

Native Pollinator Planting Opportunities for Your Farmland



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Association

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about pollinator
habitat restoration.

Habitat in Iowa

By transitioning marginal, low-producing soybean acres into soil-building pollinator habitat, this program helps expand habitat for the rusty-patched bumble bee and monarch butterfly.



Photo courtesy of Syngenta.

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This program ideally covers low return on investment (ROI) ground to reduce profit loss while improving environmental impacts, at zero cost to participants.

Why following soybeans?

Weed control:

Herbicide application during soybean production reduces weed competition.

Nitrogen from legumes:

Soybeans fix nitrogen in the soil, which helps the pollinator mix grow and establish quickly!

Good seedbed:

Soybean stubble is an ideal seedbed, ensuring good seed-to-soil contact and a quick germination.



Additional landowner benefits include:



BUILDS SOIL ORGANIC MATTER



INCREASES WATER HOLDING CAPACITY



ESTABLISHES POLLINATOR HABITAT



ENHANCES EROSION CONTROL



GROWS WILDLIFE HABITAT

Covering costs

With help from private funding sources, Iowa Soybean Association (ISA) will cover the cost of seed and planting.



Landowner and farmer requirements



Maintenance: for the first 3 years, mow 2-3 times per year



1 acre minimum



Cannot stack with USDA-NRCS programs



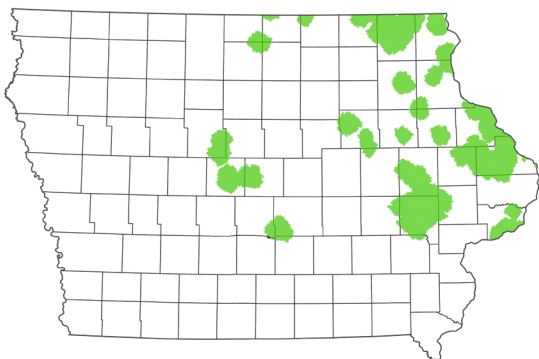
10 year participation reaps the most soil and environmental benefits



Pollinator habitat seeding can follow corn or soybeans

Rusty-patched bumble bee

Listed as an endangered species in 2017, the rusty-patched bumble bee has historic habitat across the state. This map shows reported sightings as of 2023.



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