

Voluntary Standard for Foraging-Friendly Energy Generation Site Management

Agricultural leaders, solar developers, and conservation advocates seek a common standard – recognized by the State and its departments – regarding what seeding and land management practices meet a threshold for making claims of providing benefits to pollinators and birds.



Economic Development

Seed growers and landscape service companies throughout the region are available to hire workers to serve demand from growing native ground cover on solar sites.

Foraging Habitat for Honeybees and Monarchs as well as Song and Game Birds

Monarchs and honeybee populations are in crisis – loss of habitat is one of the most significant factors. A single 10-acre solar site is equivalent to more than 5,000 6-foot by 12-foot backyard pollinator gardens. More than 300 song and game bird species are threatened due to changes in habitat and seasonal conditions.

Improved Storm Water Management and Soil

Compared to gravel or turf-grass, long-rooted native plants filter and channel stormwater directly to the aquifer while improving soil organics and help prevent area nitrates and phosphorous from reaching waterways.

Before



After

