

CITY OF PINE LAKE
STATE OF GEORGIA

RESOLUTION NO. R-07 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PINE LAKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BEE CITY USA PROGRAM; TO FURTHER THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT OF THE CITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the mission of BEE CITY USA is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, responsible for the reproduction of 90 percent of the world's wild plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free to nearly free of pesticides; and

WHEREAS, due in part to the tremendous diversity of wild native bees, along with the honey bees that were brought to the United States from Europe in the 1700's, we have very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, vegetables and even dairy products—one in every three bites of food we eat is courtesy of insect pollination; and

WHEREAS, pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local nurseries and growers; and

WHEREAS, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat:

Provides diverse and abundant nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession throughout the growing season;

Provides water for drinking, nest-building, cooling, diluting stored honey, and butterfly puddling;

Provides undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, un-mowed fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering for wild pollinators;

Is pesticide-free or has pesticide use carried out with the least ill effects on pollinators;

Is comprised of mostly, if not all, native species of annual and perennial forbs, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees in landscapes because many wild pollinators prefer to depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted;

Includes, where possible, designated pollinator zones in public spaces with signage to educate the public and build awareness; and

Provides for safe and humane removal of honey bees when required.

WHEREAS, supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases interactions among community stewards, backyard beekeepers, farmers, children, educators, Master Gardeners, local businesses, faith-based organizations and nature related organizations; and

WHEREAS, in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, the

City of Pine Lake wishes to support and encourage pollinator habitat creation and enhancement on both public and private land; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pine Lake seeks to become certified as a BEE CITY USA community because:

The city upholds its natural spaces and is committed to protecting healthy water, thriving wetlands and forest spaces;

We value creating and maintaining healthy habitats for local wildlife.

We work to be a beacon of sustainability for the State of Georgia throughout empowering our beekeepers, gardeners, urban farmers, children's nature schools and programs, and visitors to learn about and enjoy our natural habitats.

Our city is recognized for its environmental stewardship.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Pine Lake:

Section 1. The Mayor and Council of the City of Pine Lake hereby seeks designation as a BEE CITY USA.

Section 2. The Mayor shall designate a Council Member to serve as the BEE CITY USA liaison and shall appoint a citizens' committee to study and develop recommendations for the City to enhance its environmental stewardship as it relates to bee habitat and preservation.

Section 3. The citizens' committee shall also perform the following duties:

- a. Celebration: Annually celebrate National Pollinator Week (third full week of June) or some other appropriate occasion with educational events, pollinator habitat plantings or restoration, or promotions that showcase the City's commitment to enhancing pollinator health and habitat.
- b. Recommendations: Recommend to the Mayor and Council a policy to be incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Plan at the next scheduled update interval acknowledging and committing the City to the BEE CITY USA designation.
- c. Habitat: Develop and recommend for Council approval a program designed to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat, which can include, but is not limited to:
 1. Identification and inventory of real property within the City that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings.
 2. Create a recommended local native species list to include forbs, grasses, shrubs, and trees and a list of local suppliers for those species.
 3. Create a least toxic integrated pesticide management plan.
 4. Disseminate informational and educational materials to the public.
 5. Track annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced by square footage and/or acreage.
- d. Plan review: Review the Bee City Plan and other relevant documents for pesticide management policies and practices as they relate to pollinator conservation, identify appropriate locations for pollinator friendly plantings, and consider other appropriate measures for recommendation to the Mayor and Council.

Section 4. The Mayor and Council shall:

- a. Publicity and information: Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA Street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a website link on the City's website to the BEE CITY USA website, including a copy of this resolution and provide contact information for the City's BEE CITY USA liaison, contact information for the citizens' committee, and copies of reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished the previous year.
- b. Proclamations: Issue periodic proclamations regarding National Pollinator Week and other events of community interest that support pollinator-friendly activities within the community.
- c. Plan review: Review recommendations received from the citizens' committee for amendments to City planning documents and policies.
- d. Renewal: After completing the first full year as a BEE CITY USA affiliate, consider reapplication for successive years, including reports of the previous year's BEE CITY USA activities.

So **RESOLVED**, this 14th day of May, 2018.

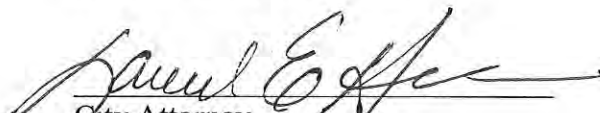
CITY OF PINE LAKE


MELANIE HAMMET, MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney