***Pollinator***

***Pocket Gardens***

***Project***



**Macomb Beautiful is excited to announce a new reimbursement**

**program to help establish a Pollinator Corridor in Macomb**

Our group’s beautification focus has widened as we learned more about the relationship between pollinators/insects and native plants.

Food sources for these pollinators are rapidly dwindling.

The goal is to establish a pollinator corridor in Macomb so insects and butterflies can easily move through our community to feed on plants they need.

Through the generosity of an MBA benefactor, we are offering our Macomb residents the opportunity and guidance to plant their own “Pollinator Pocket” garden.

**MBA will reimburse Macomb residents half the cost up to $50 towards the purchase of pollinator friendly plants.**

**How Should I Plan?**

Pollinator pockets cover 24 square feet of inground garden. You can plant one or several gardens to achieve this approximate size.

Gardens can be at the front, back or side of your home.

According to city code these gardens may not be located on the city right of way that runs between the sidewalk and the street. Accordingly, these gardens may not include entire front or back yards.

The garden will require a border such as mulch, edging, stones, etc.

Refer to the U of I Extension brochure at [https://go.illinois.edu/PollinatorPocket](https://extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/pollinator-pockets)/

and other resources for plant guidance and keep your receipts.

**Final Steps**

After planting your garden(s), a member of Macomb Beautiful will arrange a garden tour with you to confirm that the requirements are met. You will then receive a reimbursement check.

After meeting the criteria, your garden will be recognized with a sign as an official Pollinator Pocket Garden by the U of I Extension and by Macomb Beautiful to commend your efforts to make Macomb a pollinator friendly community.