



CITY OF WARWICK

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**“BEE” A PART OF WARWICK’S POLLINATOR PATHWAY PROJECT
Public Invited to Warwick Conservation & Wildlife Commission Library Program on
April 20**

WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND: Pollinators – bees, butterflies, and birds – depend on native plants for food, breeding, and shelter, with science showing that connected sections of green pathways both support pollinator needs, while serving as their travel corridors. In turn, these animals pollinate the flowers, fruits, vegetables, and other flora that people turn to for food and are part of our environmental, economic, and social well-being.

A City of Warwick Conservation & Wildlife Commission (WCWC) public program on **Wednesday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at the Warwick Public Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI, 02889** will provide attendees with information so they can understand pollinators, their needs, and how they can take part in a WCWC effort to implement a Pollinator Pathway project in the city.

WCWC Chairwoman Anne Holst initiated the effort after learning about the Pollinator Pathway initiative at <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/> and envisioning how Warwick could replicate the effort. “Pollinators need these pathways to sustain themselves, to propagate fruits and vegetables that we harvest, and to migrate,” she says. “We welcome the community, the public and private sector, to work with us on a Pollinator Pathway Program for Warwick.”

The in-person library program will feature a presentation on a chief pollinator species, the honeybee, by Rhode Island College Sustainability Coordinator and Beekeeper Jim Murphy. Holst will provide a project overview, and a mapping activity will enable attendees to engage with the WCWC in discussion about site selection for a pilot pathway, and the process for tending and expanding it.

No registration is required for the one-hour event; consult the library website at <https://www.warwicklibrary.org/> for information about the status of COVID precautions. For information about the Warwick Pollinator Program, contact Anne Holst at 401.884.9490 or Sue Kennedy at 401.450.2666 or skennedy1168@gmail.com.

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