

RESOLUTION OF THE MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

Reason for looking into the issue

Executive Order 19-28: Restoring Healthy, Diverse Pollinator Populations that Sustain and Enhance Minnesota's Environment, Economy, and Way of Life directs the Environmental Quality Board (EQB or Board) to:

1. Convene agency leadership to implement the executive order;
2. Convene the Interagency Pollinator Protection Team to provide operational support, ensure interagency coordination, develop cross-agency policies and programs, and report on progress toward statewide goals in a report to the Board by December 1 of each year; and
3. Establish a public engagement process, consistent with the vision for One Minnesota, to ensure public participation in pollinator policy and program development and build cross-sector partnerships.

The fiscal year 2021-2022 EQB work plan directs interagency pollinator protection and public engagement efforts, with the desired long-term outcomes of increased public awareness and implementation of efforts to address pollinator stressors.

What was done

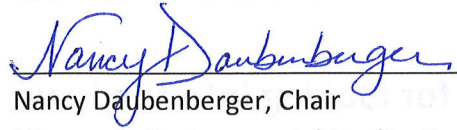
- The EQB convened the Interagency Pollinator Protection Team (IPPT). The IPPT held monthly meetings and ad-hoc meetings to discuss inter-agency coordination, develop a Pollinator Action Framework draft and the 2022 Minnesota State Agency Pollinator Report.
- The IPPT implemented a public engagement process to invite public input into the Pollinator Action Framework. The process included a direct approach to connect with external subject-matter experts and a broad approach with the use of an engagement website to capture ideas from the general public. This public input was considered in the draft Pollinator Action Framework.

The Board resolves to:

- Approve the 2022 Minnesota State Agency Pollinator Report, to be released by December 1, 2022.
- Support cross-agency collaboration to finalize the development of the Pollinator Action Framework by the summer of 2023.

- Support cross-agency collaboration to continue strategic work to protect pollinators and advance public engagement efforts.
- Convene future meetings to monitor progress and invite public input.

The Board approves and adopts the 2022 Minnesota State Agency Pollinator Report on November 16, 2022.



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