 1, 2020- NE corner of CtK property. Approximately 16-17,000 square feet.

Area will have 4-6 mower widths of grass around, provides border, like a very large garden!

Area will be plowed and disked. Rich Bissel to do work. He planted soybeans in 1966 here!

Possibly will need to till and probably add fertilizer.

Will plant this September, mainly flower seeds, but only varieties of native plants. To bloom spring to fall, different colors.

Education Garden- front circle, with plants signage. Possibly flower signage at Phase 1 area too.

Signage about: Bee/Pollinator Habitat in Progress, funding from CtK Endowment, (Bissel history?)

Like a seeded lawn or a farmer's field, area will not have the final look for a while.

Ministry members to help- signage, Education Garden, site prep and planting.

See how area does in 2021. Make adjustments as needed for this and next areas.

Recently brought up- need to keep some lawn areas for outside activities!

Still trying to get various milkweed plants. Interplant in area(?), or plant in specific designated areas.

Thankful; for the support of Council, the Congregation, Endowment, and all members of this ministry.

Recent suggestion- Possibly blog on CtK site, Zoom question and answer, attachments to CtK web site!

Will try to do them!

Frustrations- Covid 19- could not meet at church, do not know what you do not know, (learning curve,) cannot plant until fall, Endowment Grant end of May. (No complaints about Endowment, just had to wait some time for Grant so could then move forward! Thank you!!!)

Please see more comprehensive narrative for more detailed information! Contact me if desired! Bob