

IL Pollinator Workshop – hosted by Pheasants Forever

Friday, January 17, 2014 - Par-A-Dice Hotel, East Peoria

Please RSVP at mplummer@pheasantsforever.org so we can plan for space and break

Agenda

- 1pm Welcome, housekeeping, scan of agenda and objectives
- 1:10 Pollinators: why they're important, other species impacts, solutions to population declines, designing high value habitat mixes and changing landscapes - Pete Berthelson, Director of Habitat Partnerships for Pheasants Forever
- 2:00 Spotlight on Pumpkin Production in Illinois – John Ackerman, Ackerman Farms
- 2:10 CP42 Pollinator Habitat Practice Update – Brandon Beltz, Farm Bill Biologist for PF
- 2:15 Pollinators and the Peoples Garden – Ellen Starr, Biologist for NRCS
- 2:30 BREAK – Coffee and cookies
- 2:45 Facilitated small group discussions centered around engagement and promotion of pollinator habitat. Actual topics will be determined based on where participants have energy. Potential topics include:
 - Engaging the public at large (youth groups, garden clubs, etc)
 - Working with private landowners (farmers, producers)
 - Working with conservation landowners (IDNR, land trusts, etc)
 - Training for wildlife professionals and partners
- 3:30 Large group reassembles
 - Spotlight best ideas from small groups
 - Identify follow up items and time line
- 4:00 Wrap up and dismiss

Participants should feel welcome to stay for the Friday Night Kick-off Social to the Illinois Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever State Meeting, being held on site and beginning following the workshop. If you are interested in finding out more about the IL State Meeting beginning on Saturday, please contact Melissa at mplummer@pheasantsforever.org or 217-720-8074.

QUESTIONS???

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