

Warrington township Administration office  
852 Easton Rd, Warrington, PA 18976

Dear Warrington township Administrator:

Did you know that every 3<sup>rd</sup> bite of food you take was given to you by bees and pollinators? I believe that every bucks county resident should have gardens and solitary bee homes as it is easy to keep solitary bees, gardens are both ornamental and beneficial in multiple ways, and gardens provide a food source for bees and pollinators!

For years now the news and popular media have been stressing that bees have been mysteriously declining in the past decade, yet giving no information about how to help the pollinators! Well that changes, NOW. The easiest way to help pollinators is to give them a place to set up shop. when you think of keeping bees you may think of opening a huge hive with thousands of bees in it, yet there is a simpler way than this. "There are more than 3000 species of bees in the U.S alone, while some are doing fairly well, others are declining readily" this conveys that while you may think of Honeybees when debating over integrating bees into your life, there is more than 3000 other species of solitary bees that can be kept for under \$15! "Garden centers sell cute looking wooden bee homes" in other words it is easy to integrate solitary bees as they also require no care as they will find the home on their own and use it while pollinating in the process! I believe that most if not all bucks county residents should integrate solitary bee friendly homes into their yards. If you still are still not swayed on solitary bees there is a prettier option, Gardens!

Gardens are both nice looking and beneficial to pollinators, and I believe most bucks county residences should have a garden, weather flower or fruit or vegetable, it is still a garden. "A garden doesn't need to be a mess of wild flowers to seduce bees... can be as neat and stylish as you like!" this shows that you don't need to follow certain guidelines in order to make a pollinator friendly garden, however there are some plants you can get which will really attract pollinators: "bees love the orange flowers of the California poppy which light up the garden and bloom for months" this shows that some easy to grow flowers and plants that will look great in your garden, are low cost, and help bees and pollinators along the way! "The main reason for these wonderful gardens is the plight of the honeybee, which like several of our 250-bee species is in danger of extinction" this explains that several of the 250 main species of bees that man depends on for food are in serious danger, and this is mostly because of malnutrition, so planting diverse gardens in bucks county will help the bees and pollinators in bucks get all the nutrients they need from the many flowers in the varied and good looking gardens the residents! Plus, gardens provide a food source for bees!

Gardens are essential to pollinator conservation; they provide a valuable food source for pollinators as available land for wildflower growth continues to shrink as more residential properties are built over clearings where wildflowers can flourish Pollinators like many attractive plants that are good decoration in any garden! "in general bees like plants in the rose family... the daisy family and herbs with small flowers" this shows that bees like many attractive plants for gardens, such as the rose family, which includes roses, almonds, apples, and a few other fruit trees, and daisies, which include oxeye daisies, asters (a huge family of perennial plants with varying heights and very attractive flowers) and herbs with tiny flowers, which have attractive foliage and flowers which pollinators enjoy, and some even are edible and taste good with some dishes! "Plant in drifts, rather than singly, this make it easier for them to find these nectar bars" this conveys that gardens should be planted in drifts to maximize pollinators making use of your garden as a food source! Gardens should be planted in order to give bucks county's valuable pollinators a pit stop to grab a drink of nectar!

I understand that Warrington township may think that this task will take up too much space and money because gardens take up a lot of space and bees can be costly while I see their

point this does not take into consideration that the bees and pollinators supply humanity with a good amount of its food supply therefore in the end it is worth any amount of money to protect our food supply which is the basis of our survival therefore it is worth it to supply bees and other pollinators with homes and gardens!

In conclusion, I believe that bucks county residences should be required to harbor gardens and solitary bee homes because solitary bees help pollinate and are easy to keep, gardens are both pretty and beneficial to pollinators, and gardens are a food source for bees and pollinators! I believe this is a good investment for bucks county! Let's let our pollinators thrive!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christian Fetzner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'C' and 'F'.

Christian Fetzner