

Pollinators need our help!

Pollination is the transfer of pollen between flowers. This gives us fruit, seeds and vegetables. Birds, bats, small animals, and insects act as pollinators. You can thank a pollinator for about one in every three bites you take!

There are many best practices you can try at home to establish your own pollinator garden. From planting the best plants to creating an environment where pollinators can thrive, you can follow the practices below to easily contribute to the ecosystem:

- 1. Use native plants** since they are adapted to local climate and soils, and local pollinators are adapted to them.
- 2. Plant a variety of flowers** to bloom continually from early spring to early fall.
- 3. Provide various flower shapes** and colors since different pollinators are attracted to different types of flowers.
- 4. Avoid using pesticides** when possible. If you want butterflies, you need caterpillars (and the nibbled leaves that go with them)!

The Pollinator Garden at Short Pump Park

3329 Pump Road
Henrico, VA 23233

Armour House Butterfly Garden

4001 Clarendon Road
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Demonstration Gardens



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Henrico Master Gardeners designed, installed and maintain two demonstration gardens – one in Short Pump Park in the west end and one at Armour House in Meadowview Park in the east end of Henrico County.

The gardens feature blooms from spring through fall. We offer educational programs throughout the year. Both gardens welcome a variety of pollinators, and enjoy enthusiastic support from the public.



Armour House Butterfly Garden ...

- Established in 2012
- 2,500 square feet
- Story Walk around the garden perimeter
- “Become a Butterfly” Playhouse
- Bluebird box
- Butterfly evolution signage
- National certification



Short Pump Park Pollinator Garden ...

- Established in 2017
- 2,000 square feet
- Approx. 50 species of plants
- 80% are native VA plants
- All plants are host and/or nectar plants for pollinators
- Solitary cavity-nesting bee box
- Bluebird box
- Interpretive signage
- Little Library
- Five national certifications

