

Power-in-Pollinators Initiative 2019 Power Companies Working Together to Support Pollinators

Bees, bats, butterflies, and birds provide critical pollination services to ensure that our food production is robust and abundant. In fact, one in every three bites of food that humans eat depends on healthy pollinators. Further, many ecological webs are connected to the health of pollinator species, such as healthy vegetative communities that stabilize soil, support water filtration, and produce seeds for other wildlife. The serious declines in pollinator populations are causing global alarm for financial, health, and cultural reasons.

Electric power companies are concerned about pollinators. Through management of large real estate assets, there is potential to enhance habitat through well-designed, ecologically meaningful, and cost-effective actions. Looking beyond individual company fence lines, there is an opportunity for electric utilities to work together on joint research and conservation efforts that can result in greater measurable benefits than working alone.

In late 2017, the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) created a collaborative initiative to accelerate the pace, scale, and effectiveness of electric power companies' pollinator projects. This effort is now the largest collaboration in North America designed specifically to support power companies and pollinators. EPRI's Power-in-Pollinator Initiative enables the participating companies to review the state of pollinator science, discuss corporate efforts, and identify high-value actions and collaborations.

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