

MetroWest PSA Committee:
Pollination System Garden Eligibility Checklist

The following document should be used to determine eligibility for gardens and meadows to be added to the list of gardens recognized by the MetroWest Pollination Systems Action (PSA) Committee as exemplary demonstration pollination system gardens/meadows. Eligible gardens/meadows will be added to the list on the “Pollination System Gardens” StoryMap on the MetroWest PSA webpage.

All gardens/meadows must allow public access, so no private or home gardens will be considered. We understand that meadows may require alternative assessment of eligibility and will assess eligibility on a meadow-by-meadow basis.

Please use the [Gegear Lab’s plant list](#) (“plant_list_with_butterfly_2023.pdf”) to answer the questions below. Note: Within the MCA service area, please disregard the bombus terricola column on the list as this species does not occur in the SuAsCo area.

Please direct any questions to the MCA Coordinator, Mike Perrin (mperrin@svtweb.org). We welcome feedback on this checklist.

Garden Element	Y/N/?	Notes (if applicable)
1. Is this garden publicly accessible?		
2. 100% of species planted are native to the New England ecoregions. No planted cultivars.		
3. Minimum 80% garden coverage with Gegear Lab recommended plants.		
4. Minimum 2 nectar plants recommended by Gegear Lab in bloom from March - October. <i>See Gegear Lab’s plant list for a timetable. Please write the species names for each month in the ‘notes’ column.</i>		March: April: May: June: July: Aug: Sept: Oct:
5. Minimum 1 pollen plant recommended by Gegear Lab in bloom from March - September. <i>See Gegear Lab’s plant list for a timetable. Please write the species names for each month in the ‘notes’ column.</i>		March: April: May: June: July: Aug: Sept:
6. Bare ground available for ground nesting bees. Does not use commercial mulch, instead use leaves, wood chips, or hay.		

7. Minimum 50% of stems are left throughout the winter until late May the following season. Or, if a meadow, no/minimal mowing until the following spring.		
8. Plants are labeled in the garden with both common and scientific names. Not applicable for meadows.		
9. Insecticides are not used.		
10. Volunteers/Garden managers are committed to maintaining the garden for no less than 3 years.		

Other Notes: