

Rhode Island Pollinator Working Group
SUMMARY of Preliminary Recommendations

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	Regulatory	Programmatic	Knowledge Gaps	Public Education
current funds from the pesticide registration should be used to strengthen regulation of pesticide, oversight of beekeepers, and fill research needs	X			
strengthen state beekeeper advisory board		X		
register more private beekeepers		X		X
better mapping of hives around the state			X	
better monitoring of hives for pests		X	X	
ID emerging problems earlier		X	X	
encourage better hive hygiene		X		X
distribute genetically superior queens		X		X
more information on imports into RI and treatments of hives		X	X	
improve pest control				
promote BMPs for pesticide application		X		X
encourage integrated pest management	X	X		X
reduce misuse of pesticides		X		X
connect vector control programs (mosquitos, ticks) to pollinator protection	X	X		X
review/strengthen RI's 30 year old pesticide regulations to modernize program	X	X		
improve bee habitat				
develop source for affordable pollinator seed mix reflecting RI habitats		X		X
promote BMPs for management of potential important pollinator habitat		X		X
work with DOT to include pollinator BMPs in projects throughout RI		X		
work with Farm Bureau, NRCS, others to promote BMPs on farms				X
require state project devote some % of their landscaping to pollinator habitat	X	X		
fill knowledge gaps				
gather research on sub-lethal effects of pesticides			X	
gather research on synergistic effects of "stacked" pesticides			X	
new ways to use existing products to minimize effects on bees			X	
map extent, condition, and trends of pollinator habitats in RI			X	X
document pollinator species diversity, viability, and trends in RI			X	X
increase public engagement				
bring farming back into K-12 curriculum to cover BMPs for habitats, pollinators, pesticides				X
encourage schools to have hives				X
support education in suburban/urban communities about pollinators and pollinator habitats				X
invest in media messaging (advertising, public affairs shows) to raise awareness				X
develop citizen science components for pollinator monitoring			X	X