

# Treeways

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## Bee Pastures

So you have decided that this is the year for you to make a difference in your world.

You are going to help save your bees and your food supply.

You are going to create a bee pasture.

### **Great, how do I do this?**

Reduce or eliminate your use of pesticides especially insecticides and most especially neonicotinoid insecticides.

Reduce the square footage of your lawn to the area needed for family and friend activities plus just a little more for beauty, pathways, landscape framing.

Increase your traditional flower gardens with transitions to a diverse palate of native flowers and achieve the difficult and desired result of continuous flowering throughout the growing season.

### **How about these benefits?**

Look at and enjoy the increased insect life – butterflies and bees -- in your yard.

Learn to not fear bees and wasps and butterflies and beetles. Remember most insects are our friends and we do need them, even the ugly ones. Many wasps are insect predators.

Enjoy the increased floral diversity and flowering transitions occurring in your gardens.

Enjoy better fruit and berry crops from your trees and bushes.

**Now pat yourself on the back and jump for joy for doing your part in making the world a better, more sustainable, and healthier place to live.**

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