



Bee Friendly PA Program Application

The Pennsylvania State Beekeeping Association (PSBA) invites your municipality to be recognized as a **Bee Friendly PA Community**. This initiative will recognize municipalities in the commonwealth that are using best practices that encourage beekeeping as well as a hospitable habitat for bees in the community. PSBA will consider applications as they are submitted and recognize municipalities for their efforts in promoting bee health and beekeeping in their communities.

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. **Legislation** – examples of legislation based on PSBA’s best management practices and reasonable or no-cost permits, roadway management that allows growth of native plants. Resolutions supporting beekeeping and pollinator best practices are also considered.
2. **Education** – examples of programs being offered in the local school district, at public libraries or in the community re: beekeeping, pollinators, etc.
3. **Pest Management** – review municipal practices used in weed and pest management applications. Consideration will be given to chemical formulas that are pollinator-friendly (please attach MSDS sheets with application)
4. **Pollinator-friendly Green Space** – examples of parks, traffic islands and roadways where native plants are encouraged or maintained and wastewater solutions that encourage plant growth and green infrastructure that provides bees access to water
5. **Community Support** – Examples of the promotion of local honey in restaurants, hosting community apiaries or beekeeping clubs, etc.

In order to generate awareness and enthusiasm behind the initiative, towns will be recognized in two categories. Towns with a minimum of 65 points will be recognized as a PSBA Bee Friendly Community Honoree and will be given permission to note this honor on their community website and materials.. Communities with a minimum of 80 points will be recognized as a Bee Friendly PA Community and will be recognized at a town council meeting by an officer or representative of PSBA and awarded the Bee Friendly PA sign to display.

For more information, contact the PSBA Bee Friendly PA chair:

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Contact Name: _____

Title: _____

Community Name: _____

County: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

CATEGORIES: Each category is worth 20 possible points for a possible 100 point total. Information must be provided for all categories. Please provide details in the space provided as well as any necessary attachments to support how your community meets the following criteria.

1) Legislation – *Examples include legislation based on PSBA's best management practices and reasonable or no-cost permits, roadway management that allows growth of native plants.*

2) Education – *Examples include programs about beekeeping and pollinators offered in local schools, at public libraries or elsewhere in the community*

3) Pest Management – *Review municipal practices used in weed and pest management applications - Best management practices are the general guide (see description on program website)*

4) Pollinator-friendly Green Space – *Examples include parks, traffic islands and roadways where native plants are encouraged or maintained and wastewater solutions that encourage plant growth and green infrastructure that provides bees access to water*

5) Community Support – *Examples include promotion of local honey in restaurants, hosting community apiaries or beekeeping clubs, etc.*

PAYMENT: Please enclose a check made payable to PSBA for \$25 to cover the cost of your application review.

DEADLINE: Applications are accepted throughout the year with recognitions made on a rolling basis.

Mail your application, supporting materials and check to:

Dee Bagshaw

Bee Friendly PA Committee Chair
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